

Give Thanks.

This view of cotton modules lined up at Texas Star Coop Gin in Wilson, with the Wilson First Baptist Church steeple in the background, is very appropriate, as area cotton producers are grateful for the harvest.

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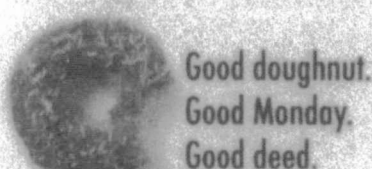
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Tahoka Donuts reported their best Monday yet in sales, with \$572.70 worth of donuts, bread and other baked goods sold — and it's all going to the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Building Fund. One more Monday to go, so remember: **Monday doughnuts are good for our senior citizens!**

There is always, always, **ALWAYS** something to be thankful for.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov 15	80	47	
Nov 16	82	47	
Nov 17	80	48	
Nov 18	78	37	
Nov 19	55	27	
Nov 20	57	27	
Nov 21	73	35	

(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:	0.25"
Total Precip for Nov:	3.21"
Total Precip. for 2016:	28.21"

In the spirit of Thanksgiving

DUDE. BE NICE.

Tahoka FCCLA promotes kindness with "DUDE. Be nice." Week

Kindness. Appreciation. Uplifting. These were the traits that a local high school organization were looking to promote in a recent endeavor.

Last week, November 11-14, Tahoka High School Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) participated in a state-wide program entitled "DUDE. Be nice." The overall purpose of the program is to promote a positive and kind environment for students, teachers,

staff, and community.

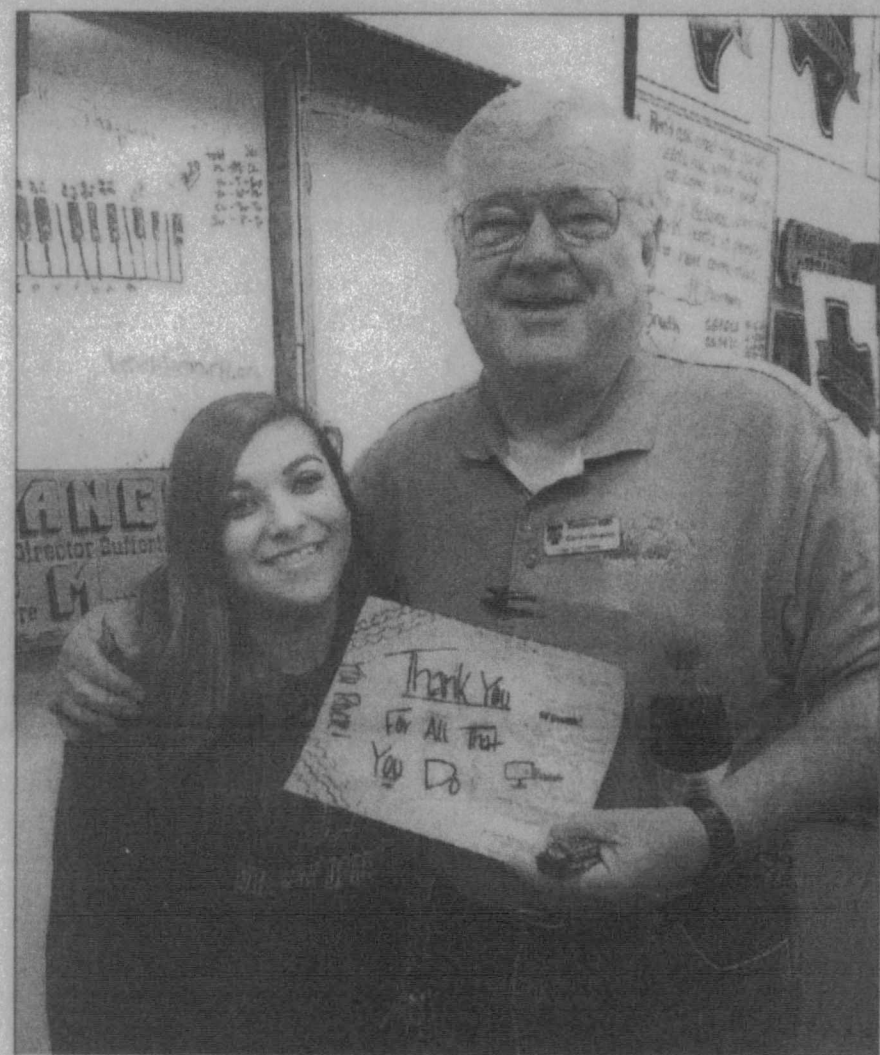
Tahoka FCCLA members planned and implemented an activity for each day as follows: Monday, FCCLA students made posters with positive messages to spread the word about "DUDE. Be nice." Week. Tuesday, students placed fun and uplifting locker tags on every high school student's locker. On Wednesday, FCCLA members celebrated teachers and staff with notes of appreciation and small gifts. "Reaching out to the community" was the theme for day four, in which FCCLA officers delivered gift baskets with homemade goodies to the Sheriff's Department, Police Department, and Fire Department.

