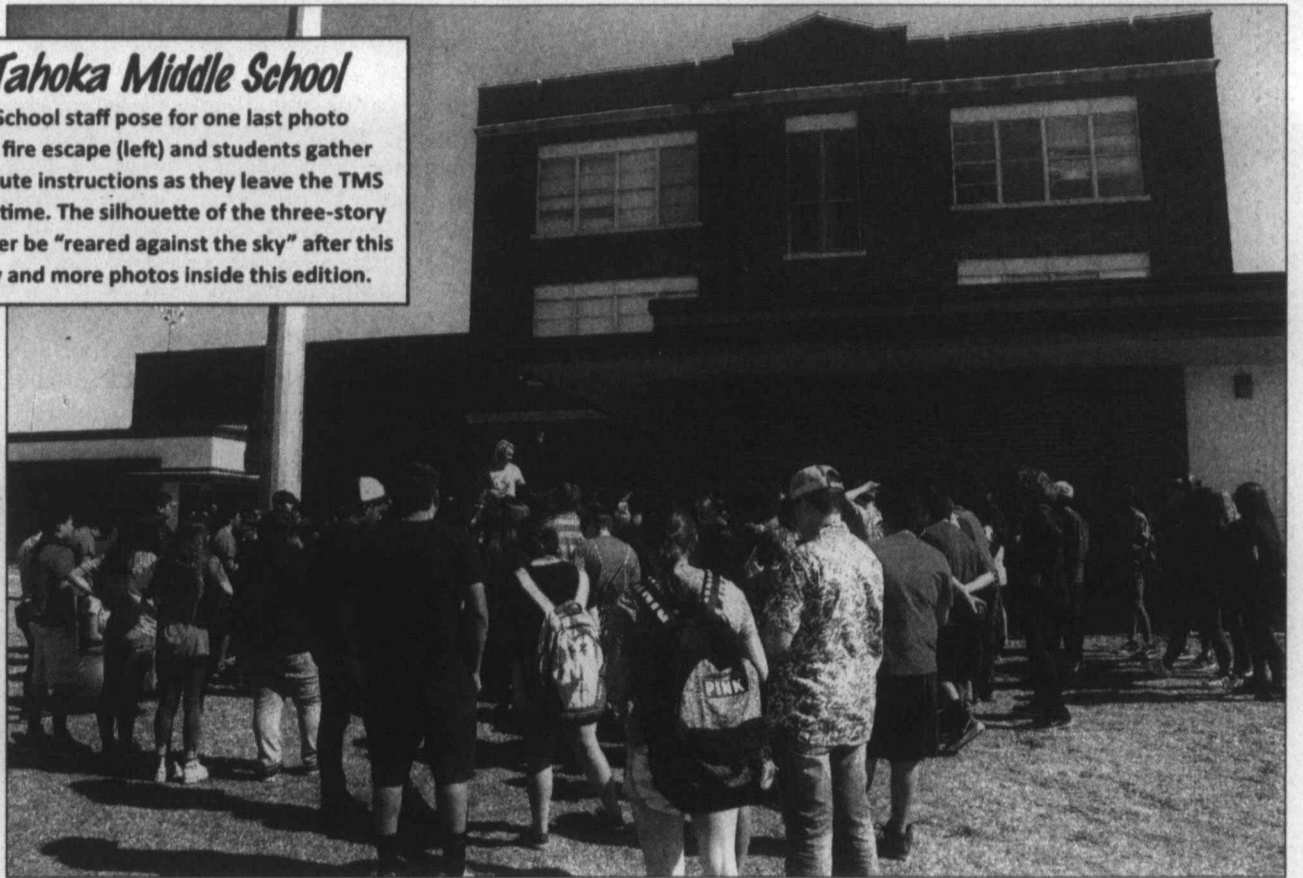




**Goodbye Tahoka Middle School**  
Tahoka Middle School staff pose for one last photo on the antiquated fire escape (left) and students gather around for last-minute instructions as they leave the TMS campus for the last time. The silhouette of the three-story building will no longer be "reared against the sky" after this summer. See story and more photos inside this edition.



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**Tahoka City Pool OPENED**  
Wednesday, May 30  
Hours: 12:30-5:30 pm  
Wednesday-Saturday  
Night Swims:  
6:30-9:30 pm Wednesdays  
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Michelle Rodriguez - Pool Mgr.

**Did you know?**  
• The blueprints for the Eiffel Tower covered more than 14,000 square feet of drafting paper

**What's Outside**  
NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 22	82	59	
May 23	85	62	
May 24	86	63	
May 25	90	63	
May 26	98	68	
May 27	101	70	
May 28	102	71	Third day of triple digits!

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 8 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan: 0.01"  
Total Precip for Feb: 0.03"  
Total Precip for Mar: 1.50"  
Total Precip for Apr: 0.10"  
Total Precip for May: 1.60"  
Total Precip. for 2018: 3.24"

## New directors sworn into office at LCHD; Dr. Richburg takes over as CEO this week

by JUANELL JONES  
Three new directors were sworn into office last Thursday night at the Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors meeting, and the newly-organized board voted unanimously to name Dr. Melanie Richburg as the Chief Executive Officer ahead of the scheduled timeline in the succession plan. Dr. Richburg took over as CEO effective Monday, May 28, taking over from Interim CEO Steve Brock, who is also the Chief Financial Officer of LCHD.  
Director Mary Gayle Raindl made the motion to name Dr. Richburg as the new CEO while she continues her CEO training as planned. Originally the succession plan called for Dr. Richburg to become CEO at the completion of her training in Septem-

ber. Brock has been serving as Interim CEO since Randy Lindauer resigned that position, while continuing to serve as Chief Financial Officer.  
"I have full confidence in Steve Brock, but also full confidence in Melanie Richburg, and we are moving in a new direction. I think this is a good first step," said W. Calloway Huffaker, in seconding the motion made by Raindl. Raindl, Huffaker, Manuel DeLeon, and new directors Dr. Ed Smith, Jana Bishop and Connie Donald all voted in favor of the motion. Director Sharon Isham was absent from the meeting.  
At the beginning of the meeting, after the new directors had taken the oath of office, the Board reorganized with an election of officers. Dr. Ed



**New CEO ...** Dr. Melanie Richburg has now taken over the duties of Chief Executive Officer for Lynn County Hospital District. The Board of Directors unanimously approved a motion to move her into the position ahead of the scheduled timeline in the succession plan. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

