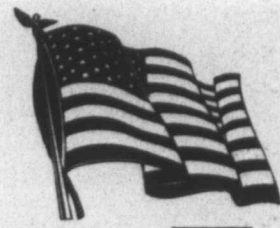




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Lynn County News 110-year anniversary Special Edition planned

The Lynn County News will publish a Special Edition on Oct. 10, 2013, celebrating its 110th birthday with a 110-year Special Edition depicting photos, stories, headlines or other interesting tidbits of history from the pages of each year of the newspaper since the first edition was published on Oct. 9, 1903.

The county newspaper is the oldest retail business in Lynn County that still operates under the same name it started with, and has published more than 5,700 issues during the past 110 years. LCN staff have researched those issues (*whew, we're tired!*) to compile the special edition.

LYNN COUNTY FOOTBALL GAMES:

Friday, Sept. 27:
 Tahoka at Plains
 Sands at O'Donnell
 Wilson at Christ The King
 New Home at Grady

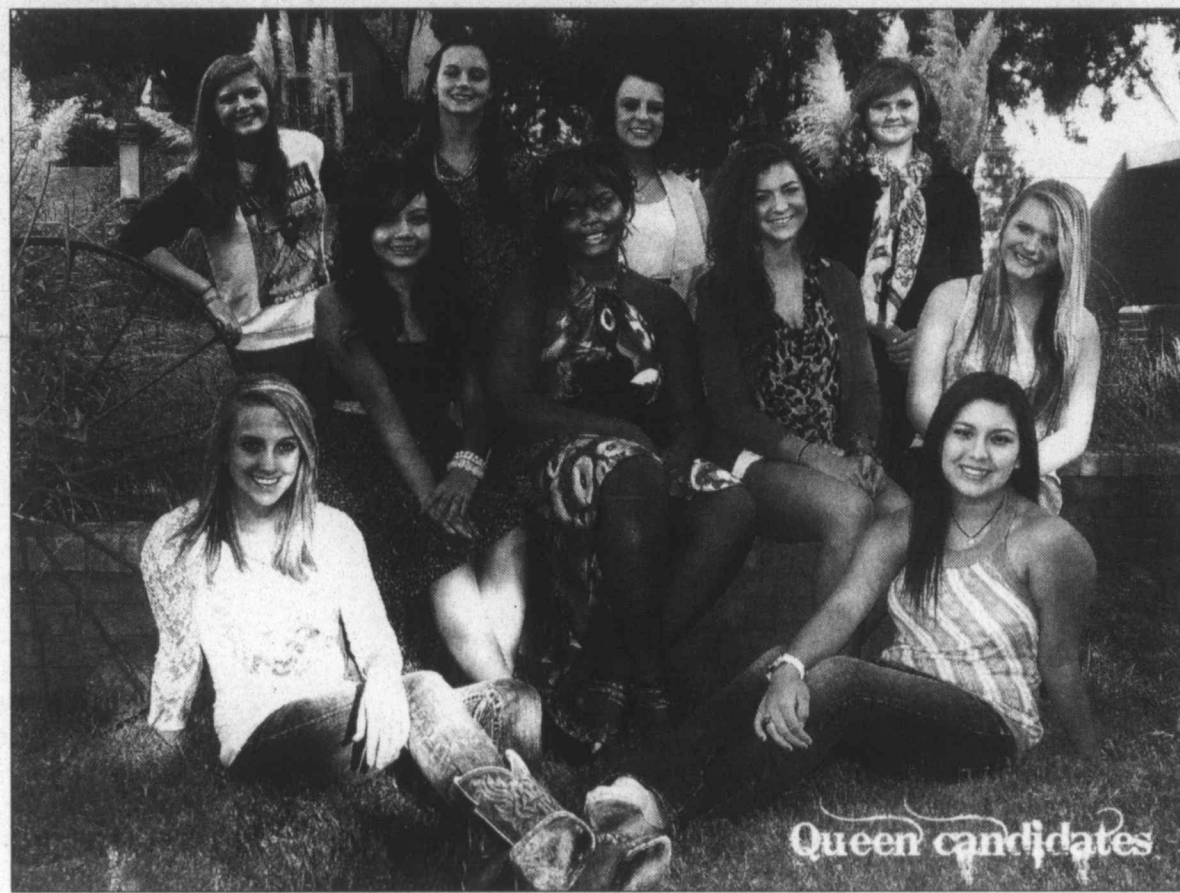
LYNN COUNTY SCOREBOARD

Post 27 - 20 Tahoka
 O'Donnell 88 - 53 Odessa L.R.
 Wilson 52 - 44 Patton Springs
 Petersburg 34 - 13 New Home

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Sept. 17	81	63	
Sept. 18	86	63	
Sept. 19	75	67	
Sept. 20	72	65	
Sept. 21	80	52	
Sept. 22	83	52	
Sept. 23	89	54	
Total Precip for Jan.:			0.93"
Total Precip for Feb.:			0.96"
Total Precip for Mar.:			-0-
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Total Precip for May:			0.81"
Total Precip for June:			4.82"
Total Precip for July:			3.29"
Total Precip for Aug.:			3.49"
Total Precip for Sept.:			0.38"
Total Precip. for 2013:			14.68"



Harvest Festival Queen candidates

Pictured at left are the 10 young ladies vying for the title of 2013 Lynn County Harvest Festival Queen and the accompanying scholarship, with the winner to be crowned at the Harvest Festival on Oct. 5. Candidates include, seated in front on the grass, Kaitlyn Motley of O'Donnell and Lexi Torres of New Home; middle row: Cashai Perez, Dastine White, Madison Lockaby and Madison Fowler, all of Tahoka; and standing in back from left, Yancy Draper of Tahoka, Skye Kirkland and Jesse Terry of New Home, and Jordan Fowler of Tahoka.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)

Harvest Festival is next Saturday

The 38th Annual Lynn County Harvest Festival will be held at the courthouse square in Tahoka next Saturday, Oct. 5, featuring live entertainment, 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 an outdoor 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). Admission to the festival is free.