Lastly, Tahoka FCCLA honored four students on Friday that exhibited a "DUDE. Be nice." lifestyle. Each student was recognized with a certificate and bag of prizes.

"Tahoka FCCLA would like to thank all those that helped make this past week a success!" said the sponsor.



"BE NICE" ... FCCLA President Emit Quintero places locker tags on students' lockers to promote a positive and kind environment.



CELEBRATE TEACHERS ... Tahoka FCCLA member Kendra DeLeon presents a note of appreciation to THS Band Director Carroll Rhodes, who seems pleased to receive the kind note, during FCCLA's "DUDE. Be Nice." Week.

a Sign of FAITH

'The Ten Commandments' now faces O'Donnell ISD as community shows their faith with 7-foot tall sign

by JUANELL JONES

In O'Donnell, a community of less than 1,000 souls, there is a movement, initiated by school youth, of putting faith first in their lives. They wanted The Ten Commandments to be displayed at their school, but when the school was attacked with legal barbs aimed at removing the display, the students fought back. Not with anger, and not with lawyers of their own. Their weapon of choice was faith, and they used that weapon with love and a steadfast commitment to showing the world that they were strong in their beliefs. Hallways lined with hand-written scriptures on sticky notes, fervent posts on social media, and impassioned speeches at a public forum showed the O'Donnell community that their youth do, indeed, have strong beliefs for which they are willing to stand.

Last week, the adults in the community followed up with their own show of support of the students. A seven-foot-tall lighted sign bearing "God's Ten Commandments" was erected on private property facing the school, with unveiling ceremonies held just after school released on Wednesday afternoon.

O'Donnell First Baptist Church's youth pastor, Casey Flynt, and pastor Taylor Wood, presided at the dedication ceremonies in front of OISD students, staff and community members.

Pastor Wood spoke about how the students and community were blindsided by an attack on the school's display of The Ten Commandments, and praised the youth for the way in which they faced the onslaught of media attention that followed.

"Our students responded with grace, hu-

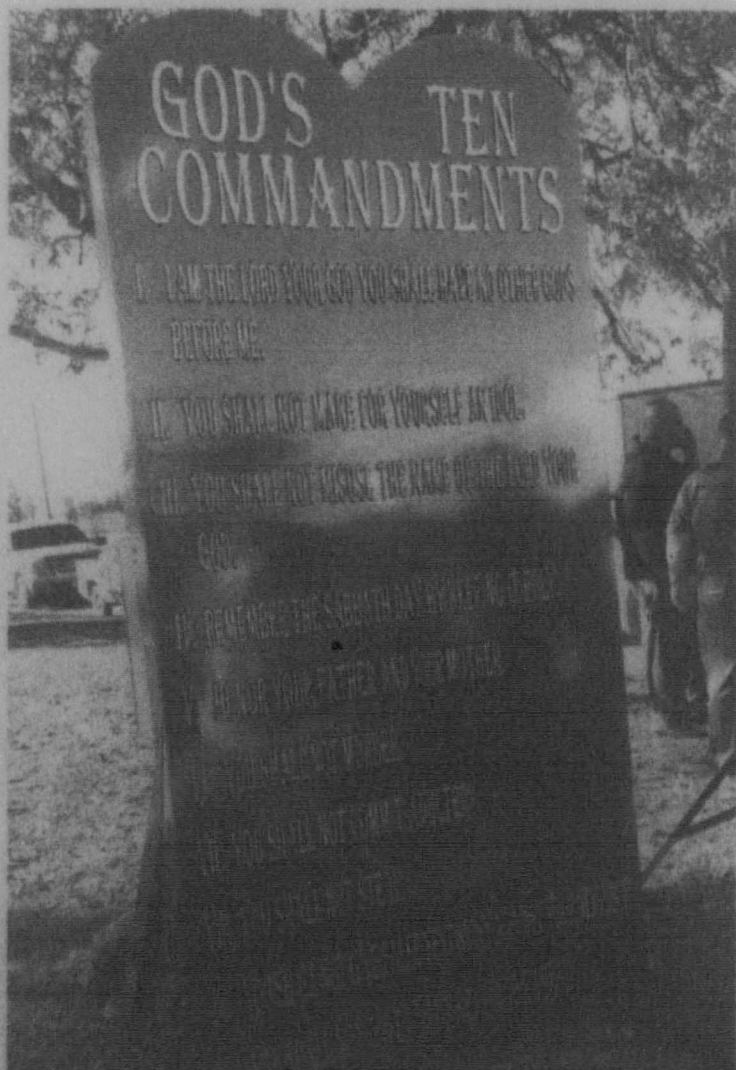
mility and steadfast resolve of purpose," said the pastor. "They showed that although the words on the wall could be removed, you cannot remove their faith from their hearts," he added.

Flynt thanked the community for showing their support of the students by erecting the sign. "We also want to thank Tommy Woolam, who has really been the brains behind this endeavor, and John and Sharon Wells for allowing the sign on their property," said Flynt.

O'Donnell ISD had painted The Ten Commandments on a wall in their newly-renovated school, but a media fervor began over the issue after school officials received a letter in early September from the Freedom From Religion Foundation protesting the display.

