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#### Pep Rally set for 2:30

The Tahoka ISD Pep Rally will be held earlier than usual this week, at 2:30 p.m. instead of the usual 3 p.m., to allow the Bulldog football team time to travel to Lockney Friday night. Bulldog fans are invited to the pep rally at the THS gym.

The Lynn County

Harvest Festival

is Saturday, Sept. 24

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Marvin Pierce 759-7227

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Frances Truehart 300-4144



Harvest Festival Princesses ... These young ladies are Lynn County Harvest Festival Princess candidates, currently selling tickets for chances to win several prizes, including the grand prize of a \$1,000 prepaid Visa card. The girl who sells the most tickets will be crowned Princess on Sept. 24. The girls are, standing in back from left, Kylle McNeely, Noelani Rodriguez, Gracie Escobedo; middle row: Nina Arriazola, Alexandria Salinas, Callie Nevill, Stephannie Salinas, Kenzie Parks, Jo Rosas and Kenzie Henry; and in front, Macey Garcia, Faith Arce, Braylee Webster, Zoe Wilborn, Alex Perez and Makayla Santibanez. (LCN PHOTO)

## DA charged with DV

Brian Kingston, 53, of O'Donnell, district attorney for the 106th Judicial District, was arrested on alleged charges of driving while intoxicated east of Seminole Friday evening.

The lead prosecutor for the fourcounty district, which includes Lynn County, reportedly spent Friday night in the Gaines County jail and was released Saturday morning on \$1,500 bond.

Kingston is in his first term as district attorney, in which he prosecutes felony criminal cases in Lynn, Gaines, Dawson and Garza counties.

The charge he faces reportedly is classified as a Class B misdemeanor, which usually indicates no prior convictions for driving while intoxicated, and is not a felony. If convicted of the charge, Kingston could be assessed a jail term of not more than 180 days and/

According to the Seminole Sentinel, the Gaines County Law Enforcement Center received a call about 7:30 p.m. Friday advising officers that a pickup truck with a possibly intoxicated driver was traveling west bound on U.S. 180 east of Seminole. Sheriff's deputies made contact with the suspect vehicle about six miles east of Seminole, and Dept. of Public Safety troopers, called to the scene, eventually placed the driver under arrest.

The Seminole newspaper report said the troopers made the arrest after Kingston refused an intoxilyzer evaluation, and after Kingston allegedly had bloodshot eyes, slow and slurred speech and a "poor standardized field sobriety testing."

The probable cause arrest affidavit also stated Kingston had a blood alcohol content level of .203, according to a test conducted on the scene. This is above the legal limit for intoxication in

The Lynn County News was unable to contact Kingston for comment.

## **NEWS FROM** Tahoka City Hall

Utility Rates... Most of you know the City of Tahoka has recently acquired additional water through the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority's purchase of water rights from Mesa. We had a fifty year supply of water, and now that has increased to a hundred year supply. We will pay for this additional water with the revenues from water and sewer usage. The City Council has approved an increase in the base water rate of \$1.25 and the sewer rate of \$1.25. This will pay the city's share for the purchase of the water rights from Mesa.

The City Council also approved an increase of \$1.25 in the sanitation rate. This is to offset the increase from Republic Services Inc. (formerly

If you have any questions contact City Hall at 561-4211.

## **County treasurer** to resign Sept. 30

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Treasurer Pam Miller will resign her position at the end of September, according to a letter of resignation read in Lynn County Commissioners Court Monday morning. Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin read Miller's letter of resignation indicating she would resign on Sept. 30 due to family health issues. The letter said she was sad about being unable to fulfill her duties as treasurer, but that family health issues would prevent her from continuing to serve.

"My five and a half years of working for the people of Lynn County have been very rewarding," Miller said in her letter.

Commissioners may appoint someone to fill the unexpired term until the next regular election. It is anticipated that the appointment will be placed on the agenda at the next commissioner's meeting on Sept. 26.

In other business at Monday's meeting, commissioners authorized the creation of an account to accept donations to benefit the Lynn County Animal Shelter. Currently, the shelter may take donations of items only, such as food and blankets for animals. With Monday's authorization, an account will be opened to accept monetary do-

No members of the public attended the public hearing on the 2011-2012 proposed budget. Commissioners extended the countywide burn ban for another 90 days, and approved monthly bills and budget amendments.

They also approved a property deed, as amended, for the former gin property on Hwy. 380. Commissioners approved the \$75,000 purchase price for the property at a previous meeting, but wanted wording on the deed changed slightly for liability issues. The property will be used as a weigh

Lena Cloe, Victims Advocate for Lynn County, informed commissioners she had been awarded a grant to fund her office for the 2011-2012 year. Tax Assessor/Collector Sherry Pearce presented information about funds collected in her office, and District Clerk Sandra Laws reported that her office was audited from the Passport Commissioner and had passed with one exception, which was that a private room to confer with customers while obtaining information for passports was needed.