## Kangaroos, bunnies and snakes ... oh my! Free Petting Zoo offered at City-County Library Friday

The City-County Library will be kicking off their summer events on Friday, June 1st with a free Petting Zoo from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., as they welcome back Whitley Acres Exotic Ranch and Stables to the library. The

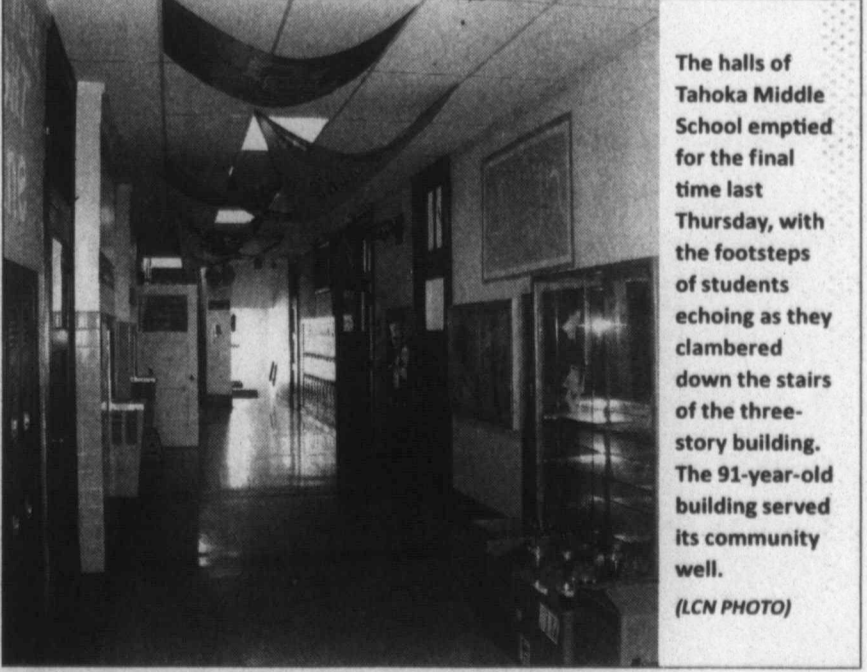
animals will be on grounds located directly behind the Library/Life Enrichment Center, and all area children, and adults, are welcome to attend.  
Enjoy a fun and educational up-close experience with exotic and do-

mestic animals. Get close and personal with a variety of animals including a camel, kangaroo, zebra, donkey, llama, bunnies, snake, porcupine, a six-horse carousel and more.  
The petting zoo and pony rides

offer a special animal experience for residents of all ages.  
"Bring the family and the cameras to capture memorable moments at the Library's Summer Petting Zoo event," said a library spokesperson.

## FAREWELL Students/staff leave Tahoka Middle School building for last time, as building to be demolished this summer

by JUANELL JONES  
It was September 2, 1927, when the doors first opened, and May 24, 2018 when the doors closed on the last class of students to enter its hallways. After 91 years, the Tahoka Middle School building (which opened in 1927 as the new Tahoka High School) is closing its doors for good, and the walls are going to come tumbling down in a demolition of a building that has served its students and community well. Farewell, Tahoka Middle School and auditorium, within your walls you've seen nine decades in a passage of time that includes civil rights and desegregation, mankind walking on the moon, the assassination of a U.S. President, the invention of microwave ovens and computers, from bag phones to smart phones, and from printed textbooks to laptop computers accessing a world wide web.  
The 2018 class of sixth, seventh, and eighth graders at Tahoka Middle School are the last students to attend classes inside the three-story building that opened in 1927 with a formal program for the community that included a band concert and speeches by school dignitaries.



The halls of Tahoka Middle School emptied for the final time last Thursday, with the footsteps of students echoing as they clambered down the stairs of the three-story building. The 91-year-old building served its community well. (LCN PHOTO)



**Did you know?** "Duelling is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors." "



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# FAREWELL to Tahoka Middle School ...

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will be thrown open to the public for inspection. The program will be given in the auditorium, and all other rooms will be locked until this program is finished. The Tahoka Concert Band will give a concert, lasting about forty-five minutes, and then after a few instructions all the doors will be thrown open to give opportunity to the public to see all the inside of the new high school building.

Invocation  
- Rev. B. N. Shepherd  
Piano Solo - Mrs. Juanita Jackson

Short Talk - E.I. Hill, President, School Board  
Explanation and Instructions - Supt. M.L.H. Baze."

Fast-forwarding to May 2018, the auditorium was the site for middle school awards programs and middle/high school band concerts that marked the final moments of the theater's service to the school.

Thursday morning, May 24, 2018 was a bittersweet moment for many teachers, students, and former students as the halls emptied one last time in a final farewell to the thousands of students who have passed through

over the years. A brand new Tahoka Middle School building and auditorium will open for the 2018-19 school year, with finishing work nearing completion on the middle school, and the auditorium expected to be completed by August. The project is part of a \$9 million school bond project that voters approved in May 2016, that included asbes-

11, 2001 was announced on the loudspeaker by then-principal Glo Hays.

Following are a selection of these facebook comments.

• When I was in the 8th grade I was sitting in Miss Henning's science class on September 11, 2001 when Mrs. Hays came over the intercom to tell us about the Twin Towers and the Pentagon being hit. It was so surreal that at this exact moment I can picture sitting in that desk and hearing the concern in her voice. This is something I will never ever forget! *Stacie (Green) Stoerner*

• We got the old rabbit ear antennas out so we could get the local channels to come through (to hear the reports on 9-11-01). *Kelly Johnston Kieth*

• I also remember our senior year when we were up working on signs one night and a group of us went up to the third floor and almost gave ourselves a heart attack ... we were wanting to see that "mysterious person" who's spirit was still up there and went back and forth between the teacher supply room and Mrs Keith's room! *Stacie Stoerner*

• Those stairs scared me to death!! *Barbara Whorton-Farley*

• Won't miss the stairs. Mr Henry! *Hank & Stella Alvarado*

• Allison Rhodes, all I can see is your new pretty French Horn tumbling down (those stairs) and how horrible I felt - thank goodness for that hard case!!! *Eden Williams*

• I had completely forgotten about that! I'm sorry for any residual trauma, *Eden Williams*! That Horn has had a long, good life. It's still being played by a member of the THS Band! My biggest memory of those stairs is of Mrs. Scott going up and down them with such ease in her 4' stilettos! How many memories are in those halls? Hard to believe it's all going away. *Allison Rhodes*