The letter from the Freedom From Religion Foundation stated that "O'Donnell ISD

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Show someone you are **Thankful!**

“Appreciation can change a day, even change a life. Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary.”

— MARGARET COUSINS

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Senior Citizen's Menu

Nov. 28 - Dec. 2

- Monday:** BBQ Beef sandwiches, tater tots, carrots & zucchini, ambrosia
 - Tuesday:** Pork chop, black-eyed peas, spinach, cornbread, baked apple slices
 - Wednesday:** BBQ Chicken breast filets, baked potato, mixed veg., mandarin oranges
 - Thursday:** Veg. beef stew, salad, orange pineapple cup, diet pumpkin custard
 - Friday:** Taco salad w/ corn chips, corn, watermelon, peach cobbler
- Mark your calendars.
• SPAG will be at the Center on Dec. 6, to review prescription plans. Please contact Bianca at 561-5264 for an appointment
• BINGO will be held Dec. 6, 1:45 p.m.



Challenge accepted... The clerical staff of Lynn County Hospital District took Al Garrett, owner of Tahoka Donuts on his challenge and decided to donate the gift money from their annual office Christmas party to the Tahoka Pioneer Senior Citizens Club. Pictured above are back row from left Kathy Grant, Donna Raindi, Claudia Alvarado, Donna Garrett and Pete Paniagua. Front row from left Elisa DeLeon, Somer Thetford, Mary Barrientes, Traci Jolly, Carmen Chapa and Cynthia White. Not pictured is Jill Stone. LCHD Office Staff is issuing a challenge to all other community office staff, to donate to the Seniors Citizens Fund instead of gift buying.

Obituaries



Idrys M. Davis

Idrys Marie Davis of Tahoka passed away on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at the age of 96. She was born December 24, 1919 in Cozad, NE to George and Margaret (Jackson) Pile. She married Oliver Jackson Davis on August 21, 1949 in Kimball, NE. She was a member of Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church of Kimball, NE.

Idrys was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver; son, Clayton Davis; step-son, Michael Blake; three sisters; one brother; one step-granddaughter.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Marcella Scholl (Dwight) of Garden City, KS and Sandra Laws (Terry) of Grassland; daughter-in-law, Carol Drake (Aaron) of Naponee, NE; step daughter-in-law, Cheryl Blake of Shawnee

Mission, KS; brother, Walter Pile (LetaFern); sister, Dorothy Huffman; eight grandchildren, Yolanda (Michael) Lawrence, Kevin (Jessica) Scholl, Clayton (Kary) Laws, Jeremy (Kriston) Laws, Amy Rock, Molly (Dan) Bartels, Jessica Layton, Aaron J. (Katie) Davis; 13 great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren and three step-great-great grandchildren.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 21, 2016 at the Nazarene Church, Grassland, TX.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorial donations be made to the Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church c/o Lyle Huffman, 1871 Rd 61, Potter, Nebraska 69156 or the Grassland Cemetery Association, c/o Terry Laws, 1995 CR HH, Post, Texas 79356.

Celebrate the life of Idrys by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)

Start each day with a thankful heart.



Lit H. Moore, Jr.

Lit H. Moore, Jr., 91, of Lubbock, formerly of New Home, passed away November 10th, 2016. He was born in O'Donnell, on February 28th, 1925. He joined the Marines on his 17th birthday and while a member of the 4th Division was in service on Iwo Jima, during the historic raising of the flag, earning 4 battle stars. He was mustered out of the service on November 25th 1945. He married Lee (Hancock) Moore on December 11th, 1946. He was retired from a career in agricultural production, second only to his love for his wife, Lee. Lit was a member of New Home Methodist Church.

He is preceded in death by son, Kenzel, parents, Lit and Dora Moore, brothers: Kay, Jay and Medford Moore, as well as 2 sisters and 1 brother deceased in early childhood.

He is survived by his wife and children: Yuonna Carter, Gid Moore, and Debe' Piatok; grandkids, Shane Schweda, Nicholas Moore, Brian Piatok, Jared Carter and Cara Sechser.

Celebration of life visitation was held on November 19th, 2016 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Resthaven in Lubbock. Lit willed his body to Texas Tech Health Science Center. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Methodist Children's Home, 1111 Herring Ave. Waco, Texas 76708, or memorial of your choice.

To leave an online condolence to the family, please visit resthavenfuneralhome.com. (PAID)

by Dalton **A look back at ...**
Woodwork

(Reprinted from the past)

Dalton Wood



IN JUST a couple of days from now, most of us will be eating our traditional Thanksgiving dinner, a bunch of turkey and dressing, pumpkin pie and miscellaneous vegetables. Most of us will eat too much and be miserable the rest of the day. On the day after Thanksgiving, we mostly will be eating the traditional day-after-TG meal, left-over green beans and grilled cheese sandwiches (topped with cranberry sauce?)

Some of us will reflect on the many things we can be thankful for, and there are lots of those, particularly when we consider the worse things that could have happened to us or to those we love.

