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Saturday, Dec. 10
Tahoka Polar Express
rides will be offered!

Sponsored by Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce. Watch for more details.

Did you know...

* The Ancient Chinese carried Pekingese puppies in the sleeves of their robes

Now That's FUNNY!

Dear humans, in case you forgot, I used to be your Internet.
Sincerely, The Library.

What's this Word?

proclivity
Pronunciation: (prō-kliv'i-tē)
—n., a natural or habitual inclination or tendency; predisposition.
Mr. Johnson had a proclivity for money—
a) he managed to accumulate enormous amounts of it.
b) it slipped through his fingers at an alarming rate.
c) it was a guilty pleasure he alternately embraced and rejected.
(answer: a)

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Oct 4	86	62	
Oct 5	83	51	
Oct 6	87	50	
Oct 7	89	50	
Oct 8	70	48	
Oct 9	72	48	0.12"
Oct 10	74	57	

(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:	7.51"
Total Precip for Oct:	0.12"
Total Precip. for 2016:	24.87"

IT'S A GO FOR H2O . . .

Construction supervisor tells Tahoka citizens digging may begin this week on waterline project

by JUANELL JONES
Construction on the City of Tahoka's new waterlines underneath city streets will begin soon, and several Tahoka citizens attended a meeting this week to hear more about how the project will affect their property. A crowd of 40-45 interested citizens attended Monday night's Town Hall Meeting at the city building to hear a presentation about the upcoming waterline replacement project that will affect Tahoka citizens during the next 18 months.

Tahoka Mayor John Baker opened the meeting, asking citizens for their cooperation with the citywide construction project.

"This project will provide a good water system to our citizens, where we are not having to spend \$200,000 a year for repairs, and without the problems we have been having for a number of years, as well as improving our city fire protection with better fire hydrants," said Baker.

The city has contracted with Housley Group, a company based in San Angelo, for the construction project.

"We are going to mess up your life a little, and then fix it, and the end result is that you will have a good water system," Chad Carson, Utility Construction Supervisor with Housley Group told the crowd. "Safety to our crew is of utmost importance, and your patience will be another big issue," he added. "I promise you that we will treat your property as we would our own, and that we will leave your property in the best shape we can," he added.

Carson fielded questions regarding the construction process and concerns about private property, and told citizens that he hopes to have his crews begin digging by the end of this week, starting at North 6th and Ave. P with the 12-inch main pipeline that

will basically encircle the city system, with 8-inch and 6-inch pipes feeding into the interior sections.

He said that plans drawn by engineers determined where the new pipelines would be laid, which is basically where the current pipelines are, and that instead of cutting into city streets the construction would, wherever possible, run through front lawns/sidewalks and driveways. He assured citizens that repairs to sidewalks, driveways, etc. would be made as quickly as possible, but that in the case of landscaping issues may have to wait until the following spring to allow for the growing season. He said a Lubbock landscaping company, Lubbock Hydromulch and Lawn Care, had been hired for the landscaping

repairs, but asked citizens to be patient in replacing actual sod or landscaping plants.

"You can't buy sod in the winter, and it won't grow then anyway," said Carson. "The landscaping company will follow up at the right time with these issues."

As for driveways and other access to homes being blocked by construction or trenches, Carson asked citizens to please cooperate with construction workers and to tell them if there is a problem.

"I promise you that we will work with you in any way possible to make sure you have access to your home. You will see us making progress down your streets and alleys, and if you have questions or concerns please pull me

over and ask me. If your driveway is blocked, please honk, and someone will come move equipment or visit with you about the issue. But please don't drive around our barricades, unless it is an emergency - and if that's the case please have your lights flashing and honk your horn, as the safety of our crew is of utmost importance," he added.

Carson said that a local company, Quick Stripe Paving owned by Rusty Cook, has been contracted to provide repairs of asphalt, brick, sidewalks, etc.

One citizen asked if the city's boil water notice would be an ongoing issue during the process, but Carson said that his company will test as

(See WATERLINE PROJECT, page 4)



Pipeline ready ... Tahoka citizens will see blue pipes stacked around town, such as this on Ave. P and N. 6th, where the city's waterline replacement project is expected to begin this week. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

Attendance low as students feared threat of violence last Friday:

"Threat" to school found "not credible," says TISD officials

by JUANELL JONES
A social media scare had students, parents, school officials and local law enforcement officers on high alert in Tahoka last Thursday and Friday. Rumors of a "hit list" of Tahoka ISD staff/students posted via social media had students and school officials concerned, but the so-called threat was found to have no credible evidence and classes were held as usual on Friday, although attendance in all grade levels was significantly lower as worried parents kept their children home from school.

