



Taking a stand for what we believe ...

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See story inside this edition.
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Shotgun raffle, dinner to benefit Tahoka VFD

Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a Chicken Spaghetti Supper at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23 in the Tahoka School Cafeteria, with all proceeds to help pay for a new fire truck that the department is getting.

Members of the Tahoka VFD are also selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a Browning 725 Field Sport Shotgun and a Yeti Cooler. The drawing for the winners will also be held during the dinner. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50.

Cost of the meal is \$7.50 for adults and \$5.00 for children under age 8. Meal sponsors include First National Bank of Tahoka, Tahoka Donuts, Pam Miller and Tahoka Thriftway.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Sept 13	88	65	
Sept 14	86	66	
Sept 15	82	66	
Sept 16	81	61	0.82"
Sept 17	82	60	1.82"
Sept 18	80	60	
Sept 19	87	64	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	0.23"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.12"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.39"
Total Precip for Apr:	1.08"
Total Precip for May:	5.83"
Total Precip for June:	3.76"
Total Precip for July:	0.49"
Total Precip for Aug:	5.34"
Total Precip for Sept:	6.10"
Total Precip. for 2016:	23.34"

Caitlynn Adams, Calgary Due crowned at Harvest Festival

by JUANELL JONES



CAITLYNN ADAMS
Harvest Festival Queen

Tahoka High School senior Caitlynn Adams was crowned 2016 Lynn County Harvest Festival Queen, and Tahoka fourth grader Calgary Due was crowned Princess during Saturday's Harvest Festival held on the grounds of the Lynn County Courthouse in Tahoka. The weather cooperated for the Saturday event as well, although Friday's THS Homecoming Parade and downtown pep rally was canceled due to rain and lightning in a thunderstorm that halted the parade just before it was lining up at school grounds at 2:30 p.m.

This was the 41st annual Harvest Festival, sponsored by the Harvest Festival Committee, which is comprised of community volunteers.

Caitlynn, 17, is the daughter of Michael and Brandi Adams, and she will receive the Harvest Festival Queen Scholarship. First runnerup was Yulissa Villegas, 17, daughter of Hector Villegas and Brenda Dotson, of Tahoka, and second runnerup was Rylee Jordan, 15, a New Home High School student, daughter of Ronny and Tina Jordan. They will also receive a Harvest Festival Scholarship upon their entry into college. Additionally, all three were also awarded the Harvest Festival Madison Lockaby Memorial Scholarship, which was presented by the Todd and Kristi Lockaby family in honor of their daughter, Madison, who was the 2013 Harvest Festival Queen.

The Harvest Festival Princess, Calgary Due, is the daughter of Craig and Kylie Cobb and Chris Due. She won \$1,000, as well as other cash awarded based on the number of raffle tickets she sold. All princess candidates who sold tickets earned \$100 cash for every 350 tickets they sold for the festival. First runnerup was Chelsea Colwell, \$750 winner, Tahoka 2nd grade, daughter of Chelsea Colwell; 2nd runnerup - Nevaeh Arriaga, \$500 winner, 2nd grader in Wilson, daughter of Tiffany Moreno and OJ Rendon; 3rd runnerup - Kaleili DeLeon, \$350 winner, Tahoka 2nd grade, daughter



CALGARY DUE
Harvest Festival Princess

of Nacona Martinez; and 4th runnerup - Zabrina Johnson, \$350 winner, Tahoka 4th grade, daughter of Manuela Chavarria.

Prize drawing winners from the Queen and Princess raffle tickets included two \$1000 winners - Shelbi Hannum and Drenda Cobb. The four \$250 prize winners were Mara McDaniel, Roy Alberman, Terry Webb and Starr Bray; and the ten \$100 prize winners were Carol Miller, Naomi Aleman, Aiden Saldana, Colton McNeely, Reece Balague, Chris Due, Manuel Rodriguez, Rhonda McNeely, Amanda Mulkey, and Terry Covington.

Other prize winners from drawings sponsored by various organizations included the following: Cow Patty Bingo - Martin Aguirre \$250, Allen Henderson, \$100; Tahoka Rotary Club pellet grill - Connie Brad-dock; Senior Citizens quilt - Barbara Miller; Senior Citizens wreath - Mary Alice Calvillo; Greater Antioch quilt - Emilia Garcia; Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce Pie Contest - Vondell Elliott, 1st place with a coconut cream pie, \$100 gift certificate from The Home Place, Rebekah Filley 2nd place with a lemon icebox pie, \$50 gift certificate from The Home Place, and Lenda Wood 3rd place with a pecan pie, \$25 gift certificate from Tahoka Donuts.

Many attendees at the festival won cash prizes throughout the day, by answering trivia questions or bringing

certain items to the stage, and from Minute To Win It contests. Cadillac Jack's band played music for the crowd, and many organizations offered a variety of food and other items from booths.

Harold and Bettye Green were presented a plaque from the City/Country Library, in honor of their being chosen for the library's naming of their children's space.

Many turtles, ranging in speeds of "slow" to "full speed ahead" were brought by area children to the popular Harvest Festival Turtle Races, sponsored by Lynn County 4-H. Caden Gillean had the fastest turtle, "Nike" who won the championship race of all first place turtles, Hayes Hawthorne and "AJ" came in 2nd place, and Lyza Wood and "Elsa" came in 3rd place. Best Dressed turtle was "Cake" by Paislee Allison, Most Creative went to "Cowboy" by Summitt Askew and Funniest Turtle was "Rufus" by Cason Curry. FirstBank & Trust provided prizes to winners of the 4-H turtle races.