As soon as Thanksgiving is over with, we can start thinking about Christmas and my birthday and maybe Pearl Harbor Day, a reminder of what used to be the worst national tragedy, until Sept. 11 of this year.

I know of at least one family which put up a Christmas tree last week. That's a bit early, in my opinion, but I didn't tell them so (and they don't read my column, so they will never know). And I know of a couple of places that have Christmas lights up. However, it's not because they are celebrating early; it's because they were too lazy to take them down after last Christmas.

THEY ARE showing a movie about Harry Potter in Lubbock. When I saw the ad and the story on the front page of the A-J, I made the mistake of asking some of the office staff, "Who is Harry Potter?" I was severely ridiculed for being out of touch, although I did vaguely recall hearing that it was a children's book. Or books.

So I guess it's a children's movie. But I had the idea that children were more interested in movies like Die Hard 19, or some such. Assuming that Harry Potter is less violent, maybe there is hope for our children yet.

I'm not familiar with the Harry Potter books. When I was a kid we read avidly books about Jerry Todd, Nancy Drew, the Hardy Boys and such. ~ Nov. 16, 2001



William Timothy Walker

Services celebrating the life of William Timothy Walker, 65, of Lubbock were held at 10 a.m., Friday, Nov. 18, at the North End Zone Club at Jones ATandT Stadium at Texas Tech University. He passed away on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016.

Timothy was born Sept. 5, 1951, in Tahoka and graduated from THS in 1970. He graduated from Texas Tech University in

1994 with a Bachelor of Architecture degree and worked for the Texas Tech Athletic Department for many years. He also helped build and design the W. Calloway Huffaker law offices in Tahoka and Tahoka's Life Enrichment Center.

Survivors include his wife, Silvia Velasco Walker of Lubbock; sisters Sue Thomas and Lacye and Richard Hutton, all of Lubbock; niece Tracey and Cody Swafford of Lamesa; nephews Jeff Thomas of Mansfield, Jay and Marca Thomas of Lubbock and Trent and Donnis Scott of Lubbock; great nieces and nephews Cambrie and Laynie Swafford, Jason Thomas, Dylan and Maggie Thomas, and Raymie and Kendon Scott.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity. (PAID)

We Give Thanks

For all the blessings of the past year and for all the possibilities that the future holds. We are especially thankful for all of our customers and friends that make this community so special!

Happy Thanksgiving

First National Bank of Tahoka

1601 South 1st St., Tahoka ♦ 806 / 561-4511 ♦ Member FDIC
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- * ALL MARY SQUARE BAGS 40% OFF
- * FALL GIFT ITEMS 50% OFF
- * ALL BABY 30% OFF
- * TERVIS TUMBLERS 50% OFF

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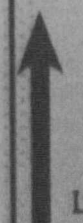
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Big guy ... Tahoka's Kevin White goes up for a basket, but a big defensive player, Slaton's #34, has a hand on the ball as well. In the background for Tahoka is Colbe Perez (5). Tahoka boys are scheduled to play Roosevelt on Nov. 22 at the THS gym and then will play at Stanton on Dec. 6.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



Two for Natalie ... Tahoka's Natalie Stice (22) shoots for 2 points in Lady Bulldog action against Slaton last week. Other Lady Bulldogs are Yuli Villegas (3) and Serena Ayala (1). (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Criminal mischief, drug arrests made

Tahoka Police Department investigated reports of domestic violence and criminal mischief this week, and officers arrested two for possession of narcotics after a traffic stop for speeding.

On Sunday night, at about 10:45 p.m., Officer Josh Parrish was monitoring traffic on US 87 just south of Tahoka, and stopped a black Infiniti G35 sedan travelling northbound clocked at speeds of 86 mph in a 65 mph zone. During the stop, the officer noticed an odor of marijuana and a search of the vehicle revealed the drugs and drug paraphernalia. The male driver, 28, of Aspermont, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. A male passenger, 29, of Sweetwater, was found to have an active warrant out of Nolan County, and was also charged with possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia.

A Tahoka woman, 18 called police last Thursday afternoon, stating that someone had stolen some of her clothing and damaged a red 2002 Ford pickup that belonged to a friend that was temporarily parked at her

home. She told officers that someone had apparently forced entry through the front door of her residence on Ave. E and stole all of her clothing that had been laying on the couch. The Ford F150 pickup, owned by Eloy Salas, 33, of Anthony, NM, was reported to have a broken front windshield and passenger side window. This investigation continues. Last Friday, Tahoka Police responded to a report of an assault/domestic violence at a residence on Lockwood Street. A 19-year-old woman told officers that she was struck on her face by her boyfriend, 38, during an argument over child support, but did not want to press charges.

This Thanksgiving have an Attitude of Gratitude

GET A DONUT AND HELP SENIOR CITIZENS!

Every **MONDAY** in November, **100%** of the day's proceeds will go toward the Lynn County Senior Citizen's new building fund.

TAHOKA DONUTS

1515 South 1st St. • 806-561-1611
OPEN: 8:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Thanksgiving Day Worship at St. John Lutheran

Everyone is invited to join the congregation at St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson for Thanksgiving Day Worship at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 24.