"There was no credible threat discovered," Dr. George McFarland, Superintendent, told *The News*. "Unfortunately, social media won the day and some parents were more apt to base decisions of student attendance on hearsay rather than anything factual. Attendance on Friday was low," he confirmed.

School principals had many phone calls from concerned parents, after the rumor began in earnest last Thursday. School officials conducted a thorough investigation of the "threat," and security was on high alert even though no credible evidence was discovered.

On Friday, Oct. 7, Dr. McFarland released the following letter on the Tahoka ISD website:

Dear Tahoka ISD Family and Community Members,

I wanted to take this opportunity to address student safety and the way the district deals with threats to that safety. Let me be clear - student safety and their well-being is and has been a priority of Tahoka ISD.

Here are some of the ways our district has been proactive in addressing student safety prior to today: 1) addressing student safety is at the forefront of design discussions with regard to our upcoming bond projects, 2) the district

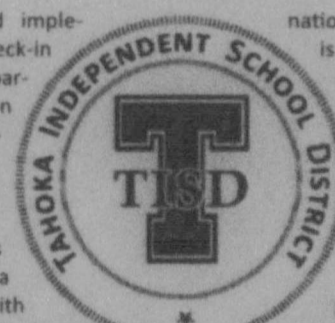
recently purchased and implemented a new visitor check-in system that requires parents to submit an I.D. upon entry into any TISD campus which the system runs against a national database for background checks, 3) the district is in the process of getting a districtwide app setup with all school employees that allows them immediate access to the district/campus emergency operations plan via their phone, 4) all district employees went through an active shooter training in the spring semester, 5) and the district has imposed new background check requirements for all district volunteers on campuses that will work face-to-face with our students.

All threats to student safety have been and will continue to be seriously looked into by campus administrators. The district's response to alleged threats to our district has recently been called into question via a forum that is not friendly to public schools throughout the

nation - social media. This letter is meant to help relieve any concerns parents may have about the district's dealing with threats that may become tainted when unfounded social media posts go viral.

When the district receives any threat that gets reported to a school employee, steps are taken to investigate the nature of the threat and determine its seriousness to our campuses and/or district. Depending on the nature of the threat, TISD law enforcement may become involved, and possibly the inclusion of local law enforcement is used as a resource. Through a process that allows the district to access all of its resources in order to investigate a possible threat (these are broad as it applies to a school's ability to do searches and interrogate in such a situation), a decision is ultimately made in response to the investigation that puts the safety of our students and staff

(See THREAT TO SCHOOL, page 4)



LCHD offers free county-wide health fair here next Wednesday

Lynn County Hospital District will sponsor a county-wide Adult Health Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka. All area citizens are invited to participate. The hospital is located at 2600 Lockwood. Please

enter the hospital through the main (front) entrance for the health fair.

Free testing will be available for bone density, blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol, and vision, and flu shots will be offered for \$20 (or bring Medicare card).

The United Blood Services mobile unit will be on site as well for a blood drive, with donors urged to give blood from 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m. that day. The UBS unit will be in the hospital parking lot. The mobile mammogram unit will also be on site for mammograms.

Other health information will be available as well, for dental health, nutrition, mobile MRIs, home health care, leadership skills, medical emergency alert systems, colon cancer awareness, fitness information and more.



Now that's **funny!**

"I made a huge 'to do' list for today. I just can't figure out who's going to do it."

- ANONYMOUS

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Did you know' trivia

Did you know oak trees don't produce acorns until they are 20 or more years old, depending on the species?
Did you know the word 'almost' is the longest word spelled alphabetically?
Did you know human thigh bones are stronger than concrete?



DONATIONS
to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are always greatly appreciated
LCD EMS, Box 1510, Tahoka, TX



Taya L'Shay's music ...
Taya L'Shay Bishop presented a concert at T-Bar Country Club Saturday night, as a fundraiser to help fund her musical career as well as to showcase her music for her hometown. She is the daughter of Billy and Jana Bishop of Tahoka, and a graduate of Tahoka High School. Originally the concert was to be held outside at T-Bar, but rain forced the concert inside the clubhouse.
(PHOTO BY ABRAHAM VEGAL)

NEWS from the Library

CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY
3727 Main St. • Tahoka, TX
(Inside the Life Enrichment Center)

Ribbon cutting and reception
Everyone is invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony and reception for the naming of the City-County Children's Area, October 17, at 5 p.m. Come join us as we honor Bettye and Harold Green.