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.

Something new this year is a photo booth, provided by the Harvest Festival Committee, for fun photo opportunities. The photo booth will feature an exterior television screen showing the photos as they are taken inside the booth, for passersby to enjoy.

An art/photo show will also be held at the festival, with entries displayed in a window near the square. Photo entries and art entries will be judged separately, with prizes offered in several categories. People may vote on their favorite entries at a table set up near the display. Entries are due by 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at the office of James Craig, Atty. at Law, or call him at 561-4516 for more information.

Throughout the festival, 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 giveaways. Cadillac Jack's band will perform throughout the day as well.

The Harvest Festival Movie on the Square will begin at dark, around 8:30 p.m., featuring a family movie suitable for all ages. Everyone should bring quilts or lawn chairs for seating on the courthouse lawn. The movie will be shown on the wall of Tejada's Café, facing the courthouse, and admission is free. Popcorn and soft drinks will be available for purchase.

Tahoka's 4th Centenarian Polly Gibson to be 100 on October 1

On October 1, 2013, Pauline Wheeler Gibson officially becomes a centenarian as she celebrates her 100th birthday. She still lives at her home in Tahoka, and will celebrate her birthday with family and friends this Sunday afternoon (Sept. 29), from 2-4 p.m.

When she turns 100 on Tuesday, Mrs. Gibson will be one of four centenarians living in Tahoka, joining Jackie Turner (102), Madeline Hegi (102) and Oleta Smith (100).

Polly was born in Wynert, one of five children, to Felix and Ily B. Wheeler. She married Randall (Hick) Gibson on Jan. 7, 1933, and the couple made their home in Tahoka. She has been blessed with three children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

"Each age brings its own gifts, and we need to celebrate our aging by offering a thank you list to God. Polly's list would certainly include her family, her caregiver, Margie, and her many friends," said a family member. "Please help her celebrate this phenomenal stage in her life by coming by her home on Sunday, September 29, from 2-4 p.m. No gifts please, as your presence will be her present," she added.



Blood Drive to be held Oct. 4

A community blood drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at the Bloodmobile at Lynn County Hospital, located at 2600 Lockwood. Donors can schedule an appointment for the blood drive by visiting www.bloodhero.com (sponsor code: lynn) or call Julia Allen at 806-998-4433 ext. 333. Please bring photo ID and donor card.

Harvest Festival Princess candidates

There are 24 young ladies vying for the title of 2013 Lynn County Harvest Festival Princess, with the girl selling the most raffle tickets to be crowned Princess at the Harvest Festival on Oct. 5. Candidates are: in front from left, seated on steps, Natalie Lopez, Alexia Saldana, Christina Hernandez, Kazmyn Sires, Makayla Moya and Alyssa Antu; standing from left, front row: Bryannah Pedroza, Abrianna Mindieta and Amy Tew; middle row: Alyssa Coronado, Shelby Santos, Zoey Redman, Veronica Acosta, Desiree Fernandez, Malaysia Washington, Mariah Martinez, and Kylee Ortiz; back row: Espe Bustamante, Morgan Mackey, Zaylee Vega, Gaby DeLeon, Devoney Nambo, and Sierra Chavera. Not shown is Maggie Segovia.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)



Words of Inspiration:

" People in the same boat should help each other. "

— CHINESE PROVERB "

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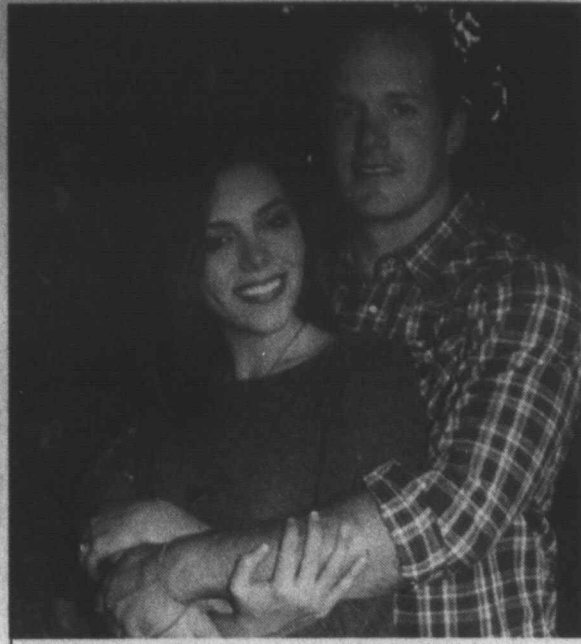
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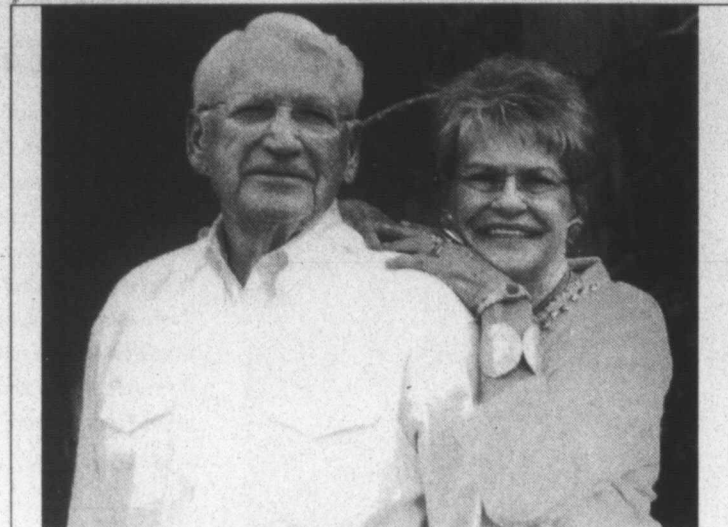
Box-Goen to wed Dec. 28

Ray and Cathy Box of Tahoka announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Rae, to Chad Estes Goen, both of Lubbock. He is the son of Scot and Deanne Goen of San Angelo.