• Still remember looking out the window and see my brother and all the guys practicing and thinking... I can't wait to be out there! *Juan Garcia*

• My favorite memory is of being on the third floor and watching the hot air balloon being inflated for Jammin' January ... then getting to take a ride in it an hour later! Thanks THS & Glo Hays!! *Kathy DeLeon*

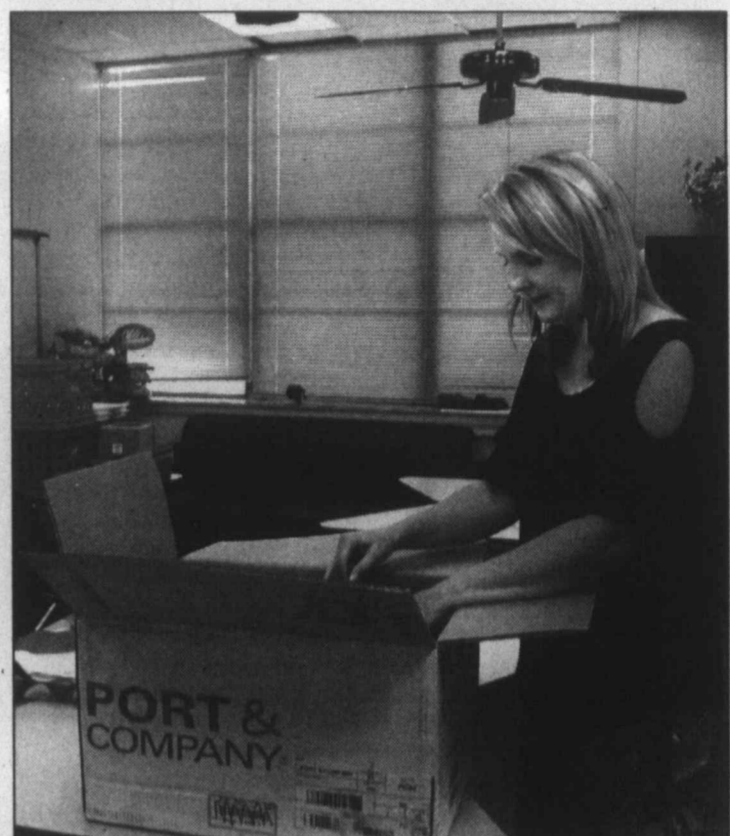
• When I was in the eighth grade, Ronnie Schnieder came into the science room in the southwest corner of third floor with a great idea to tear up notebook paper into confetti, take it out on the fire escape, throw it up in the air and watch it fall to the ground. That ended well and we were back in our seats before the teacher arrived and the bell rang. The first class after the lunch break, we had Texas history located down and across the hall. Same idea, only this time we had help from others. We all thought we were having a great time until I looked down and saw a group of high school students along with Mr. Gardner looking up at us as the confetti rained down. The screen was put back in place, window and blinds closed and us all back in our seats in under five seconds. No sooner had we set down than Mr. Gardner arrived at the door. He pointed at the guilty parties, Ronnie, Terry Laws, Gary Workman, and I and said "come with me". We each received five licks and told to pick up every piece of paper during that afternoons pep rally. Just to be on the safe side we went to the southwest corner of the school building and picked up all of that paper also. I don't know where that boy came up with such ideas. *Nathan Morris*

The News sought comments and memories from the public on its facebook page last week, and many former students posted funny stories of days gone by, and special moments that will forever be imprinted on their lives, such as sitting in a classroom when the news of the terrorists attacking the twin towers in New York on Sept. 11, 2001 was announced on the loudspeaker by then-principal Glo Hays.

tos abatement and demolition of the existing three-story middle school building and auditorium, building and furnishing a new auditorium and one-story middle school, and for improvements to the elementary campus.

With classes finishing last Thursday morning, the three-story building will now be emptied of all furnishings and any salvageable doors or other items, and the abatement process will begin in June. A firm out of Dallas that specializes in demolition of multi-story buildings has been hired to conduct the demolition of the building after the abatement is completed.

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This goes ... Tahoka Middle School teacher Celeste Taylor packs up items from her classroom to move into the new middle school building. (LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)

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### Petting Zoo

Don't miss the City-County Library's summer kick off free Petting Zoo Friday, June 1st from 11am to 3pm. Whitley Acres Exotic Ranch & Stables will be back at the library with an array of animals to see, pet, feed and ride including: kangaroo, camel, zebra, donkey, llama, bunnies, snake, porcupine, six horse carousel and many more animals. Bring the family and the cameras to capture memorable moments at the Library's Summer Petting Zoo Event.

### Summer Story Time

Story Time for infants thru 2nd grade children this summer at the library. Babies thru Pre-K will enjoy stories and songs. Kindergarten thru 2nd grade kids will enjoy their own time with fun and games. Story time is held every Wednesday from 10:30 - 11:00 am at the City-County Library.

### Summer Reading

Summer Reading starts Friday, June 1st for infants thru 5th graders. School age kids signing up for Summer Reading will be their 2017-2018 school year. For every 10 books read and logged, children get to play the prize drop for a prize. This program encourages children to continue reading through the summer letting them expand their minds and imaginations. Summer readers that turn in reading logs will get to enjoy the Science Spectrum July 27, at the library. There will be an Awards Ceremony with trophies recognizing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category along with gift cards to Altitude Trampoline Park and Cinemark Theaters. Trophies sponsored by the Rotary Club.

### Bluebonnet Summer Reading

The City-County Library joins Tahoka ISD 3rd thru 5th grade for

the 2018-2019 Bluebonnet reading. Children reading four Bluebonnet books at the City-County Library this summer will receive a gift card to Cinemark Theaters at the award ceremony.

### The Library teams up with Barnes & Noble this summer

Read eight books this summer and log on the Barnes & Noble reading logged for kids in 1st thru 6th of the 2017-2018 school year. A representative from Barnes & Noble will be at the Awards Ceremony to present these children with a free book. All eight books may also be logged on their library summer reading log.

### Meet Poly this Summer

Starting in July we will be letting 13 years olds and up meet Poly. Choose your design at the library and print an object on Poly our 3D Printer. We will display your creations at the Harvest Festival Saturday, September 7th and voting on the favorite creation will begin. There will be a \$50.00 VISA gift card for the favorite creation.

