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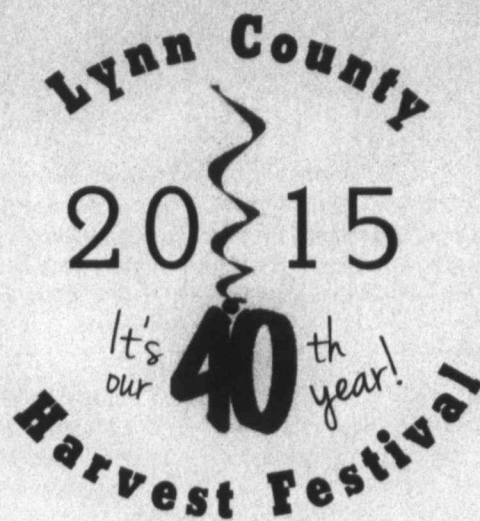
Fun, food, prizes offered at Harvest Festival here Saturday

Lots of activities will be offered at the 40th annual Lynn County Harvest Festival to be held at the courthouse square in Tahoka this Saturday, Sept. 19, following Friday's Tahoka Homecoming festivities. The festival begins at 10 a.m. with the popular turtle races for children who bring decorated turtles, and the fun continues throughout the day with live entertainment, food and craft booths, games, and cash prizes from audience participation.

In honor of the 40th festival, this year audience members will win a minimum of \$40 cash for every correct answer to trivia questions or as a reward for requested items brought to the stage — and still have a chance to win \$50 or \$100 if the Wheel of Fortune spin lands on the larger cash prize! Area merchants are donating cash for the prize giveaways, and the Harvest Festival also contributes to the prizes from funds collected through raffle ticket sales. In addition, "Minute to Win It" type contests will be offered on stage for prize money.

Admission to the festival is free. Bring lawn chairs for seating on the courthouse lawn. Handicap parking for the Harvest Festival will be designated on the south side of the courthouse.

Turtle races, sponsored by Lynn County 4-H, will be held in the street on the east side of the courthouse.



Food and game booths also open at 10 a.m. See page 3 inside this edition for a complete list of booths and the Harvest Festival schedule.

The Harvest Festival Princess and Queen will be crowned during the afternoon, and 16 drawings will be held from ticket sales from these candidates. This year's raffle ticket sold by princess and queen contestants features 16 chances to win a total of \$3500 in prizes. Cadillac Jack's band will return to the festival this year, playing popular tunes throughout the day.

The Princess contest starts at 1:30 p.m. on stage, with 21 young ladies vying for the title of Princess, which is determined by the highest ticket sales. The Princess and runners-up

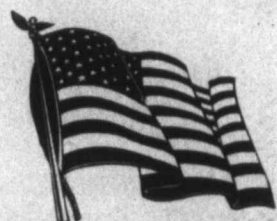
will win cash awards. See photos of all candidates on page 3.

There are eight Harvest Festival Queen scholarship candidates, from Tahoka and New Home high schools, with that contest starting at 3 p.m. Three judges will rank the queen candidates based on several criteria, to determine the winner. The Queen and runners-up will win scholarships from the Harvest Festival for their college careers.

Judges for this year's contest include Nancy Moore, Christopher Stark and Sarah Moore. Nancy Moore is a Family and Consumer Science teacher at Anton High School. She has been in the classroom as an FCS teacher for 23 years and serves on the

(See HARVEST FESTIVAL, page 4)

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End Zone Scores

(Last week's games)

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Tahoka 14 - 4 Smyer
Sands 77 - 73 New Home
Jayton 70 - 24 Wilson
O'Donnell wins by forfeit over Loop

Make a field goal Win \$200

Tahoka Bulldog fans who come early to the home football games have a chance to win \$100 before each game begins, sponsored by the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce. However, no one claimed the \$100 prize at the last home game, so this week's prize adds up to \$200! Come early Friday (6:50 pm) and buy a program to see if you get the specially-marked ad and a chance to kick.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Sept 8	96	70	trace
Sept 9	96	67	
Sept 10	84	65	
Sept 11	90	65	
Sept 12	89	63	
Sept 13	89	63	
Sept 14	95	64	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	1.70"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.89"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.53"
Total Precip for Apr:	2.10"
Total Precip for May:	12.83"
Total Precip for June:	1.62"
Total Precip for July:	2.45"
Total Precip for Aug:	1.51"
Total Precip for Sept:	0"
Total Precip. for 2015:	23.63"

Woman mugged at Tahoka store; Slaton man, 28, killed in accident

A Slaton man died last Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. after he pulled his car out into the path of a car headed south on U.S. 87 and driven by a Tahoka man.

Dept. of Public Safety Sgt. Bryan Witt said the Mazda driven by Isaac Lucero, 28, was westbound on FM 41 and failed to yield to a stop sign at the intersection with U.S. 87. The report said Lucero was killed when a southbound Ford driven by Joe Moreno, 21, of Tahoka, struck his car. Lucero reportedly was not wearing a seat belt.

Moreno, who was restrained by a seat belt, was taken by Lubbock EMS ambulance to University Medical Center in Lubbock, and was treated for what was described as "non life-threatening injuries." He was released from the hospital later that day.

Sgt. Witt said the crash was still under investigation last week, and traffic was reduced on U.S. 87 at the intersection and closed on FM 41 for a time Friday for further investigation.

In Tahoka last Wednesday, a woman customer at Dollar General store was attacked by a man who attempted to grab her purse as she was paying

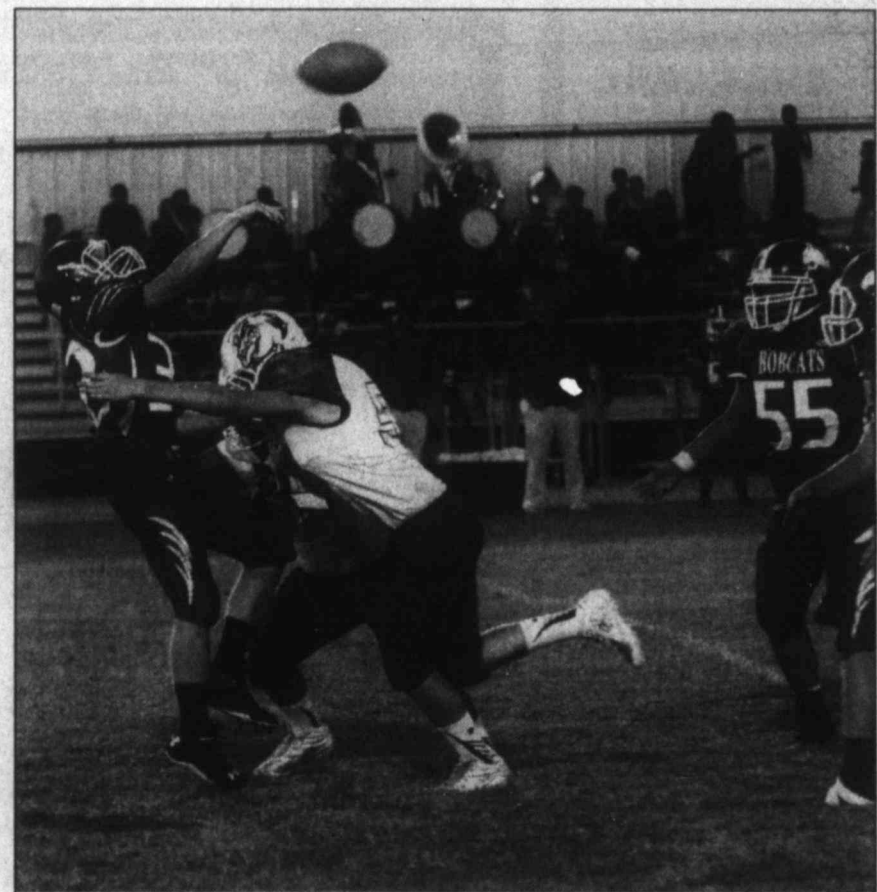
out at the register. When the victim, Lana Kaye Martinez of Tahoka, clung to her purse and resisted, the man dragged her outside the store in plain view of astonished witnesses, out onto the sidewalk. She suffered injuries to her left knee and elbow, but refused medical attention after the incident, according to the Tahoka Police report.