The future bride, a graduate of Tahoka High School, received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Lubbock Christian University and is a medical student at Texas Tech University.

Goen is a graduate of Ballinger High School and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Tech University in Wildlife and Fisheries Management. He currently attends Wolfforth Fire Academy and is employed by Tree Tech in Lubbock.

The couple has planned a December 28 wedding at the Tahoka Church of Christ.



Couple to celebrate 50th anniversary

Gayland and Kay James of New Home will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on September 28 at 4-Bar K (inside), in Lubbock. The event is hosted by their children, Kyle James of Keller and Coby James of Flower Mound.

James and the former Kay Bratcher were married September 27, 1963 in Lubbock. They have four grandchildren.

be held at The Center for Housing and Development, located at 1400 Ave. K. (corner of S. 3rd and Ave. K). No formal activities have been set for Saturday.

For more information, contact Kenneth Scott at 806-998-4615.

Rotary sponsoring clean up day Saturday

Tahoka Rotary Club is sponsoring a "Clean Up Tahoka Day" on Saturday, Sept. 28. Rotarians will meet at Tahoka Donuts Saturday morning at 8:00 and invite everyone to come help spruce up for the upcoming Homecoming and Harvest Festival festivities.

"Throw on some work gloves, grab your weedeaters, rakes, shovels and hoes and come out and join us," commented one Rotarian. Saturday's efforts will be primarily focused on the Main Street and Lockwood areas. Local residents and business owners are also encouraged to do their part and clean up around their property.

Live concert set Sunday at St. Jude's

IGNIT will be live in concert at St. Jude Catholic Church, 1829 S. 4th, Tahoka, this Sunday from 6:30-8 p.m. The concert is free, and all youth are invited to attend.

Food, drinks, and glow sticks will be available for purchase. For more information contact Virginia Herrera at 806-535-2242 or D'Maris Murillo at 806-544-3481.

Commissioners approve 2013 property tax rate, adopt budget

Lynn County Commissioners moved to adopt the 2013 property tax rate at 81-cents per \$100 of property value, in unanimous action taken in special session on Sept. 19. The 2013-2014 budget was also approved. Commissioners Keith Wied, Mike Braddock, Don Blair and Danny Martin all voted in favor of both issues.

In regular session on Monday of this week, commissioners approved a list of county holidays for 2014, increased fees in the sheriff's department, and renewed participation in a grant in the victim's assistance department.

The following holidays were approved for 2014: Jan. 1 (New Year's Day), Feb. 17 (President's Day), Apr. 18 (Good Friday), May 26 (Memorial Day), July 4 (Independence Day), Sept. 1 (Labor Day), Oct. 13 (Columbus Day), Nov. 11 (Veterans' Day), Nov. 27-28 (Thanksgiving), and Dec. 24-25 (Christmas).

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported that fee schedules in the Sheriff's Dept. had increased slightly, in line with other counties, for services provided in legal procedures. Lena Cloe, Lynn County Victim's Assistance director, asked commissioners to renew participation in a VINE grant, which provides state funding for a statewide system in which victims of crimes are notified regarding the location/release of inmates involved in crimes related to their cases.

"The county is not expending any funds for this system, which is used statewide, to allow victims of crimes to be notified of the whereabouts of the perpetrators of their crimes," explained Mrs. Cloe. Commissioners approved the request.

Judge Carter Schildknecht, 106th Judicial District, met briefly with the court to present a letter from the State Attorney General's office that complimented her office and the district for their collection of child support payments in excess of \$1 million involving Lynn County cases during the previous year.

Juanell Jones, publisher of The Lynn County News, told commissioners that the News will publish a special 110-year anniversary edition in October and asked if Lynn County officials would want to participate with a page depicting all employees of county offices, since Lynn County is also observing its 110th year. County officials expressed a desire to participate, noting that each office would contribute its share of funds for the page.

by Dalton **Woodwork**



DISCOVERY of the bodies of three teenagers who drowned more than 40 years ago was reported by Fox News last week, and although it was a tragedy, it reminded me of something that has been a long-standing source of amusement in my family.

Although I never had heard of the three missing teenagers until last week, our family inside joke was born about the same time they disappeared, and pretty much in the same area of Oklahoma.

My wife and I were riding in a car, traveling in the vicinity of Clinton, OK, with my mother and stepfather, both now deceased, when he gestured toward a large lake a mile or so off to the right of the highway, and asked my mother, "What's the name of that lake over there?" We had been visiting in Oklahoma. Her father had been a Methodist minister at Foss, OK, and my brother lived at that time in Midwest City.

My stepfather was hard of hearing, and when she answered, "I've forgotten," he came back with the question, "Lake Auguatotten?" For years after that, family members would sometimes suggest taking a vacation trip to Lake Auguatotten.

Fox News and the daily Elk Citan reported last week that law enforcement officials had pulled from a lake two vehicles that may contain the bodies of six people listed as missing for decades. One was a 1969 Camaro missing with three Sayre teenagers since 1970. The other was an older Chevrolet, apparently owned by one of three Canute residents missing since 1969. The remains found in the cars were bones.