Book Sale
The fall book sale will be Thursday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 28, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Library will be closed from 12-1 for lunch each day. All books are 50 cents each with a great selection to choose from.

Senior Citizen's Menu

October 17-21
Monday: Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, cauliflower, salad, apple crisp
Tuesday: Smothered pork chop, southwest potatoes, squash casserole, peaches

Treasure hunt and scavenger hunt
Children ages up to 5th grade get your costumes ready for the Business Treasure Hunt October 24-27th. Participants will need to come to the Library Monday, Oct. 24, to pick up a purple bag and treasure map. Participants are to go to businesses participating with their addresses and hours. A scavenger hunt for children ages 3 through 5th grade for a \$50.00 gift card to the movie theater Alamo Draft House will also be held. Clues will be given out through the library.

Wednesday: Baked chicken breast, Au Gratin potatoes, peas & carrots, waldorf salad, bananas
Thursday: Vegetable beef stew, zucchini squash, salad, apricots
Friday: Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, watermelon

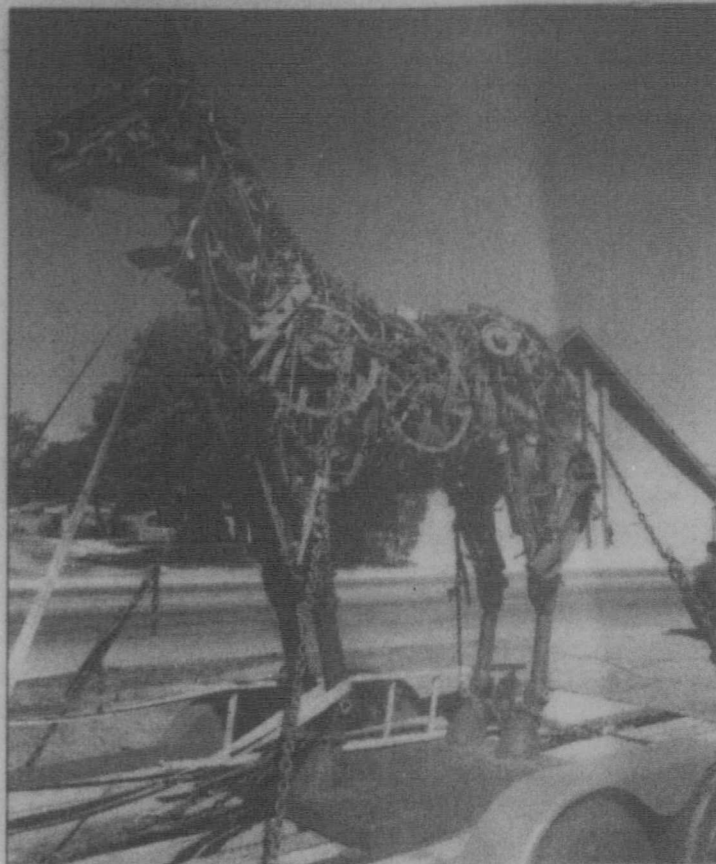
Man reports son stole his vehicle

The Tahoka Police Department were quick to wrap up a case of a vehicle reported stolen last week, finding the vehicle later the same day and returning it to the owner.
Juan Delarosa Flores, 68, of Tahoka called police just after 2 a.m. Monday, to report that his son had unlawfully taken his silver 2005 Chevrolet Silverado without his permission. According to the police report, the victim stated that after his son, 32, had taken him to Lynn County Hospital earlier in the night, that the son then took his vehicle without permission, despite being told to wait at the hospital for him. The victim stated that he had to be given a ride home from the hospital because his son had not returned.

Tahoka Police found the vehicle the same day, returning it to the owner and arresting the son on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
Lynn County Jail held 36 inmates during the past week, including 25 for Ector County and 11 for Lynn County. Local charges included one for hunting without the landowner's consent, and one for the charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Slaton Sausage Fest this Sunday

The 47th Annual St. Joseph German Sausage Festival will be held on Sunday, Oct. 16 in Slaton at the St. Joseph Hall located at 21st and Division St. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. -3 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults.
Sausage by the pound will go on sale on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. -12 noon.
All proceeds benefit St. Joseph School.