"Put your turkey in the oven and then join us as we celebrate all the blessings of the year in worship and praise. Casual dress is encouraged," said a church representative.



WE APPRECIATE YOU ... Tahoka FCCLA Officers deliver a basket of homemade goodies to Tahoka Police Chief Miguel Reyna for the Police Department. From left are: Brandon Farrell, Emit Quintero, Patrick Herrera, Chief Miguel Reyna, Elizabeth Calzonci, Blanka Resendez, and Leticia Olvera.

Christmas Craft Show scheduled for December 3

Area crafters are busily preparing for Tahoka's Annual Christmas Craft Show, which is set for Saturday, December 3. The popular event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka and will feature the talents of crafters from Tahoka, Lubbock, Brownfield, Slaton and other surrounding communities.

"We've got some great booths lined up with a nice variety of items," according to Amy Preston of Tahoka, Craft Show Coordinator. "We've added a few new vendors this year and will have many of the regulars back as well," added Preston.

Admission to the Craft Show is free. Phebe K. Warner Study Club will be preparing and selling chicken and dumplings during the event.

Tahoka's Life Enrichment Center is located at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka. For more information, please contact Amy Preston at 806-759-1690.

GOOD PEOPLE

... These Tahoka High School students were honored by the THS FCCLA as having a "DUDE. Be nice." lifestyle. They are, from left, Railee Moore (Jr), Colton Stice (Sr), Callie Nevill (Soph), and Jonah Pledger (Fr).



Pleasant Grove Bake Sale is Wednesday

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church will have a bake sale at Tahoka Thriftway Wednesday, Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. until sold out.

Donna Willis earns CTOP certificate

Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector Donna Willis has earned her County Tax Office Professional certification after completing all the coursework required. She was presented her certificate of completion at the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas state confer-



Congratulations

... Ronnie Keister, President of the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas, presents Donna Willis, Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector, with a certificate of completion of the County Tax Office Professional coursework.

ence held in San Marcos.

Mrs. Willis completed courses covering several topics, including budget planning, motor vehicles registration and training modules, customer service, eth-

ics, fee collection, public records, voter registration, title fraud training, accounting in a county tax office, a fundamentals of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other topics.

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

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

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

First Methodist of Tahoka
1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503
email: fumctahoka@poka.com
SUNDAYS: Sunday School - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
"Like" our Facebook page... facebook/FMofTahoka
Let the Children Come 7 am-6 pm M-F
LIC2580 CHILD CARE 561-4529

TAHOKA Church of Christ
2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4060 • email: tco@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) 629-6333
PASTOR: BILLY FARMER
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
Discipleship Training - 9 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.
TONDA FREITAG, PLM
Sunday School - 9:30 am • Sunday Worship - 10:45 am

A Pervasive Attitude
Philippians 4:4-7
Paul's words to those he called "the saints ... who are at Philippi" (Philippians 1:1):
"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." EVERYTHING is a good word to use in our prayers of gratitude. Almost without exception, when thanksgiving is mentioned in scripture, it is all-inclusive. Thanksgiving is more than an occasional expression of appreciation we utter sincerely in response to some benefit we have received. It is a pervasive attitude within our heart that recognizes our indebtedness to God and to our neighbors for all that is good in our lives.

Happy Thanksgiving
Do you need a church home? Please visit one of the churches listed on this page.
excerpt from - The Upper Room (H. Coop, Kentucky)

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) - 8:00 pm Sunday
Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule
There's A Place For Me at FBC!

TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church
1629 S. Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373 • Office (806) 561-4436
PASTOR: FATHER JOHN S. RATHINAM, 806-281-0086
DEACON: PETE PAHRISUA, 445-8077
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

Grassland Nazarene Church
2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 527-5656, 527-5655
PASTOR: Rev. James Miller
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm

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
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)
Morning Worship - 10:50 am
(Lifting 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) 603-2947
CurtisSchraeder@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 Madiox
"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

These local firms are sponsoring this
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 11-21-16)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union.....	48,977
New Home Coop, Lakeview.....	33,238
Wells Coop Gin.....	23,119
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	18,019
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	15,493
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.....	14,787
Garlyn Gin.....	6,960
TOTAL BALES.....	160,593



Fun with the principal ... Wilson ISD Principal Richard Soliz is pictured here with students Larry Niño, Gabriel Hernandez, Ryan Hinojosa, Brittany Joplin, Rey Esparza, Mika Hinojosa, and Leslie Pantoja. They were honored for showing CARE: Courtesy, Accountability, Respect, Excellence.



Wilson Students of the Month... Pre-K Justice Earwood; Grades 2-5 Kaylee Ayala; and Junior High Alex Sandoval.

Lexi Villarreal named All-State Cross Country

Lexi Villarreal, a senior at O'Donnell High School, has been named to the 2016-17

Cross Country All-State Teams in Class 1A.

The Texas Girls Coaches Association selects All-State teams in conferences 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A in cross country. Athletes are selected from nominations by member coaches submitted to the TGCA Cross Country Committee, and selections are made by the committee at their annual meeting during the UIL State Cross Country Meet. Lexi was nominated by her coach, Perri Clark.