The cars were found by accident. Dive teams conducting training in the murky lake with sonar found the cars a week earlier, then recovered them on a scheduled dive last week. They had assumed the cars were stolen, but then they found the bones inside.

Anyway, it was in Foss Lake in a state park. I don't know if the lake is visible from the nearby highway, but if it is, we may finally have learned the real name of Lake Auguatotten.

IF YOU EVER go to Zimbabwe, wherever that is, you may not want to spend a night there. One morning last week, a man who had slept all night in a Zimbabwe lodge discovered an 8-foot crocodile under his bed. The terrified guy, who said he had been swinging his bare feet over the side, inches away from the croc, called animal control people, who dragged the 330-pound creature back to the wild. The crocodile is believed to have come from a river a mile away from the lodge.

No crocodiles have been reported in Lake Auguatotten.

Accident, thefts, reported in city

A minor traffic accident, two theft reports and a case of criminal mischief were among incidents investigated by Tahoka Police Dept. during the last week.

A man traced by his vehicle license number was being sought in connection with theft of five 30-packs of beer from two stores in Tahoka Sunday. A clerk at Allsup's told police the man left that store without paying for three packs of beer, and he was followed to Stripes in Tahoka, where he also left without paying for two packs. A Tahoka policeman stopped the suspect as he was headed north on U.S. 87 attempting to leave town. The man, reportedly from Arlington, was jailed.

In the 1700-block of S. 2nd St., the driver of an eastbound 2009 Chevrolet Aveo, Christie Carlson Cloud, 42, told police she

was blinded by the morning sun, causing her car to hit a parked trailer attached to a 2001 Chevrolet pickup owned by Thermo Dynamics Insulation of Idalou. The driver was taken to Lynn County Hospital by private vehicle and treated then released.

Lucille Hall of Tahoka advised police that two windows on her trailer house on S. 4th St. had been damaged by BB gunshots. And Maria Gutierrez, who also lives on S. 4th, told police someone had stolen a windshield wiper from her car while it was parked in the driveway of her home.

Lynn County jail was holding 16 persons early this week, with two held for Andrews County. Most recent arrests were for failure to appear in court plus no registration, possession of a controlled substance less than one gram, and an order of the court.

Class of 1963 reunion set

The THS Class of 1963 will meet on Oct. 4 at 12:30 p.m. for registration for Ex-students assembly held in the THS auditorium. There will be a float in the parade for the class. Look for the banner "Class of 1963". Following the parade the class will attend the pep rally on the Court-house lawn.

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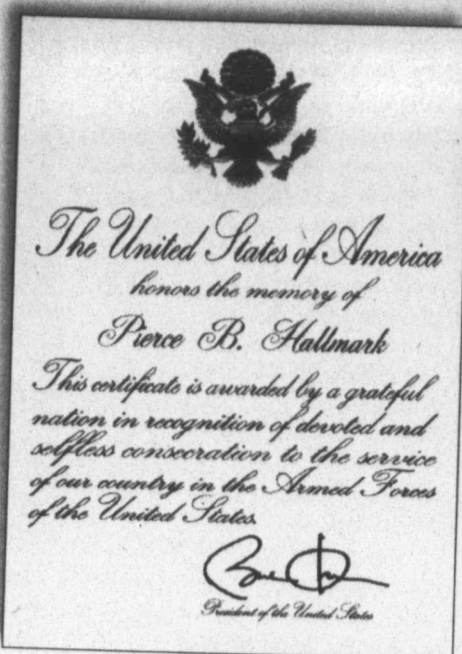
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Obituaries Presidential mail.

Presidential Memorial Certificate posthumously honors Pierce Hallmark

by JUANELL JONES

A Tahoka woman this week received an unexpected surprise in her mailbox – a Presidential Memorial Certificate, signed by President Barack Obama, honoring the memory of her late husband, Pierce Hallmark. Hallmark died four months ago, in May, a few months after celebrating his 100th birthday on Feb. 18, 2013. His wife, Connie, was surprised and touched when she opened her mail Tuesday morning to find the presidential certificate honoring the memory of Pierce B. Hallmark.



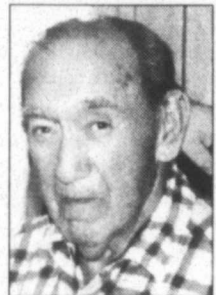
Marcella Paige Craddock

Services for Marcella Paige Craddock, 26, of Tahoka, were held September 19, 2013, at 11:00 a.m., at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka with Rev. Larry Ybarro officiating. Interment was at Nevels Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

Marcella was born July 26, 1987 in Dublin, to Jackie Jackson and Terry Craddock Jr. She graduated from Dublin High School in 2005 and moved to Tahoka in 2007.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Gunda Craddock.

She is survived by her mother, Jackie Jackson Salinas of Tahoka; her father, Terry Craddock Jr. of Dublin; partner, Arnesto Ramos Jr. of Tahoka; one son Arnesto Alexander Ramos of Tahoka; two daughters, Brooklyn Paige Saenz, Azelyn Lee Saenz both of Tahoka; one brother, Hunter Craddock of Dublin; three sisters, Rochelle Briana Salinas, Gabriella Lauren Alvarez, Danielle Celeste Hernandez all of Tahoka; grandparents, Terry Craddock Sr. James Rayford Jackson and Ana Maria Jackson, all of Dublin.



Natividad Vasquez, Sr

Mass for Natividad Vasquez, Sr., 78, of Goodland, KS., were held Tuesday, September 17, at 10:00 AM MT, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland, with Father Norbert Dlabal presiding. Burial was at Goodland Cemetery. He died Wednesday, September 11, 2013, at Thornton, CO.

