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Bullying presentation set Sept. 6 at TISD for "parents only"

Tahoka ISD is pleased to announce that Twila Albertson, School Health Specialist with Region 17, will give an important "Parents Only" presentation on bullying on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Tahoka High School Auditorium.

Albertson will cover various topics, such as how to recognize bullying, what parents can do about it, and cyber-bullying. Due to the material being covered, no students will be admitted into the presentation. Please call any of the TISD school offices with questions.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug. 24	101	72	
Aug. 25	101	72	
Aug. 26	101	71	
Aug. 27	101	71	
Aug. 28	104	73	
Aug. 29	100	75	
Aug. 30	106	75	

56 days of 100+

Precipitation for Jan:	0.01"
Precipitation for Feb:	0.66"
Precipitation for Mar:	0.07"
Precipitation for Apr:	0.00"
Precipitation for May:	0.05"
Precipitation for June:	0.30"
Precipitation for July:	0.21"
Precipitation for Aug:	0.53"
Total Precip. for 2011:	1.83"

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Getting the embers ... Tahoka volunteer firemen make sure the fire is out, dousing any areas where embers may be smoldering where a shed burned, after responding to a fire Friday evening. Firefighters were called to the 1700 block of North 1st Street about 5:30 p.m. Fire Chief Steve Sanders said the fire most likely started from an overhead electrical line rubbing against tree limbs in the back yard, igniting a fire that burned a fence and shed. The fire department responded quickly to prevent the fire from spreading to neighboring homes. Jerry Webster, City Administrator, says that homeowners concerned about electrical lines rubbing against their trees should contact Xcel Energy at 1-800-481-4700 to voice their concerns.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Bulldogs show strong running game in opening win

Junior running back Trai Smith raced to five touchdowns and the Tahoka Bulldogs unleashed a powerful running attack to smother Crosbyton here 43-18 in the football season opener last Friday night.

Smith carried the ball 16 times for a whopping 201 yards, an average of 12.6 per carry to lead a rushing game that produced 419 yards for Coach John Cornelius' team. Smith's final touchdown, in the fourth period, was his longest run, 85 yards.

QB Zach Garcia passed for 87 yards, including a 48-yard scoring strike to Kordell Baker.

Another Bulldog running back, Ke'Shawn Hood, gained 101 yards in 11 carries, and a third back, Chance Cook, had 58 yards in just five efforts.

The game was an offensive show by both teams, with almost 1,000 yards of offense. Tahoka gained 506 and Crosbyton managed a total of 461 yards, mostly on the running of Mi-

chael Gutierrez, who had 167 yards in 15 carries.

Tahoka took the lead 8-0 midway of the first period when Smith scored from the 3 and Garcia ran for 2 points. Crosbyton closed the gap to 8-6 with a 49-yard run by Gutierrez, and the quarter ended right after Tahoka's Cristian Ramirez kicked a 22-yard field goal.

The Bulldogs pulled away in the second quarter on scoring runs of 15 and 19 yards by Smith. In the third, Garcia teamed up with Baker on the long pass play and Smith added another TD on a 3-yard run.

Matthew Schovajsa scored for the Chieftains on runs of 21 and 1 yard in the last two periods before Smith streaked 85 yards for the final Tahoka touchdown with 4:14 left in the game.

Linebacker Ray Parmer, wearing No. 17 instead of the number 40 listed on the program, led the Bulldogs' defense with 19 solo tackles and 16 assists. Cook had 16 and 12 assists, and

Ian Zamarron had 12 and 10. Also showing up well on defense were Preston Hammonds, Tino Deleon and John Ryan Barrientez.

GAME AT A GLANCE

TAHOKA		CROSBYTON
19	first downs	22
419	yds. rushing	355
87	yds. passing	106
3-8-0	completed by	10-18-0
1 of 2	fumbles lost	1 of 1
6-43	penalties	7-57
1-41	punts, avg.	0-0

Voters approve Tahoka, O'Donnell school tax hikes

Voters in Tahoka ISD and O'Donnell ISD approved tax increases in tax rollback elections held Saturday, Aug. 27. Both Tahoka and O'Donnell ISD asked voters to approve a 13-cent increase for a total \$1.17 tax rate to fund school budgets.

The vote was overwhelmingly in favor to increase Tahoka ISD's current tax rate from \$1.04 to \$1.17, with 226 ballots for and 72 against. The school district asked voters to consider the increase due to a significant decrease in state funding.

"I am very pleased with the outcome of the election, with about 76 percent of voters supporting the tax ratification election," said TISD Superintendent Steve Burleson. "I want the public to know that we will remain very conscientious of how we spend tax dollars at Tahoka ISD, and that we are committed to providing the best education possible for our students. We do thank the voters for their gracious support in this issue," he added.

O'Donnell ISD voters were also in favor of the tax hike, voting 49 for and 14 against the issue. The change is somewhat insignificant for OISD property owners, however, because the current rate for OISD is \$1.17, which includes \$1.04 for Maintenance and Operating plus a 13-cent Interest and Sinking rate for bonded indebtedness. However, the school district has paid their bonded indebtedness this year, and asked voters to keep the \$1.17 tax rate for M&O, moving the 13-cent rate from I&S to M&O.

Money stolen from elderly woman here

An 87-year-old Tahoka woman told police Sunday that two younger women who were visiting in her home apparently took \$40 in cash from her purse and a piece of jewelry from her purse. She named one of the suspects. Investigation was continuing in the case this week.

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IF YOU OWN a Cadillac Escalade (or even if you don't), it is six times more likely to be stolen than any other kind of vehicle, according to a report published last week. And surprisingly (to me, anyway), no cars except a couple of Chryslers, were listed in the top 10 vehicles reported stolen in the last year.

The vehicles on the list after the Escalade SUV are mostly high-dollar pickups, all of which indicates that professional thieves are not stealing these vehicles to drive, but to sell someplace, and they can get more for these particular vehicles when they fence them in Old Mexico or Detroit or wherever.

The second most-stolen vehicle is a Ford F250 Crew cab; number 3 is the Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew, etc. I figure some vehicles are not on the high-risk list because nobody really wants them, including the crooks.

In Plainview in the 1970s, I had a friend who owned a farm supply business. His personal vehicle was a very nice one, but his company pickup was really old and ugly, and we who played tennis with him every week used to tease him about it, which he sort of resented.

The pickup was stolen one weekend, but police caught the guy and jailed him. The local newspaper, of which I was news editor, printed that the guy was charged with "theft under \$50." It was supposed to have said, "over \$50," and although I had nothing to do with the error, the owner of the pickup blamed me for it.