The struggle continued outside until two male customers came to the petite woman's rescue, and the suspect fled on foot. The woman retained her purse, and the two customers pursued the suspect south on Ave. N, but lost sight of him when he turned east on S. 2nd St.

Video surveillance showed the suspect throughout the store and during the attempted robbery and mugging. The suspect was described as a Hispanic male, late 20s or early 30s, short hair and mustache, last seen wearing a red Under Armor cap, grey short sleeve shirt, jeans and tennis shoes.

Another person indicted by a recent 106th District grand jury was

(See POLICE REPORT, page 4)



Dogs chasing Cat ... Smyer Bobcat QB Shayne Wisener gets the pass off, but he's hammered by a pair of Tahoka Bulldogs. No. 51 in foreground is defensive end Bryson Resendez. Behind him is teammate Julian Rodriguez, Tahoka defensive tackle. The Bulldog defense had a major role in winning the game for Tahoka, 14-4. The Dogs host Rails this week at Tahoka Homecoming. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

To God be the Glory!

by JUANELL JONES

A beautiful sign and landscaped flowerbed now graces the entry to the Tahoka Church of Christ in Tahoka. Passersby on Lockwood/Hwy. 380 are drawn to look at the smooth river rock that leads up to a raised bed that holds plantings, rocks and a honey-toned cedar mulch beneath an arched sign proclaiming the Tahoka Church of Christ. It was a labor of love for a local couple, but more than that, each aspect of the design was carefully planned to depict biblical and spiritual references to Christ.

John and Carolyn Wilson, long-time members of the local Church of Christ, have worked for months on the project that means much more

than just a pleasing aesthetic addition to the church's entry. They wanted to honor God with a meaningful design that would, perhaps, lead others to

Church sign, flowerbed design rife with meaning at local church

thoughts of Christ and a message of love, and they wanted an inviting entry that would lead to the church itself.

"The church family of Tahoka Church of Christ wanted a new sign once the old one was taken down. We accepted this enormous task and it has taken us a long time. We have had several life challenges to come our way that slowed us down," said the Wilsons. "But it is done and we would like to share some of the spiritual thoughts

that came to us as we worked," they added.

What follows is their explanation of the meaning of some of the aspects of the project:

1. The mound is Jesus going up to the mountain to pray.
2. The Colorado River rock bed is the river of life.
3. The smooth river stones remind us of David and Goliath.

(See CHURCH SIGN, page 5)



Now that's **funny!**

"The odds of going to the store for a loaf of bread and coming out with only a loaf of bread are three billion to one." — ERMA BOMBICK



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THS Homecoming events slated Thursday, Friday

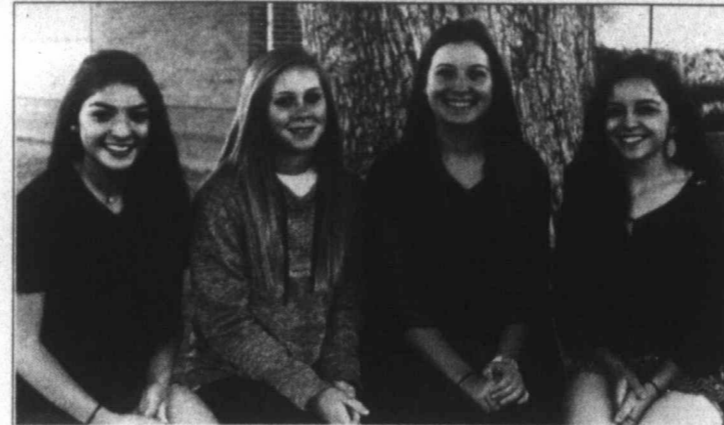
Tahoka High School exes are invited back for the 2015 THS Homecoming this week. The fun actually starts today (Thursday), with the traditional Blackout Pep Rally to begin at 8:30 p.m. in the THS gym, followed by the Spirit Fire on the practice field after dark.

THS students will be dismissed from classes at noon Friday, Sept. 18 for the Homecoming activities. Registration for the ex-students assembly will be held in the THS auditorium from 12:30-1 p.m. Friday, with the exes assembly program slated from 1-2 p.m. This year's honored class is the THS Class of 1995.

The Homecoming Parade lineup starts at 2:30 p.m. Friday on N. 4th Street by the gym, with the parade leaving school grounds around 3 p.m. and arriving at the Lynn County Courthouse square around 3:15 p.m. for the pep rally at the courthouse.

The THS 2015 Football Queen will be crowned during pre-game ceremonies starting at 7 p.m., with the Bulldogs hosting Ralls in football action. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.

CLASS REUNIONS
Classes 1947-1950
Tahoka High's classes of



Football Queen candidates ... One of these young ladies will be crowned 2015 Tahoka High School Football Queen during pre-game ceremonies at Friday night's Homecoming game. They are, from left, Aly Dotson, sophomore; Natalie Stice, freshman; Averi Starkey, junior; and Miranda DeLeon, senior.

1947, '48, '49, and '50 will get together on Friday, September 18th, at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, the occasion being the anniversary celebrations of members' graduations.

Class members are encouraged and invited to come and go during the day. Additional information is available from class members Pat Sherrod Park, class of '50; Mary Draper Fleming, class of '49; and Nan Adams Howell, class of 1948.

Class of 1965
The Class of 1965 will meet at the Tahoka High School for the program at 1 pm in the high

school auditorium. Following the parade the class will meet at the Life Enrichment Center. Any classmates/teachers are welcome to come by and visit.

Class of 1970
The Class of 1970 will meet Friday, Sept. 18 after the Pep Rally downtown and during the day on Saturday at Pam and B.L. Miller's house.

Class of 1975
The class of 1975 will celebrate their 40th class reunion at the Tahoka homecoming game on September 18.

The class will celebrate with the homecoming activities followed by a BBQ dinner at the Tahoka Housing Authority 1400 Ave. K. The housing authority building will be open after the pep rally for visiting. The class will also have Saturday activities.

Please contact Cindy Leverett for more specific information at 806-786-1113.

Class of 1985
The Class of 1985 will meet at Pop Belly's BBQ after the football game on Friday. To ride the float in the parade, class members will need to meet at the Lynn County Courthouse, east side.

Class of 1990
The THS Class of 1990 will meet Saturday, Sept. 19, at 5:30 pm at Jolly Time, 2220 Lockwood for a catered meal by Pop Belly's BBQ. Cost will be \$10 for adults and children 12 and under are free with the purchase of an adult meal. Dance to follow.

Class of 1995
The 20th class reunion for the Tahoka High School Class of 1995 will begin by attending the THS assembly at the high school auditorium on Friday, and riding float in parade following program. Dinner and gathering following the game will be at David and Lisa Cook's barn

For more information contact Katy Huffaker Adams at 806-438-2447.

Obituaries

Kevin (Spanky) Abbe

Kevin Wayne (Spanky) Abbe, 34, of Wilson, joined Daddy and Mama in their Heavenly home, Tuesday, September 8, 2015. Graveside services were held Saturday, September 12, at 10:00am, at Green Memorial Cemetery in Wilson, with Tonda Freitag officiating.

Kevin was born September 26, 1980 to Buster and Reda Abbe in Tahoka. Kevin worked in the auto parts business for 16 years, the last 13 with O'Reilly Auto Parts. Kevin was a proud "Redneck Hillbilly" and was passionate about fishing, hunting and being with his family and friends.

Kevin is preceded in death by his parents, Buster and Reda.

He is survived by his sister, Loretta of Amarillo; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, and countless friends, notably Adolph, Joey, and Jacob Hernandez, his "brothers from another mother".