He was born August 7, 1935, at Cesthova, the son of Dulcinella (Apobaca) and Jose M. Vasquez. On October 25, 1954, he and Maria Jesus Vasquez were married at the Catholic Church in Tahoka. In 1970, they moved from Tahoka to Goodland, to make their home. He had worked on area farms and also for Unified School District 352 in Goodland as a custodian. He was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Preceding him in death were his son Richard Vasquez; and infant daughter Melinda Vasquez; parents; brother Raymond Vasquez; and sisters Juanita Cantu and Adelina Reyes.

Survivors include daughter Janie Juarez of Plainview; son Raul Vasquez and his wife Susan of Bartlesville, OK; Joe Vasquez and his wife Becky of Ottawa; Maria Gomez of Greeley, CO; Dulcinella Fyfe and her husband Dennis of Goodland; Natividad Vasquez, Jr. and his wife Kerri of Goodland; two sisters Maria Gutierrez and Virginia Lara, both of Tahoka; and half-brother John Molinas of New Mexico; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be designated to Natividad Vasquez, Sr. Memorial, may be mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main Ave., Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Hallmark was a longtime resident of Tahoka, where he and his wife made their home, and where Connie still resides. Pierce and Connie met in the Philippines, where he was employed by the U.S. Government at Subic Bay. A World War II veteran who was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy on Dec. 21, 1946, Pierce was employed as a civilian as the Technical Division Director at the United States Naval Base in Subic Bay, Philippines for 30 years, from 1946-1972.

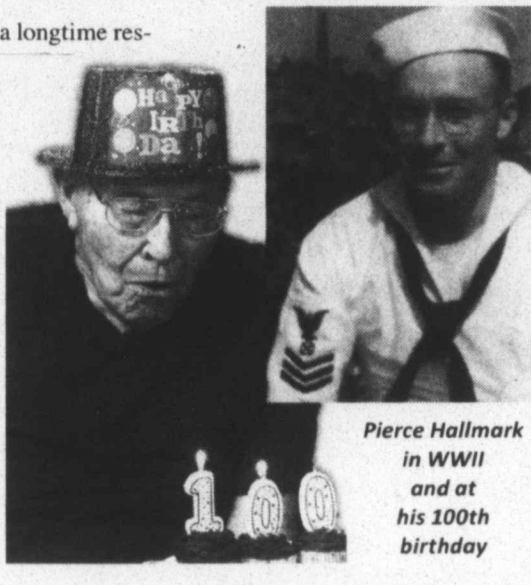
Hallmark was also Supervisory Equipment Specialist General for the U.S. Naval Supply Depot in Subic Bay, and as Technical Division Director he worked with the U.S. Naval Investigative Service for several years. Upon his retirement after 30 years working with the federal agency, the Dept. of the Navy presented him with an award expressing their appreciation, which reads in part:

"The Naval Investigative Service Resident Agency, Subic Bay, wishes to express its sincere appreciation to you for your many years of invaluable assistance to this office. During the past 15 years, you have always responded to our calls for assistance in identifying property seized by this Office. Frequently, you worked all hours of the night or day always without complaint. Your testimony before the Philippine Courts has made possible the conviction of numerous persons responsible for the thefts of property from the United States Government. You provided this testimony with full knowledge of the possible hazards to you and your family."

The Naval Supply Depot also presented Hallmark with a plaque for 30 years of loyal and dedicated government service, expressing recognition for demonstrated leadership in organizing the Technical Division in 1952, and "built it to its present enviable status as one of the best in the whole United States Navy."

That plaque holds a place of honor in the Hallmark home, as will the Presidential Memorial Certificate that posthumously honors Pierce.

"I was deeply touched and amazed when I opened the mail and discovered this certificate," she said. "It is quite an honor, and I am so pleased."



Pierce Hallmark in WWII and at his 100th birthday



Honored...The Tahoka Church of Christ was chosen among a handful of finalists as Hunger Heroes by the South Plains Food Bank. A luncheon was held Friday, Sept. 20 at Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock. Those attending were: in back, Jack and Kelley Scott, center, Jan Roberts and Mary Aguero, and seated, Yolanda Aleman and Pastor, Steve Bonner.

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Senior Citizen's MENU

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Monday: Shepherds pie, stewed okra & tomatoes, coleslaw, wheat roll, butterscotch pudding
Tuesday: Smothered pork chops, southwest potatoes, squash casserole, carrot & raisin salad, cornbread, sliced peaches
Wednesday: Chicken spaghetti, spinach, carrot & raisin salad,



Grand Champion... Lindsey Cobb, of New Home, is pictured here at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock, with her Grand Champion Goat. She is a member of the New Home FFA. Pictured from left are Sandy Jones, Curtis Preston (Superintendent), Aaron Jennings (Judge), Lindsey, and Ian Cobb.

gingerbread w/ peach sauce
Thursday: Breaded chicken tenders, baked potato, peas & carrots, strawberries w/ whipped topping
Friday: Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges
Mark your calendars...
• The bid for the "Community" quilt is currently at \$600. Contact Bianca Baker at the Center

(561-5264) to place bids. It is on display at the Center and bids will be taken through the Harvest Festival (until 4 pm that Saturday).

Leopards lose to Petersburg

The New Home Leopards ran up against a tough Petersburg six-man football team last week and lost 34-13.

Clayton Walden scored both New Home touchdowns, his first one on a 2-yard run late in the first quarter, which ended with the Leopards trailing by just 8-6.

Petersburg scored twice in each of the next two quarters to take a 34-6 lead at the end of three periods. New Home came back with 7 points in the fourth, but it was not enough. The last touchdown was scored by Walden on a 17-yard pass from Mariano Torres. Chris Alaniz took a pass for the extra point.