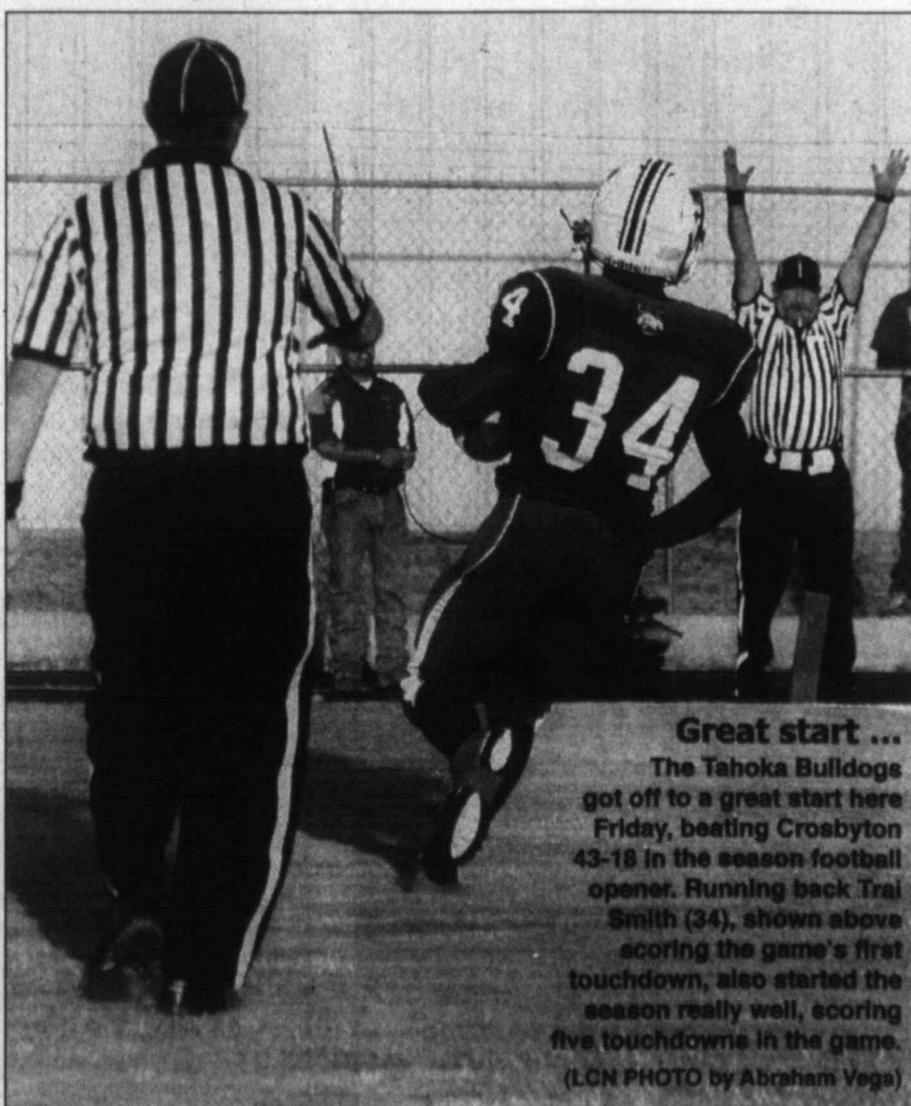
I am reminded of the story about a Texan being loud and boisterous at a Washington social event and a local guy asked the Texan if he was a big rancher, and how big his ranch was.

"I don't even know," said the Texan. "But I'll tell you this: I can get up in the morning, get into my car outside the ranch house, and drive in a straight line for two hours and still be on my property."

"I understand," said the other guy. "I used to have a car like that myself."

A RARE earthquake rocked Washington DC one day last week, and someone sent me an e-mail about it:

"The National Climatic and Seismologist Assn. reports that the source of the earthquake that rocked Washington DC today has been located. The epicenter appears to be associated with a thrust fault zone deep in the Virginia area. Heretofore unnamed, that zone henceforth will be designated as Bush's Fault."



Great start ...

The Tahoka Bulldogs got off to a great start here Friday, beating Crosbyton 43-18 in the season football opener. Running back Trai Smith (34), shown above scoring the game's first touchdown, also started the season really well, scoring five touchdowns in the game.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Obituaries



Laura Lonette Smith

Laura Lonette Smith of New Home was a faithful follower of her Lord and went to Heaven on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at the age of 66. Services were held at 10:00 on Saturday, August 27, at the New Home Baptist Church. Interment was at Resthaven Memorial Park, Lubbock.

She was born January 13, 1945 in Slaton to E. M. and Billie (Westmoreland) Rudd. She graduated from New Home High School and went on to become a licensed beautician. She married Don Smith on January 12, 1979 in Lubbock. They made their home in New Home, where she was a member of the Baptist Church and sang with the Sweet Adeline's. She and her husband were part owners of CASA (Computer and Software Associates) in Lubbock from 1986 to the early '90's. She also worked in the Tahoka and New Home schools and KJAK Radio for more than eight years until retiring. She was an active member of the NRA and faithful servant to those in need. She regularly contributed to many charitable organizations.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Marlow Rudd; one sister, Linda Beach; and one grandson, Aaron Smith.

Her memory will be cherished by her husband of more than 32 years, Don; son, Chad Ford and wife Rochelle of Lubbock; daughter, Crystal Ford Godsey and husband Keith of Flower Mound; stepsons, Roy L. Smith and wife Angie of Aurora, CO and Tracy B. Smith of Floydada; stepdaughter, Virginia A. Aldridge of Post; brother, Don B. Rudd of Bedford; 12 grandchildren, Taylor and Tori Ford of Lubbock, Hunter & Hannah Godsey of Flower Mound, Gary Smith of Lubbock, Greg Smith of Lawton, OK, Brian Smith of South Carolina, Jerry Fillingim of Lubbock, Jacey Fillingim Douthitt of Cleburne, Janae Fillingim of Midland, Brock Smith of Lubbock, and Brittany Smith of Odessa; and five great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, 3513 10th Street, Lubbock, TX 79415; Muscular Dystrophy Association, 4601 50th St, #113, Lubbock, TX 79414 or to your favorite charity.

Join us in celebrating Laura's life by visiting www.combest-familyfuneralhomes.com.

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Jesus Morales Ramirez

Rosary for Jesus Morales Ramirez Sr., 63, of Lubbock, was to be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31, at Calvillo Funeral Chapel, Tahoka. Funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday, September 1, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church with Father Edward Teo officiating. Full Military Honors of burial will be at Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home and Chapel. Ramirez died August 29, 2011 in Lubbock.

He was born to Alberto and Tomasa Ramirez on October 14, 1947 in Uvalde. They preceded him in death.

He was a retired First Class Sgt. for the United States Army. He served during the Vietnam Era, where he was awarded many medals during his service to his country. He had lived in Tahoka and Wilson when he was a child.

Survivors include four sons, Jesse Ramirez Jr. of Louisiana, James Ramirez of Plainview, Tomas Ramirez of Germany, and Roy Ramirez of Lubbock; two daughters Kika Ramirez of Sugarland, Jessica Rodriguez of Lubbock; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Robert 'Bubba' Curtis

Memorial services for Robert "Bubba" Curtis of Lubbock will be held at 10 a.m. Sept. 8 at Victory Life Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Kaaren and husband Scott Huffaker of Grassland.