Memorials can be made to Green Memorial Cemetery or St. John Lutheran Church, both in Wilson, TX, or a favorite charity. (PAID)

Woodwork



ALMOST EVERYONE has trouble sleeping, especially as they age (not children; they can lie down and go to sleep on bricks next to a busy railroad track), so I was interested when I spotted an Internet topic on suggestions for sound sleeping for adults.

The first suggestion was this: "Stick one, or both, feet out from under the cover and you'll be asleep in no time." Apparently the idea is that blood vessels in your feet will carry heat out from the rest of your body, and this will help you sleep.

Somehow I doubt that this would work. Certainly not at my house, where if you stick your bare feet out from under the cover, icicles will start forming between your toes, causing respiratory problems that make it hard to breathe, therefore more difficult to go to sleep.

That's because the only person in our home who understands the thermostat sets it in the low 70s, and doesn't believe me when I say there's some kind of tracking device up there in the duct work that follows me automatically to be sure that wherever I am, the temperature is only about 52.

But if you think the foot-freedom idea is strange, the second suggestion on how to go to sleep in a hurry is even stranger. The second suggestion was to blow bubbles just before you hit the sack.

"It sounds ridiculous, but blowing a few bubbles—like the kind that comes in a plastic bottle that you played with as a kid—right before bed can help you fall asleep," according to the Internet story, quoting Dr. Rachel Marie Salas, professor of neurology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

She says it's like a deep breathing exercise, which helps calm your body and mind. "And since it's such a silly activity, it can also take your mind off of sleep-thwarting thoughts."

If you try this, be ready for any other members of your family living at home to call the men with straitjackets to come and take you off to the nut house, where it's probably hard to sleep in all that racket.

Actually the Internet story did suggest an alternative: Sit in a comfortable position, close your eyes and focus on counting your breaths for 3 to 15 minutes. I have tried this, and it actually seems to work.

There were some other tips on how to go to sleep, but I dozed off before I could finish reading them.

STORK REPORT



Watson Key Ham

Austin and Jessica (McLeland) Ham, of Post, announce the birth of their son, Watson Key Ham, born on August 13, 2015 at UMC in Lubbock. He weighed 8 lbs and 1 oz and was 19-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Jenni and Frank McLelland, of Tahoka, Ruth and Ian Torrens of Post and Clay Ham of Lubbock.

Laikin Steele Hodges

J.T. and Sarah Hodges of Tahoka announce the birth of their son Laikin Steele Hodges, born September 4, 2015 at 10:49 pm at UMC in Lubbock. He weighed 4 lbs., 14 oz, and was 17 in. long. Grandparents are Bill and Rubeth Griffing of Tahoka and Margy and the late Tommy Hodges of Amarillo and Great-Grandmother is Opal Dee Hollingsworth of Lubbock.

HOMECOMING AND HARVEST FESTIVAL TIME

Kids... bring your turtles for Turtle Races 10:00 Saturday!

Don't forget to come out and watch the Homecoming Parade on Friday beginning around 2:30 p.m. on Bulldog Boulevard (N. 4th St.), east of the school down to Main Street then south to the courthouse square.

Harvest Festival Queen/Princess contests begin at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

We welcome all Exes and hope everyone has a great time at homecoming on Friday and comes out to the square to enjoy Harvest Festival activities on Saturday, as well as the Street Dance on Saturday night. We appreciate all our friends and neighbors and enjoy doing business with you.

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2015
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Harvest Festival

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10 drawings for \$100 prepaid Visa cards
16 Raffle drawings from tickets sold by
Harvest Festival queen & princess candidates

Harvest Festival Princess Candidates

Queen Candidates

Valerie Arriaga
age 17, THS
Paul Arriaga & Cristina Medel



Selena Arroyo
age 17, THS
Caprece Hernandez

Elizabeth Calzonoit
age 16, THS
Cayetano Calzonoit & Martha Resendez



Mackenzie Henry
age 14, THS
Donnie & Amy Henry

Abbie Jackson
age 16, NHHS
Brian & Kristi Jackson



Melodie King
age 14, THS
Jerry & Jann Ford

Taylor Morin
age 17, THS
Johnny & Elisa Morin



Callie Nevill
age 14, THS
Joe & Carissa Nevill



Leigh Apoliner
dtr of Jennifer Rodriguez



Gabriella Balderas
dtr of Shelley Turner & Dominic Balderas



Emma Calzonoit
dtr of Cayetano Calzonoit & Martha Resendez



Malerie Cardenas
dtr of Shelsi Aleman & Robert Cardenas



Gaby DeLeon
dtr of Mickey DeLeon



Madelynn DeLeon
dtr of Manuel & Jennifer DeLeon



Miranda DeLeon
dtr of Michael & Kimberly DeLeon



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dtr of Craig & Kylie Cobb & Chris Due



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dtr of Susie Garza & Juan Gutierrez, Jr.



Jazmie Gutierrez
dtr of Rosalinda Resendez



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dtr of Pedro Hernandez & Roseanna Coronado



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dtr of Lupe & Maria Hernandez



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dtr of Ryan & Brandy Yeats
Josh Isham



Zabrina Johnson
dtr of Manuela Chavarria & Ben Gonzales



Natalie Lopez
dtr of Cory & Anna Lopez
Stephanie Munoz



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dtr of Juan & Lucinda Olveda



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dtr of Debbie Saldana & Bibian Saldana Jr.



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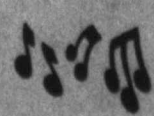
- City-County Library..... Silent Auction
- Katie Slone Crafts
- Pete Gutierrez Kiddie Train
- Andrea Huedmall..... Homemade Soaps
- Katy Fowler Crafts
- Candace Quintero..... Bows, Hats, Scarfs, Bags
- Daria Deetz..... Salsa, Jellies
- George Howard..... Wood Crafts
- Phillip Mack Furlow..... Photo Booth, Information
- Noel Segovia..... Dart Balloons, Grab-a-Duck, Baby Bouncers
- Shirley Burleson..... Jewelry, Yard Decor, Fall Decor
- Rebecca Dimak..... Younique Makeup
- THS Senior Class... Water Yo-Yos, Face Painting, Glitter Tattoos
- THS Junior Class..... Cow Patty Bingo, Car Bash
- THS Freshman Class..... Jail
- Al..... Sports Memorabilia, T-Shirts
- Jamie Santibanez..... Live Gold Fish
- O'Donnell FBC..... Centennial Cookbooks
- Michael Munk..... Information

Food Booths

- Rotary Club..... Sausage on a Stick, Drinks
- Phebe K. Warner Club..... Beans, Cornbread, Sweet Goodies
- Senior Citizens ... Raffle, Bake Sale (casseroles, sugar free desserts)
- St. Jude Church..... Brisket Burritos
- Angie Gutierrez..... Gorditos, Nachos Supreme
- Greater Antioch Baptist..... Baked Goods, Quilt Raffle
- Rosa Longoria..... Hamburgers, Trepas
- Rufus Hunter..... Philly Cheese Sandwiches
- Shane Hite..... Hillbilly Taters, Corn Dogs, Funnel Cakes
- Yolanda Carranco..... Turkey Legs
- Terry Cisneros..... Tacos, Carne Guisada, Pulled Pork
- Kevin Woelfel..... Kettle Corn
- Madelynn DeLeon..... Lemonade
- Margie Jefferson..... Ribs
- Mt. Zion Baptist..... Peanuts
- Pete Arguelles..... Fruit Cups, Lemonade
- Tahoka VFD..... Fireman Taters
- Parkway Baptist Church..... Frito Pie
- Imelda Granados..... Plate of Biscada, Soppes
- Lorna Stevenson..... Cookies, Muffins
- Elem. Robotics Club..... Corn on the Cob
- Sophomore Class..... Ice Cream
- Shogun..... Japanese Cuisine
- Rebecca McKibben..... Fajitas

Harvest Festival Schedule

- 10:00 a.m.
- BOOTHS OPEN on courthouse square
- TURTLE RACES - Kids, bring your turtles!
- Sponsored by Lynn County 4-H
- City-County LIBRARY Silent Auction opens
- 11:00 a.m.
- HOURLY trivia quizzes begin for \$40 cash prizes
- 1:30 p.m.
- HARVEST FESTIVAL PRINCESS Contest
- 3:00 p.m.
- HARVEST FESTIVAL QUEEN Scholarship Contest
- 3:30 p.m.
- Library Silent Auction BIDDING CLOSES
- 5:00 p.m.
- Booths close
- 8:00-11:00 p.m.
- Street Dance, sponsored by LCHD Employees
- Live Music by Vance Guthrie & Junction 84. Bring lawn chairs.
- Popcorn, Drinks and Pop Belly's BBQ available for purchase.