OISD sets \$1.50 tax rate for 2016

O'Donnell Independent School District Board of Trustees set the 2016 property tax rate at \$1.50 per \$100 of property value, at their Sept. 13 board meeting. The total tax rate includes \$1.17 in the Maintenance and Operating (M&O) fund, and \$0.33 in the Interest and Sinking (I&S) fund for debt service to pay off bonded indebtedness. The new rate is the same as the current rate of \$1.50.

Theft, assault reported by officers here

A theft of money, and an assault were in the Tahoka Police reports this week.

Police received a call from Lynn County Hospital on Saturday evening (6:37 p.m.) that a man was being treated at the emergency room after being assaulted, but the 24-year-old man refused to identify his assailants, telling police that "he had shown up at an unknown residence and was assaulted by several unidentified assailants." The hospital is required to notify police of such incidents. The victim reportedly had noticeable injuries to his face, with his left eye purple and swollen almost completely shut.

Last Thursday, Sept. 15, a Tahoka man, 75, complained to police that he was missing some money from his residence on N. 7th Street, and gave officers the name of a female suspect who had been at his residence recently.

Lynn County Jail held 38 inmates during the past week, including 10 held for Lynn County, and 28 for Ector County.



Natalie Stice is Football Queen ...

Tahoka High School junior Natalie Stice (third from left) was crowned 2016 Football Queen at THS Homecoming Friday night, pictured here with the other nominees, from left, Marisol Vega, Aly Dotson, and at right, Yuli Villegas.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



Now that's funny!

“ Stop destroying the Earth, it's where I keep all my stuff. ”

-- ANONYMOUS

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Keep The Ten Commandments on the wall? O'Donnell students, citizens speak out at public forum

by JUANELL JONES

A crowd of O'Donnell students and citizens attended a public forum at the O'Donnell ISD auditorium on Monday night to hear the opinions of about a dozen people, including four students, regarding the media fervor that O'Donnell ISD is in after school officials received a letter from the Freedom From Religion Foundation protesting that The Ten Commandments are printed on the wall of the school. Everyone who spoke indicated they were pleased that the Biblical principles from Exodus 20 were printed on the wall for students to see, but said that one's actions and beliefs in The Ten Commandments are more important than having the scripture printed on the wall, should it come down to being forced to remove the printed words.

Students were seated four rows deep in the front of the OHS auditorium, many of them sporting t-shirts that read "You can have the wall, He's in our hearts"

on the front side, with The Ten Commandments printed on the back of the shirt, or shirts that read "Our Town, Our School, Our Belief."

The seven members of the O'Donnell ISD Board of Trustees were seated on the auditorium stage, along with the Superintendent, Dr. Cathy Amonett, who welcomed visitors to the forum while stating that the Board would not be answering any questions nor making any statements regarding the issue. Trustees had met with legal counsel prior to the open forum, but no announcement was made regarding if or when the district would officially respond to the threat of a lawsuit from the Freedom From Religion Foundation.

The letter from the Freedom From Religion Foundation stated that "O'Donnell ISD infringes on its students' constitutionally protected religious freedom. By endorsing a religious message, the school district violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. The Ten Commandments and bible (sic) verse must be removed... To keep the display is to invite an avoidable lawsuit that the District cannot possibly win." The letter ends by requesting OISD to inform the foundation in writing of what action the District takes "to protect the right of conscience of its students and to respect our Constitution."

No one representing the Freedom From Religion Foundation was present at Monday night's forum, or at least no one indicated that they represented the group.

Dr. Amonett opened the floor to speakers who had signed a form indicating their desire to speak during the forum.

Sarah Cook was the first to speak, saying, "As a parent, I would like to honorably and respectfully fight to protect our religious freedoms... but the most important fight is that this community live The Ten Commandments - may we fight the good fight of keeping the faith. There will be many who want us to take The Ten Commandments down, but what if we turn this into a passion for loving others?" she added.

OHS student Abby Franklin spoke passionately about how important The Ten Command-

ments are to her and other students. "Honestly, I think The Ten Commandments is a really big deal for us as students - we can look at this wall as students every day and think about what we are supposed to be doing... The fact that we're not going to be able to have this in our school is sad," she said.

Several other students spoke from the heart as well, and Sabrina Pedroza said, "I am so proud to be here in this school - I've never seen a community that's taught me more about God. No matter if we can keep the wall or not - did you see how big we've gotten? This thing has brought more people to Christ than ever before. No matter what, we'll be good," she stated.

Clay Childress, a citizen who is an O'Donnell ex from the Class of 1980, and whose children also graduated from OHS, said, "Ever since my children graduated I have been distant from the school. But this stirs me. I don't know whose idea this was to put on the wall, but I do know this wasn't your idea - but the spirit of the Lord. I want you to know, if those words are taken down then I am offended, and I believe I'm in a very large majority."

Javier Castaneda, a Lubbock resident who came to the forum, spoke passionately about the issue and praised the youth for talking about their faith. "I was so moved when I first heard this story - and then I was indignant. But it hit me - the truth of the matter is, no one can take away your faith. I want to encourage you young people to keep the faith, and live it," he said.

School Board President Mandy Stidham closed the forum by expressing the board's appreciation for the support shown to the students and the school by the community.

After the forum ended, the Board of Trustees was scheduled to meet in their regularly-scheduled monthly meeting. There was no item on the printed agenda that indicated the board would make any decision regarding The Ten Commandments issue.