Commissioners approve new redistricting map

Lynn County Commissioners met in special session Thursday, Aug. 25, voting unanimously to adopt a new voting precinct map to submit to the Justice Department for approval. Commissioners adopted the map recommended by the redistricting committee. The new precinct lines are for the four commissioner precincts in Lynn County, which had to be changed due to minority/majority population shifts recorded in the 2010 Census.

"Basically, the new map is like the former map, except the precinct lines moved within the city of Tahoka, which is where the significant population changes occurred," said attorney Cal Huffaker.

If the Justice Department approves the new precinct map in the coming weeks, the new map should be in effect for the next election.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Kudos to City for water

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to express my gratitude to the Tahoka City Council members, City of Tahoka officials and office staff, Mayor John Baker and most of all the employees who have been responsible for providing water to Tahoka's citizens.

Now, with the Texas Water Development Board's approval of a grant to plan our new water system, hope is in sight for a consistent and safe water supply. I applaud all who were a part of making this grant happen. I realize this is just a start, but Mr. Baker's article in last week's Lynn County News explained that funding for the construction and implementation of the system was likely to follow.

I have great appreciation for the employees who have kept our current system functioning as well as possible. It seems as if the few times we have had to shut the system down for repairs, the workers were quick to get the repairs done and restore water usage. Often these repairs were done over-night or on weekends and in miserable weather conditions. Last year during the sub zero weather, one of these workers repaired a meter leak at our residence. He came at 6:00 p.m. after he had worked all day. Even though we had boil notices, none of them lasted more than a few days and typically the water drinkability proved safe after the testing. Finally, with the notification system, we had advanced warning about system shut downs so that we could plan ahead for water needs.

I am thankful to the leadership in our city government for securing a plan for continued water needs and the employees who have provided safe water for my family.

Gratefully,
Vivian McAfee

Help me Walk For The Cure

Susan G. Komen-3-Day For The Cure, walk will be held in Dallas, Texas, November 4-6. Komen for the Cure is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists fighting to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find the cures. Thanks to events, the organization has invested more than \$1.9 billion to fulfill its promise, becoming the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world.

I would be taking an important first step toward the goal of walking 60 miles to help end breast cancer. Legacy Makers is a team from Lubbock that I have joined up with. Each walker will have to raise \$2300.00 and this is where you come in as family and friends. This cause is very close to my heart, because I lost my precious mother, Genita Hudleston to breast cancer in 1990. I wear pink for her along with a few special friends.

Thanks to people like you who share our vision of a world

without breast cancer, we've made huge discoveries in finding new and better ways to detect the disease at its earliest stages. We now know so much more about the different types of breast cancer and specific ways to attack each kind. And we work day-in and day-out in communities throughout the world to ensure everyone can access quality care and these new advances. But the fact is, breast cancer is still life-threatening, and until we can keep people from dying from it, we need your help - your generosity is crucial as we continue this fight.

Each one of us has been touched by this dreadful disease in some way. Now is your time to fight back and help find a cure!

If you would like to donate you may send a check payable to Legacy Makers and send it to me: Rhonda McNeely, PO Box 1394, Tahoka, Texas 79373.

Thank you for your consideration in donating to this cause.

Rhonda McNeely

O'Donnell Elementary Rocks!

O'Donnell Elementary students and families walked down the Red Carpet on August 23rd as the new school year began. Teachers, faculty and staff were waiting to cheer for the students as they embarked on a new adventure. The walls were decorated with colorful references to the Rock and Roll Era as well as the newly celebrated musicians such as the Jonas Brothers and Taylor Swift. O'Donnell Elementary School's 2011-2012 school year began with smiles and joy as the Beatles played on the loud speaker. In the cafeteria, their school day began with a cheer, 'The Eagle Way. Students are asked "What is the Eagle Way" and they respond "Responsible, Respectful, Safe and Ready!" This cheer is part of the Positive Behavioral Supports that have been put in place this year.

Each morning, the students will begin by celebrating the Eagle Way. This is part of the new Positive Behavior Supports (PBS) put in place this year at the school. PBS provides for a routine which allows everyone on campus to know what the expectations are and celebrates successes often. PBS will be a major part of the celebrations O'Donnell Elementary students will have each day as they learn academics as well as citizenship. There are five large rewards being celebrated this year which are tied to the Positive Behavior Supports. The rewards this year include The Eagle Way Card which rewards a student for "exhibiting" The Eagle Way. Once they receive an Eagle Way card they will have opportunity to earn a Mystery Motivator, a small celebration within the school day. Students can become the Eagle Way Idol for being examples of our Motto: The Eagle Way, I am Responsible, I am Respectful, I am Safe and I am Ready. Teachers will choose a student each month that is a strong example of the Eagle Way. The Eagle Statue is a class recognition that will celebrate the students displaying the



MR. and MRS. DWAYNE MCNEELY

Couple to celebrate golden anniversary

Dwayne and Joann McNeely of Tahoka will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on September 1, 2011. McNeely and the former Joann Key were married in Tahoka on Sept. 1, 1961.

Children of the couple are Melanie McNeely Haefli and husband Brad of Arlington, and Monica McNeely Gass and husband Ryan of O'Donnell. The couple has four grandchildren.

Eagle Way. An unknown committee will select a class that has been the best example of the Eagle Way each week and the Statue will stand outside their classroom so all will know that they are the leaders of the Eagle Way for the week. The students can earn ice cream every three weeks by joining the Cafeteria Eagle Way Club. To join this club, the students display the Eagle Way expectations at breakfast and lunch each day.

Finally, O'Donnell Elementary will continue the Super Citizen recognition each nine-week grading period. Students are nominated by their teachers for this valued reward for displaying the six pillars of character: Responsibility, Respectfulness, Trustworthiness, Caring, Fairness and Citizenship.

O'Donnell Elementary School Rocks! There are great things happening and the staff, teachers and administrators are excited to celebrate with the parents, the students and community as students grow as individuals and learners!