Street
Dance



Harvest Festival is Saturday ...

(Continued from page 1)

FCSE Advisory Board at Texas Tech College of Human Sciences. Sarah Moore is a Service Manager at Wells Fargo in Lubbock. She has her Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from Texas Tech. Chris Stark is a field agent for Knights of Columbus Insurance in Lubbock, and was the 2014 Top Recruiter in Texas, and a Million Dollar Round Table Qualifier.

The City/County Library will have their annual Silent Auction fundraiser, with bids closing at 3:30 p.m. The popular booth features a variety of items on which to bid, with all proceeds benefitting the local library.

Booths and other daytime events will close at 5 p.m. at the Harvest Festival, but the fun starts up again at 8 o'clock with a free street dance on the square. Lynn County Hospital District Employees are sponsoring a Harvest Festival Street Dance from 8-11 p.m. with live music from Vance Guthrie & Junction 84, who will play a variety of music for dancing and listening pleasure. Popcorn, drinks and Pop

Belly's BBQ will be sold during the dance.

Jayton bops Wilson Mustangs, 70-24

The Wilson Mustangs, after easily winning the first two games of the season, ran into a powerful Jayton team and lost 70-24 in a game called early in the second half on the 45-point rule.

Wilson trailed by just 14-8 at the end of the first period, but the hometown Jaybirds put up 50 points in the second quarter, to just 16 more for the Mustangs. Jayton scored another six points in the first five plays of the third period, and the game was halted.

Wilson turned the ball over three times in the disastrous second quarter. The loss left Coach Bear Chesley's Mustangs at 2-1 for the season. This week Wilson will host Patton Springs.

Bryan Mendez passed 21 yards to Pete Esparza for one Wilson touchdown at Jayton. Mike Garcia ran 8 yards for another.



Lots to bid on! Beverly Zuniga (left) and Judith Miller show some of the items that have been donated for the City-County Library's Silent Auction at Saturday's Harvest Festival. Bidders may mark their bids on paper that will be placed beside each item at the festival, with bidding to close at 3:30 p.m. They are still accepting donations, with all proceeds benefitting the local library.

Commissioners set county tax rate

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 15, at 9:00 a.m. in the basement courtroom of the Lynn County Courthouse, with all commissioners present and County Judge Mike Braddock presiding. The session opened with a public hearing on the 2015-16 budget, which no citizens attended. In unanimous action, commissioners adopted the proposed 2015-2016 budget and approved an ad valorem tax rate of 91.7-cents per \$100 of property value for Lynn County. The new tax rate is an increase of about six cents from the current tax rate of 85-cents.

In other business, commis-

sioners approved allowing Lynn County 4-H to plant a tree on the Courthouse grounds on October 10, 2015, in support of the 4-H One Day Event; and approved an Order Setting Compensation at \$30,137 for the County Auditor, as submitted by District Judge Carter Schildknecht. Monthly bills were approved for payment.

Judge Braddock informed the court that a Mr. King will extract the honey from behind the walls from the inside on the northeast corner of the Courthouse, and will also exterminate the bees.

The court will meet in special session on Monday Septem-

ber 21, to visit with FEMA at 10:00 a.m. County Attorney Rebekah Filley informed the court that she will be introducing new handbook updates regarding FMLA and nepotism.

The court went into executive session for about 25 minutes to consult with the county attorney regarding County Rd. 18, but took no action on the issue upon returning to open session.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. Commissioners Don Blair, John Hawthorne, Keith Wied and Larry Durham were present for the meeting, as well as other county officials.

Police Report ...

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processed at Lynn County Jail last week. Christian Davon Gordon, 32, of Big Spring was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, cocaine.

Police this week said they still have not located a 2012 Dodge pickup stolen in mid-afternoon Sept. 2 from just outside Pop Belly's Barbecue after the owner, James Gordon Tomlinson, had left it outside briefly while going inside the business to meet with a delivery man.

Tomlinson said keys were left in the black dually flatbed pickup, which contained about \$400 in a bank bag, three handguns, an old 870-caliber shotgun, a large hunting knife, tool box and Yeti cooler.

Courthouse video showed an unidentified lone suspect driving the pickup south. Area law enforcement agencies were advised, but the pickup had not been located as of this week.

Lynn County Jail held 45 inmates this week, including 27 for Ector County and six for Dawson County. Charges bringing arrests in recent cases included the grand jury indictment, two applications to revoke probations, one on indecency with a child and one on domestic violence; possession of controlled substance less than one gram; theft under \$50; burglary of a building; theft of stolen property less than \$1500 with two or more convictions; and possession of a dangerous drug.

Wilson VFD fish fry, raffle set Sunday

The Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept.'s second annual Fish Fry and Gun Raffle is slated for Sunday, Sept. 20, with raffle tickets currently available from any member of the Wilson Fire Department, or at the fish fry.

Fried catfish with all the trimmings, dessert and drink will be served Sunday at the Wilson School Cafeteria from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Sept. 20.

Gun raffle tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25, for a Springfield XD's .45ACP 3.3" pistol, and a Keltec KSG 12ga shotgun. A Ladies Day Out raffle is also offered, with tickets \$2 each or 6 for \$10.

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 Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am
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Grassland Nazarene Church
 2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656, 327-5655
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 Sunday School - 9:45 am
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 Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm

Wilson First Baptist Church
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 Sunday School - 9:45 am
 Sunday Worship - 11:30 am & 6:30 pm
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 6:30 pm Wednesdays:
 Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages
 • Bible Study & Prayer Mtg - Youth

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 Billy Everett, Pastor
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 Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
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 Office (806) 561-4436 • Rectory (806) 561-4420
 PASTOR: REV. ROY MADRILLAS
 DEACON: PETE PARRAGLIA
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 Rosary - 6 pm Tues.
 CCD Class/Confirmation Instruction - 7 pm Wed.

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During the month of September we celebrate Labor Day, a national holiday in appreciation of our great American laborers, our blue collar, white collar, and no collar workers! God is in need of some laborers - blue collar, white collar or no collar. His churches are in need of laborers, and as we are reminded in our scripture verse from Luke, "the harvest is truly great, but the laborers are few." There are many people in our communities who do not know the love and grace of Christ (the harvest), and God needs laborers to bring them into his harvest (the church). I pray that you will visit one of the churches listed on this page, and apply within to become a laborer in God's harvest.

May the peace and love of God, in Christ, be with you.
Curtis Schrader, Pastor
 New Home United Methodist Church

Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church
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 (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com
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 (806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org
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 Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am
 SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday
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 (established 1907)
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 Phone (806) 428-3357
 PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS
 Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

New Home United Methodist Church
 CURTIS SCHRADER, Pastor
 (873) 402-2947
 CurtisSchrader@live.com
 350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383
 (806) 924-7549
 Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

TAHOKA Church of Christ
 2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373
 (806) 561-4060 • email: tcc@poka.com
 PULPIT MINISTER: STEVEN BONNER
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 Sunday Worship - 11 am
 Fellowship & Devotion - Wednesday 6:30 pm

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 Sunday Worship 11:00 am
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Wed. Youth/Children's Activities 7:00 pm

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 Tues: Chicken fajitas, refried beans, white rice, salad, Ambrosia
 Wed: BBQ Brisket, ranch style beans, carrots, strawberries
 Thurs: Chicken teriyaki, fried rice, veg., strawberries & bananas
 Fri: Taco salad & corn chips, corn, watermelon, peach cobbler

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Church sign ...