Sept. 16, 2016: The Ten Commandments removed from OISD wall

(Note: The following information was released to The Lynn County News this week by Dr. Amonett, OISD Superintendent)

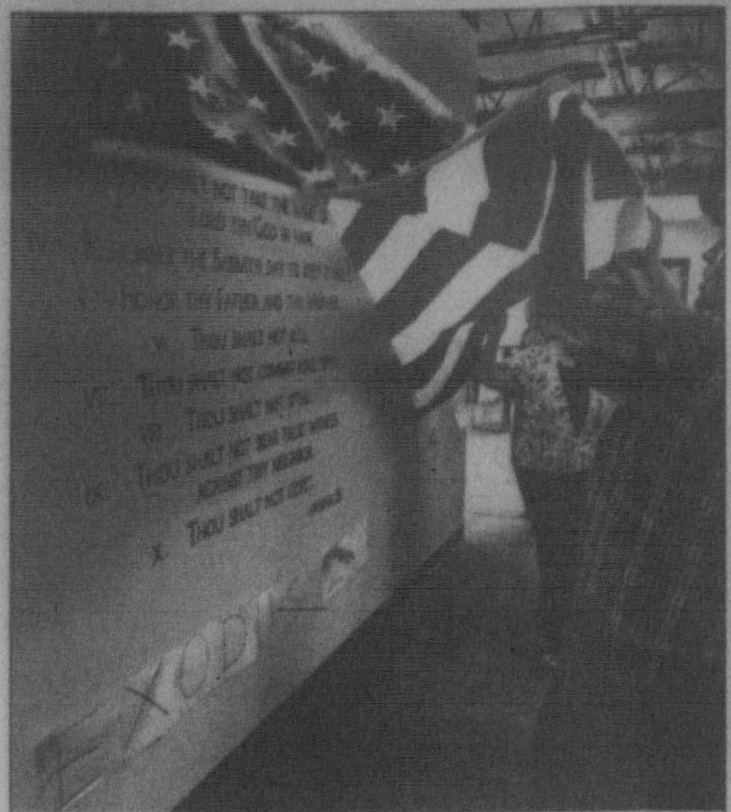
After consultation with legal counsel, community members and students, I have decided as the Superintendent of O'Donnell ISD that the Ten Commandment mural will no longer be on display beginning September 16, 2016. Although the District's students and community members strongly support the preservation of the mural as it is, I have decided that its continued display in the commons area of the school is not in the District's best legal interests.

I am so very proud of the students at O'Donnell ISD for taking a stand for what they believe in and for demonstrating extremely mature conduct in the expression of those beliefs. They have shown themselves to the world to be strong, intelligent and passionate students who deserve to be respected. The current state of American constitutional jurisprudence, however, does not permit the District to continue its display of the mural.

As an educator, I am in awe of how this event has provided such an excellent opportunity for OISD students to learn about our constitutional democracy and how it operates within our society. I challenge all teachers to embrace opportunities to channel this energy into other ways their students may gain a deeper appreciation of the greatness our country.

Although the mural will no longer be displayed, the District will continue to make that area of the school a place where students may celebrate the United States of America and the democratic and constitutional ideals that bind its people together.

-Dr. Cathy Amonett, Superintendent



Hidden underneath ... Many citizens at the O'Donnell ISD public forum wanted to see The Ten Commandments printed on the school wall, but then covered with a US Flag, after school officials received a letter threatening legal action if the scriptural words from Exodus were not covered. Since then, school officials have decided to remove the words from the wall. (See story)

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Green's honored... Harold and Betty Green were presented a plaque from the City/Country Library at the Harvest Festival, in honor of their being chosen for the library's naming of their children's space. A ribbon cutting and reception will be held at the library October 17th to honor them. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Harvest festival turtle races



Fastest Turtle... Caden Gillelan with "Nike".

Second place turtle... Hayes Hawthorne with "AJ".



Third place turtle... Lyza Wood with "Elsa".

Best Dressed turtle... Paislee Allison with "Cake".



Funniest turtle... Cason Curry with "Rufus".

Most Creative turtle... Summitt Askew with "Cowboy".

Obituaries



Lillie Cantu

Lillie Cantu of Tahoka passed away on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at the age of 63.

She was born February 1, 1953 in Lubbock to the late Juan and Mary (Farries) Prado. Lillie graduated from Lubbock High School and worked as a CNA for in home health. She married Jaime Cantu in 1983.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Jaime; son, Roger Villarreal and wife Tabitha of Pampa; grandchildren, Jasmine Nicole Martinez, Ty Villarreal, Julie Villarreal, Billy Villarreal and Sophia Villarreal; and many

brothers and sisters.

Rosary was held at 6 p.m. Friday, September 16, 2016 at Venue on Broadway, 2202 Broadway in Lubbock. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 17, 2016 at Venue on Broadway.

Please celebrate the life of Lillie by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)