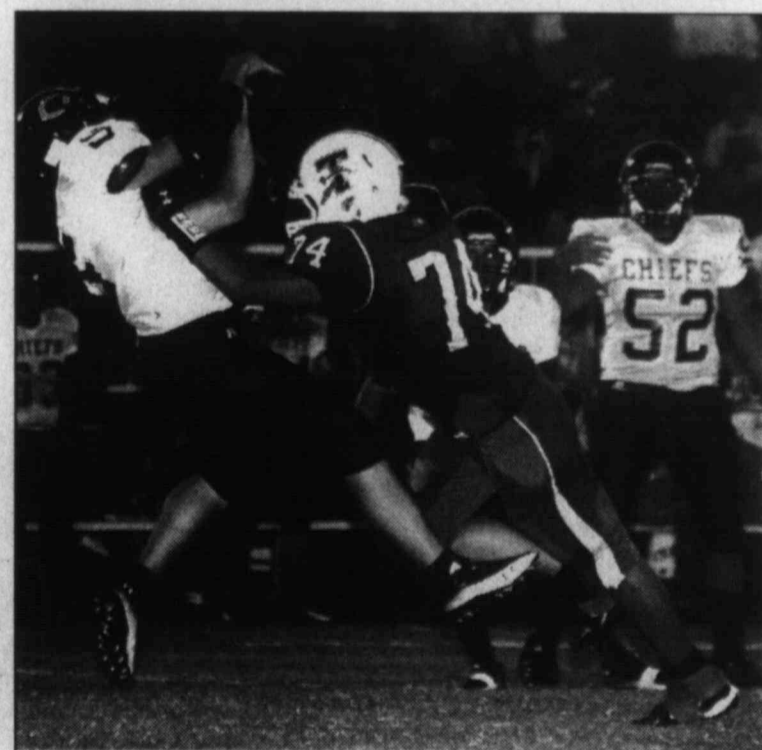
Cathy Amonett, Principal
O'Donnell Elementary

Daycare bake sale was successful

The Staff at Let The Children Come Daycare would like to thank everyone who brought baked goods for the bake sale that was held on August 13. Also, a big thank you to those who donated money and bought our delicious desserts. Our fundraiser was a huge success and we could not do it without the help of our community. We are now one step closer to buying the six-seat stroller and some other much needed items. The children attending the daycare are going to love going on walks.

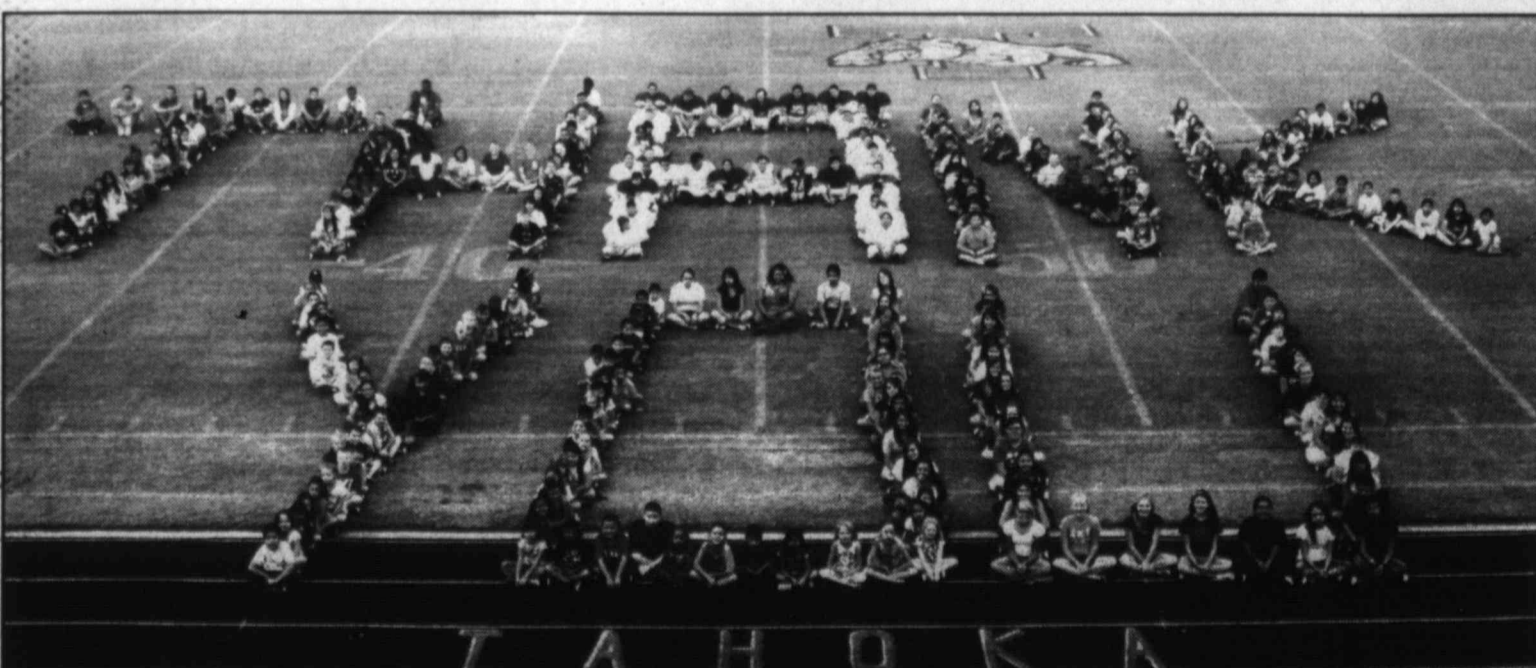
Again, thank you, to all who helped make this fundraiser a success.

Let The Children Come
Daycare and Staff



Pass rush ... Defensive end Jonathan Morin (74) of Tahoka puts a hit on Crosbyton QB Matthew Schovajsa as he releases the ball. Tahoka won the game 43-18.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



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Mustangs win... The Wilson Mustangs won their football opener 39-32 over Westbrook in overtime last weekend. QB Jurmiya Leyva passed for 208 yards and three touchdowns, and rushed for 124 yards and another score.

O'Donnell ISD receives funding for five years of afterschool programming

Four area school districts, including O'Donnell, Lubbock-Cooper, Lamesa, and Slaton ISD's, have been awarded a five year 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21CCLC) cycle 7 grant from the Texas Education Agency that will bring their students a wide range of academic and enrichment out-of-school-time programs, according to information from O'Donnell ISD Superintendent Randy Allen.

The purpose of the 21CCLC cycle 7 program is to provide opportunities beyond the normal school day for communities to establish or expand activities in community learning centers that (1) provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including providing tutorial services to help children, particularly students who attend low performing schools, meet state and local student academic achievement standards in core academic subjects such as reading and mathematics; (2) offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities such as youth development activities; drug- and violence-prevention programs; counseling programs; art, music, and physical education and fitness programs; and technology education programs that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students; and (3) offer families of students served by community learning centers opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

The program will provide 12 hours of extra weekly services to families over the fall, spring, and

summer in 35 weeks of programs. This is the fourth 21CCLC grant that Lubbock-Cooper's development office and the Llano Estacado Rural Communities Foundation has had funded for area school districts over the last seven years. Lamesa ISD is a new school district to the 21CCLC program. Lubbock-Cooper, O'Donnell, and Slaton were in past grants.

These four grants have brought afterschool programs to 13 school districts and one charter school system along with creating a system that has allowed these schools to increase their state accountability ratings. The current 21CCLC grant will link these four school districts to various community-based organizations (CBO) to increase the non-academic services available to students and their families. These CBO partners in the 21CCLC cycle 7 grant are Boys and Girls Club of Lamesa, Catholic Family Services, and Communities In School of the South Plains.