It's an iron horse, of course ... Tahoka citizens driving past the Thriftway grocery store parking lot Saturday afternoon were compelled to circle back around for another view of this unusual life-size horse on a trailer, created by Dixie Jewett. Jewett had parked briefly in the parking lot, enroute from San Angelo to her home in Oregon, where she creates elaborate sculptures, mostly of horses, from a variety of farm equipment and other found objects. This piece, entitled "Merriweather," had been on display in an art show there.
(LCN PHOTO BY JUANELL JONES)

Oregon woman creates unusual equine sculptures

by JUANELL JONES

An Oregon woman passing through Tahoka drew quite the stir, as she was pulling a trailer on which a life-size iron horse stood, braced by chains. The horse was made, she said, of old farm equipment and other found objects, and welded together.

Dixie Jewett is an Equine Sculptor, and her work is quite unique. She had parked her truck pulling the horse on a trailer, in the parking lot of the local grocery store in Tahoka Saturday afternoon, and passersby were quick to circle back around for a closer view, with several stopping to ask if they could take pictures of the life-size iron horse.

She cheerfully gave assent for photos, and told The News that she had created the artwork that had been on display in Texas, but was now taking it back to her home in Oregon because the piece had not sold in the art sale.
"I don't have a website, because I'm too old fashioned," said Jewett with a smile, looking out from the cab of the pickup wearing a cap over her shoulder-length hair. "But you can google my name and some of my pieces will show up, and some information about me," she added.

According to information gleaned from an online search, Jewett has led an interesting life.
While growing up on a farm in Montana Dixie Jewett knew horses well and always felt a strong interest in art, but after high school a different love took center stage. "I always wanted to be an artist," she says, "but I was sidetracked by flying." She spent 14 years flying seaplanes as air taxis around Alaska and still keeps a plane at her local

airport. In whatever spare time she has, she's rebuilding another.

For the past 15 years Jewett has pursued the art of equine sculptures full time as a career. A welding class led her down the path that would capture her imagination and steel became her medium, and she began fashioning horses, ultimately turning to found objects to represent her true artistic statement. Dixie Jewett has now become a renowned fabrication artist working broken tools, rusted car parts, farm equipment and myriad odds and ends together to create her indisputably life-like horse sculptures.

Jewett says, "Sometimes I'll stop work and go out to the stable and pasture to look at the muscles and proportions." It is this precision of effort that defines her work.
Typically, Jewett draws her ideas on the floor first then begins the three-dimensional work, taking several months to complete each sculpture.

God's Clothes Closet

OPEN at 9:00 am every 1st & 3rd SATURDAY of the month for those needing clothing. (Please use West entrance.)

TAHOKA CHURCH OF CHRIST
2320 Lockwood
(Donations accepted any time in the outside bins.)

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

First Methodist of Tahoka
1801 Ave. J - Tahoka • (806) 561-4503
Billy Everett, Pastor
SUNDAYS: Sunday School - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
"Like" our Facebook page - facebook.com/FirstMethodistTahoka
Let the Children Come 7 am-6 pm M-F
CHILDREN'S CARE 561-4529

First Baptist Church
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org
PASTOR: BILL FULLER
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am
SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday
Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule
There's A Place For Me at FBC!

TAHOKA Church of Christ
2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4060 • email: tcoc@poka.com
PULPIT MINISTER: STEVEN BONNER
Sunday School - 10:00 am
Sunday Worship - 11 am
Fellowship & Devotion - Wednesday 6:30 pm

Wilson First Baptist Church
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6533
PASTOR: BILLY PARKER
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
Discipleship Training - 3 pm Sunday
6:30 pm Wednesdays
Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages
• Bible Study & Prayer Mtg. - Youth

Wilson St. John Lutheran Church
13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573
Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.
TONGA FREITAS, PLM
Sunday School - 9:30 am • Sunday Worship - 10:45 am

Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church
16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com
PASTOR: DAVID W. BONDS
Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am
"Where Christ Serves People"

Forgiveness
"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." - Matthew 6:12
Our scripture verse for this month is from the "Lord's Prayer" in Matthew 6: 9 - 13. I wonder how many times we have said this prayer, and particularly this portion of the prayer, and have actually done what we have prayed. We are praying that we will receive forgiveness, and, that we will give forgiveness. Have we forgiven our debtors, those who have wronged us, or do we still hold a grudge? How many of us will go to our graves without granting forgiveness to someone, or without having received forgiveness from someone? Forgiveness can be very difficult, and rewarding, to give; and, it can be very rewarding, and difficult, to receive. I pray that we will all continually seek God's wisdom, power, love, grace and mercy in order to give and receive forgiveness.
Do you need a church home? Please visit one of the churches listed on this page.
May the peace and love of God, in Christ, be with you.
Curtis Schrader, Pastor
New Home United Methodist Church

TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church
1829 S. Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373 • Office (806) 561-4436
PASTOR: FATHER JOHN S. NATHAN, 806-241-6086
DEACON: PETER PANIGUA, 443-4077
Sunday Mass - 11:00 am
Communion Mass Service Wednesdays & Thursdays, 6:00 pm
CCE Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Reconciliation 10:30 am Sundays or any time by appointment

Draw First United Methodist Church
(Established 1907)
P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351
Phone (806) 428-3357
PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS
Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

Tahoka Trinity Church
1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317
PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm
Youth - Sundays at 7 pm
For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317

Sweet Street Baptist Church
1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-5310
DAVID EARNEST, PASTOR • (806) 438-5105
Sunday School - 9:45 am
(Bible Study Class for all ages)
Morning Worship - 10:50 am
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)
Wednesday Night - 7 pm
(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

New Home United Methodist Church
CURTIS SCHRADER, Pastor
(575) 602-2947
Curtis.schrader@live.com
350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7549
Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

New Home Church of Christ
324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7579
MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON
Bible Class - 10:00 am
Sunday Worship Service - 10:45 am
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00 pm

NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of 4th & Smith • Pastor: Larry Maddox
"Serving the Lord for 100 Years"
SERVICES:
Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm
Wed. Youth/Children's Activities 7:00 pm

Grassland Nazarene Church
2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 527-9656, 327-5655
PASTOR: Rev. James Miller
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm

Come help us
Celebrate
Guy Witt's
80th Birthday!
Saturday, October 15, 2016
4:00-6:00 p.m.
Tahoka Housing Authority Building
1400 Ave. K in Tahoka



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Harvest Festival helps Sr. Citizens ... The 2016 Lynn County Harvest Festival Queen, Caitlynn Adams (left) and Harvest Festival Committee Chairman Jay Dee House presented a \$10,000 donation from the Harvest Festival to the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens building fund last Friday. Representing the Sr. Center are director Bianca Baker, Jack Miller, and board members Jackie Stephens, Loretta Tekell and Barbara Miller. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Covenant Health offers local Mobile Mammography screenings

Covenant Health and the Arrington Comprehensive Breast Center will offer monthly screenings in the surrounding areas.

In the month of October, the Mobile Mammography unit will be in several communities of the South Plains, including Tahoka. The unit will be in Tahoka on Wednesday, Oct. 19. Call numbers listed at the end of this article for appointment.

Early detection is the key to surviving breast cancer. To further Covenant Health's mission of healthy communities, the Arrington Comprehensive Breast Center's Mobile Mammography exam unit will be providing mammography screening services throughout West Texas. Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance is accepted. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

The month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Appointments are encouraged and are available by

calling (806) 725-6579 or 877-494-4797.

Commissioners approve county holiday schedule

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, October 11, at 9:00 a.m. in the basement courtroom to consider county business, including a holiday calendar for 2017. County Judge Mike Braddock led the session with all four commissioners present including Keith Wied, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham.

Commissioners approved 12 holidays for county employees in the 2017 calendar year, including two days at Thanksgiving, and two at Christmas.

In other business, commissioners approved appointing the Senior Commissioner as Judge Pro-tem in case of the absence of the County Judge, and approved several budget amendments and payment of monthly bills.

Masonic Lodge sets Oct. 23 Open House

On Oct. 4, Johnny Davis D.D.G.M. visited Tahoka Masonic Lodge #1041 and discussed their upcoming open house. On Sunday, Oct. 23, the Tahoka Lodge (along with all other Masonic lodges in Texas) will host an Open House from 2-4 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Learning about electricity... Wilson students are listening closely about electricity, during a presentation by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative at the Wilson Health Fair held on October 4.



Wilson Community News

by Bonnie S. Schwertner
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This time of year, without fail, I roll up my sleeve for that flu shot needle. It sounds strange, but this year, it was almost pleasurable. The nurses at the Wilson Health Fair found it funny that I wanted them to take a picture.

The Health Fair was educational and fun for students and was sponsored by the Lynn County Hospital District. Indoors, students learned about such things as fire safety, and respecting the power of electricity. Outside, they were able to investigate our new fire truck and an EMS vehicle. Experts in each field were on hand to make the experiences memorable.