### Build A Safari Friend

Choose a Safari Friend, hand stuff it, wish on the Rainbow Star, name your Friend and take it to its forever home. Choose from a Tiger, Elephant, Monkey or Hippopotamus. Each Safari Friend is 15". Your Safari Friend comes with a one-of-a kind birth certificate and a bag to carry them to their forever home. Make the Petting Zoo a Magical Experience with our Build A Safari Friend. City-County Library's Build A Safari Friend Fundraiser. Each Friend is \$15.00, and all proceeds go to fund our summer programs at the Library. Build A Safari Friend: Friday, June 1st from 11am-3pm at the City-County Library's Petting Zoo.

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# FAREWELL to Tahoka Middle School ...

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• When I was in elementary school, I remember dreaming of the day when I would be old enough to attend classes in the three story school, which at that time was the tallest building I had ever seen. I am sad that it is to be torn down. *Nathan Morris*

• I taught 7th and 8th grade math on the top floor in the mid 70's. My daddy also taught there and I have many precious memories of shared teacher experiences with him there. One of the strongest memories I have is of a day the sky blackened and a tornado seemed imminent. We got the students safely down to the hallway on the first floor. Parents were coming and picking up their children, risking life and limb as the weather seemed almost certain to bring us destruction. I ran back up to the third floor...i guess to check for students...can't really remember why but the scene I encountered seemed to take me to another eric world. The windows were open, no human was near...I was completely alone. Papers were flying everywhere and the sky was the color of midnight. It was very scary but suddenly very calm. I hurried back down because I felt certain I was about to repeat a "Wizard of Oz" scene and would soon be flying through the air just like Dorothy! I think of that day often especially when tornadoes threaten. I was a very young teacher and feel certain I would not have made it through without the daily mentorship of my dear daddy, Mr. Downey. I will always be thankful for my time there. Years later my daughter, Mrs. Lora Smith, would teach there also continuing the family legacy. Those halls are dear to me as are the students whose

lives they have touched. *Carol Yowell*

• This makes me sad that the building will be gone. I mean it is part of the school song!!! "Reared against the sky"... I have SO many fond memories, even when I had to climb the stairs on crutches! *Shannon D Mitchell-Percell*

• I have so many memories. My favorite memory is Mr. Tom Sullivan teaching us math in 7th and 8th grade. He was an amazing teacher! I learned so much from him. Also lots of good memories in English with Mrs. Scott calling her students pet names like tiger and sugar. Mrs. Mary Belew and Mrs. Rubeth Hollingsworth Griffing taught us lots of lessons in Science. We watched the Challenger explode right before our eyes in Mrs. Belew's Class! I'm so sad it's being torn down along with our auditorium. So many memories in there too! *Lanae Gwin*

• I moved to Tahoka in the middle of my 8th grade year. I had never been in a school with three floors. I remember being terrified of the thundering herd heading up and down the stairs between classes since some lockers were on the first floor. Great memories. THS Class of 1969! *Barbara Whorton-Farley*

• I would love to have just one brick from here. I could sit back on cool nights and remember all the fun, all the crazy things I witnessed and how Mrs. Shultz introduced me to my love of Texas history! So many amazing memories! Thank you TJHS! These were also part of my aunt and uncle history and by the grace of God I got to share with my sons. Thank you because I am still The #1Bulldog Fan and ALWAYS WILL!!!! *Ellen Fant*



**Tahoka Middle School staff...** Pictured here is the staff for Tahoka Middle School, which are the last to teach in the old three-story building that will be demolished this summer. Standing in back from left are Kristi Lockaby, Coach Justin Gorman, TMS Principal Kelly Kieth, Kavin Comer, Pam Martin, Celeste Taylor and Craig Williams, and in front are Belen Saldana, Heather Anderson, Emily Tomlinson, Crystal Gutierrez and Brandon Brigrance. The stately columns in the background were formerly around the entrance of the original high school that was built in 1927. The one-story high school campus was built around it sometime during the 1960s, and the second and third floors became the middle school classrooms. (LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)

• So sad. My parents, Mike's parents, Mike and I, our daughters, and four of my grand kids went to school there. Wish something could have been done to save it. History/ landmark. *Rhonda Littlepage Ledbetter*

• Farewell to the place I learned almost everything I needed to know to succeed in life. *Gail Phillips Newman*

• Wow ! I didn't know the three story building was going to come down! So sad! I climbed those stairs every day from September of 1957 thru May 1962. Lots of memories there, then a 20th reunion in the auditorium in 1982 and then a 50th in 2012. Wow what fun! *Steve Ellis*

• I loved those stairs until I had to manage them on crutches in 7th grade (1983?) One day I decided that tumbling down them was a much faster way to get to the bottom! *Lori Tipton Vaca*

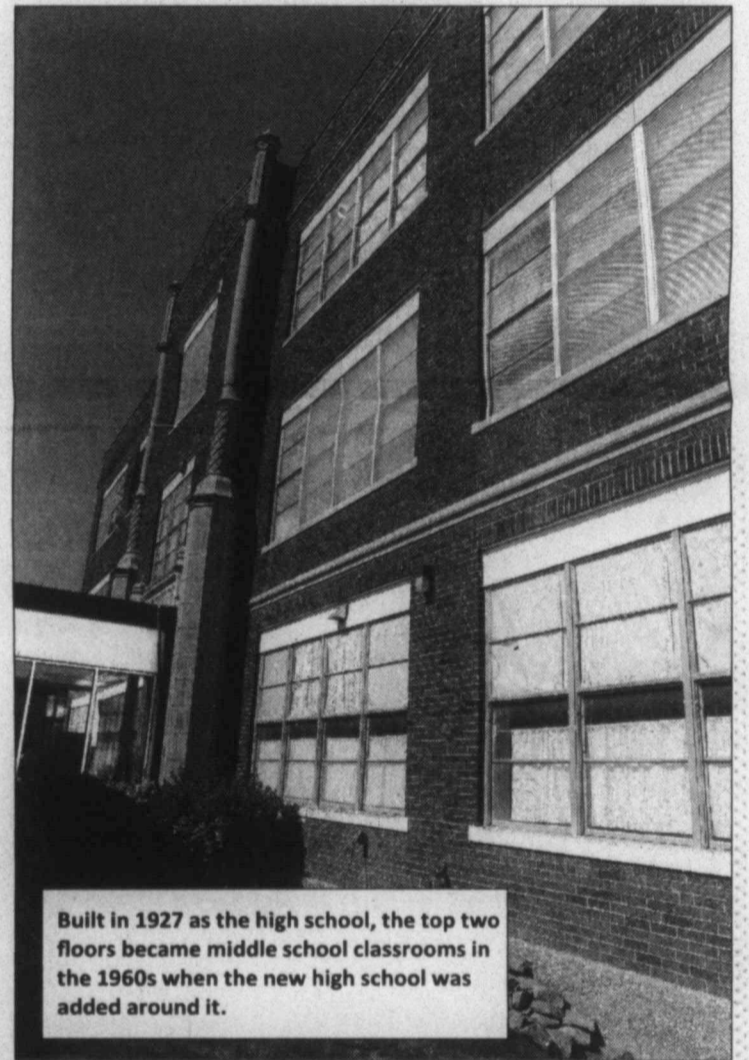
• Same here! 7th grade trying to not be late for Coach Montgomery's class...wasn't late but asked for nurse pass once roll was taken. Broken right ankle!! *Emilia Sastre Garcia*