The Llano Estacado Foundation is working with all the schools and CBOs to develop "bridging" community and business partners to link the regular school day to the afterschool programs. The goal of this "bridging" is to create life long learners who see the real world applications of their public and post-secondary education.

The schools are seeking community members and parents to be a part of the 21CCLC campus task force which will assure that local needs are met by advising the 21CCLC centers of needs and services the community stakeholders want at their school.

Wilson wins opener in overtime, 39-32

The Wilson Mustangs won the season's first six-man football game last weekend, beating Westbrook 39-32 in overtime as Jurmiya Leyva passed for 208 yards and three touchdowns and also rushed for 124 yards and one score.

Austin Castillo gained 94 yards rushing and scored three TDs, two on pass receptions. Also catching two touchdown passes was Jordan Guzman. Coby Villarreal and Michael Rowland also caught key passes for Coach Michael Jenkins' team.

Mix 100 Labor of Love blood drive set here Friday

Mix 100 and United Blood Services invite all available blood donors to be part of the 15th Annual Labor of Love Blood Drive to be held on Friday, September 2, from 2:00-7:00 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. Each donor will receive a 15th Annual Labor of Love t-shirt and a coupon for a free appetizer at Zio's. Donors will be registered to win an Apple iPad2.

Donors must be at least 16 years of age and be in good health.

Shop at Home!

All Lynn County merchants appreciate your business.

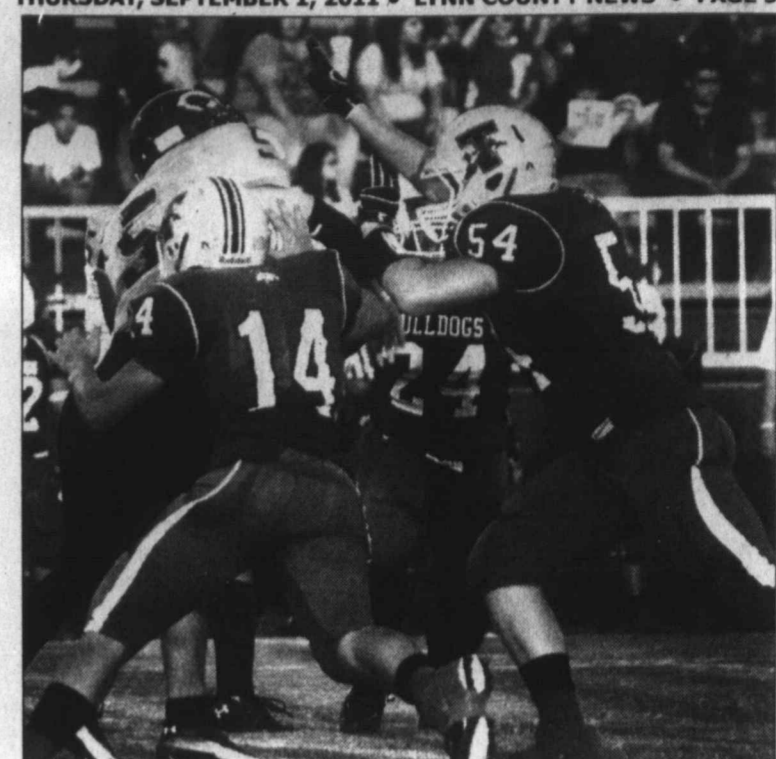
Art/Photo contest entries sought for Harvest Festival

Lynn County citizens are invited to submit their entries in the Second Annual 2011 Lynn County Harvest Festival Art Show and Photo Contest, with all entries to be displayed during the Sept. 24 Harvest Festival. Entry fee is \$5 per entry, and winners will receive prizes including cash, dinner, or gift cards.

There is no theme for this year's Art Show and Photo Contest. Photos are not limited to scenes in Lynn County, and artwork of any type may be entered in the art show. Categories will be arranged according to entries submitted.

Entry forms are available at the office of James Craig - Attorney at Law, at 1629 Avenue K in Tahoka. Art/photos and entry forms must be returned to him by 3 p.m. on September 16. An entry form will also be printed in The Lynn County News next week.

For more information, contact James Craig at 561-4516 or Frances Truehart at 300-4144.



A stopping place ... Bulldog defenders Luke Hawthorne (14) and Logan Tekell (54) put a stop on Crosbyton QB Matthew Schovajsa (5) as Tahoka opened the 2011 season at home with a 43-18 win. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Life After Loss support program to begin here September 8

Beginning on Thursday, September 8, Lynn County residents will have a unique opportunity to receive grief support. Vernon Baker, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, and Interim Hospice are teaming up to present Life After Loss, a group bereavement support program of the American Cancer Society designed to help bereaved people better understand the grief process, their emotions, and how to cope with them.

A year ago, members of the Spiritual Care team at Interim Hospice in Lubbock approached area ministers about the possibility of offering bereavement support in Lynn County through their bereavement program called Courage to Grieve. Out of this initial meeting began a monthly resource group open to pastors from Tahoka, O'Donnell, and Lamesa, as well as school counselors. Over the past year the representatives from Interim, Mike Butts and Josh Reglin, have provided resources and training to these local pastors and counselors to help them feel better equipped and more comfortable in meeting the needs of their parishioners and families. In addition to the training, Vernon Baker and Josh Reglin, chaplain, started an ongoing support group that meets twice a month at First United Methodist Church in Tahoka for people to receive grief support as they need it.

According to Mike Butts, Regional Bereavement Coordinator, "The idea came out of a desire to provide support to pastors and counselors based on the cumulative experiences of our Chaplains with respect to grief and crisis ministry. It is Interim's way of supporting those who are in the trenches and providing frontline

care to the grieving in their communities. We acknowledge the tremendous value and work of pastors and counselors in these communities and want to affirm and encourage them as a company.

"In essence, what we have been doing is using a Biblical 'equip the equipper' model of training and support to these leaders. What this does is multiplies efforts and allows pastors and counselors to minister to several people at a time, in a group setting, if needed," says Reglin. However, the training has not been utilized only by pastors. Reglin states, "At our bi-monthly support group meetings we have had people participate with the dual purpose of receiving help with unresolved grief issues, as well as receive training in group facilitation to assist in the continuation of the support meetings."

The six-week Life After Loss course is open to anyone who has experienced a loss and needs help, resources, and support to deal with their grief. The course will meet at the Tahoka Life Enrichment Center on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30, beginning September 8 through October 13. For more information or contact Pastor Vernon Baker or Interim Hospice in Lubbock.

The Lynn County Harvest Festival is Saturday, Sept. 24

BOOTH SPACE:
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Elizabeth Tew 790-4301
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Starr Bray 327-5602

TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

by THS Journalism Students

J.V. football starts out season with loss

By: Stevie Moya

The Tahoka J.V. football team lost their first game to the Crosbyton Chiefs 18-6 on Aug. 25. Dillon Trevino scored Tahoka's touchdown. Tahoka will play in Ralls Sept. 1.