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4. Large moss rocks are the Rock of Ages.
5. Maiden grass is Moses at the burning bush.
6. The three Chinese Pistache trees represent the three crosses or Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
7. There are twelve Indian Hawthorns, which are the twelve tribes or twelve apostles.
8. Yucca's are in sevens and are God's creation.
9. Red Roses has always been linked to the Blood of Christ.
10. The purple mums coming out of the large pots represent the first miracle of Christ (changing water to wine). They also remind us of the story of the Master's table.

11. Large clay pots also are how God molds our lives like a potter.
12. May Night Salvia with purple flowers are Lydia the dealer of purple cloth which was linked to royalty.
13. Mexican Feather Grass reminds us of blessings scattered through out our lives.
14. The temple was made from cedar, as were the trees in Lebanon and the ground cover is cedar mulch.
15. The cross in the center of the sign is God's one and only son Jesus who died for us all.

The landscaping and sign are visible at night as well, with the almost-finished lighting designed to highlight the scene. The letters in the concrete arch over the sign have fiber optic lights, and other lighting is placed throughout the bedding. Three pallets - that's 225 bags - of cedar mulch were used in the project.

"The landscaping is finished, but we are still finishing up with the lighting," explained Carolyne Wilson this week. "We hope to have it completely finished soon."

The scene is actually quite peaceful and contemplative, and the Wilsons hope that people will take the time to stop a moment and perhaps direct their thoughts to the spiritual aspects. "Come by and take a closer look and maybe you will find some other things that remind you of God's love," they said.



Symbolic ... At the foot of this sign, the purple mums coming out of the large clay pots represent the first miracle of Christ (changing water to wine). (LCN PHOTO)

City tax rate to remain same; water rates to increase \$9.00

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka City Council met in regular session at the city's new location, the former Lyntegar building, on Monday night. Although city officials have not yet moved into the offices due to current renovation, the council meeting was held there. Jerry Webster, City Administrator, has said that he anticipates the city will relocate to the new office sometime in October.

Council members kept the same rate for the 2015-16 property tax rate, approving a rate of .747030-cents per \$100 of property value, and adopted the 2015-16 budget.

The council approved rate increases in several other areas, including cemetery grave plots, city storage units, and city water rates. Grave plots prices will increase on Nov. 1 from \$300 to \$500 at Nevels Cemetery. According to Webster, this is the first rate increase for a grave plot since the Nevels Cemetery opened in the late 1980s.

Also effective Nov. 1, the small storage units at the city's storage facilities will increase from \$25 to \$35, and large storage units will go up from \$40 to \$50.

On Oct. 1, the base water rates in the city will increase \$9, in order to service the debt for the waterline replacement project. In July the Texas Water Develop-

ment Board approved financial assistance to the City of Tahoka in the amount of \$6,314,000. The grant portion to the city is \$4,443,000 (which does not require repayment), and the loan portion is \$1,871,000. The \$9.00 increase will be used to pay back the \$1,871,000 loan.

Monthly bills were approved, and several reports were presented including an update by Barbara Jaquess from the Caring Hearts for Tahoka Pride cemetery project, utilities department, and other reports.

Mayor John Baker led the session, with council members Amy Preston, Rudy Fuentes, Johnny Rosas and Ray Box present. Councilman Jeff Martin was absent.

TISD Board discusses facility options

The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session last Thursday. Prior to the meeting, the board had a public hearing to discuss the 2015-16 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas report that the district received. Tahoka received a rating of "Pass." There are only two categories of ratings: Pass and Sub-standard Achievement.

Board members, Supt. Dr. George McFarland, and campus principals participated in a round table discussion to gather input from the campus level about their thoughts with regard to district facility improvements, as trustees continue to consider options for improvements and a possible bond election at a later date.

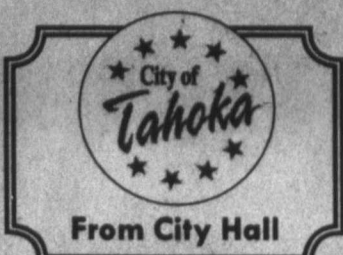
During the public forum, Jann Ford and Jerry Ford addressed the board concerning the district's drug testing policy.

The board approved the district level and campus level improvement plans for the 2015-16 school year, and approved the purchase of a district suburban. Campus principals and the Athletic Director presented their reports to the board.

Dr. Cathy Box, Board President, led the session, with all trustees present.

New Home School Menu

Monday: Hamburgers, trimmings, cheese, red peppers, pineapple tidbits
Tuesday: Corn dog, green beans, broccoli, fruit cocktail
Wednesday: Ham & cheese sandwich, cinn. sweet potato, zucchini, diced peaches
Thursday: Hot dog, vegetarian beans, celery sticks, cantaloupe
Friday: Deli sandwich, corn, celery sticks, chips, fruit



Water Rates: October 1st you will see an increase in your water bill of \$9.00. The purpose of this increase is to fund the city's portion of the new water line replacement project.

In July the Texas Water Development Board approved financial assistance to us in the amount of \$6,314,000. The grant portion to us is \$4,443,000 and the loan portion is \$1,871,000. The \$9.00 increase will be used to pay back the \$1,871,000 loan.

The first phase of the project will be the purchase and installation of new smart meters. These smart meters will save money by utilizing less manpower hours to read the meters. We are currently using four men for four to five days to read every meter in the city. With the smart meters we will read every meter in the city in about four hours using one man. We should also see an increase in water revenue because revenue we are losing now due to old inaccurate meters will be captured by the new smart meters.

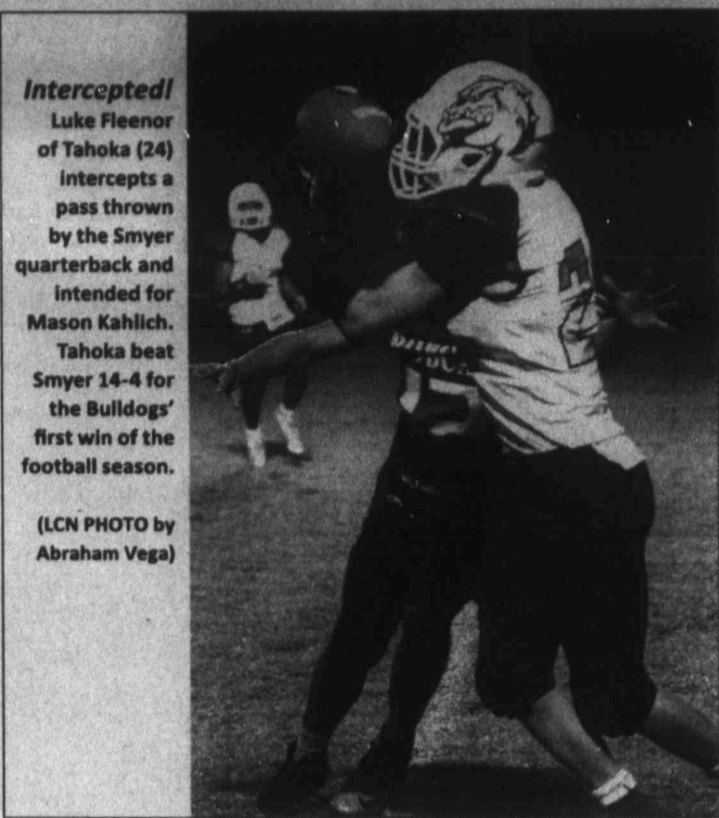
We are hopeful this first phase will begin by the end of the year. We are looking to publish requests for proposals in early October and have a contractor hired by November.

Phase two of the project will begin after the state issues new bonds, and this is scheduled for February or March of 2016.