All commissioners were present for the meeting, as were several other county officials.

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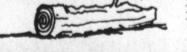
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Harvest Festival Queen candidates ... These young ladies from Tahoka, Wilson and O'Donnell are Lynn County Harvest Festival Queen candidates, currently selling tickets for chances to win several prizes, including the grand prize of a \$1,000 prepaid Visa card. They are, standing from left, Brittany Atchison of Wilson, Sarah Freitag of Tahoka. Sierra Rosales of O'Donnell, Taya Bishop of Tahoka, and seated in front, Brittney Liggins of Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO)

## woodwork

by dalton wood



NOT LONG AGO, I woke up with my wrist sore and tender, and I mentioned to a family member that it was causing me problems.

"So what's the problem?" she asked. "You don't bowl or play tennis any more, and very little golf."

"I can't walk," I said, prompting a sarcastic query about trying to walk around on my hands.

I told her, yes, my doctor had suggested I stay off my feet. He has seen my feet, and they're bad. But then I explained to her that "Since I walk with a cane, it hurts my wrist when I put weight on it; ergo, the sore wrist keeps me from walking."

I shouldn't have said "ergo." She smiled sympathetically and asked why I was mentioning a little foreign car.

Anyway, the whole situation reminds me of a Mutt and Jeff cartoon I saw years ago. Mutt (the tall one) asked Jeff what it would be like if Jeff had no ears. Jeff replied that if he lost his ears, he couldn't

"You mean you couldn't hear," said Mutt.

"No, I couldn't see, because then my hat would fall down over my eves." Jeff said.

THE OLD GEEZER at Grassland says we could certainly slow down the aging process if it had to work its way through Congress.

#### **Estella Rodriquez** Lechuga

Rosary for Estella Rodriquez Lechuga, 66, of Tahoka, was held Thursday, Sept. 8, at 7:00 p.m. at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel-Tahoka. Funeral mass was celebrated on Friday, Sept. 9, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church with Father Edward Teo officiating. Burial was at the City of Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home and Chapel. She died on Tuesday September 6, 2011 in Tahoka.

She was born on December 23, 1944 in Poteet to the late Ysidro, Sr. and Erlinda Alvarado October 14, 1945. She married Domingo Rodriquez on April 4, 1960 in Tahoka, he preceded her in death on January 17, 1967. She married Manuel Lechuga on November 20, 1974 in Lubbock. She had worked as a nurse at South Park Hospital from 1973 to 1987 and University Medical Center from 1987 to 1990 when she retired and moved to Tahoka. Stella loved all her family and she was always caring, and loving.

She was preceded in death by a daughter Rachel Rodriquez on October 30, 1961 and a brother Manuel Alvarado on December 16, 1958.

Survivors include her hus-

band Manuel Lechuga of Tahoka; a son, Ray Rodriquez II, of Lubbock; three stepsons, Armondo Lechuga of Lubbock, Danny Lechuga and Ruben Lechuga both of Houston; a step daughter Sandra Lechuga of Houston; three grandchildren Rachel Rodriguez, Christopher Rodriquez and Ray Rodriquez III all of Lubbock; her mother Erlinda Calvillo of Tahoka; three brothers Ysidro Alvarado Jr of San Antonio, Juan Alvarado and Joe Calvillo Jr., both of Tahoka; three sisters, Eva Calvillo and Helen Saldana both of Tahoka, Florinda Rodriguez of San Antonio; four step grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ray Rodriquez III, Chris Rodriquez, Johnny Alvarado, Johnny Calvillo, Daniel Calvillo and Michael Calvillo. (PAID)

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## TISD Board canvasses election; teacher resigns position here

The Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, September 6, canvassing the tax ratification election results and conducting other school business. The board met in closed session to discuss personnel matters. Supt. Steve Burleson told The News that the high school art teacher, John Landry, who had been placed on administrative leave, has resigned his position. The school is looking to fill the posi-

The Board canvassed the Tax Ratification Election results, with no changes reported. The TRE passed with 226 for and 72 against.

Trustees approved the University Interscholastic League guidelines for concussion management. Texas Association of School Board Policies FB(Local) and FFH(LOCAL) were updated with Jenni McLelland's name being added and Jimmy Parker's name (former superintendent) removed. Texas Association of School Board Policy DIA(LOCAL) was approved with Supt. Steve Burleson's name being added and Mr. Parker's named removed. Business Manager Karen Johnston gave her annual review of Tahoka ISD Investment Policy CDA(LOCAL). There was discussion about the low and continued drop in interest rates.