Starting The Season With A Win

By: Harley Reynolds

The Tahoka Bulldogs played their first home game against the Crosbyton Chiefs on Aug. 26. The bulldogs came out with a victory winning 43-18.

Cristian Ramirez started the game by kicking off to Crosbyton, but Tahoka's defense kept them scoreless in their first drive. Quarterback Zachariah Garcia threw a pass to Trai Smith, and he ran 3 yards for a touchdown. Tahoka made the two-point conversion with 6:24 left in the first quarter, giving Tahoka an 8-0 lead.

Crosbyton was able to score in the quarter. Tahoka drove down the field, and Ramirez kicked a 22-yard field goal making the score 11-6.

The fighting Bulldogs played superior during the 2nd quarter. At 3:40 Smith ran 14 yards moving the score up to 17-6. With a short amount of time left Smith ran 19 yards leading the scoreboard before half time 24-6.

Tahoka came out after half time ready to score. Garcia threw a 48-yard pass to Kordell Baker putting more points on the board, 31-6.

Crosbyton scored twice on the Bulldogs, but they did not give up. With only 4:14 left Smith ran 85 yards and scored the final touchdown of the game, making the final score 43 to 18.

Leading the defense, Ray Parmer had 19 tackles and Chance Cook had 12. Ke'Shawn Hood ran 30 yards on kickoff returns.

The Tahoka Bulldogs will play on their home field again Sept. 9 against the Ralls Jackrabbits.

65-mph nighttime speed limit repealed, and other new laws to take effect soon

Texas motorists may notice some changes to speed limit signs in the next several months, as new laws regulating speed limits on the roadways of the state highway system begin to take effect.

The 82nd Texas Legislature passed and the Governor signed House Bill 1353, which takes effect on September 1. This legislation allows the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to create a 75-mile per hour speed limit on any state highway found to be reasonable and safe through a speed study. TxDOT will be reviewing existing 70-mile per hour speed limits to determine where a 75-mile per hour speed limit may be safely posted.

HB 1353 also eliminates the 65-mile per hour nighttime speed limit and all truck speed limits. On September 1, the existing nighttime and truck speed limits are re-

pealed and no longer enforceable, and those signs should be removed by the end of the year.

TxDOT is also in the process of hiring consultants to perform the required speed studies needed to implement the higher speed limits.

"We will be removing the existing nighttime speed limit signs, truck speed limit signs, and evaluating approximately 50,000 miles of state highway with a current 70-mile hour speed limit," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT Director of Traffic Operations. "It is important to remember that any increases to speed limits are not effective until the new speed limit signs are actually installed."

The complete evaluation of the state highway system and posting of all new 75-mile per hour speed limits should be complete by early 2013.

2011 New Home Leopards 6-Man Football

Sept. 1	Westbrook	New Home	7:30
Sept. 9	Kress	at Kress	7:30
Sept. 16	Klondike	at Klondike	7:30
Sept. 23	Lazbuddie	New Home	7:30
Sept. 30	Whiteface*	New Home	7:30
Oct. 7	Cotton Center	at Cotton Center	7:30
Oct. 14	BYE		
Oct. 21	Dawson	New Home	7:30
Oct. 28	Loop	at Loop	7:30
Nov. 4	Wilson	New Home	7:30

* Homecoming

IT'S BAAAACH!

That's right, the Lynn County Harvest Festival is just around the corner, so all inspired and even non-inspired artists are invited once again to submit their entries in the

Second Annual 2011 Lynn County Harvest Festival Art Show and Photo Contest.

Winners will be treated to cash, dinner, a gift card and/or the respect and awe of this great community and the entry fee is only \$5.00! There is no theme for the Art Show and Photo Contest. Entries will need to be turned in at the office of James Craig - Attorney at Law at 1629 Avenue K in Tahoka by 3 p.m. on September 16th. So get those creative juices flowing and look for entry forms in the next couple of weeks right here in the Lynn County News or pick them up at James Craig's office.

For more information, contact James Craig at 561-4516 or Frances Truehart at 300-4144



25th Annual O'Donnell Cotton Festival

Saturday
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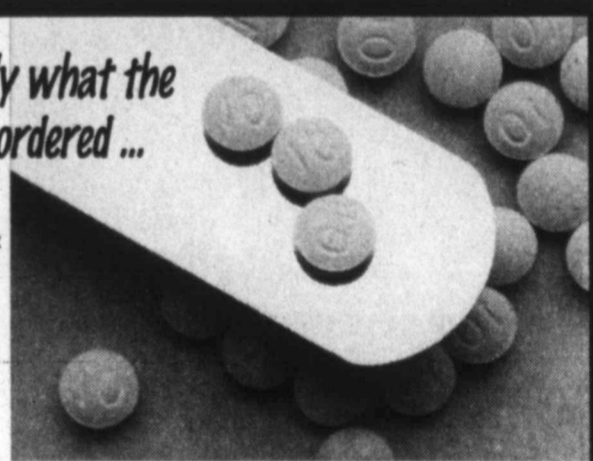
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Zach's ball ... New Home ISD quarterback Zach Paul (#2) carries the ball in the Leopards win over Lueders-Avoca in Jayton on Friday night in their season opener. The Leopards won 58-44. (NHISD photo by Madison Gass)

NHISD enrollment increases; board adopts budget

The New Home ISD Board of Trustees met last week to adopt the school district's budget for 2011-2012. Trustees approved a budget of \$2,125,821, which is a decrease of \$11,154 from last year's budget of \$2,136,975.

New Home ISD has seen an increase in student enrollment figures, with 228 enrolled at the start of the 2011-2012 year, compared to an enrollment of 200 at the end of the 2010-2011 year.

"We have added a second

Pre-Kindergarten and a second Kindergarten class this year," said Superintendent Leland Zant.

The district has seven new staff members this year, including Ed Elizondo as head football/basketball coach and Spanish teacher; Kristi Walker, high school math; J'Lynn Mounce, fifth grade; Crystal Zant, second grade; Jodi Starkey, kindergarten; Heather Anderson, pre-kindergarten; and Mary Rodriguez, elementary aide.



Back off ... Taylor Shellman (#20) eyes the opposition as he moves the ball for the New Home Leopards in Friday night's win over Lueders-Avoca. Other Leopards in the background and blocking include, from left, Zach Paul (#2), Josh Paul (#7), Zach Jackson (#23) and Chris Alaniz (#30). (NHISD photo by Madison Gass)

Brands must be recorded locally:

Brand re-registration begins this week for Texas livestock

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) reminds ranchers that the next brand re-registration period opens Aug. 31, 2011 and concludes Feb. 29, 2012. The State of Texas requires that brands be re-registered in the county or counties where the owner operates.