• First thing I thought of was falling down these stairs. Also my uncle Donald Riley standing at the foot of these stairs on graduation night 1957. *Jeanie Faught*

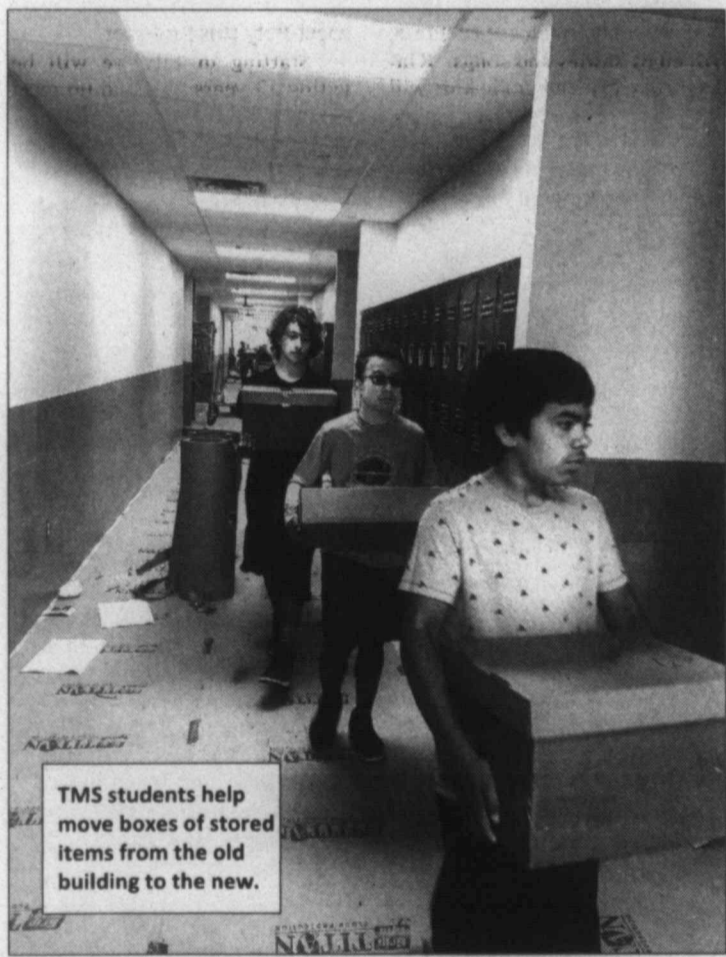
• Oh how I didn't like those stairs! But so many memories! Trying not to be late for class was a challenge! *Tesha Reshea Hood*

### 'Did you know' ...

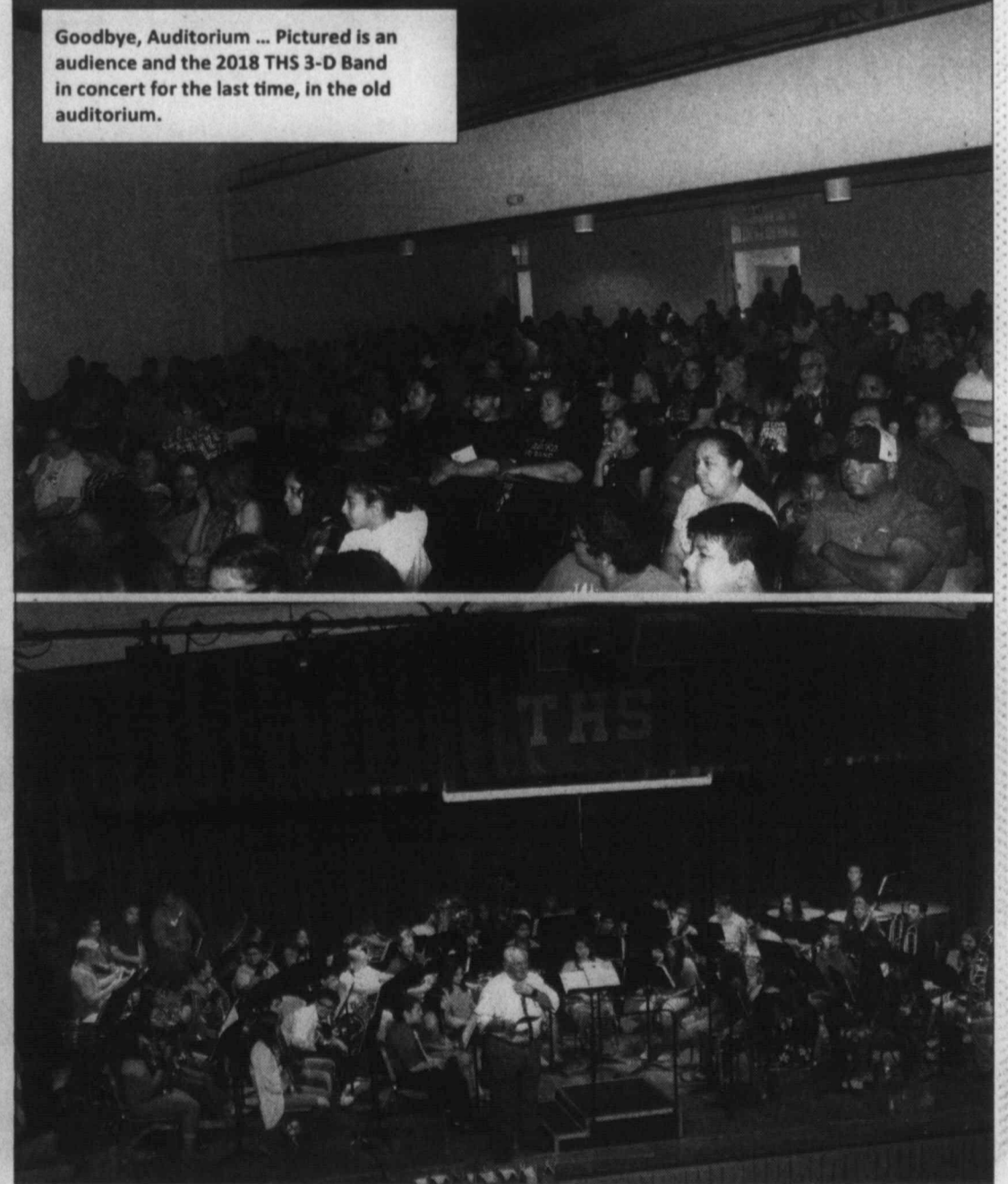
- Early baseballs contained anything from a rock to a walnut in the center
- The life span of a major league baseball is 5-7 pitches. During a typical game, approximately 70 balls are used.
- While baseball initially started in the U.S., it has spread worldwide. Today more than 100 countries are part of the International Baseball Federation. Japan has the largest pro baseball league outside the U.S.
- Baseball's L.A. Dodgers, originally founded in Brooklyn, are named after the legendary skill that local residents showed at "dodging" the city's trolley streetcar system.
- The Boston Americans won baseball's first World Series in 1903.
- In 2014, Major League Baseball saw approximately \$9 billion in gross revenue, up from \$8 billion the previous year.