Supt. Burleson reported that there is ongoing discussion with the City of Tahoka concerning the lease of the baseball and softball fields.

Elementary Principal Alecia Hancock and Middle School Principal Tom Thomas were hosting a "bullying" workshop for parents that evening.

The Superintendent also gave an enrollment report for the District through the first three weeks of school. Currently, there are 623 students enrolled in the school district, up 15 students from the first day of school.

"There is discussion of the schools in Texas filing a lawsuit against TEA for the funding of education during the 82nd Legislative Session," said Supt.

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Burleson. "The suit will attack the school finance system for its lack of: efficiency, both from a student and taxpayer equity position, and in regards to the arbitrary and irrational Target Revenue system; adequacy, meaningful discretion (basically, moving everyone to a state property tax with more schools moving to the \$1.17 tax rate)," he added.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m.

## Thieves take metal items near Wilson

Tractor weights and other metal items were reported stolen from farm locations east of Wilson during the last week.

Glynn Moore of Wilson advised sheriff's officers Sept. 6 that someone took metal plow parts from his farm.

Billy Bishop of Tahoka reported on Sept. 7 that 18 tractor weights were stolen from a farm location east of Wilson. He valued the loss at \$3058. On the same day, Billy Weaver of Garza County reported 20 tractor weights and a box of hand tools stolen from a tractor on his farm southeast of Wilson. His loss was estimated at \$2300.

On Monday, sheriff's officers arrested a Wilson man for assault/family violence, public intoxication and violation of a criminal trespass warning after he reportedly assaulted his

An 18-year-old Seminole man was arrested for public intoxication by Tahoka Police Sunday after a resident called and said someone was trying to get into her house on Lockwood. Officers who spoke to the man said he apparently thought he was at the residence of a friend in Abilene.

Lynn County jail held 41 persons, including 13 for Gaines County and 8 for Hockley Coun-

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Auction items ... City/County Library patrons Elizabeth Tew and Lindsey Cunningham (standing) and their children (from left), Timothy Cunningham, Jacob Tew, and Gracie Cunningham, show a few of the items that will be up for auction in the City/County Library's Silent Auction at the Lynn County Harvest Festival on Sept. 24. Auction items pictured here include a cheerleader picture frame, wooden cross, a Texas made from license plates, and children's book sets. The library is currently accepting donations for the auction, with all proceeds benefitting the local

## **Dogs win shootout** at Plains, 39-32

Tahoka and Plains put 71 points on the scoreboard at Plains last Friday, but the Bulldogs managed to win 39-32 as running back Trai Smith scored twice on long runs in the fourth

Smith escaped on runs of 50 and 38 yards in the final period after Plains had taken a 32-27 lead early in the fourth. Smith also had a 53-yard touchdown run in the first quarter for Tahoka, giving the Bulldogs a 13-0 lead at that point after the game's first score, a 14-yard pass play from QB Zach Garcia to receiver Kordell Baker.

Coach John Cornelius' Bulldogs, now 3-0 for the year, this week will go to Lockney.

Late in the first and early in the second period, Plains scored touchdowns on runs by Merrit Crump and Omar Calderon, missing both extra point tries to leave Tahoka ahead 13-12.

Four touchdowns were scored in the second quarter, three of them by Calderon, and one a 3-yard run by Chance Cook of Tahoka. Halftime score was 24-21, Plains.

The game's only score in the third period was a 39-yard

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run by Ke'Shawn Hood, which put Tahoka back on top, 27-24. Plains went ahead briefly in the fourth before the last two scoring runs by Smith, who gained 171 yards on 13 carries in the game.

Hood gained 87 yards in just seven carries, and Preston Hammons ran once for 27 yards for Tahoka. Baker caught three passes for 37 yards, including the first-quarter TD. For Plains, Calderon gained

139 yards rushing and Crump had 126.

Ray Parmer again led the defense, with 27 tackles, including 8 solo. Cook had 17 tackles, Tino Deleon 15 and Ian Zamarron 14. Hammonds and Logan Tekell also did well on defense.

#### **GAME AT A GLANCE**

TAHOKA		PLAINS
11	first downs	16
314	yds. rushing	341
52	yds. passing	26
5-8-0	completed by	1-2-0
2	fumbles lost	0
7-55	penalties	8-73
2-35	punts, avg.	3-38.3

#### **Class of 1991** seeks classmates

The THS Class of 1991 will meet at the Exes assembly on Friday, Sept. 23, and will ride in the Homecoming Parade following the assembly. The class will all meet at the football game as a group. Following the game the class will gather at the Paris' Place located on N. 5th and Ave P.