I believe the cutest part of being there, was seeing the Pre-K and Kinder kids wearing plastic fire helmets. Unfortunately, my head is too big, or I would have begged for one.

Mustangs lose to Silverton

Wilson Mustangs (3-4) faced the Silverton Eagles (5-

1) Friday night in Wilson. The Eagles prefer the shotgun formation to Wilson's under the center. That may have created their magic, or it could have been their relatively mistake free game.

Wilson, with 40 rushing attempts for 264 yards, paled in comparison to Silverton's 23 for 382. Several times Mustangs were herded behind the line of scrimmage for a loss, but would find a path through the Eagle flock the next play, sometimes for a touch down. Two Wilson turnovers helped Eagle advancement, with both resulting in eventual touchdowns.

From the time Lance Lopez ran long for the first touchdown, to the middle of the 3rd quarter, it was anybody's game. But then it was as though big plays for the Mustangs didn't return until well into the 4th. By then, the score continued its lopsided favor of the Eagles.

Offensive players of the week were Lance Lopez, with 135 yards rushing and 72 re-



Flu Shot... Bonnie Schwertner smiles as she receives her flu shot at the Health Fair sponsored by Lynn County Hospital District that was held in Wilson on Oct. 4.

ceiving, and Mikey Garcia, with 64 rushing and 67 receiving. On defense, both Steen and Noyola had 4 tackles, with B. Mendez and A. Balderas with 3 each.

Even with a losing battle, the Mustangs continued to fight until the final buzzer, with the ending score of 73-87, Silverton Eagles flying to 6-1.



Fire truck... Wilson VFD leader, Craig Wilke, show Wilson ISD students about fire trucks and handed out plastic fire helmets for the children to wear.



LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT



County Wide

Adult Health Fair

Wednesday, Oct. 19th • 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
at Lynn County Hospital

2600 Lockwood in Tahoka (COME IN THE MAIN FRONT ENTRANCE)

Save a life ... Donate blood!

The United Blood Services Mobile unit will be in our parking lot from 10:00 am-1:00 pm on Wednesday

FREE TESTING THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE:

- Blood Pressure checks • Glucose & Cholesterol testing • Vision checks • Bone Density checks

GET INFORMATION ABOUT:

- Dental Health • Nutritional Information • Fitness Information
- Home Health Care information • Mobile MRI • Leadership Skills • Medical Emergency Alert Systems
- Colon Cancer Awareness • File of Life Cards • and Much More!

FLU SHOT CLINIC

\$20
or bring Medicare Card

THE MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY UNIT will be here during the Health Fair!

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FARM NEWS:

AgTexas Farm Credit Services
Travis Ferguson and Mike Metzger

Capital Farm Credit
Clint Robinson
Jason Gandy

Farmers Co-op Association
No. 1

Lynn County Farm Bureau

Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT
(reported 10-11-16)

Wells Coop Gin.....	667*
*1st 177 last week	
Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union.....	565
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	314
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.....	256
New Home Coop, Lakeview.....	194
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	168
Garlyri Gin.....	0
TOTAL BALES.....	2,164

Did you know there are only 4 words in the English language which end in 'dous' (they are: hazardous, horrendous, stupefious and tremendous)

Threat to school "not credible" ...

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members first and foremost. This process, known as due process, is something that TISD strongly believes should be afforded to all students in our district, not just some. As a district, we are not afforded the pleasure, nor do we have the desire, to make disciplinary decisions with regard to threats that are not backed up by concrete evidence. If the investigation results in what the district considers a credible threat, the district will make every effort to notify parents and community members.

Unfortunately, the district cannot control the spread of rumors through social media sites that are based solely on hearsay and rumor. However, in today's society, social media is a significant provider of information for many people. With this understanding, I would ask that if parents have concerns/questions about things that are posted to social media sites, please feel free to direct questions to the appropriate campus administrator so that you may get an accurate representation of what is really happening. Please do remember that in the event that such inquiries are made, student confidentiality must be main-

tained at all times by district staff members.

A specific threat that districts statewide and nationwide have been dealing with is the hoax of "clown" threats. This is something that has been going on for about a month where a number of clown posts are anonymously made on social media sites. Today, Tahoka ISD was mentioned in such a "creepy clown" posting.