Reminder: Please clean up your property for this weekend, as many exes are returning for Homecoming and Harvest Festival activities.

Tahoka School Menu

September 21-25
Monday: Chicken nuggets/ Turkey melt / Corn Dog
Tuesday: Beef fingers/ Cheese-burger/ Beef ravioli
Wednesday: Cheese Pizza/ Grilled ham & cheese/ Cheese quesadilla
Thursday: Spaghetti w/ meatsauce / Hamburger / Breaded chicken sandwich
Friday: Cheesy Nachos / Pepporoni Pizza / Grilled Cheese sandwich



Intercepted! Luke Fleenor of Tahoka (24) intercepts a pass thrown by the Smyer quarterback and intended for Mason Kahlich. Tahoka beat Smyer 14-4 for the Bulldogs' first win of the football season. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



Tahoka Rotary Club

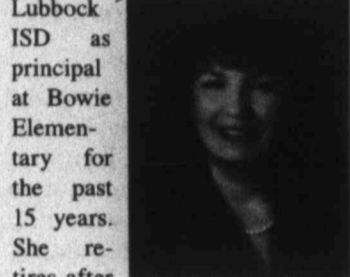
The Tahoka Rotary Club meeting was called to order by Club President, Melanie Richburg. The club had 27 members present, as well as the club's Sweetheart, Hanna Hammonds, and three guests; Richard Green, Luke Fleenor, and Clarissa Lopez.

The program was given by Chris Green, Lynn County's Agriculture agent. He gave the club a brief biography on himself and what his upcoming plans and projects are for Lynn County agriculture. He also spoke about the various areas of his job, including; 4-H, livestock, row crops, and different forms of irrigation. He also spoke about the benefits of planting corn and rotating crops.

Rotary meets every Thursday at 12:05 pm in the old Lyntegar Building (back).

Rangel retires from Lubbock ISD

Anita Arellano Rangel, formerly of Tahoka, retired from Lubbock ISD as principal at Bowie Elementary for the past 15 years. She retires after 39 years of service as an educator. She is a 1973 graduate of Tahoka High School, continuing her education by receiving her Bachelor's degree in 1976 from West Texas A&M in Canyon and her Master's Degree from Wayland Baptist in 1995. She began teaching in Dimmit, and taught in San Antonio.



She is the daughter of Gilberto and the late Crescencia Arellano of Tahoka, and is the wife of Rodolfo Rangel.

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Letters to the
Editor

Proposition 7 and the impact on rural counties

To whom it may concern,

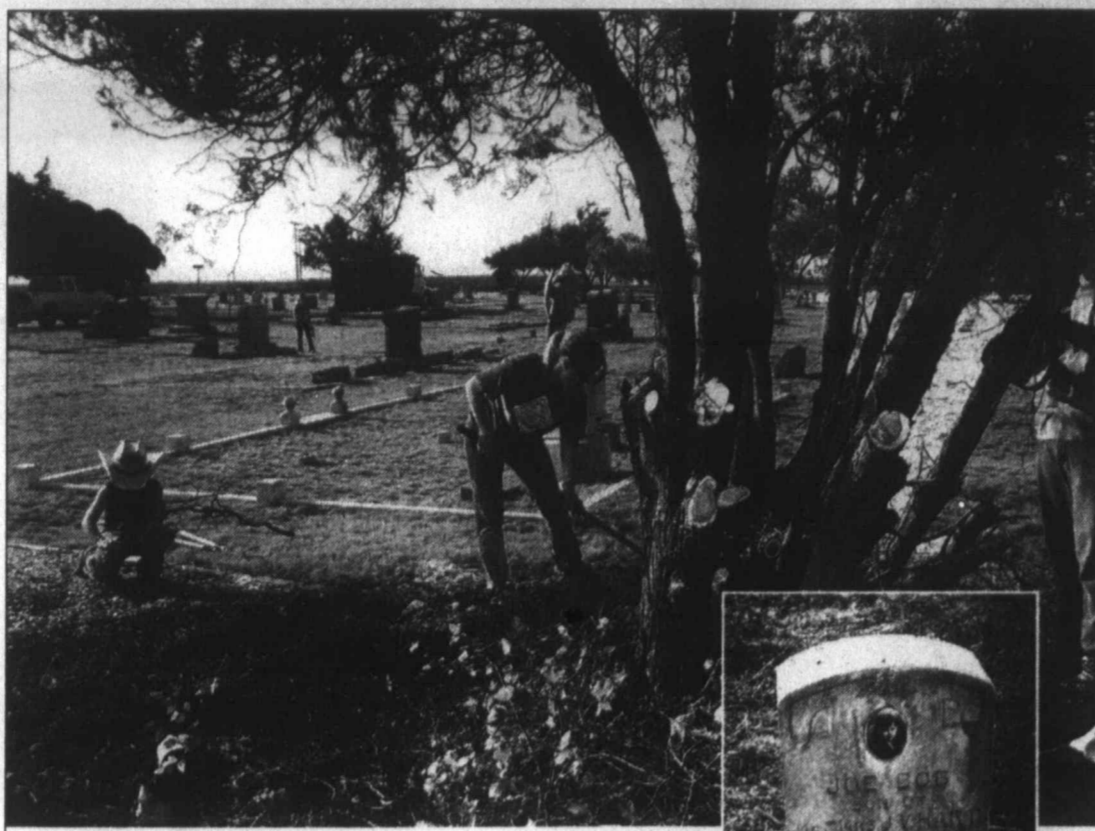
On behalf of the South Plains Regional Planning Organization (SPRPO), I am writing to voice my support in favor of the proposed amendment to address Texas' transportation infrastructure needs on the November 2015 statewide ballot.

Upon passage, Proposition 7 would be a significant step toward meeting the funding needs for transportation projects and authorize a new, stable source of funding for transportation, dedicated to the construction and maintenance of roads in Texas. The proposed amendment will aid in maintaining the current infrastructure and will ease congestion by funding new projects for added capacity without any new or increased taxes, fees or debt. A strong transportation system is fundamental to Texas' quality of life and economic vitality attracting new businesses and generating new jobs.

Proposition 7 is far from a solution to Texas' transportation needs, but it is a critical step, and the state's transportation system will be in far more dire condition if it does not pass.

Sincerely,

Mike Braddock
Lynn Co. Judge



A family affair ... Several local families are involved with the Caring Hearts group that meets monthly at the Tahoka Cemetery to voluntarily clean up overgrown areas, including the Tew family of Tahoka. In the top photo, Liz Tew is working with a hoe, while son Jacob picks up branches. Daughter Amy is seen crossing the cemetery in the background. Working in the photo at right is Cathy Ross and Jacob Tew.

INSET PHOTO ABOVE: This tombstone is one of several that have been uncovered at the Tahoka Cemetery, discovered underneath overgrown brush and trees in the years since the stones were erected. This tombstone dates from 1919, marking the final resting place of "Joe Bob," son of Mr. and Mrs. J.V. Hart.

(LCN PHOTOS by Gary Jones)

Annual Lynn County Ag Tour set next Wednesday, Sept. 23

The 2015 Lynn County Ag Tour is set for next Wednesday, Sept. 23. Producers will have the opportunity to obtain information on cotton including weed resistance, diseases and nematodes, and harvest aids. Other stops will include brush control as well as wheat planting for 2015.

Registration will be from 8:00-8:30 a.m. at New Home Co-Op gin at Lakeview. The gin is located 8 miles west of New Home. Tour stops will begin at 8:45 a.m. and conclude around Noon. Transportation to stops will be provided. Lunch will be provided by the Lynn/Garza Farm Bureau and Peoples Bank. Door Prizes will be drawn during the tour. Awards to the Outstanding Farmer and Outstanding Young Farmer will be presented at noon.

"We have a great program planned with some very informative stops for this year," said Chris Green, Lynn County Extension Agent. "Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Lynn County SWCD Board of Directors and their staff have put together a tour with some of the most current issues that producers are facing today. We rotate the Ag Tour around to different parts of the county and this year we look forward to showcasing agriculture in the Northwestern portion of the county," he said.