For more information contact Marcy Raindl in the evenings at 998-4859, or by email at marcy\_lyn@hotmail.com

Shop at Home! Lynn County merchants appreciate your business. on Sept. 15 for their next game. 8th Grade Bulldogs Wrangle the Cowboys By: Kayla Long

The 8th grade Tahoka Bulldogs beat the Plains Cowboys 12-0 on Thursday, Sept. 8. In the second quarter, Nick Garcia

TAHOKA **SCHOOL NEWS** 

7th Grade Football Locks Horns

The 7th grade Tahoka Bulldogs

defeated the Lockney Longhorns

on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2-0. The only

score was in the second quarter

when Lockney snapped a punt over

the punter's head through the end

The team will travel to Lockney

with the Longhorns

By: Coy Mercer

zone for a safety.

ran 11 yards to score a touchdown for the Bulldogs, but the 2-point conversion was no good. Garcia ran again in the third

quarter for a touchdown, adding another six points to the board. Again, the Bulldogs were unable to convert on the extra point opportu-

8th grade will play in Lockney on Sept. 15.

JV Bulldogs Beat Ralls, Lose to Lions By: Stevie Moya

The Tahoka J.V. football team beat the Ralls Jackrabbits 22-0 on Sept. 1. Trystan Hilgar threw a 35 yard pass to Tyler Rossiter for a touchdown. Hilger later ran 20 yards for a score. Tahoka's last touchdown came on a 2 yard run by Jordan Arriazola. Dillon Trevino had an interception in the third quarter.

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The JV Dogs lost their third game to the New Deal Lions 28-12 on Sept. 9.

Trystan Hilger threw a touchdown pass to Tyler Rossiter in the second quarter. Rossiter scored again in the fourth quarter on a touchdown pass from Hilger.

Varsity Bulldogs have another victory By: Harley Reynolds

Friday night's victory came down to the final seconds when the Tahoka Bulldogs travelled to Plains on Sept. 9. Time ran out before the Plains Cowboys could cross the goal line, and the Bulldogs defeated the Cowboys 39-32, improving their record 3-0.

Tahoka started the game off scoring two unanswered touchdowns in the first quarter. With less than four minutes off the clock, quarterback Zach Garcia threw a 14-yard pass to Kordell Baker for a score. Christian Ramirez kicked the extra point. With 6:42 left in the first quarter Trai Smith ran 53 yards leading to the scoreboard 13

Plains scored with little time left in the first quarter. At 10:09 in the second quarter, the fighting Bulldogs scored again when Chance Cook ran 3 yards for the touchdown. Garcia passed the ball to Ramirez for the 2-point conver-

sion, making the score 21-12. Plains scored twice in the second quarter, and at half time Plains led the Bulldogs 21-24.

The Bulldogs came out after half time and Ke'Shawn Hood ran 39 yards for a touchdown. The Bulldogs regained the lead, 27-24; however, the Cowboys did not quit.

The Cowboys made a touchdown and took the lead 32-27. The Bulldogs played aggressive to come back in the lead. Smith ran 50 yards and put the Bulldogs on top 39-32. The fourth quarter was intense.

Plains drove down the field and was in position to score when time expired.

Smith ran a total of 171 yards. Playing outstanding defense Ray Parmer had 27 tackles, along with Cook having 17, and Tino Deleon with 15 tackles. The Tahoka Varsity Bulldogs

will play in Lockney on Sept. 16.



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PLUS We Game!

**Three in a row**...Tahoka managed its third win in as many games this season last Friday at Plains, beating the Cowboys 39-32. In this photo, Ray Parmer (17), on the ground, and Smith McLelland take down Plains running back Merrit Crump (32). Other Bulldogs are Logan Tekell (54), Bryan Pena (62), Jacob Arriazola (75) and Chance Cook (22). No. 3 for Plains is QB Zach Wilkins. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

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#55 - JOHN RYAN BARRIENTEZ

Nickname: J.R. • Favorite artist: Drake • What would you do with a million dollars? Take my mom on a date. • Favorite college football team: Texas Tech • Favorite NFL Team and player: Cowboys; Miles Austin.

#62 - BRYAN PENA

Favorite quote: "You're crazy." Favorite song/artist: Meant to Live by Switchfoot . Hidden talent: I can sing Oprah • Favorite NFL team and player: New Orleans Saints; Mark Ingram • Favorite movie: Step Brothers.