Blaine Watts and Brad Walden led the New Home defense. Watts completed 4 of 10 passes for 79 yards. Clayton Walden caught three of those for 40 yards and rushed 56 yards on 15 carries. Torres gained 58 in 18 carries. D.J. Ussery caught one pass for 33 yards and Eric Baker caught one for 23.



Throw in the Towels ... Lynn County Hospital District held a fundraiser Sept. 3-6 collecting gently used or new potholders, dish towels and dish rags for the Tahoka Senior Citizens Center kitchen. From left, are Terri Cisneros, Ginger Henry and Alma Tomamao standing in front of the items collected.

Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The **CITY OF O'DONNELL** conducted public hearings on September 18, 2013 and September 23, 2013 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the **City of O'Donnell** from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 3.700000 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of 0.835180 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$145,517.22.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 0.835180 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$148,134.79.

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The **O'Donnell City Council** is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on **OCTOBER 3, 2013** at 6:00 PM at **O'DONNELL CITY HALL**.

Kent Kahl, Marty Hammonds named outstanding farmers at County Ag Tour

Farmers, ranchers, agri-business men and women gathered at Woolam Gin in O'Donnell to attend the annual Lynn County Ag Tour last week. The tour was sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Lynn County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD). The field tours were cancelled due to rain the previous day, therefore all presentations were made at the gin and concluded with a noon meal sponsored by Lynn-Garza Farm Bureau and presentation of the Outstanding Farmer and Outstanding Young Farmer of the year awards.

Dr. Jason Woodward, plant pathologist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service, discussed nematodes and fusarium wilt control. Dr. Mark Kelly spoke to the group about Harvest Aids for 2013. Dr. Peter Dotray, weed scientist with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service spoke about fall weed control and weed resistance issues. Dr. Tommy Doederlein, with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service spoke about Nematode Management and Disease Issues.

Other presentations were given by Jason Yang, General Manager for Cirrus Wind Projects, and Dr. Allen Knutson, AgriLife Extension Service. Yang spoke to the group about the wind turbines east of O'Donnell. Dr. Knutson's presentation was on salt cedar control with beetles.

Kent Kahl was selected as the Outstanding Farmer of the Year and Marty Hammonds was selected as the Outstanding



Outstanding farmers... Marty Hammonds, left, was selected as the Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year and Kent Kahl, right, was selected as the Outstanding Farmer of the Year. They are shown here with Jason Gandy, Assistant Vice President of AgTexas FCS who provided the plaques for the awards. Both winners were selected by a committee composed of representatives from the USDA agencies, financial institutions and previous year's winners.

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Helen Saldaña was presented with a plaque and a cash award in appreciation for 30 years of service to the Lynn County SWCD. The presentation was made at the Lynn County Ag Tour by C. Todd Lockaby, Chairman of the SWCD Board of Directors

Appreciation was expressed to several businesses for providing door prizes: Ag Texas FCS, Lyntegar Electric, Poka Lambro, Lynco Automotive, First National Bank, First Bank & Trust, PYCO Industries, CHS, Mesa Pivot Irrigation, Walker-Solomon Insurance, Lynn County Abstract and Title, Cal Huffaker, Attorney at Law, Thriftway Supermarket, Witt Butane Co., Turner Seed Co. and Bamert Seed Co.



30 years of service...

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Three Middle school students recognized at Board Meeting

Three Tahoka Middle School students, Alicia Broun, Mercedes Perez, and Kaleb Rodriguez, were recognized at the Sept. 17 Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees meeting, for their outstanding essays and art work in state contest hosted by Texas A&M. The contest theme was "Energy in Our World: Today and Tomorrow." Mrs. Holloway, their English teacher, encouraged the students to participate and traveled with them to Texas A&M to receive their awards.

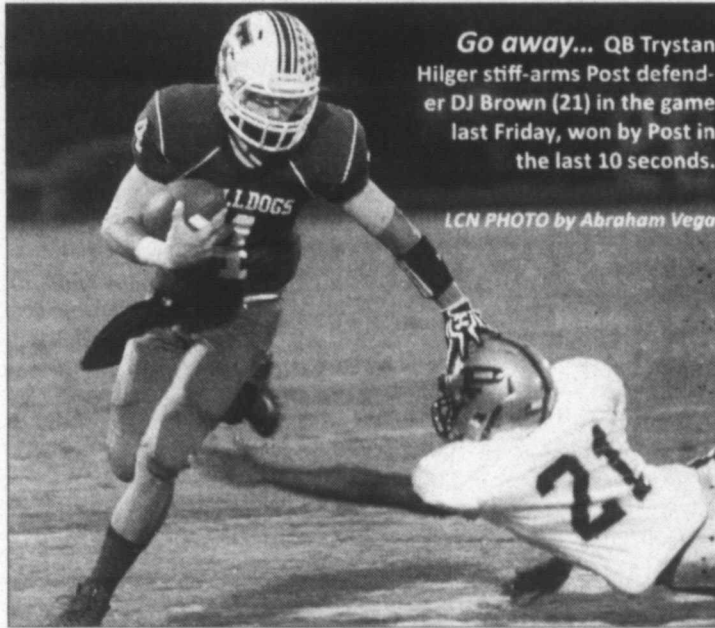
"Tahoka Middle School was honored for being in the Top 25 percent in the new accountability system that Texas has implemented this past year. They were one of 24 campuses in Region 17 and one of 759 campuses in the state that met all three areas of the distinguished level. They also received a Resolution from Region 17 Education Center for this accomplishment," noted TISD Superintendent Steve Burleson.

The Board approved Texas Association of School Boards Policy Update 97, and took action to raise the district's mileage stipend from \$.28 per mile to \$.48 per mile. There was no action taken on consideration of a contract with Under Armour.

Business Manager Karen Johnston discussed the district's investment policies and investment accounts from last year. The Board approved the report and policies as presented.