Lexi was also named to the 2016-17 Academic All State Cross Country Team. Athletes must have a 94 or above grade point average for years 9-11, must be a graduating senior, and must be a team member in good standing, to be considered for the Academic All State Team.

WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS

by Bonnie S. Schwertner

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Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. It is probably the only one, except maybe Ground Hog Day, that is not commercialized beyond recognition. It's about one thing: being thankful. I love this quote from Ralph Marston. "Make it a habit to tell people thank you. To express your appreciation, sincerely and without the expectation of anything in return. Truly appreciate those around you, and you'll soon find many others around you. Truly appreciate life, and you'll find that you have more of it."

As the students of the month were introduced at our school board meeting, Principal Richard Soliz read these comments from nominating teachers. Pre-K-1 Justice Earwood, "Justice always has a positive attitude and comes to school ready to learn. I can always count on him to give his best effort on a daily basis. Justice loves to help others. He is trustworthy and his classmates can depend on him as a friend. His consistent good character makes him a role model to others in the school."

2-5 Kaylee Ayala, "She is very helpful to her friends and is always willing to work through a hard topic. She has a wonderful attitude!" JH Alex Sandoval, "Alex is always on time, with a smile on his face. He makes excellent grades. Alex is very self motivated. He is a good influence on the rest of the class. Alex is a joy to have in class." HS Randee Autry, "Always smiling, and in a positive mood. Randee is always willing to help a friend. Very sweet young lady." Also recognized were Teacher of the Month Brennan Lauritzen and Employee of the Month Josefina Gonzalez.

Principal's 100 secondary school award winners were Larry Niño, Gabriel Hernandez, Ryan Hinojosa, Brittany Joplin, Rey Es-



Top scorer ... Wilson's Lady Mustangs played Christ the King at Wilson, winning 38-19. Alyssa Mattheus (#22) scored 24 points, and had 14 rebounds. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

parza, Mika Hinojosa, and Leslie Pantoja. They earned this honor for showing CARE - Courtesy, Accountability, Respect, Excellence! Principal Richard Soliz is living these words by Henri Frederic Amiel, "Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts." I'm in awe of the caliber of students and staff at Wilson.

Mustang Basketball

I played basketball through my junior year in high school. While I loved to play, I was about as talented as a stump. I spent the summer before my junior year practicing bouncing the ball and shooting baskets at the gym. After that, my "stump-ness" evolved enough to successfully play most of a JV game. I admire the effort of our players, and know that they are winners both on and off the court.

Being the "slow to jump in" person that I am, I failed to get any stats for the HS boys. Cori Vega, girls' high school basketball coach, sent the highlights from the November 18th game.

Wilson played Christ the King in Wilson, and took charge of the court, winning 38-19! Alyssa Mattheus shot for 24 points, and had 14 rebounds. Amber Guzman had 10 rebounds, and Makayla Joplin had 8 steals.

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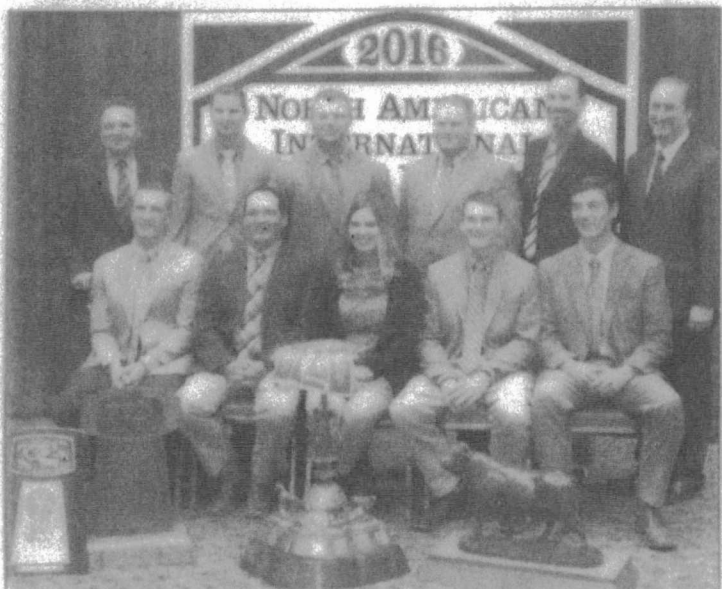
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Super Bowl TV Raffle: Tickets are on sale now for a Samsung 60" Smart 4K TV. The raffle tickets are selling for \$5 each and the drawing will be held at the library at 2:00 p.m. Feb. 2. Come by and get your ticket to have a chance to win a new TV just in time for the Super Bowl held on Sunday, Feb. 5.

Open House: Come get your picture made with Santa and enjoy the Library Christmas Open House, Thursday, Dec. 8 from 5:00-6:30 pm, sponsored by Santa's Land Drive Thru Park. We will have a drawing for a \$100 gift card and several smaller ones from local businesses. Don't forget to shop local businesses and support Lynn County. You do not have to be present to win the grand prize, but do need to come register.