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Generous contribution ... The Lynn-Garza Farm Bureau office presented checks in the amount of \$1,334 to six area fire departments last week, thanking the Tahoka, New Home, Wilson, O'Donnell, Post and Justiceburg volunteer fire departments for their services in protecting homes and property from wildfires during one of the worst droughts in Texas. The local office contributed \$334 to each department, which was matched with \$1,000 each from the Texas Farm Bureau organization. Pictured from left (standing) are Dewy Hukill, State Director; Walt Hagood, FB board member; Valton Stephens, FB board member; Ryan Gill, New Home VFD; Craig Wilke, Wilson VFD; Steve Sanders, Tahoka VFD; and Larry Pyron, O'Donnell VFD. Kneeling from left are FB board members Ty Mason, Michael White and Jim Blankenship, and Cameron Childress from O'Donnell VFD.

## **Harvest Festival** is next Saturday

The Lynn County Harvest Festival will be held at the courthouse square in Tahoka next Saturday, Sept. 24, featuring live entertainment, a classic car show, art/photo show, food booths, games, and cash prizes from audience participation. The Harvest Festival Princess and Queen will be named during the afternoon, and a movie night on the square will be held at this year's festival to conclude the day's activities.

The fun starts at 10 a.m. with turtle races for the children (kids must bring their own turtles, decorated, for the races). This year, the turtle races will be held in the street on the east side of the courthouse, instead of the north side. Admission to the festival is free. Bring lawn chairs for seating on the courthouse lawn.

Food and game booths also open at 10 a.m. For information about booth space, contact booth chairman Rebecca Ingle at 561-4440. Booths close at 5 p.m., but food booths may open again if they so choose for the movie on the square.

The movie on the square will begin at dark. Everyone should bring quilts or lawn chairs for seating on the square. The movie will be shown on the wall of Tejeda's Café, facing the courthouse, and admission is free.

An art/photo show will also be held at the festival, with entries displayed in the front window of The Lynn County News office, and possibly other windows along that street, depending on the number of entries. People may vote on their favorite entries at a table set up near the display. Call James Craig this week at 561-4516 to enter a photo or artwork.

Antique cars will be displayed in the fourth annual Classic Car Show to be held on the west side of the courthouse square, with this year's show expected to be even bigger than last year's. A new car show will be held on the street between the courthouse and the Memorial triangle just west of the courthouse, and that street will be closed to traffic during the festival. Benny Boyd's dealership from Lamesa is providing the new cars for the first-ever new car show at the festival.

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#### Throughout the day, trivia questions will be asked from the stage, with the audience winning cash prizes for correct answers throughout the day. In addition, "Minute to Win It" type contests will be offered on stage for prize money. Area merchants are donating the cash for the prize give-

aways. Cadillac Jack's band will

perform throughout the day as

This year's Harvest Festival raffle ticket is new, with four chances to win on the ticket that is being sold by Harvest Festival Princess and Queen candidates. The grand prize is a \$1,000 prepaid Visa card, and other prizes on the ticket include a \$250 prepaid Visa card, \$100 food voucher at Thriftway Grocery in Tahoka, and \$100 gasoline from Witt Butane in Tahoka. The four drawings for the prizes on this ticket will be held during the afternoon of the festival, most likely about 4:30 or 5

## Senior Citizen

#### September 19-23

Monday: Ranch chicken mac, steamed squash w/ tomato & onion, cornbread, fruit

Tuesday: Liver & onion or Hamburger steak, brown gravy, mac & tomatoes, Brussels sprouts, bread,

Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, white gravy, baked potato, mixed green salad, biscuits, Jell-o

Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, steamed vegetable medley, salad, garlic bread, cake

Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, sugar

#### cookie Reminders and Activities:

· BINGO ... Play Thursday, Sept. 22 at approximately 2:00 p.m. If weather is still warm, we will try to play at the Housing Authority.

· Harvest Festival Quilt ... Come by the Center to see this year's Harvest Festival Quilt and purchase your raffle tickets for \$1 each or six for \$5. Drawing will be held at the Harvest Festival on September 24.

· Handquilted Baby Quilts starting at \$50 at the center.

· Special Request: The Senior Citizen Center's homebound program is desperately in need of a delivery vehicle. If you have a jeep, Explorer or similar vehicle that is in good working condition that you would consider donating, or selling very cheap, please contact Bianca at 561-5264.

· We graciously welcome all green fresh fruit and vegetable donations.



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#### **New service times** set for FBC Tahoka

Beginning this Sunday, Sept. 18, First Baptist Church, Tahoka will change their service times to the following; Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Worship service 10:45 a.m. At the present, no Sunday. Evening services are being held. At 6:00 p.m. on Sunday Evening, the youth gather for SNL.

Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting and Bible Study begins at 6:00 p.m. WnW (youth) begins at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, and activities for the Children's Ministry, contact First Baptist Church at 561-4557.

HPWD's new pumping rules to be discussed:

## Meeting Wednesday to replace annual Lynn County Ag Tour

by Bryan Reynolds, CEA **Lynn County Agriculture** 

Agricultural producers in Lynn County are invited to a meeting on Wednesday, September 21. The main focus of the meeting will be discussion of the new pumping regulations for the Ogallala Aquifer that were adopted by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District this summer. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be held at The Center for Housing and Community Development in Tahoka (1400 Ave K).

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts provided by the Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation District. Pesticide license holders will receive 3 CEU's for attendance. Cost to attend the meeting will be \$10 per person.

"The drought of 2011 has been extremely detrimental to the crops in Lynn County, so the committee felt it was best to not have an Ag Tour this Fall," stated Bryan Reynolds, County Extension Agent with Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Lynn County. "There are no dryland acres of cotton and much of the irrigated is below normal so we felt the best option was to look for other ways to offer educational opportunities to our growers," said Reynolds.

The record-breaking drought of 2011 is on everyone's mind especially producers who have grown this crop with just irrigation water.

In July, the High Plains Un-

derground Water Conservation District adopted rule amendments designed to implement the district's 50/50 management goal of having 50 percent of the saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer in 2010 available for use in 2060.

State law requires the groundwater conservation districts to adopt and implement rules and achieve their established goals in order to maintain local control over groundwater management. The new rules will begin in January of 2012. These pumping regulations impact all water users in the 16 county High Plains Water District including agriculture, municipalities, public water suppliers and others.

"Education and understanding of the new pumping restrictions are critical and we feel the best way for folks to know about the new requirements is to have the staff of the Water District come to Lynn County and go over these rules," said Reynolds.

For more information, contact

(Photo by Marsha Blackstock) the Natural Resource Conservation Service in Lynn County at (806) 998-4501, ext 3, or the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Lynn County at (806) 561-4562.

Historical site ... Some of the students from Tahoka

Home School Group were given a tour at Tahoka Lake Pasture:

on Monday, Sept. 12 by Clyde May. Indians and early settlers:

camped at the Tahoka Lake site, and owner Clyde May offers.

tours to interested citizens. Students and younger brother

shown (left to right) are Cooper and Bryan Williams, Abby Ro-:

driguez, Evelyn Hardt and Kaleb Rodriguez.

**Jentry Klein Askew** 

Brady and Shea Askew of Ta-; hoka announce the birth of their: daughter Jentry Klein Askew, born on August 22, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at Covenant Women's and: Children's Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz, and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Ty and: Sharla Askew of Tahoka, Kevin: and Tammy Mitchell of New: Home and Doug and Jennifer Wilkinson of Bridgeport.

Great grandparents are Billy and Arnetta Miller of Tahoka; Lyndol Askew of Lubbock, Bon-; nie Askew of Norman, OK, Gilbert and Delores Merritt, Bill and Judy Wilkinson, and Gale Northcott, all of Snyder, and James and Sylvia Mitchell of Wolfforth.

Great-great grandparents are Jack Miller and Nora Wood, both of Tahoka, and Robert and Mildred Taylor of Newton, Kansas.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election November 8, 2011

#### **Proposition Number 1** (SJR 14)

SEPTEMBER 19-23

Breakfast

Lunch

Monday: Grilled cheese, tomato

soup, celery & peanut butter, crack-

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed

potatoes w/ gravy, glazed carrots,

Wednesday: Crispy or soft tacos,

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Thursday: Spaghetti & meatballs,

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Friday: Hamburger, all the trim-

mings, tater tots or baked chips,

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Wednesday: Breakfast pizza

Thursday: Breakfast burrito

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SJR 14 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

#### **Proposition Number 2** (SJR 4)

SJR 4 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstand-

#### **Proposition Number 3** (SJR 50)

SJR 50 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for

students, subject to certain constitutional restrictions, including a restriction as to the maximum principal amount of bonds out-

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: 'The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

standing at any one time.

## **Proposition Number 4**

(HJR 63) HJR 63 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county, and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.'

#### **Proposition Number 5** (SJR 26)

SJR 26 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The, constitutional amendment

authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

#### **Proposition Number 6** (HJR 109)

HJR 109 would amend the constitution to increase the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution. Increased access to the principal of the state public education trust fund would be based upon HJR 109 granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund. HJR 109 would also provide authority to distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

#### **Proposition Number 7** (SJR 28)

SJR 28 would amend the consti-tution by adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities.'