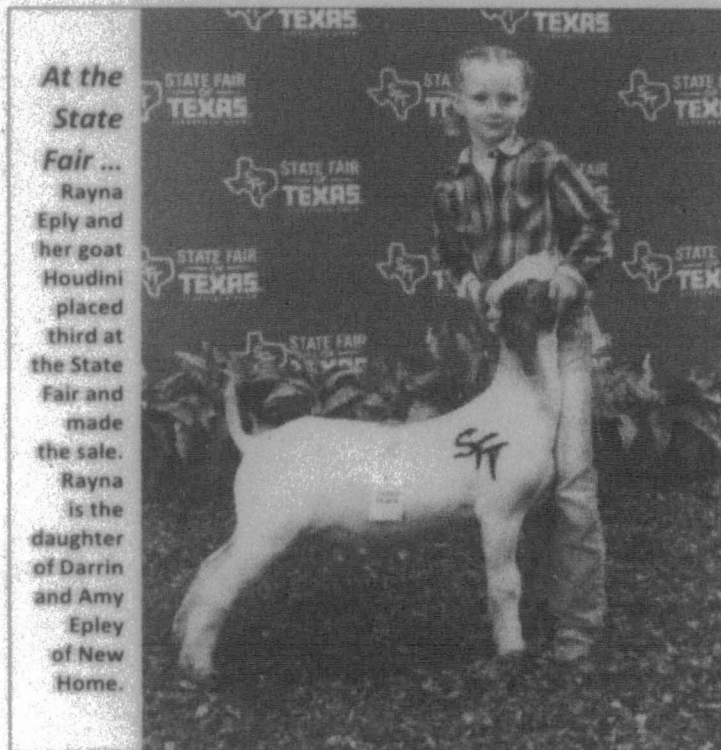
Threats from these sites are meant to send a message that parents should not send their children to school because there will be an incident there, typically on the day the post is made or a day named in the post. Although these types of posts have been investigated since they have started and determined to be hoaxes, TISD still takes any threat to our district and students as serious. As such, we continue to work with our police, local law enforcement, and our district staff members to increase security and alertness in our district.

As always, please feel free to address any concerns you may have about your child's safety with your campus principal.

— George McFarland, Ed. D.
Superintendent, Tahoka ISD
(posted on Tahoka ISD website)



FB&T gives \$1000 to building fund ... First Bank & Trust presented a \$1000 donation to the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens building fund last Friday, pictured here standing in front of the former city hall building that will be renovated for the new senior center. Representing FB&T are Sharon Isham, Wilson Branch President (third from left) and Chuck Senter, Area President, Tahoka Branch (second from left), presenting the check to Jack Miller and other representatives of the Sr. Center including, at left, board member Barbara Miller, and at right, board members Jay Dee House, director Bianca Baker, and board members Jackie Stephens and Loretta Tekell.
(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



At the State Fair ... Rayna Eply and her goat Houdini placed third at the State Fair and made the sale. Rayna is the daughter of Darrin and Amy Epley of New Home.

Harvest underway in County

Six area cotton gins have begun processing cotton in the past two weeks. Wells Coop Gin reported their first cotton bale was processed on Sept. 28, from producer Courtney Stidham with C&G Farms, and Texas Star Coop Gin in Wilson reporting their first bale processed on Oct. 4, from Garza County producer Kevin Johnston.

As of Tuesday this week, New Home Coop Gin, Farmers Coop #1-Tahoka, Farmers Coop-O'Donnell and Woolam Gin have started up their season, bringing the bale total this week to 2,164. Garlyri Coop had not begun as of Tuesday.

Producers getting the first bale of the season at the following Lynn County Gins are as follows: New Home Coop - Jerry Webb, Jr., on Oct. 6; Farmers Coop #1 Tahoka, Oct. 10 - Marty Hammonds; Farmers Coop O'Donnell, Oct. 5 - Travis Mires; and Woolam Gin, Oct. 10 - Brad Williams.

den County, Managing Predators, Tim McDermott, AgriLife Extension Wildlife Services trapper in Borden County; and Trapping and Marketing Feral Hogs, Jason Bond, feral hog buyer, Snyder.

For more information, contact Hill at 806-756-4336, codyhill@ag.tamu.edu, or any of the AgriLife Extension offices in the cooperating counties.

Waterline project ...

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they go, flushing the new lines before connecting to the city water system, to make sure that no bacteria is in the new pipes before going online with the

city system.

"I've never had to cut off the water overnight ... we got everything ready as much as possible before we turn it off, and it may take six hours at the most before you have water. It's not possible to notify every citizen, but when possible we will try to give advance notice, either through the city's phone call alert system or the local newspaper," he added.