Built in 1927 as the high school, the top two floors became middle school classrooms in the 1960s when the new high school was added around it.



TMS students help move boxes of stored items from the old building to the new.



Goodbye, Auditorium ... Pictured is an audience and the 2018 THS 3-D Band in concert for the last time, in the old auditorium.



The 2018 Tahoka Middle School Staff, on the old fire escape of the three-story building.





**State-bound ...** The New Home High School baseball team beat Borden County last weekend to win the Region I Baseball championship. They will play in the state tournament next week in Round Rock

**WISD names Autry, Villarreal as top students**

Wilson High School has named Randeey Autry, daughter of Terri Autry, as the WHS Class of 2018 Valedictorian, according to information provided by Supt. Jerry Burger to *The News* late last week. The 2018 Salutatorian is Anakin Villarreal.

Previously, the Superintendent had stated that there were no students that met all requirements for the designations, under the board policies. However, he said that the district had received TEA approval for naming the two as Valedictorian and Salutatorian, and both were announced as such at the Wilson ISD Commencement exercises held Saturday morning.

**TAHOKA HOMECOMING SEPT. 7, 2018**

**THS Class of 78 40th reunion is being planned**

Planning for the THS Class of 1978 40th year reunion is underway. THS Homecoming is Sept. 7, 2018. Current plans for the reunion include a chicken fried steak dinner at Jolly Time restaurant on Friday, Sept. 7 from 4:00-6:30 p.m., and all members planning to attend are asked to RSVP for a meal head count by June 30.

After the meal, the class will meet at the football field for the game. After the game, the class will return to Jolly Time from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. for reminiscing, fellowship and dancing. DJ Pete Vallejo (Outlaw Entertainment) will provide music.

Further plans are pending for gathering at the Harvest Festival on Saturday, Sept. 8.

For more information, or to RSVP for the meal, contact Carlos Moralez at (806) 577-9248, or email to jcmrlz59@aol.com.

**Green Memorial Park Cemetery Fund Drive**

Green Memorial Park will have its annual fundraising drive during the month of June.

"We encourage all who have loved ones buried at Green Memorial Park to help with expenses of maintaining the cemetery," said a board member.

The Board of Directors include Servando Benavidez, Brenda Dunn, Randy Dunn, Lester Gicklhorn, Carolyn Klaus and Lester Walker. "The Board of Directors would like to thank each of you for the contributions you have made in the past and ask for your support to help keep the cemetery neat and attractive," said a member.

Funds may be deposited directly to FirstBank & Trust or mailed to Green Memorial Park Cemetery, P.O. Box 102, Wilson, TX 79381.

**Pages from the Past**

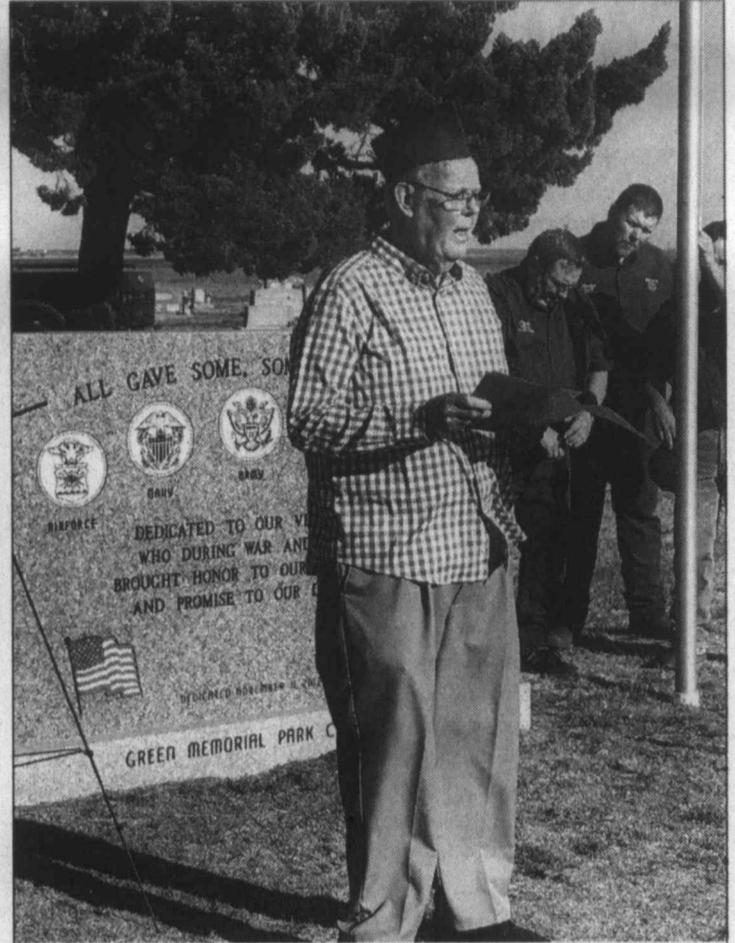
By Pam Elrod

The following excerpts were taken from past issues of THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS.