Pesticide License holders will receive 3 CEU's. For more information, contact Chris Green at the AgriLife Extension Office, (806) 561-4562, or Matt Dorsett at the NRCS Office, (806) 998-4507, Ext. 3.

4-H Kick-Off set in Wilson

Wilson will have its come and go 4-H Kick-Off event on Wednesday, September 23, at the junior high gym immediately after school and ending at 5 p.m.

Parents will have the opportunity to enroll/re-enroll their child in 4-H and learn about project/contest opportunities through interactive stations. For enrollment on or before Sept. 24, the fee to enroll is only \$10, and after Sept. 24, it increases to \$20. The fee increases to \$25 if enrollment is after Oct. 31.

4-H is geared towards youth ages 8 (and in the 3rd grade) up to seniors in high

'Caring Hearts for Tahoka Pride' volunteers cleaning up cemetery

by JUANELL JONES

A group of volunteers, spearheaded by Cathy Ross of Tahoka, has taken a project to heart over the last six months. They call themselves the "Caring Hearts for Tahoka Pride" and their goal is to improve the condition of the Tahoka Cemeteries - including Saint Rest Cemetery, Tahoka Cemetery and Nevels Memorial Cemetery.

"Caring Hearts for Tahoka Pride is an organization that was started out of concern for our cemeteries," explained Ross. "Several citizens decided it was time to step up and help the City of Tahoka get the cemeteries in the shape our loved ones deserve. We knew the shape they were in, after years of neglect, that it would be really hard for the city workers to get it manageable due to how many man hours they would have to put into it. Our goal is to get it in good enough shape that the city will be able to keep them maintained by keeping them mowed, weed-eated, trees trimmed and headstones uncovered."

She explained that a cemetery advisory board is now in place to offer immediate and long-term suggestions for improvement of Tahoka Cemetery and Nevels Memorial Cemetery. City Administrator Jerry Webster and Mayor John Baker approved the appointment of five members to the advisory board, including Ronny Jolly,

Cathy Ross, Jackie Jaquess, Starr Bray, and Abraham Vega.

The group of volunteers has had monthly work days since May, starting at dawn and working until mid-afternoon or longer, targeting areas with overgrown trees and bushes that may be hiding grave markers. Including the work days as well as additional individual hours spent at the cemetery, Ross calculates that volunteers have worked a total of over 1,052 hours to date at the cemetery.

"We had a beautiful day last Saturday to make a difference in Tahoka cemetery - our fifth big work day since we started in May," said Ross. "We appreciate every one that came out to help. We were able to uncover 17 hidden grave markers. We got started at 7:00 a.m. and worked until 3 p.m. We had an awesome group that came out and helped. A very big thank you to Bill and Frances Chancy, Haleigh Rock, Debbie Engle, Mike Quisenberry, Marissa Villegas, Jerry, Elizabeth, Alex, Jacob and Amy Tew, Ronnie Jolly, Gary Jones, Starr Bray, Todd Holland, Eric Chapa, Richard, Riche and Keyana Quintero, Rebecca Avalos, and LJ and Ayden Olivarez. Would also like to thank Kate Huchton and Kash for bringing us some fruit for a snack," she added. Additional volunteers, not mentioned here, have also contributed their time and energies to the cemetery project.

The next scheduled work day is Saturday, October 3. Volunteers will start at 8:00 a.m. All volunteers of any age are welcome to come help with the project.

"Please mark your calendar and plan to come help make a difference in Tahoka Cemeteries by volunteering your time and services," said Ross.

"We should be able to completely finish the cemetery on Oct. 3, since we have 11 of 14 blocks completed," she added.

"Caring Hearts for Tahoka Pride has decided to not stop with the cemeteries. We hope to get back pride in our community, starting with our cemeteries and hoping to get land, home and business owners to follow. We will be doing more projects in the near future," Ross predicted.

school. There are a few activities that are for Clover Kids, who are students in kindergarten through second grade.

If anyone cannot attend one of these events, but wants to enroll in 4-H, please contact Wendy Scott, CEA-FCS, at 806-777-9934 or wendy.scott@ag.tamu.edu. Visit their Facebook page at "Lynn County Extension and 4-H."

If anyone needs any type of accommodation to participate in this program or has questions about the physical access provided, please contact Wendy Scott at least two weeks prior to the program or event.

Explanatory Statements for the November 3, 2015 Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 - Current law provides an exemption of \$15,000 from the ad valorem taxation for public school purposes of a residence homestead. The proposed amendment would increase this exemption to \$25,000, starting in the tax year beginning January 1, 2015. In order to reflect the increased exemption on the homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or a disabled person, the proposed amendment would provide a reduction to the current limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes. The proposed amendment would protect school districts from all or part of the revenue loss by authorizing an appropriation of funds according to formulas set by the legislature. In addition, the proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision from reducing or repealing a homestead exemption adopted by the political subdivision. Finally, the proposed amendment would prohibit the imposition of a tax on the conveyance of real property, but would not prohibit the imposition of a business tax measured by business activity, a tax on the production of minerals, a tax on the issuance of title insurance, or a change in the rate of a tax in existence on January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$15,000 to \$25,000, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from reducing the amount of or repealing the

exemption, and prohibiting the enactment of a law that imposes a transfer tax on a transaction that conveys fee simple title to real property."

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 75)

HJR 75 - In 2011, voters approved a constitutional amendment to allow a surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran an exemption from ad valorem taxation from all or part of the market value on the disabled veteran's residence homestead, as long as the surviving spouse had not remarried. The amendment did not apply to surviving spouses of veterans who died before 2011. This amendment would extend the exemption in such cases. The proposed amendment would apply only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

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 who died before the law authorizing a residence homestead exemption for such a veteran took effect."

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 52)

SJR 52 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the requirement for the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, and any other officers elected statewide to reside in Austin, Texas, the state capital. Under current law, these statewide elected officers are required to reside in the capital of the State of Texas while in office. This amendment would not apply to the residency requirement for the Governor.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment repealing the requirement that state officers elected by voters statewide reside in the state capital."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 73)

HJR 73 proposes a constitutional amendment that would grant the legislature the authority to pass statutes to allow a professional sports team charitable foundation to conduct charitable raffles under the terms and conditions imposed by general law. The laws passed under this authority may provide that the professional sports team charitable foundation may use proceeds from such charitable raffles to pay reasonable advertising, promotional, and administrative expenses. Any law enacted by this provision only applies to entities defined as professional sports team charitable foundations on January 1, 2016. Additionally, any law enacted by this provision may only allow charitable raffles to be conducted at games hosted at the home venue of the professional sports team associated with a professional sports team charitable foundation.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 17)

SJR 17 proposes a constitutional amendment which would increase from 5,000 to 7,500 the maximum total population threshold of a county that is allowed to construct and maintain private roads as long as the county imposes a reasonable charge for the work.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize counties with a population of 7,500 or less to perform private road construction and maintenance."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 22)

SJR 22 proposes a constitutional amendment that would add the right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife, including by use of traditional methods, in the Bill of Rights of the Texas Constitution. This right would be subject to laws and regulations intended to conserve

and manage wildlife and to preserve the future of hunting and fishing. The proposed amendment would establish hunting and fishing as the preferred method of managing and controlling wildlife in Texas. The proposed amendment is not intended to affect any law or provision related to trespass, property rights or eminent domain, and would not prevent the legislature from authorizing a municipality to regulate the discharge of a firearm in a populated area in the interest of safety.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment recognizing the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife subject to laws that promote wildlife conservation."