Supt. Burleson reported there were 625 students enrolled in the school district, up 19 students from the first day of school and this same time last year.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Harvick Education Building.



Go away... QB Trystan Hilger stiff-arms Post defender DJ Brown (21) in the game last Friday, won by Post in the last 10 seconds.

LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega

Dogs play tough, but Antelopes win 27-20

Despite a tremendous effort by the Tahoka Bulldogs, led by the play of Preston Hammonds, the visiting Post Antelopes remained unbeaten Friday, winning 27-20 on a score in the last 10 seconds of the game.

Tahoka QB Trystan Hilger had connected with Hammonds on a 39-yard pass play to tie the game at 20-20 with only 35 seconds remaining, but after the kickoff, Post's DJ Brown ran 45 yards to win the game with 10 ticks left.

Earlier in the game, Hammonds scored on an 89-yard run and also caught a 2-point conversion pass.

This week the Bulldogs, now 2-2 for the year, will go to Plains, which last Friday lost to Sudan, 35-6.

Post took the lead just 20 seconds into the game Friday on

a 60-yard run by Bryan Smith, missing the extra point. With 7:54 left in the first, Hammonds escaped on his long TD run, so Tahoka led 8-6 after the conversion, and at the end of the first period.

The Bulldogs went up 14-6 when Ke'Shawn Hood ran 6 yards early in the second, and that was the score at halftime.

Post cut the lead to 14-12 when Pake Jones ran 21 yards in the third quarter, the only score of that period. Early in the 4th, Jones again scored to give Post a 20-14 lead. That was all the scoring until the two teams swapped touchdowns in the final seconds of the game.

Hammonds' 89-yard scoring run made him Tahoka's leading rusher with 99 yards on just three carries, followed by Hood with 37 yards on 13 carries. Hilger had 20 yards rushing and 45 yards passing.

Bulldog linebacker Ray Parmer had 19 tackles, followed by Mikkel Garza with 11 and Kordell Baker and Doménique Herrera with 10 each.

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School Pictures Set for Sept. 30

Tahoka High School and Middle School students will have school pictures taken Monday, Sept. 30. Information packets have been sent home with students and extra copies are available at the front office. Senior pictures will also be taken Sept. 30. For more information, contact yearbook adviser Rachel Lehman, rlehman@tahokaisd.us.

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TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

JV Football Falls To Post

The JV football team travelled to Post and lost 42-0. Braden Cook recovered a fumble for Tahoka.

The Bulldogs will play Plains at home Thursday at 7:30 following the middle school games.

Cross Country Brings Home Medal

Cross Country runners participated in the Lubbock Invitational JV meet on Saturday.

Miranda DeLeon finished in the top 25 and brought home a medal. Her time was 14:50. Andrea Garcez finished in 16:12, and Caley Bingham ran 16:48.

Sean DeLeon finished with a time of 21:24. Craig Mendez also ran, finishing in 25:20.

Tahoka woman finds rattlesnake in her garage

A close encounter of the reptilian kind was an unpleasant surprise for Tahoka's Paula Reynolds last Friday afternoon, when she discovered a rattlesnake coiled beside a row of boots and shoes inside her garage at her home in the 2300 block of N. 3rd Street, directly west of the Tahoka ISD football stadium.

"This was right after school let out, and my garage door was closed when I got home. I opened the garage door and had to have passed right by it as I was walking into the house, but I didn't see it. Then Hadley (her son) saw it, and said, 'Mom, there's a snake!'" Mrs. Reynolds told *The News*. "Then I looked down and saw it, and of course I jumped backwards, and that's when it rattled.

"Of course, Bryan (Paula's husband) was out of town, since this is the kind of thing that happens when he's gone," she said with a laugh. "So Hadley called Matt Woodley, and then the ag teacher Rich Hannum, and then Roddy Gandy - not sure why he called all three of them, but they all got it out onto the driveway and killed it," reported Mrs. Reynolds.

"This neighborhood has lots of children, so I told all the neighbors to keep an eye out - and of course the school is just right here too," she added.