**All of County schools close Children helping farmers harvest cheap cotton**

Due to the large amount of open cotton in the fields and the scarcity of pickers and due to the stressful financial conditions that exist now, the school board here decided to close the public schools in this district to assist in gathering the cotton crops. Many of the pupils hied themselves to various cotton fields Monday morning to spend about four weeks in picking cotton and earning a few dollars for themselves.

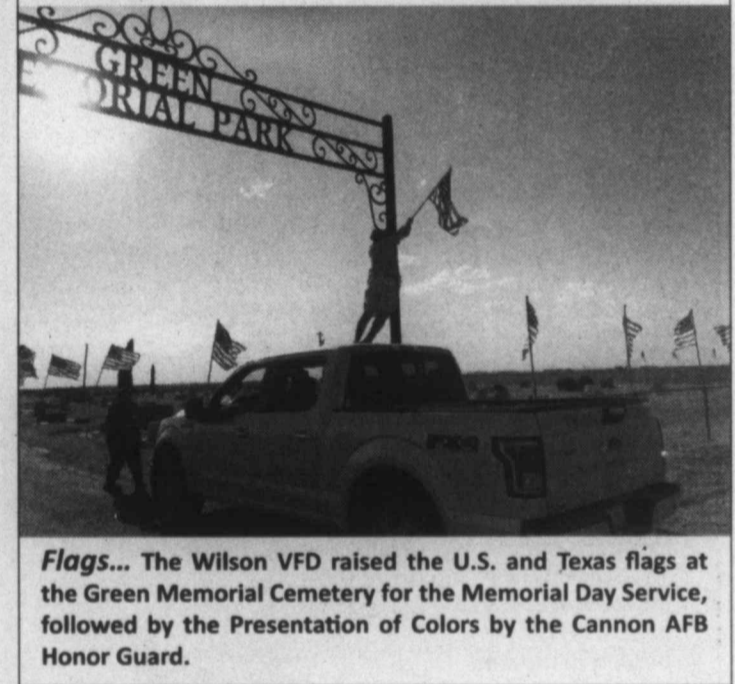
The schools at New Home and Pride also closed for Friday afternoon, according to County Supt. H.P. Caveness, thus leaving no school in the county open. ~ October 8, 1931



**Special guest...** Mr. Ted Dockery, former Wilson ISD teacher and elementary principal, was the guest speaker. Mr. Dockery served his country in Vietnam. He spoke about his time there, as well as the history of Memorial Day.



**Memorial wreath...** A memorial wreath was laid by Mr. Dockery and members of the Honor Guard at Green Memorial Cemetery for the Memorial Day service. Michael Villarreal played TAPS.



**Flags...** The Wilson VFD raised the U.S. and Texas flags at the Green Memorial Cemetery for the Memorial Day Service, followed by the Presentation of Colors by the Cannon AFB Honor Guard.



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By Bonnie S. Schwertner  
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as well as the history of Memorial Day.

A memorial wreath was laid by Mr. Dockery and members of the Honor Guard. Michael Villarreal beautifully played TAPS.

Rev. Freitag said the benediction, and Mr. Villarreal gave closing remarks. Friends and neighbors then enjoyed visiting with each other.

The Memorial Day Committee is grateful to everyone who came out and helped with the flags: Jason Dunn, Jacob Dunn, Bonnie Schwertner, Jennifer Dunn Clark, Daniel Clark, Casen Clark, Tanner Clark, Kinley Clark, David Maldonado, Rowan Sanders, Chuy Jones Anakin Villarreal, Seth Villarreal, Peggy Villarreal, Michael Villarreal, Margaret Guzman Wissler, Samara Guzman, Consuelo Villarreal, and Antonio Villarreal.

Mark your calendars for next year's 20th anniversary ceremony. Plans are already in progress!

A special thanks to the Villarreal family, who began the Wilson Memorial Day Ceremony, and have dedicated themselves to each of its 19 years. Some years, they were the only ones to place and remove flags. Over the years, the splendor of the ceremony has grown into the spectacular display of honor as it was this year. Mr. Antonio Villarreal welcomed us to the event, and then the invocation was given by Rev. Tonda Freitag, of Wilson's St. John Lutheran Church.

The Wilson VFD raised the U.S. and Texas flags, followed by the Presentation of Colors by the Cannon AFB Honor Guard. We all joined voices and hearts to say the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem.

Mr. Ted Dockery, former Wilson ISD teacher and elementary principal, was the guest speaker. Mr. Dockery served his country in Vietnam. He spoke about his time there,

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Psalm 34:15-27

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Today's passage shows that the heavenly Father wants His children to cry out to Him. During trials, we tend to pray this way—with increased focus, passion, and sincerity. Hannah is a good example.

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**New Directors installed ...** Three newly-elected members of the Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors were sworn into office last Thursday night during the monthly meeting. Standing from left are directors Jana Bishop, Connie Donald, and Dr. Edward Smith, taking the oath as administered by Carmen Chapa. (LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)

**New LCHD CEO ...**

(Continued from page 1)

Smith was voted Board President, Huffaker was named Vice President, and Isham was named Treasurer.

"I am grateful to the Board members for their statement of confidence in naming me CEO of Lynn County Hospital. I am both humbled and honored," Dr. Richburg told *The News* this week.

"I am optimistic that my new role will provide even greater opportunities to support and promote health care in this community. As the leader of this organization, I will strive to empower and inspire employees to provide the best health care to our community, while supporting them individually as health-care professionals. Health care is challenging, and I am committed to leading Lynn County Hospital in a manner that ensures we continue to provide the highest level of care possible to this community," Dr. Richburg added.

In other business, the Board voted unanimously to accept a donation of surface rights to some land in O'Donnell, at 4th and Doak Street (facing north on 4th), for the proposed LCHD

rural health clinic in O'Donnell. Directors asked John Baker to seek more detailed information on building a permanent structure for the clinic on the donated land.

Baker also reported that the hospital had been awarded a \$75,000 capital improvements grant from the Texas Dept. of Agriculture for the purpose of remodeling the former Parker Pharmacy building on the downtown square into facilities for housing the LCHD physical therapy/fitness center. Currently the PT/Fitness center shares the same location with the Family Wellness Clinic on Lockwood Street. LCHD owns the Parker building, which has been used for storage pending the remodeling.