#### **Proposition Number 8** (SJR 16)

SJR 16 would amend the constitution by requiring the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of openspace land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

#### **Proposition Number 9** (SJR 9)

SJR 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the governor, on the written recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of punishment to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervi-

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervi-

#### **Proposition Number 10** (SJR 37)

SJR 37 would amend the constitution by extending the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders if they announce candidacy or become candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."

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We continue to realize how blessed we are to have friends, family, and a community that cares and loves us. Don Smith

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scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees.

**Notice** 

**NEW HOME ISD** 

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

p.m., October 10, 2011 at the school library at 225 N. Main, New Home, Texas

to discuss the District's Financial Integrity Rating System (FIRST) Report. The

hearing is required by law and will be held in conjunction with the regularly

The District's rating for financial accounting year 2009-2010 is Superior

New Home Independent School District will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00

The family of Estella Rodriguez Lechuga would like to thank everyone for all the support given to our family during Estella's illness and passing. All the cards, food, phone calls, flow-

A special thank you to the hospital staff at the Lubbock Heart Hospital and the Lynn County Hospital for the wonderful care that was given to Estella. A heartfelt thank you to the ladies who prayed the rosary, to Father Teo for the church service, and to Eddie and Ruben for the beautiful music

ers, hugs, words of comfort, visits to

the hospitals and to the house, and

especially all-your prayers were greatly

appreciated.

that touched our hearts. The Rodriguez, Lechuga, Alvarado, Calvillo, & Saldana Families

#### SEPTEMBER 19-23 BREAKFAST

Monday: Pop tart Tuesday: Yogurt w/ graham cracker

Wednesday: Sausage Roll Thursday: Breakfast muffin Friday: Pizza bagels

#### · LUNCH

Monday: Sub sandwich, trimmings, tots, sliced peaches, brownie

Tuesday: Popcorn chicken, broccoli & rice w/ cheese, salad, cornbread, pears

Wednesday: Sloppy Joe's, corn cobbette, chips, apple Thursday: Steakfingers, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, roll, frozen cherry fruit bar Friday: Chicken quesadilla, pinto beans, corn, apricot cobbler

## **SEPTEMBER 19-23**

BREAKFAST Monday: Canada bacon, toast, vogurt & banana

Tuesday: Cinnamon roll Wednesday: Mustang McMuffin Thursday: Oatmeal & toast Friday: Eggs, hash brown, toast

#### LUNCH

Monday: Corn dog, western beans, celery & carrot dippers, pudding cup Tuesday: Meaty macaroni, salad,

corn, cornbread, frozen cherry fruit Wednesday: Oven chicken,

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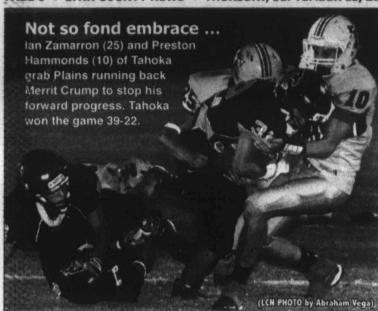
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## **Council hears update** on waterline project

by JUANELL JONES

The city of Tahoka could have a completely new waterline system under city streets by the year 2015, if all plans work out according to schedule. That was the news from engineer Matt Hopper, who met with the Tahoka City Council, Mayor John Baker and Administrator Jerry Webster at Monday night's city council meeting.

Webster told The News that Hopper made a presentation to the group regarding the extensive waterline replacement project, for which the city was recently awarded a \$239,000 planning grant from the Economically Distressed Areas Program from the Texas Water Development Board.

"Matt told us that he anticipates the planning portion to take 12-18 months, partly because of the extensive submissions of data to the state that they have to approve, and those usually take up to 60 days to review each submission throughout the planning stages," Webster explained. "After the planning portion is completed, he

hopes that the construction phase would take another 12-18 months, if all goes according to plan. If that holds true, then the waterline project could be completed, construction and all, sometime in 2015," he added.

In other business, council members approved fee increases in several city fees, including:

· Water - increase the base rate from \$28.25 to \$29.50;

· Sewer - increase the residential rate from \$27 to \$28.25, and the commercial rate from \$27-\$33 to \$28.25-\$34.25;

· Sanitation - increase the residential rate from \$18 to \$19.25, and increase the various commercial rates by \$1.25

 Utility deposit – increase from \$75 to \$100

• Reconnect fee - increase from \$15/\$25 (workday/after

hours) to \$25/\$50. The council officially approved keeping the 2011 property tax rate at the current rate of \$0.747030, and adopted the 2011-2012 budget with expenses anticipated at a total of \$2,358,979.