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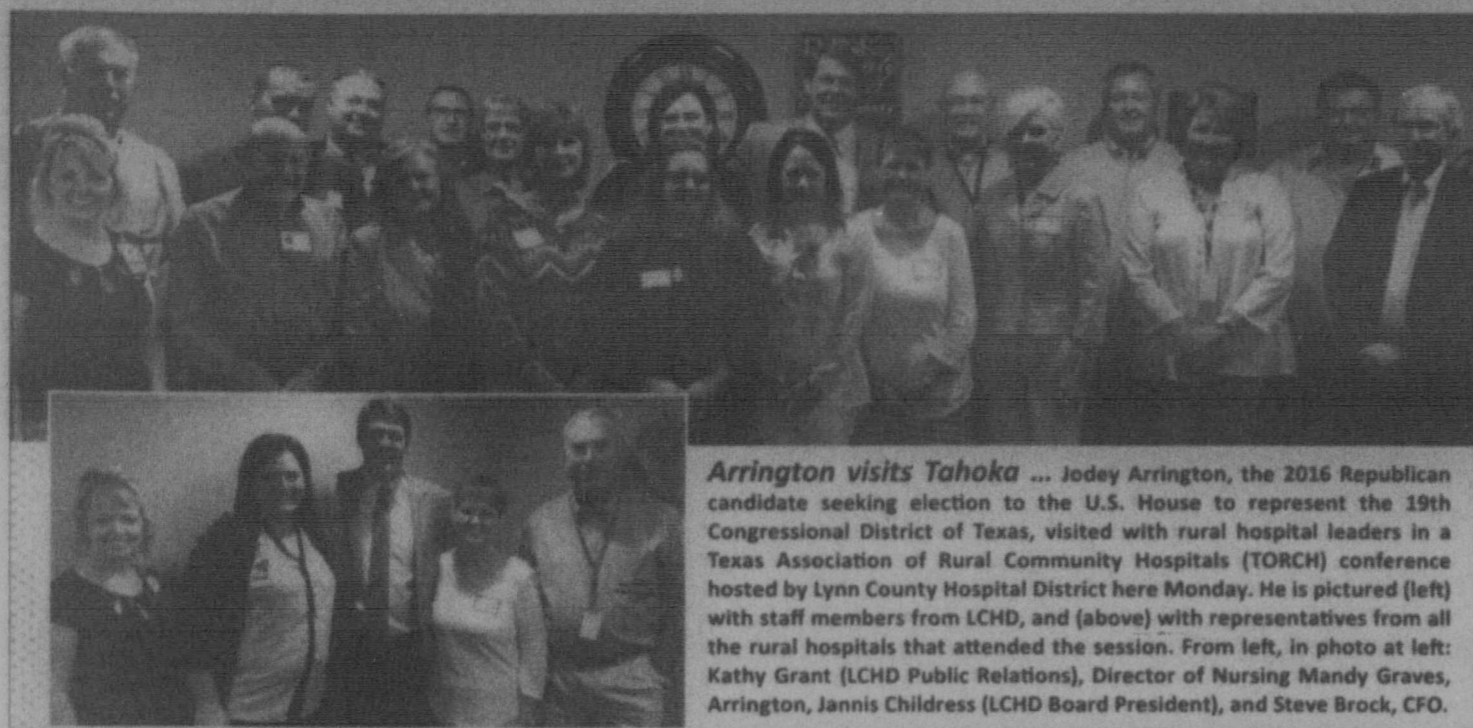
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Arrington visits Tahoka ... Jodey Arrington, the 2016 Republican candidate seeking election to the U.S. House to represent the 19th Congressional District of Texas, visited with rural hospital leaders in a Texas Association of Rural Community Hospitals (TORCH) conference hosted by Lynn County Hospital District here Monday. He is pictured (left) with staff members from LCHD, and (above) with representatives from all the rural hospitals that attended the session. From left, in photo at left: Kathy Grant (LCHD Public Relations), Director of Nursing Mandy Graves, Arrington, Jannis Childress (LCHD Board President), and Steve Brock, CFO.

Congressional hopeful Arrington visits with rural hospital leaders in conference held in Tahoka

by JUANELL JONES

Jodey Arrington, the 2016 Republican candidate seeking election to the U.S. House to represent the 19th Congressional District of Texas, visited with rural hospital leaders in a Texas Association of Rural Community Hospitals (TORCH) conference hosted by Lynn County Hospital District here Monday. Arrington visited with representatives from LCHD and 16 other rural hospitals in the congressional district to learn more about the changes in healthcare needs of rural hospitals and to build a relationship with the hospitals in the district he will most likely be representing. He toured the Tahoka facility, and visited with staff members there as well.

Arrington (R) will face Mark Lawson (G) and Troy Bonar (L) in the general election on November 8, 2016. Arrington defeated Glen Robertson in the Republican primary runoff election on May 24, 2016. Robertson and Arrington defeated Greg Garrett, Donald May, DeRenda Warren, Don Parrish, Jason Corley, John Key and Michael Bob Starr in the Republican primary on March 1, 2016, to advance to the runoff election. No Democratic candidates filed to run in the race. Incumbent Randy Neugebauer did not seek re-election.

"If I am fortunate enough to get to represent the people of the

19th Congressional District, what I want to bring to the other congressional members is that rural America represents the values that made America the great nation that it is today," Arrington told *The News* in a brief visit following the hospital conference. "The work ethic, the support for family and neighbors, the love for God and country - these ethics, and that character, is represented in rural America like no other place in the United States," he said.

He said that the 19th congressional district has 24 rural hospitals - more than any other congressional district in the state. "There are four congressional districts that are made up of half of the 164 rural hospitals in Texas - and this district has the most," he noted.

"Our rural hospitals face completely different issues than what the large urban hospitals face, and this was a great opportunity for me to learn, face to face, what our rural hospitals need and how we can better serve them. It's about quality of life for people in rural communities, and it's about jobs ... but it is also about what this country is investing in the part of the country that provides us with our food, our fuel and our fiber. It's not just an economic security issue, it is a national security message as well - and that is what I want to bring to the table," he added.

WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS

by Bonnie S. Schwertner

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My loving community came together to support our Volunteer Fire Department's latest fundraiser - the third annual fish fry and gun raffle. Keith wrote, "Bonnie's husband" on all of his tickets! As usual, the food was excellent and we had a blast visiting with friends. Thank you, Wilson VFD!

At our recent school board meeting, we were honored to recognize the students of the month: Lizeth Pantoja - Pre-K, Jaziel Pantoja - 4th grade, Justin Mendez - 6th grade, and Larry

Nino - 10th grade. The notes from nominating teachers expressed the outstanding citizenship and drive of each wonderful student. Also honored were Bear Chesley - Teacher of the Month, and Anita Ortiz - Paraprofessional of the month.