Proposition Number 7 (SJR 5)

SJR 5 proposes a constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of revenues from (1) the state sales and use tax, and (2) the tax imposed on the sale, use, or rental of a motor vehicle, to the State Highway Fund (SHF). Under current law, these funds would be deposited to the General Revenue Fund. Money deposited to the SHF is intended to be used only to construct, maintain, or acquire rights-of-way for public roadways other than toll roads; or to repay certain transportation-related debt.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales and use tax revenue and motor vehicle sales, use, and rental tax revenue to the state highway fund to provide funding for nontolled roads and the reduction of certain transportation-related debt."

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Hard workers ... Several volunteers worked hard last Saturday at the Tahoka Cemetery to clean up overgrown areas. Pictured here are Mike Quisenberry (at left), with Jacob Tew at right, and an unidentified volunteer in the middle. Not pictured is Ronnie Jolly, who was manning the city bulldozer. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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Words cannot adequately express our thanks for all of the support shown to us during the illness and passing of our mother and grandmother, Sis Guin. Your thoughts, prayers, visits, food, flowers, cards and memorials are so much appreciated. We are overwhelmed with all of the ways people have shown us their love.

Special thanks to Melanie Richburg and the staff at Lynn County Hospital, and Hospice of Lubbock for taking such great care of Mom; you all made these last several months easier to bear.

Again, many thanks to everyone for all you have done for our family.
*Claudia Guin
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Bulldogs get first win at Smyer, 14-4

Quarterback Brit Lockaby passed for two touchdowns in the second quarter at Smyer Friday night, and it turned out to be enough for Tahoka's first victory of the young football season, as the Bulldogs defense stymied the Bobcats' offense and Tahoka won 14-4.

The odd score was a result of two safeties, the only points given up by Tahoka in spoiling homecoming for Smyer.

This week, Tahoka will host the Ralls Jackrabbits in a homecoming game here. Last week Ralls lost to Bovina 37-15 after leading 15-7 at halftime.

Lockaby, who connected on 8 of 12 passes in the first half at Smyer, hit running back Luke Fleenor on a 32-yard touchdown play midway of the second quar-

ter for Tahoka's first score. Lockaby then ran for 2 points to put the Bulldogs up 8-2 at that point.

Seconds before the end of the first half, Lockaby passed for another touchdown, this time to Juwan Hamilton for 9 yards. Smyer blocked the extra point try, and it was 14-2 at halftime.

Another safety managed by Smyer in the third period accounted for the only other points scored by either team during the game.

For the entire game, Lockaby completed 10 of 17 passes for 118 yards and the two touchdowns, and had one intercepted. Nick Garcia led Tahoka's ground attack with 43 yards in 10 carries. Fleenor gained 22 yards in 8 rushes, and Hamilton carried once for 16 yards.

Fleenor led receivers with 52 yards in 3 receptions, and tight end Jared Green caught 2 for 33 yards.

Fleenor also intercepted a pass thrown by Bobcats QB Shayne Wisener.

"I was really proud of our boys for coming out with a victory Friday night," said Coach Brandon Hopper. "The defense played well in keeping Smyer out of the end zone all night. Offensively, things really started to click. We were able to move the ball on the ground and through the air."

"Jared Green played very

well on both sides of the ball. Kevin White had a big game defensively, and the offensive line improved in pass protection, which allowed the quarterback and receivers to make big plays."

New Home loses shootout at Sands

It was a wild, high-scoring six-man football game at Ackery last Friday, with New Home's Leopards finally bowing to Sands 77-73, after a furious fourth quarter rally by the Leopards came up just 4 points short.

Sands led 40-38 at halftime, then outscored New Home 29-6 in the third. New Home came back to outscore Sands 29-8 in the fourth, but finally ran out of time.

Carter Abney ran for 167 yards and two touchdowns for the Leopards. QB Jackson Abney passed for 147 yards and two touchdowns.

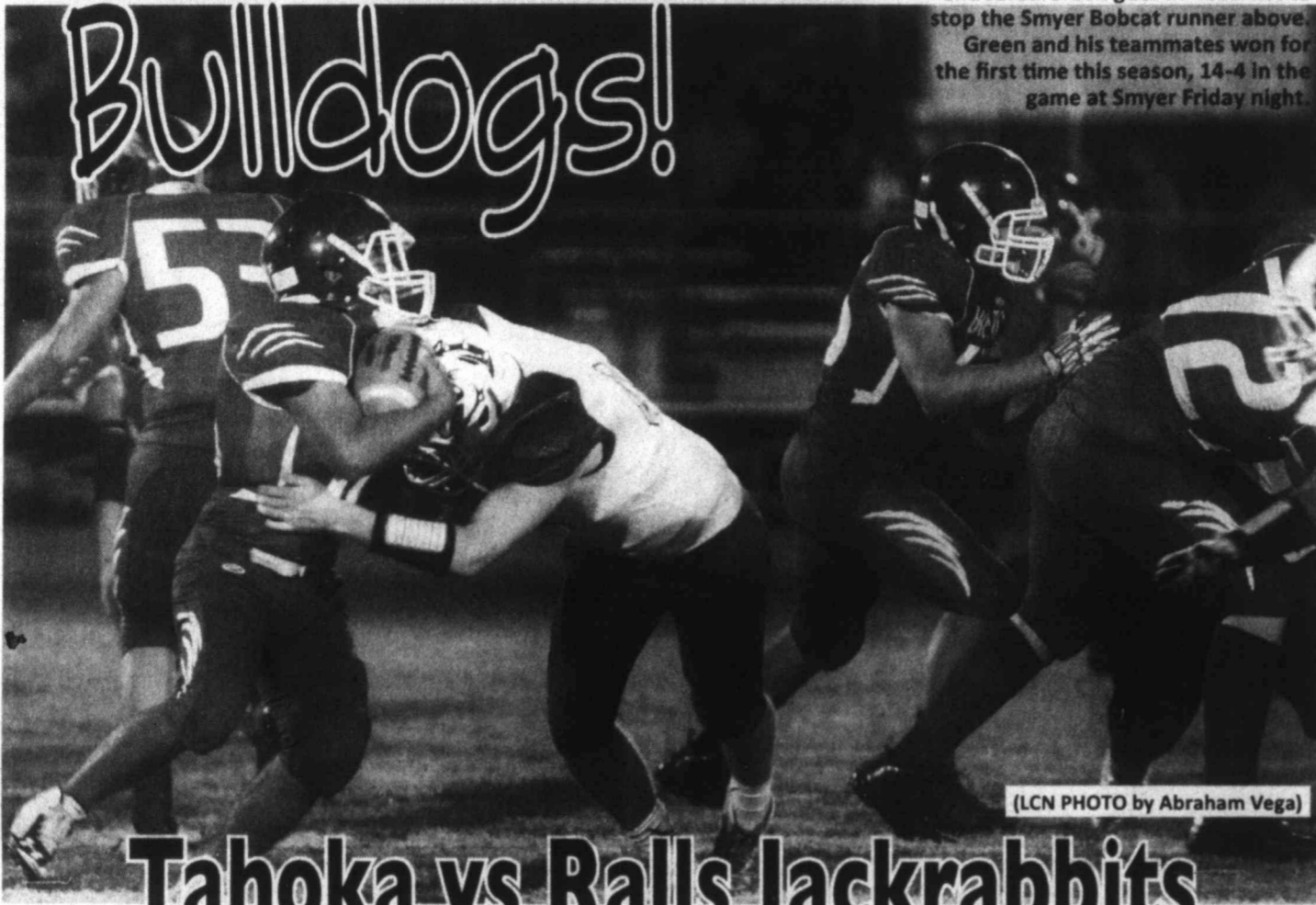
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Lots of help ... This Smyer running back finds the going heavy as five Bulldogs converge to stop the run. Hanging on are Tony Garcia (76), John Quinonez (54), Julian Rodriguez (60) and Grant Tekell. Ready to help is Nic Arce (3). Tahoka won this game, and this week will host Ralls at homecoming. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

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Headfirst ... Bulldog defensive end Jared Green goes in headfirst to stop the Smyer Bobcat runner above. Green and his teammates won for the first time this season, 14-4 in the game at Smyer Friday night.

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