Champion TTU team ... The Texas Tech University Livestock Judging Team claimed its second straight national title at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Kentucky. Jonathan Nieman of New Home, seated second from left, is a senior member of the team.

NH grad Nieman is member of champion TTU Judging Team

On the strength of three top 10 individual finishes, the Texas Tech University Livestock Judging Team from the Department of Animal and Food Sciences in the College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources claimed its second straight national title and ninth in program history Monday at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Kentucky.

Jonathan Nieman, a Texas Tech University senior from New Home, placed eighth, and two of his teammates finished in 2nd and 6th places.

"This is a humble group of Christian young men and women on this team that mean the world to me personally," said coach Ryan Rathmann, an associate professor and the John W. and Doris Jones Professor in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences. "This is a very special win."

Texas Tech edged Kansas State University by just three

points, 4,878-4,875, to claim the win. Oklahoma State University was third, followed by the University of Nebraska and Texas A&M University.

Texas Tech claimed first place in the reasons division by seven points over Oklahoma State while taking second in swine and sheep judging and third in cattle.

The livestock team this season also captured the championship at the State Fair of Texas Collegiate Livestock Contest in Dallas and the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo in March.

Elected officials to be sworn in on January 1

All county officials who were recently elected in the Nov. 8 General Election will take the Oath of Office in ceremonies to be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017 in the District Courtroom of the Lynn County Courthouse. Family members and interested citizens may attend.



We love our new books ... Wilson 1st and 2nd graders show their storybooks donated by the India Phillips Foundation and the City-County Library.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of certain Execution issued by the clerk of the District Court of Lynn County on 14th day of September 2016, in Cause number 15-07-07214, wherein Lubbock County Hospital District D/B/A University Medical Center recovered a judgment against Lester Gickhorn, in his capacity as independent executor of the estate of Curtis Lee Gickhorn for the sum of \$263,647.32, together with all costs of suit, that being the judgment recovered by plaintiff, on the 6th day of June 2016.

J.D. Franklin Sheriff of Lynn County, Texas on the 29th day of September, 2016 at 160 Dhrs., have levied upon and will, on the 5th day of December 2016 at 10:00 am, at the Courthouse door of Lynn County in the City of Tahoka, Texas within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of the Defendant in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of the Defendant Curtis Lee Gickhorn.

All right, title and undivided interest of Curtis Lee Gickhorn in

Parcel#4838
Legal Being 110 acres of land off of the South side of the East One-half (E/2) of Survey No. Five (5) Block D-23, Public School Land, Lynn County, Texas, as is described by metes and bounds in a warranty deed from J.F. Oliver, et ux to A.F. Gickhorn on October 26, 1946, of record in Vol.93, page 154 of the Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas, reference to which is here made.

Parcel#4851
Legal The North One-half (N/2) of the East One-half (E/2) of Section No. 6, Block D-23, Abstract No. 832, Public School Lands, Patent No. 461, Vol. 19-A, dated September 13, 1923, Lynn County, Texas.

Parcel#4841
Legal Being 160 acres out of League Two (2), of the Wilson County School of Four Leagues as the same is described by metes and bounds in an Oil and Gas lease from Arthur F. Gickhorn, et ux to Joe A. Noake, dated September 18, 1928, of record in Vol. 71 page 306 of the Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas, reference to which is here made.

Parcel#12888
Legal In Lynn County, Texas, and being the North 390 acres of the following described tract land, BEGINNING at a stake in public road for the N.E. corner of a 160 acre tract heretofore conveyed to H.J. Bfod, for the N.W. corner of this tract: THENCE East 1108.7 varas to stake set for N.W. corner of a 200 acre tract heretofore conveyed to R. J. Macker by William Green; THENCE South 3374.6 varas to a stake set in the south boundary line of League No.3, for the S.E. corner of this tract; THENCE West 1108.7 varas, with the south boundary line of League No. 3, to stake set for the S.W. corner of this tract; THENCE North 3374.6 varas, to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Parcel#4839
Legal Being 232.11 acres, more or less, of land out of league no.3, of the Wilson County School land, Lynn County, Texas, and being the same and described in a deed from J.H. Nessel et ux, and Henry W. Nessel et ux, to M.E. Wolters and Emilie Wolters, dated January 23, 1931, of record in Vol. 51, at page 34, of the Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas, to which deed and the

recording thereof, reference is hereby made for all purposes, SAVE AND EXCEPT, a 4.827 acre tract, previously conveyed by the grantor herein to the City of Wilson, as shown by a Warranty Deed dated February 25, 1963, of record in Vol. 162 at page 256, of the Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas.

Parcel#4837
Legal 133.18 acres of land, more or less out of League No. Three (3), of the Wilson County School Land of Four Leagues, situated in Lynn County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at stake set 30 feet South from the Southwest corner, of a 200 acre tract of land conveyed to Rudy Macker by Wm. Green, for the Northwest corner of this tract: THENCE East 1071 vrs. to a stake set 30ft. South from the Southeast corner of a 200 acre tract for the Northeast corner of this tract, and the Northwest corner of a 10.11 acre tract conveyed to Louis Shambeck by Wm. Green; THENCE South with the West boundary line of the said Louis Shambeck 106.11 acre tract a distance of 702 vrs. to a stake set for the Southeast corner of this tract, and the Southwest corner of the said Shambeck tract; THENCE West 1071 vrs. to a stake set for the Southwest corner of this tract; THENCE North 702vrs. to the place of beginning and containing 133.18 acres of land, more or less. SAVE AND EXCEPT Grantors reserve unto themselves one-half of all of the oil, gas and other minerals in, on and under or that may be produced therefrom, together with the right of ingress and egress.