More exciting news for our elementary school: Student Council members were chosen! Members of this prestigious group are Ashley Castanon, Elijah Davila, Amaya Martinez, Destiny Martinez, Arnold Ortiz, Gracie Pharis, Adam Ri-



Justin Mendez Student of the Month



Hector's ball ... Hector Alcala carries the ball for the Wilson JV Mustangs, who played Loop Varsity last Friday, after Wilson Varsity's scheduled opponent, Patton Springs had to forfeit, because of lack of players. (Photo by Jessica Wilke)



Student of the month, Larry Nino, with school counselor, JP Portillo

THS Sophomore Class announces raffle winners

Tahoka High School Sophomores would like to thank everyone who supported the class by purchasing raffle tickets at the Lynn County Harvest Festival. The winner of \$200 and carpet cleaning by Larry's Steam Cleaning is Adam Charvarria.

The Sophomore class will continue to sell Tahoka Bulldog royal blue Spirit Towels. These can be purchased for \$7 from THS sophomores or contact Mrs. Colbert at acolbert@tahokaisd.us or Ms. Rampy at rrampy@tahokaisd.us.

"Thanks to all who support the students and community of Tahoka," said a sponsor.

Gospel singing by the Webster's set this Sunday

Gospel Singing with Don and John Webster, will be held this Sunday evening at 6 p.m. at Sweet Street Baptist Church, located at 1300 Ave J, in Tahoka. All are welcome and there is no charge.

"Come and enjoy an evening of gospel singing at its best," said a member of the church.

Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

September 26-30
Monday: Pork Chop, black eye peas, spinach, baked apple slices
Tuesday: Oven fried chicken breasts, bow tie pasta, broccoli raisin salad, fruit cocktail
Wednesday: Fish, garlic roasted potatoes, peas, chocolate pudding, watermelon
Thursday: Beef & bean chili verde, white rice, salad, cantaloupe
Friday: Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, watermelon
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vera, and Levi Torres.

My Spotlight Teacher is Laura Walton, who comes to us from AB Duncan Elementary School in Floydada. This Texas Tech graduate grew up in Cedar Hill, Texas. Her favorite childhood memories are of when her family would visit relatives in Maine during the summer, and go to the beach. She teaches our first graders, and will sponsor UIL Oral Reading for kindergarten and first grade. Welcome!

A huge thanks to FirstBank & Trust of Wilson for graciously sponsoring the kid's "Turtle Race" at the Lynn County Harvest Festival. President, Sharon Isham, makes a point of supporting the community. Keith, my mom, and I were recently her guests for lunch at the 98th and Slide branch. There's no better way to get to know someone, and we can clearly see why she is so successful.

Parents, don't forget that Monday, September 26, is picture day.

Mustang opponent forfeits, JV plays Loop Varsity

Sometimes, you have to be creative in 6-man football, which was the case last Friday. Our scheduled opponent, Patton Springs had to forfeit, because of lack of players. Our creative coaching staff found a last minute alternative: Wilson JV against the Loop varsity.

Top players of the game against the Longhorns included Bryan Mendez, who completed nine passes for a whopping 120 yards. Tony Pantoja rushed for 45 yards, and gave the Mustangs their only touchdown of the game. Mustang receivers totaled 125 yards, with top honors going to Orlando Balderas, Tony Pantoja, and Marcos Noyola.

Mustang defense came on strong, tackling the Longhorns 35 times, three for a loss of yardage. Hector Alcala, Orlando Balderas, and Stetson Wilke showed Loop who was boss.

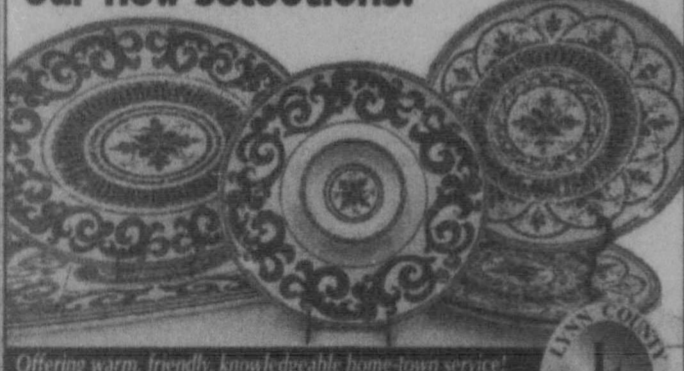
This amazing Mustang JV came with their "A game," and lost against Loop's varsity by a small margin. Final score was 26-6.

Go Mustangs!



Student Council ... Wilson Elementary Student Council members were recently chosen and are: Ashley Castanon, Elijah Davila, Amaya Martinez, Destiny Martinez, Arnold Ortiz, Gracie Pharis, Adam Rivera, and Levi Torres.

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Contest planned to help stock local food pantry

The school districts of O'Donnell, Tahoka and Wilson are challenging each grade level to donate canned goods, which will be given to the Tahoka Church of Christ Food Pantry to help feed those in need in Lynn County. The Food Pantry recently announced their need for additional donations so a contest was planned to not only help fill the need, but also make it a fun way for the kids to give back to their community.

Students can bring canned goods to their classroom and the winning grade in each school district will receive a pizza party courtesy of FirstBank & Trust and dessert from Sheridan's Frozen Custard.

Tahoka FB&T President, Chuck Senter stated, "It is vitally important that we all pitch in to help others in our community. By helping each other, we all benefit from a better quality of life." The

contest will end on October 14 and the winning grade in each school will be announced the following week. In addition to a winning grade in each school district, a trophy will be awarded to the school, which donates the most.

Also, FirstBank & Trust is conducting a community wide food drive at their locations in Wilson and Tahoka. Those wishing to participate may donate 4 cans of food and receive 60 dollars in FirstBank & Trust Bank Bucks, which may be redeemed in the bank buck store for merchandise.