Ranchers may get the re-registration form online (www.tscrabrands.com) or at the Lynn County Clerk's office in Tahoka (phone 806-561-4750). The completed form, however, must be brought or mailed to the Lynn County Clerk's office, where it must be signed with the clerk as a witness (or the completed form may be signed in front of a notary public, and notarized, and then mailed to the county clerk's office).

Cost for re-registering brands is \$16 per location, per brand. Livestock must be registered in each county where animals are located, according to information from the county clerk's office.

According to state statutes, each person who owns livestock should have their marks and brands recorded with the county

clerk, regardless of whether or not the marks or brands have been previously recorded. The person who, according to the records of the county, first recorded the mark or brand in the county is entitled to have the mark or brand recorded in that person's name. If the records do not show who first recorded the mark or brand in the county, the person who has been using the mark or brand the longest is entitled to have it recorded in that person's name.



After registration, the county clerk is required by law to forward a copy of the Mark & Brand Application record to Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, which is the authorized livestock inspection agency.

Larry Gray, executive director of law enforcement at TSCRA, says that branding is the number one way to prevent livestock theft, a phenomenon that is happening more and more in Texas.

In 2010, the number of cattle reported missing or stolen to TSCRA was approximately 7,700, an increase of 220% from 2007.

TSCRA was established in 1877 to help prevent and solve agricultural crimes. Since then, the association's law enforcement division has expanded to include 29 special rangers stationed throughout Texas and Oklahoma who work alongside local law enforcement agencies to protect rural Texans against agricultural crimes, including livestock theft.

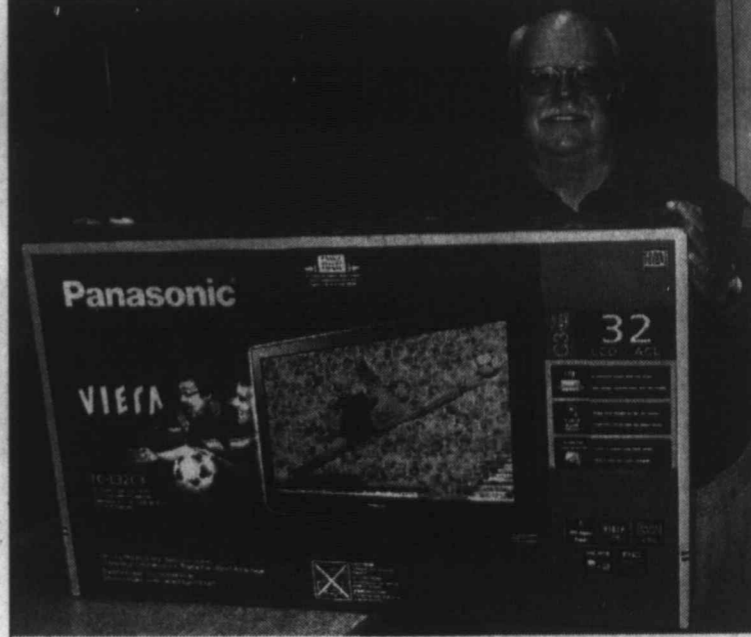
Although Texas does not have a statewide brand registry database, TSCRA has market inspectors stationed at 105 Texas livestock auctions that collect brands and other identifying marks on 4 million cattle sold annually. They report this information to TSCRA headquarters in Fort Worth, where it is entered into the nation's largest brand recording and retrieval system. This system currently houses more than 102,000 brands, the largest brand registry in the U.S.

This database is the first source checked when livestock is reported stolen, and has aided in the arrests of cattle thieves and the recovery of hundreds of thousands of stolen cattle.

Gray says that while Texas law does not require you to brand your cattle, he highly encourages it as a way to protect your business.

"When cattle are stolen, a rancher is losing much more than the value of that single animal or animals. They are losing the value of the offspring that animal would provide in the future," Gray said. "In a way they are losing the factory."

To help guide ranchers through the brand re-registration process, TSCRA has launched www.tscrabrands.com. Working in conjunction with the 254 county clerk offices, this site provides all the necessary paperwork and information to register brands, as well as information on current brands, designing and reading brands.



Anyone can win this TV ... Kent Elliott, owner of Fenton Insurance, is sponsoring the grand prize drawing to win this Panasonic 32-inch LCD flat screen TV in the Lynn County News football contest, which is currently underway. All weekly entries in the football contest, whether it is the weekly winner or not, are entered in the grand prize drawing that will be held at the end of the 10-week football contest. (LCN PHOTO)

Senior Citizen MENU

SEPTEMBER 5-9
Monday: Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday: Chicken patty on a bun, trimmings, oven fries, fruit
Wednesday: Brisket, beans, coleslaw, homemade rolls, pico de gallo, cobbler
Thursday: Chicken w/ mushrooms, white rice, carrots, biscuits, bread pudding
Friday: Cheese quesadillas, Spanish rice, tossed salad, homemade cookies

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Anyone who is on the Senior Citizen client list, please come by the Center and sign no later than Sept. 11.

October 1st is the beginning of the new fiscal year and SPAG requires submission of new client intake and service request forms.

Activities & Events:
 • Maureen will be singing during lunch on Sept. 8.
 • **Special Request:** The center's homebound program is desperately in need of a delivery vehicle. If you have a SUV or similar vehicle in good working condition that you would consider donating, or selling cheap, contact Bianca at 561-5264.

• **Harvest Festival Quilt...** Come by the Center to see this year's Harvest Festival Quilt and purchase raffle tickets for \$1 each or six for \$5. Drawing will be held at the Festival on September 24.
 • **Handquilted Baby Quilts** for sale: Starting at \$50 available at the center.

USDA extends deadline for emergency haying of CRP acres in Texas

Lynn County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rodney Schoppa announced that, in response to drought conditions, the National FSA Office has extended the deadline for emergency haying of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for all Texas counties that are currently approved for emergency haying.

Emergency haying of land enrolled in CRP has been extended through September 30, 2011.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency haying of CRP must request approval before haying eligible acreage," said Schoppa. "Producers must also obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes haying requirements," he said.

There will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction for CRP acres used for haying under these emergency provisions.

Upon approval of emergency haying, producers must leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous field ungrazed for wildlife. If a county is eligible for emergency haying and grazing, the same CRP acreage cannot be both hayed and/or grazed at the same time. For example, if 50 percent of a field or contiguous field is hayed, the remaining ungrazed 50 percent cannot be grazed; it must remain ungrazed and ungrazed for wildlife.

For more information on emergency haying of CRP acres contact the Lynn County FSA office at 806-998-4501.

O'Donnell Homecoming Cotton Festival Sept. 2-3

The O'Donnell Homecoming game against Welch will be held Friday, Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Johnson Field. A Pep Rally will be held at the high school at 3:00 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., the Ex-Student Banquet will be held at the Elementary School Commons Area. A reception following the football game will be held in the Elementary Commons for everyone.