Medical staff appointments were approved for Christopher Marks Leach, M.D., and Nilay V. Mehta, Radiologist at LCHD, and departmental reports were presented.

The meeting included a closed executive session for just over an hour. Former Board President Jannis Childress led the meeting until the new directors were installed and Dr. Smith was named Board President.

**Vehicles hit deer, cow, other vehicles in four different accidents last week**

by JUANELL JONES

Four traffic accidents occurred in Lynn County last week, one involving a cow on the road, one hitting a deer, one with vehicles colliding with each other at a rural intersection, and one in a parking lot in Tahoka.

Hannah Flenor was the driver of a gray 2007 Chrysler that hit a cow on the road at FM 2053 and County Road J, as she was driving from Welch to Tahoka. The accident occurred at 10:27 p.m. last Thursday, May 24. Two passengers were in the vehicle as well, Kaitlyn Lehman and Anna Fisher. Lynn County EMS was paged to the scene to check on the three women, but no one was transported for medical care.

No driver information was available on a report of a vehicle hitting a deer on US 87 at 8:18 p.m. Friday, May 25. No injuries were reported.

Two pickups collided at the intersection of County Road Q and FM 2053 at 1:45 p.m. Monday, May 28. Driver information was not available, but one of the drivers, a female, was transported by Lynn County EMS to Lynn County Hospital for treat-

ment of unknown injuries.

Tahoka Police were called to an accident at Thriftway Grocery parking lot last Sunday at 6 p.m., where a 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe C1500 had reportedly backed into a 2015 Cadillac Escalade. Driver of the Tahoe was Makenna Marie Greenlee, and driver of the Escalade was Nieves Noel Segovia of Tahoka. No injuries were reported.

Lynn County Sheriff's Deputies responded to at least two reports of littering, north of the New Home area, where contractors are building new homes. Deputies contacted several contractors working in the area and instructed them to pick up their trash as the wind was blowing it around. The first call came at 12:22 p.m. on May 22, and another call was reported at 3:40 p.m. on May 24.

Roxanne Gail Hart, 34, of Post was arrested on Thursday, May 24 on charges of Burglary of Habitation, Evading Arrest, and Failure to Identify, as well as two felony warrants out of Garza County, when deputies investigated two separate calls. At 6:11 p.m. a resident at a home at 1898 CR 18 called in regards to a female, described as an "unwanted person," trying to get in their home, but when deputies arrived she had left the scene. A little over two hours later, at 8:41 p.m., the same caller said that a "crazy lady" was inside their home at the same location, according to call sheet information at LCSO. When deputies arrived, the woman reportedly attempted to flee the scene on foot, but was caught by officers.

Railroad ties were reported on fire at CR 21 east of FM 400 at 9:52 p.m. Sunday, and Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to the scene. Illegal burning, due to the county's burn ban, was reported at 4:42 p.m. last Monday, where some old hay was report-

ed to have been burned near CR 21 and CR AA.

Sheriff's Deputies responded to a call at 2:47 a.m. Sunday at 883 FM 400, for a report of an intoxicated person making threats at the residence, but the man had left before deputies arrived. However, deputies were called back at 10:46 a.m. that same day, with the same man reported to be trespassing on the property. He was served with Criminal Trespass to prevent him from returning to the property.

A call of a reckless driver was reported at 8:32 p.m. Sunday, driving southbound on US 87 near FM 211. DPS arrested Ian Michael Johnson, of Midland, driver of a 2015 Toyota, on charges of Possession of Marijuana.

Lynn County Jail held 35 inmates during the past week, including 21 for Ector County, 1 for Crosby, and 13 for Lynn County.



**Natalie Stice to play in All-Star game**

Tahoka High School graduate Natalie Stice, a basketball standout for the Lady Bulldogs during her high school career, will play in the WTXBC All-Star basketball game on Sunday, June 3. The game will be held at 2 p.m. at Angelo State University in San Angelo.



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**Commissioners hear more comments about impact of wind energy farms on sandhill cranes**

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners met Monday morning in regular session, hearing more comments about the environmental impact of wind energy farms near Tahoka Lake area, which has long been a roosting area for thousands of mid-continental sandhill cranes.

Pat Childress addressed the court about the cranes, saying in his opinion that the wind farms do not negatively affect the cranes.

"I started hunting these birds 57 years ago. These birds have been around for thousands of years, and I don't think anything manmade affects these cranes," said Childress, who said he has led commercial hunting expeditions for crane in this area, and other areas, for more than 35 years. "These cranes go where the food is, and they won't be bothered by the windmills," he said.

Jeffery Taylor, who had addressed the court in a previous meeting to ask commissioners to hold off on approving a tax abatement agreement with Lincoln Clean Energy until the environmental impact issue was resolved, was present at Monday's meeting as well, reiterating his request.

Taylor was referring to Lincoln Clean Energy's Sage Draw Wind project, which is currently under consideration by county commissioners. Sage Draw Wind is the second phase of the Staked Plains project, for a 300-megawatt wind energy project situated east of Wilson and north of Tahoka. The Tahoka Lake area is a part of the project, and Taylor told commissioners that he is representing some of the landowners who are concerned with the environmental impact of the project.

"I ask you to get sound,

science-based researched information, because Tahoka Lake is a unique situation as a major roosting site for these birds," Taylor said.

Eric Barnett, representing Lincoln Clean Energy, also spoke at the meeting, saying that the wind energy company follows U.S. Fish and Wildlife guidelines on all of their projects, and that he would have a representative address the court on the this issue at a future meeting.

Commissioners have not yet made any decisions on the details of the tax abatement agreement with Lincoln Clean Energy.

In other business, monthly bills were approved and departmental reports given. Commissioners approved an audit agreement with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss L.L.P. for the year ending September 2018 in the amount of \$24,200.

County Judge Mike Brad-dock led the session, with commissioners Larry Durham, Don Blair, John Hawthorne and Matt Woodley present, as well as other county officials and guests.



**Kevin White to play in All-Star Football Classic**

Tahoka High School graduate Kevin White will play in the 2018 ASCO All Star Football Classic, this Saturday, June 2nd at 7 p.m. at Lowrey Field in Lubbock.

White was also selected to play in the 2018 Greenbelt Bowl which will be in Childress on Saturday, June 9th, at 7 p.m..

"Congratulations to Kevin on being selected to represent Tahoka in these All Star games this summer," said Coach Stephen Overstreet.

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