Donations may be dropped off at either bank location during bank hours, which are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tahoka has extended motor bank hours on Monday and Friday until 6 p.m.

The bank's canned food drive is now in effect and will last through the month of September.

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New fire truck... Tahoka has a new pumper truck for the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, which is being purchased with funds from the VFD Donation Account with the City of Tahoka. This means that the truck is being paid for solely by donated funds, not taxpayer dollars, due to the generosity of Tahoka and area citizens making the voluntary \$3.00 donation on city water bills, as well as donations from fundraisers. The VFD is hosting a Chicken Spaghetti Supper at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23 in the Tahoka School Cafeteria, with all proceeds to help pay for the new fire truck.

From City Hall

Nevel Cemetery: It's time to pick up items that are not supposed to be in the cemetery. If you want anything you have placed on a plot that is not allowed according to the written Nevel Cemetery Restrictions, now is the time to get them picked up. Items other than flowers are not permitted on the plots, and will be removed and disposed of as found.

Flowers must be in a secured vase that can be placed below ground level for mowing. Please remove your items and any old floral arrangements you wait. Tattered and faded floral arrangements will also be removed and disposed of. This is your ONLY opportunity to pick up anything you might want to keep. We will begin picking up on Monday, October 3rd. If you have any questions about what is allowed please call Retina Pittman at Tahoka City Hall, 806-561-4211.

Tahoka ISD Board thanks businesses for partnerships

The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met at 6:30 p.m. last Tuesday, Sept. 13 in regular session, recognizing local businesses for their partnerships with the school district and getting a first look at the new middle school and auditorium projects from the architectural firm.

The TISD board recognized Atmos Energy and PJ's Catering as businesses who partner with the district and thanked them for their support by presenting appreciation packets to them. Kevin Carpenter was present, representing Atmos, and Mike and Tammy Angeley also attended, representing PJ's.

Scott Reed, with the architectural firm of Parkhill, Smith, and Cooper, presented renderings of the schematic design of the new construction projects of the middle school and auditorium. The construction is scheduled to begin around May 2017.

In other business, the Board approved the district and campus level district improvement plans for 2016-17, and approved for the superintendent to purchase a school bus. Campus principals and the Athletic Director gave the board reports about their respective campuses/organizations.

Dr. Cathy Box, Board President, led the meeting, with trustees Jim Bingham, Scott Dimak, and Matt Woodley present. Three trustees were absent, including Doug Green, Jon Luna, and Clay Taylor.

Night of Worship in downtown O'Donnell Oct. 1

Everyone is invited to the Cotton Festival Night of Worship with live music by Steve Winger (Juggler for Jesus), on October 1st, at 7:30 p.m. in downtown O'Donnell.

Letters to the Editor

Thankfully the rain stayed away...and because of the generosity of the many wonderful bakers, the delightful ladies who manned our booth and the incredible support and generosity of those who bought our baked items and chances for our 2016 Harvest Festival quilt and Harvest wreath...Harvest Festival 2016 was a grand success for us. Thank you, thank you and one more time, thank you.

Congratulations to Barbara Miller who won our 2016 Harvest Festival quilt and Mary Alice Calvillo who won the harvest wreath.
Bianca Baker
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Art classes

This is the last week to join in our free art classes. Classes will continue until the 3rd week in October. An art exhibit will be held November 3rd to display completed drawings.

Children's area

Congratulations to Bettye and Harold Green for being chosen as the citizens to name our Children's Area. We will be hosting a ribbon cutting and reception October 17th to honor them.

Cry Out!

Free simulcast at FBC Tahoka this Friday

First Baptist Church, Tahoka, will host a free simulcast on Friday, Sept. 23, at 6 p.m. The "Cry Out!" simulcast is a nationwide prayer service, led by the people of Revive our Hearts ministry, for our homes, churches, schools, communities, state and country. There will be corporate prayer, testimonies and plenty of praise music.

Grilled chicken salad will be served at 5:15 p.m. and the simulcast will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please call Dee Dee Pridmore at 759-0955.

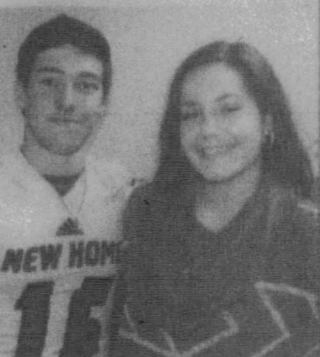
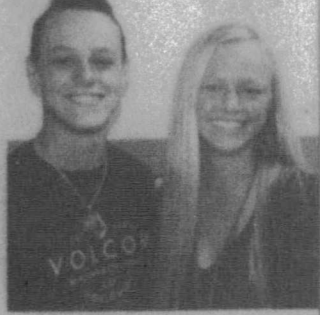
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- * The domestic dog is a descendant of the grey wolf, in a process that took around 100,000 years.
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- * The oldest dog who ever lived was a cattle dog from Australia called Bluey who lived to be 29 years and 5 months old. In human terms that makes him over 160 years old!

Leopard court ... The 2016 New Home High School Homecoming Court is pictured here, including, top right: attendants, Senior Peyton McWhirter and Junior D'Audree Dominguez, (middle left) Sophomore Carter Abney and Sophomore Celee Smith, (middle right) Sophomore Jett Ballard and Senior Katherine Barrington, (lower left) Senior Miguel Gomez and Senior Abbie Jackson, and (lower right) Senior Garrett Jameson and Senior Sydney Salvato. The King and Queen will be announced during pregame ceremonies starting at 7 p.m. Friday night in New Home.



Hospital Board sets 1-cent lower tax rate for 2016

Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors in their Aug. 25 meeting approved a 2016 property tax rate of \$0.292227, which is about a penny lower than LCHD's current tax rate of \$0.30 per \$100 of property value.