On Saturday, the O'Donnell Annual Cotton Festival, held at the City Park, will begin after the 10:00 a.m. downtown parade. Booths open at 11:00. The dance on the Pavilion at the City Park will be from 8:30 p.m.-midnight.

Eagles wallop Loop 60-10 in first game

QB Landry Barton passed for six touchdowns and ran for two more Friday as the O'Donnell Eagles opened the 2011 football season with a 60-10 pounding of Loop.

Barton found receiver Ezra Vasquez four times for 126 yards and three touchdowns. In a game called in the third quarter because of the 45-point rule, Barton completed 10 of 14 passes for 198 yards and gained 94 yards rushing in just five attempts.

Tahoka Band Boosters host golf tournament

The annual Golf Tournament hosted by the Tahoka Band Boosters will be held Saturday, September 17, 2011, at T-Bar Country Club. Shot-gun start for the 4-person scramble will be at 9:00 a.m. Cost per team is \$160.

The first place team will receive \$500 with second place (\$300) and third place (\$200) being paid if there are 12 or more teams. For an added fee, golfers can play in the putting contest and participate in Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive contests. Mulligans are available 2 for \$10.

Golfers will be treated to sausage wraps, water, and sports drinks throughout the day with a hamburger lunch served following the completion of their round. Door prizes will also be given.

The Tahoka Band Boosters support all the Tahoka band programs from 6th grade through high school. The golf tournament is one of the organization's major fund raisers each year to provide band camp scholarships, support band trips and meals, host the annual band banquet, and purchase items not covered in the band's budget. Some of our recent purchases include a drum major stand and uniform bags & hangers.

To enter, contact Cherry at 998-5305, or for more info call Tonda at 998-4928.

Wilson SCHOOL MENU

SEPTEMBER 5-9
Tuesday: French Toast
Wednesday: Sausage on a stick
Thursday: Breakfast Pizza
Friday: Sausage on a stick
Lunch
Tuesday: Chicken fajitas, corn, refried beans, fruit, sherbet cup
Wednesday: Salisbury steak, potatoes, gravy, steam broccoli, roll, frozen cherry bar
Thursday: Crispy tacos, trimmings, Spanish rice, pinto beans
Friday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, corn, salad, Texas toast, peaches

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ORDER SETTING HEARING ON COMPENSATION OF COUNTY AUDITOR

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Section 152.905, Texas Local Government Code, that a public hearing shall be held at 8:30 o'clock a.m. on September 13, 2011, in the District Courtroom of the Lynn County Courthouse, for the purpose of setting the amount of annual compensation for a County Auditor for the fiscal year 2012.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the District Clerk shall deliver a certified copy of this order to a newspaper of general circulation in the county for the publication not earlier than the 30th or later than the 10th day before the date of the hearing.

Signed August 24, 2011

/s/ Carter T. Schildknecht
Judge of the 106th District Court
Lynn County, Texas

O'Donnell SCHOOL MENU

SEPTEMBER 5-9
Monday: No School - Labor Day
Tuesday: Biscuit, sausage, egg
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza
Thursday: Omelet, bacon, tortilla
Friday: Cinnamon pastry
Lunch
Tuesday: Chili potato, baby carrot dippers, fruit cup
Wednesday: Roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, fruity gelatin
Thursday: Pizza, crunchy broccoli salad, corn, applesauce
Friday: Hamburger, trimmings, baked tater tots or chips, pears, cookie

New Home SCHOOL MENU

SEPTEMBER 5-9
Monday: No School - Labor Day
Tuesday: Waffles
Wednesday: Egg & ham
Thursday: Biscuit sausage
Friday: Breakfast Pizza
Lunch
Tuesday: BBQ on a bun, baked potato, pineapple cherry delight
Wednesday: Fish strips, mac & cheese, salad, roll, fruit
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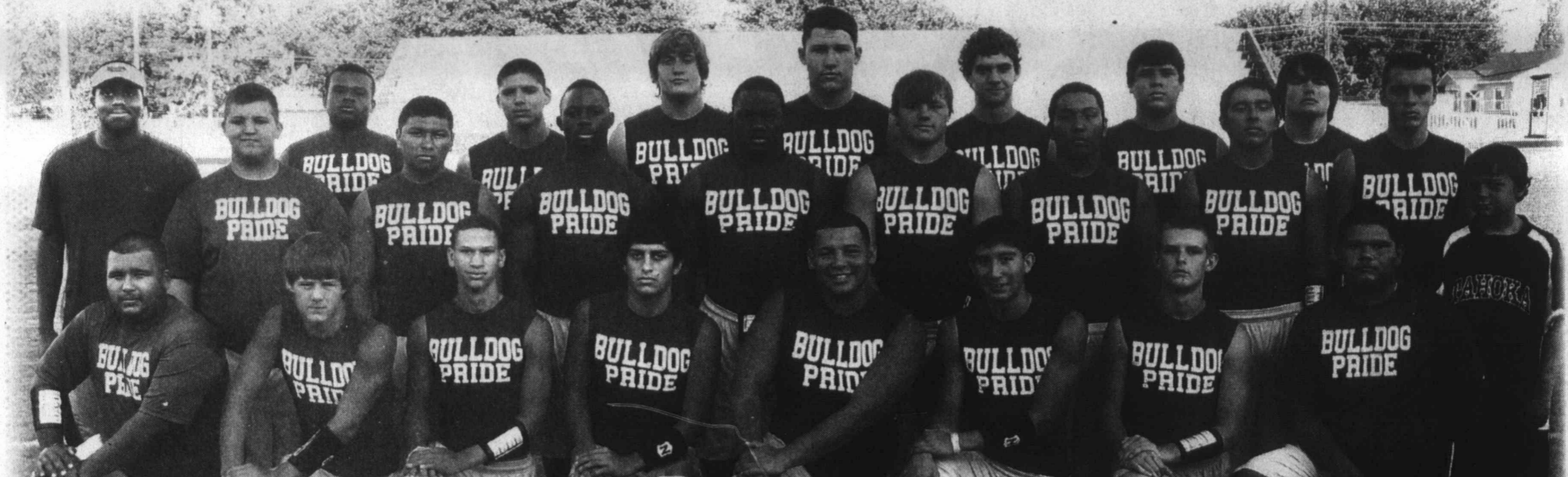
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Big gainer ...
Chance Cook (22), carries the ball for a gain against Crosbyton as Tahoka topped the Chiefs in the season opener last Friday. Cook gained 58 yards in just five carries. Tahoka's No. 8 at right is QB Zach Garcia.



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Get To Know Your Bulldogs:

#74 - JONATHAN MORIN
Nickname: Jon "Cholo"
Favorite school subject/class: Lunch
Favorite place you've traveled: Padre Island
Favorite song/artist: "They Don't Know" by Paul Wall/Slim
Favorite College Football team: Alabama

#75 - JACOB ARRIAZOLA
Nickname: Mongo
Favorite quote: "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog."
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