The neighborhood is only



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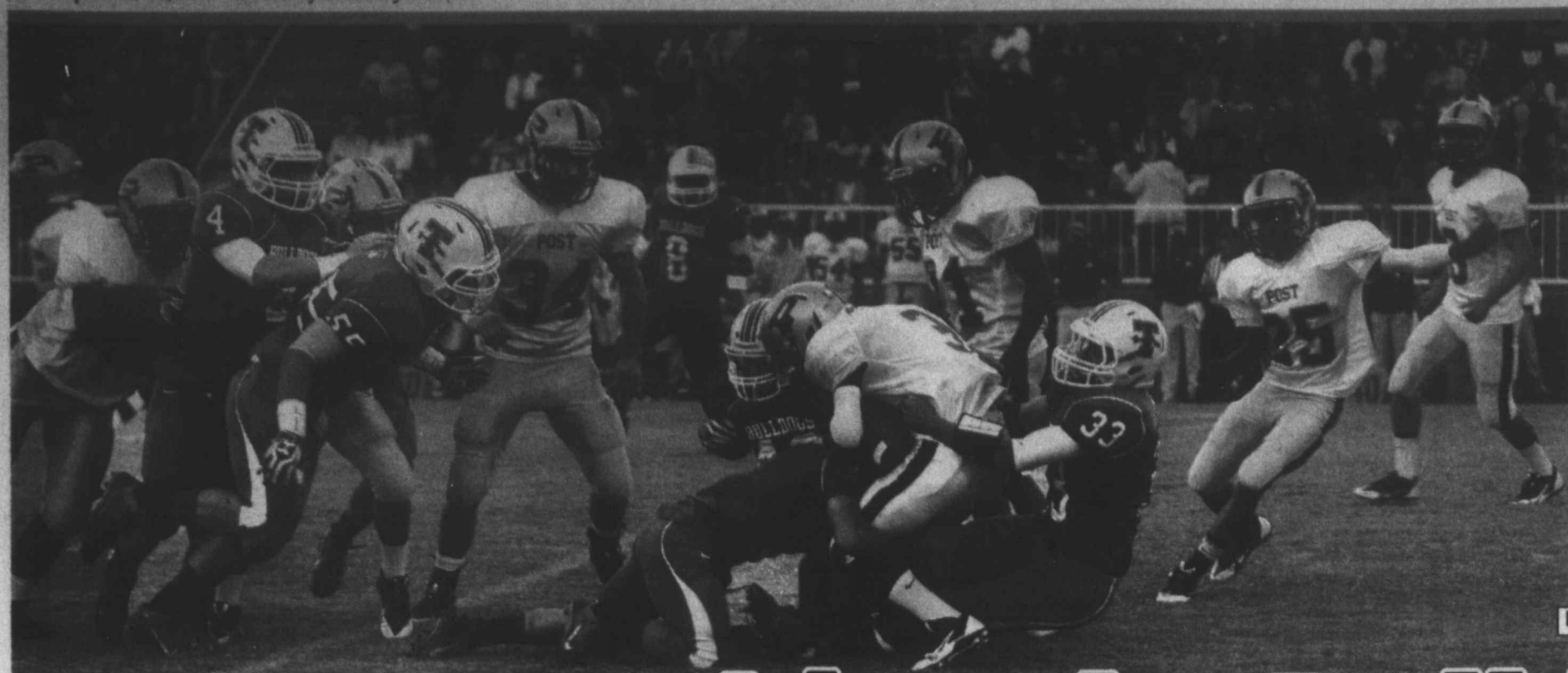
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Pulling for Tahoka ...
 Tahoka's Mikkel Garza (33) tries to pull down Dylan Pearson (3) of Post in last Friday's game here, won by Post 27-20. Also in on the tackle are Bulldogs David Castaneda (42) and Isiah Vega. Other Tahoka players at left are Trystan Hilger (4), Dominique Herrera (55) and Dillon Trevino (8). For Post, No. 34 was not listed on the program, but may be Bryan Smith. No. 21 is DJ Brown and 25 is Cambry Gilbert. This week Tahoka will go to Plains.

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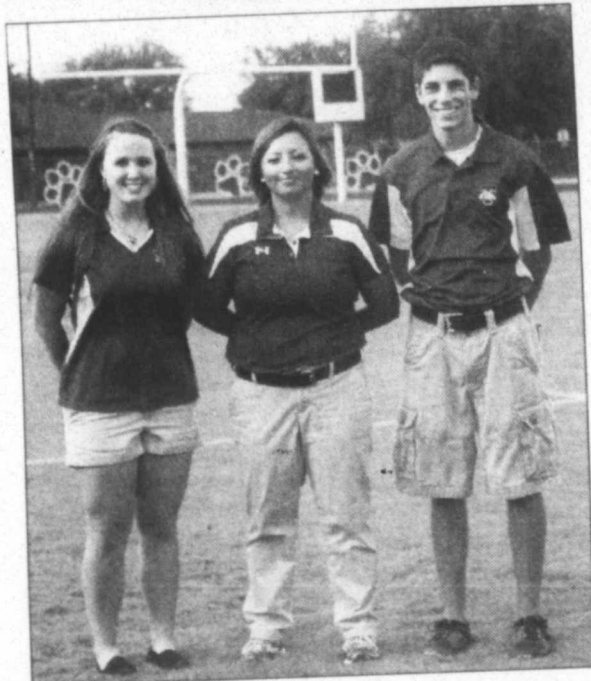
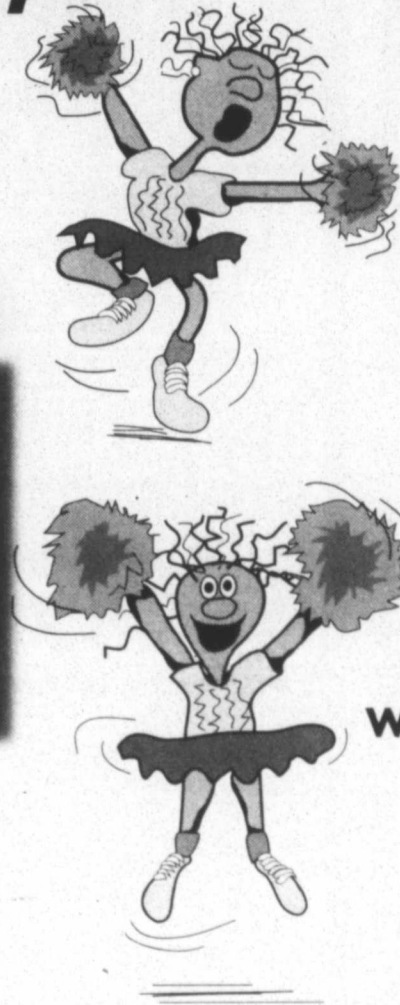
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#54 - MACON THORNTON

Favorite school subject: History • Favorite quote: "Never fear death or dying, only fear never trying." • Favorite song/artist: "Ain't No Mountain" by Marvin Gaye • Favorite movie: Sandlot • Hidden talent: cooking • Favorite college football team/player: UTSA/Tim Flanders.

#55 - Dom Herrera

Nickname: Dommey • Favorite quote: Josh 1:9 • Favorite movie: "42" • What would you do with a million dollars? Move to Costa Rica • Who would you like to have dinner with? Kate Upton, because she is gorgeous! • Favorite college football team/player: FSU/Greg Reid



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