The proposed rate is also the effective tax rate, which is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Lynn County Hospital District as the previous tax year.

The tax base for LCHD has increased by \$10,181,358, from \$398,992,356 in 2015, to \$409,173,714 for 2016.

New Home Homecoming is this week

Festivities for New Home ISD's 2016 Homecoming are slated this weekend, with a Fall Festival to be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday (tonight) on the football field followed by the NH Bonfire and street painting.

On Friday, Sept. 23, the Homecoming Parade is scheduled for 1 p.m., followed immediately by a pep rally and exers reception.

The announcement of the Homecoming Court will be held during pregame ceremonies starting at 7:00 p.m., with kickoff slated for 7:30.



Harvest Festival Queen
... Caitlynn Adams (left) was crowned Harvest Festival Queen in ceremonies on Saturday, pictured with Rylee Jordan (second runnerup), and Yulissa Villegas (first runnerup).

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Pretty Princesses all in a row
... Calgary Due (center) was crowned Harvest Festival Princess in ceremonies on Saturday. Also pictured are, from left, 2nd runnerup - Nevaeh Arriaga, 3rd runnerup - Kaleili DeLeon, the Princess, 4th runnerup - Zabrina Johnson, and first runnerup - Cheslea Colwell.
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DAVID LLOYD HOLT, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that on September 12, 2016, original Letters of Independent Administration upon ESTATE OF DAVID LLOYD HOLT, DECEASED, were issued to GERITA HOLT by the County Court of Lynn County, Texas, pending in Cause No. 2016PR0010.
All persons having claims against said Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present the same within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Such claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate, addressed as follows: Gerita Holt, Independent Administrator of the Estate of David Lloyd Holt, Deceased, in care of Victor H. Wanjura, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 54390, Lubbock, Texas 79453-4390.

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Chavarria, And all persons unknown, §
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Defendants. § OF LYNN COUNTY TEXAS

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Michelle Sullivan's attorney of record is Hunter Harris, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 968, Tahoka, Texas 79373.
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Dogs claim 27-14 victory in THS homecoming game

In their first home game of the season, the Tahoka Bulldogs were able to come away with a 27-14 victory over Smyer in front of a large homecoming crowd to improve their record to 1-1. The Bulldogs host Sundown Friday night before enjoying an open week before the district schedule begins.

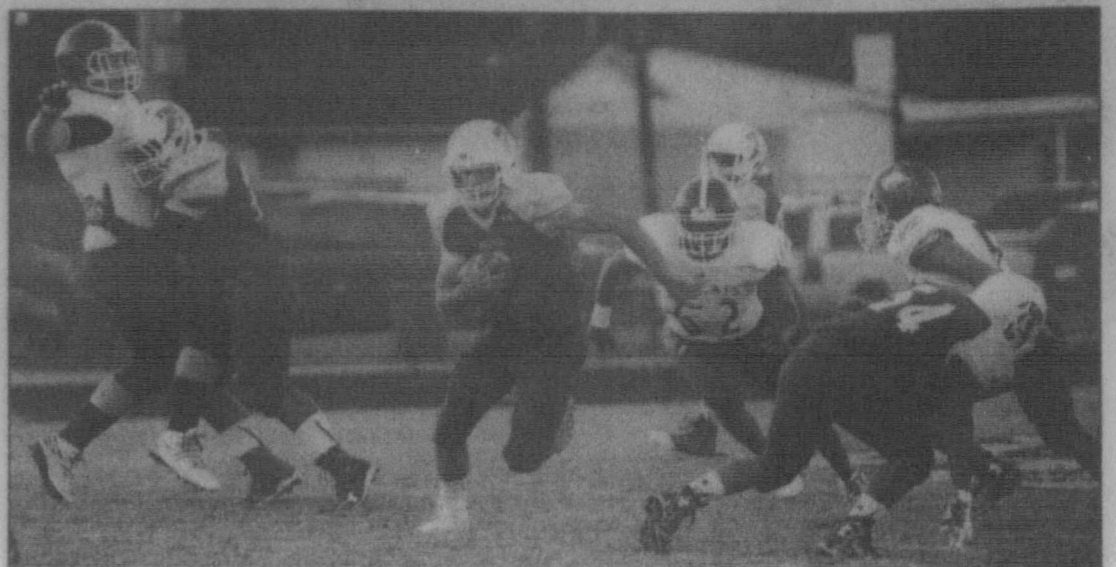
In the homecoming win, the Bulldogs were able to get across the goal line on an opening three-play drive when Brit Lockaby was able to find a crease in the middle of the Smyer defense and take it 42 yards. John Quinonez's kicked sailed wide right and the

Bulldogs led 6-0. On Smyer's first possession, the Bulldog defense rose up and forced a turnover that Tahoka was able to capitalize on with a 20-yard strike from Lockaby to Juwan Hamilton. After a blocked PAT, the score stood at 12-0.

Smyer was able to get into the end zone and cut the lead 12-6 early in the second quarter. Tahoka responded with a score of their own four minutes later and the point after was true and the Bulldogs went into halftime up 19-6.

The second half saw both defense settle in and both offense struggle to make anything happen until Smyer was able to punch one in with four minutes remaining in the third quarter. The two-point conversion was good and Tahoka's lead was cut to 19-14.