He also told citizens not to panic if they saw white marks on their driveways or curbs or other areas near their property. "This is just a location mark, and it may be marking the location of utility lines."

He reiterated that citizens are encouraged to ask questions if they have concerns, either by contacting the city or him.

After the town hall meeting, Tahoka City Council met to consider city business, passing a resolution authorizing the mayor and city administrator to negotiate a loan at First National Bank of Tahoka for the purchase of the new fire truck, and other routine business. The meeting concluded with annual training on the Texas Open Meetings and Open Records acts.

AgriLife Extension sets multi-county wildlife program for Oct. 26 in Gail

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a Multi-County Wildlife Management and Conservation Workshop Oct. 26 at the Borden County Event Center located on the east side of Gail on U.S. Highway 180.

The program, which involves the AgriLife Extension offices in Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Dawson, Garza and Lynn counties, will start at 8:15 a.m. with registration. The program will last from 8:45 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

"We've scheduled this program to help our landowners maximize what continues to be a very good year," said Cody Hill, AgriLife Extension agent in Borden County. "All

presentations will be timely and delivered by speakers with firsthand knowledge of their respective topics. It should be interesting and timely for anyone, hunters, landowners and managers, with hunting and wildlife interests in our region."

Individual registration is \$20 due upon arrival. The fee will include lunch.

Topics and speakers will include: Getting To Know Your Deer, a deer necropsy, Managing Grazing for Quail, and Chronic Wasting Disease, Dr. John Tomecek, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo; Most Common Hunting Violations, Brent Tucker, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game warden in Bor-

USDA issues safety-net payments to farmers in response to 2015 market downturn

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4, 2016 —

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that beginning today, many of the 1.7 million farms that enrolled in either the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs will receive safety-net payments due to market downturns during the 2015 crop year.

"This fall, USDA will be making more than \$7 billion in

payments under the ARC-County and PLC programs to assist participating producers, which will account for over 10 percent of USDA's projected 2016 net farm income. These payments will help provide reassurance to America's farm families, who are standing strong against low commodity prices compounded by unfavorable growing conditions in many parts of the country," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

"At USDA, we are standing strong behind them, tapping in to every resource that we have to help. So far in 2016, this has included creating a one-time cost share program for cotton ginning, purchasing about \$800 million in excess commodities to be redirected to food banks and those in need, making \$11 million in payments to America's dairy farmers through the Dairy Margin Protection Program, and reprogramming Farm Service Agency funds to expand credit options for farmers and ranchers in need of extra capital. As always, we continue to watch market conditions and will explore opportunities for further assistance in the coming months. For producers challenged by weather, disease and falling prices, we will continue to ensure the availability of a strong safety net to keep them farming or ranching."

Unlike the old direct payment program, which issued payments during both weak and strong market conditions, the 2014 Farm Bill authorized the ARC-PLC

safety net to trigger and provide financial assistance only when decreases in revenues or crop prices, respectively, occur. The ARC and PLC programs primarily allow producers to continue to produce for the market by making payments on a percentage of historical base production, limiting the impact on production decisions.

Payments are made to producers who enrolled base acres of barley, corn, grain sorghum, lentils, oats, peanuts, dry peas, soybeans, wheat and canola. In the upcoming months, payments will be announced after marketing year average prices are published by USDA's National Agricultural

Statistics Service for the remaining covered commodities. These include long and medium grain rice (except for temperate Japonica rice), which will be announced in November, remaining oilseeds and chickpeas, which will be announced in December, and temperate Japonica rice, which will be announced in early February 2017. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

The Budget Control Act of 2011, passed by Congress, requires USDA to reduce 2015 ARC and PLC payments by 6.8 percent. For more information, producers are encouraged to visit their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.

Learning is fun ... Joey Herrera, a freshman at Tahoka High School, attended SEMI High Tech U (HTU) at Xfab and Texas Tech University last week. HTU, a three-day career exposure program for high school students, focuses on the importance of science, technology, engineering and math skills through fun and interactive, hands-on activities that take place at high tech industry and university sites. Some of the highlights Joey mentioned were the personal interview and the feedback he received on how to build a resume and improving his interview skills. Joey is interested in working with the military in cybersecurity and was encouraged to explore that career pathway.

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A voluntary pre-bid conference will be held on October 11, 2016, at 1801 Country Club Rd., Tahoka, Texas 79373, at 10:00 A.M. to discuss and/or clarify the requirements of the bid request.

For further information, contact the John Baker, Facilities Director, Lynn County Hospital District, at (806)998-4533.

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