#### **NHISD Board** sets tax rate

The New Home Independent School District Board of Trustees met Monday night, approving a 2011 tax rate of \$1.25 per \$100 of property value, which is down a penny from last year's rate of \$1.26. The tax rate includes a rate of \$1.17 for Maintenance and Operating, and an Interest and Sinking rate of .08 cents for bonded indebtedness.

The five trustees present for the meeting voted for the tax rate, including Andy Maeker, Martin Gill, Travis Smith, Rachelle Link and Matt Barrington. Absent from the meeting were board members Kevin Mitchell and Gregg Nieman. Leland Zant is Superinten-

The budget includes \$923,875 in the General Fund, \$901,387 in the Water/Sewer Fund, and \$533,717 in the Sanitation Fund.

There will be a new fourway stop sign at the intersection of North 3rd and Ave. R soon. Council members voted to add the stop signs after several citizen complaints about the intersection, which had stop signs on one street but not as a four-way.

#### Art/Photo Contest:

at the Lynn County Harvest Festival on Sept. 24

> Contact James Craig at 806-998-4515

#### Classic Car Show:

at the Lynn County Harvest Festival on Sept. 24

**Contact Marvin Pierce** at 806-759-7227



Battle ... The New Home Leopards battle their way down the field in Friday night's contest with Kress. #7 Josh Paul carries the ball, and blocking left center is #25 Zach Jackson, #16 Zach English blocks far right. (NHISD Photo)

## **USDA outlines SURE** eligibility requirements

Lynn County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rodney Schoppa, announced that legislative authority for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program ends on September 30, 2011. Producers must meet specific eligibility requirements to receive SURE assistance for disasters that occur on or before September 30, 2011, and affect fall 2011 and 2012 crops.

"The SURE program compensates producers for production and/or quality losses during times of disaster," said Schoppa.

Producers can apply for a 2011 or 2012 SURE payment if a crop of economic significance located in a primary or contiguous disaster county under a Secretarial Disaster Designation suffered at least a 10 percent loss because of disaster occurring on or before September 30, 2011.

Crops are not required to be harvested on or before September 30, 2011, to maintain SURE eligibility. A loss claim will only trigger after FSA determines that the loss was because of disaster occurring on or before September 30, 2011. Losses that result from disasters that occur after September 30, 2011, will not be eligible for SURE benefits. Producers with 2011 and 2012

crops that suffer losses caused by disasters that occur on or before September 30, 2011, must also meet the following criteria:

· For insured crops, the insur-

ance policy defines the coverage period as beginning on or before September 30, 2011

 For Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) crops, the coverage period begins on or before September 30, 2011

· The final planting date according to RMA and FSA (NAP crops only) occur on or before September 30, 2011.

Schoppa points out that, "If the crop is planted prior to September 30, 2011, but the final planting date is after September 30, 2011, the crop will not be eligible for SURE benefits."

The sign-up period for 2011 and 2012 SURE will be announced at a later date, after the national average market prices are determined for each respective crop year. For questions regarding the SURE program, please contact the Lynn County FSA office at 806-998-4501 ext.

#### **Band Booster** golf tourney is Saturday

The annual Golf Tournament hosted by the Tahoka Band Boosters will be held Saturday, September 17, 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 will have the opportunity to 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.

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



**SEPTEMBER 19-23** Breakfast Monday: Cinnamon roll

Tuesday: French toast sticks Wednesday: Tortilla omelet Thursday: Pancake pup Friday: Muffins

Lunch nday: Corn dog, w celery & carrot dippers, pudding Tuesday: Meaty macaroni, salad,

corn, cornbread, frozen cherry fruit Wednesday: Oven chicken, mashed

potatoes/gravy, green beans, roll, Thursday: Nachos grande, trimmings, Spanish rice, orange smile,

sugar cookie Friday: Pizza broccoli salad, corn cobbette, applesauce, chocolate

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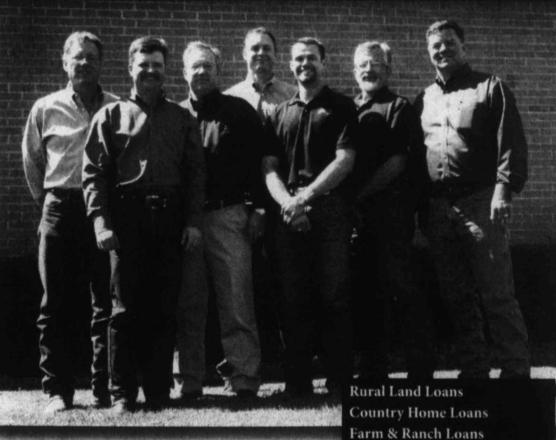


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