With Smyer driving late in the fourth quarter with the potential to take the lead, the Bulldog



Dogs win ... Brit Lockaby has the ball for the Tahoka Bulldogs here, as his teammates clear a path for the play, including Pat Herrera (76) at left, and John Quinonez (54) at right. Tahoka won 27-14 over Smyer. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Kicking Contest... Juan Luna of Tahoka, had the special marked football program to have a chance to win \$100 (sponsored by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative) in the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce Football Kicking Contest. Luna missed the kick, making the next kick worth \$200.



defense was able to create another turnover and set the offense up on their own 40 yard line. The next play from scrimmage, Lockaby was able to find running room on the right side before cutting back across the field and securing the game-winning score 60 yards later. Juwan Hamilton added the two-point conversion and the score was 27-14.

"I am extremely proud of the way our kids fought all night long. Being in a close ball game that late and being able to create a turnover and then capitalize on it offensively will give them confidence in their abilities if we are faced with a similar situation in the future," said Coach Brandon Hopper.

"The defense was stingy all night long. They flew to the ball and were able to cause turnovers. Being +4 in the turnover margin is huge," he added.

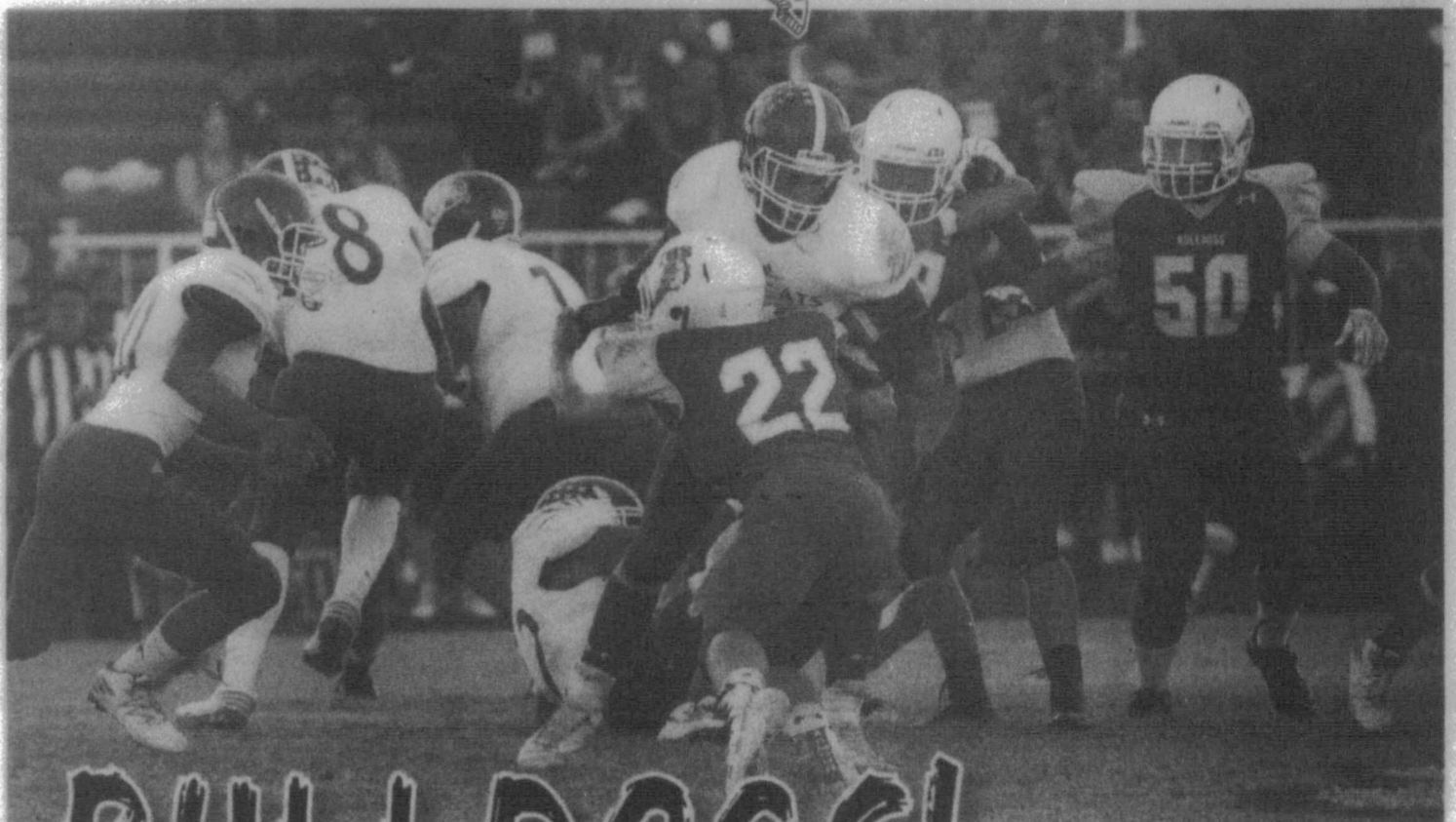
"We knew going into the game, Smyer would try and take away our inside running game. We were going to have to try and get to the perimeter and we liked our chances with our skill positions in open space," said Hopper.

Tahoka Bulldogs VS Sundown Roughnecks

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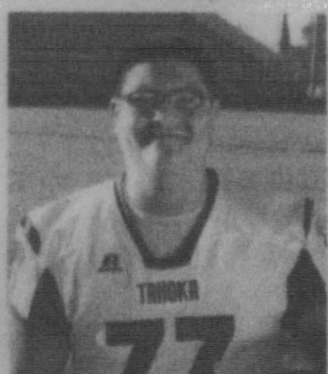
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#62 - MICHAEL FARRELL
 Nickname: Pharoah or Mike • Favorite pastime: play games and chill • Favorite line from a movie: "If you want peace, prepare for war." • Favorite song/artist: "Rolls Royce" by M.C. Pharoah • Who would you like to have dinner with? Selena Gomez



#77 - JAVIER ZUNIGA
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