Parcel#4848
Legal A tract of land out of tract No. Six (6), William D. Green Subdivision of League 3, Wilson County School Land, Lynn County, Texas, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at a pint which is 340' North of a railroad spike set for the Southeast corner of Tract No. Six (6), William D. Green Subdivision of League 3, Wilson County School Land, for the Southeast and beginning corner of this tract; THENCE, North, 367.12 feet to a 3/8" iron rod set for the Northeast corner of this tract, whence, the Northeast corner of Tract 1 and the Northeast corner of League 3 bears North, 3818.44 feet; THENCE, West, 1540.04 feet to a 3/8" iron rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract; THENCE, South 707.12 feet to a 1/2" iron pipe found for the Southwest corner of a 160 acre tract and the Southwest corner of this tract; THENCE, East 1240.05 feet to a point in the South boundary line of Tract No. Six (6); THENCE North, 340' feet parallel with the East boundary line of said Tract No. Six (6) for an inside corner of this tract; THENCE, East, 300' feet parallel with the South boundary line of said Tract No. Six (6), to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgement in favor of the Plaintiff and the proceeds applied pursuant to the court order.

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All of Lots Three (3) and Four (4), Block Thirty-seven (37) in the Original Town of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, located at 1525 South 2nd Street, Tahoka, Texas.

All bids must be received by the close of business on November, 2016. Submit bids to City of Tahoka, P.O. Box 300, Tahoka, TX 79373. The City of Tahoka reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Due Date/Time: 5:00 pm on December 8, 2016

The City of Tahoka reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and waive any formality in bids received, deemed to be in the best interest of the City. No officer or employee of the City of Tahoka shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract with the City of Tahoka. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the address above at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting on December 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Bidders are invited to attend the sealed bid opening.

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All of these pretty princesses came to the Princess Tea Party at the City-County Library recently, dressed in all their finery. FirstBank & Trust and the Library sponsored the party.



A sign of Faith ...

(Continued from page 1)

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 ended by requesting OISD to inform the foundation in writing of what action the District would take "to protect the right of conscience of its students and to respect our Constitution."

While school officials debated how to handle the situation, a large U.S. Flag was hung over The Ten Commandments display. Within a couple of weeks, however, school officials decided not to fight the issue and painted over the display. Students, while understanding the legality of the controversy, remained dedicated to preserving their rights as well, voicing their protest of the removal of the biblical display.

"This is absolutely student driven - this all came about because the students took the initiative and put up sticky notes with scriptures and The Ten

Commandments on the walls of their school. And this is what has inspired the adults in our community to get this done," said Tommy Woolam, owner of Woolam Gin in O'Donnell and one of the leaders behind the project.

The idea for the sign actually began from a discussion between Woolam and some of the farmers visiting at Woolam Gin.

"We were sitting around drinking coffee in the gin office and discussing the Ten Commandments issue, and one of my farmers - Pat Childress - said, 'Well, they may can stop us from showing it on school property, but they can't stop it on private property.' And that is really what got the ball going," Woolam told *The News*.

"We did some research on



Our sign ... O'Donnell community members and OISD students and staff listen during dedication ceremonies as a sign depicting "God's Ten Commandments" was unveiled last week. (LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)

are not cheap! We figured the kind of sign we were talking about was going to cost us at least \$8,000, and that kind of stopped us for a moment. But then, well, we just said 'Let's do

actually better suited for visibility. A local couple, John and Sharon Wells, knew about the project and they have a property across from the school with an old uninhabited house, and they

Our students responded with grace, humility and steadfast resolve of purpose. They showed that although the words on the wall could be removed, you cannot remove their faith from their hearts.

— PASTOR TAYLOR WOOD

putting up a sign - we wanted something permanent, not something that was going to deteriorate in a couple of years. But when we did some checking on the kind of sign we wanted, we discovered that these signs

it - it was a gut reaction, and we had nothing to back it up with really ... except, maybe, some faith," he stated.

Woolam said they commissioned the sign from a crew of Mennonites that had just finished a building project for Woolam Gin.

"The contractor on this sign project, John Siemens from Seminole, has been very gracious, letting us pay him as the money comes in - all the checks are written straight to him. He has an excellent crew of workers who are very talented - really, they are all artists at their work in my opinion - and we have been very impressed with these people," said Woolam.

The sign is approximately 7-feet tall by 4-feet wide, in black with gold letters in a powder-coated finish that won't rust, and lit with solar lights that have a battery with an inverter to provide very bright lights that stay on all night.

The sign was placed on private property across the street (west) from the high school parking lot, and it will be very visible to school students and staff as they come and go from school property.

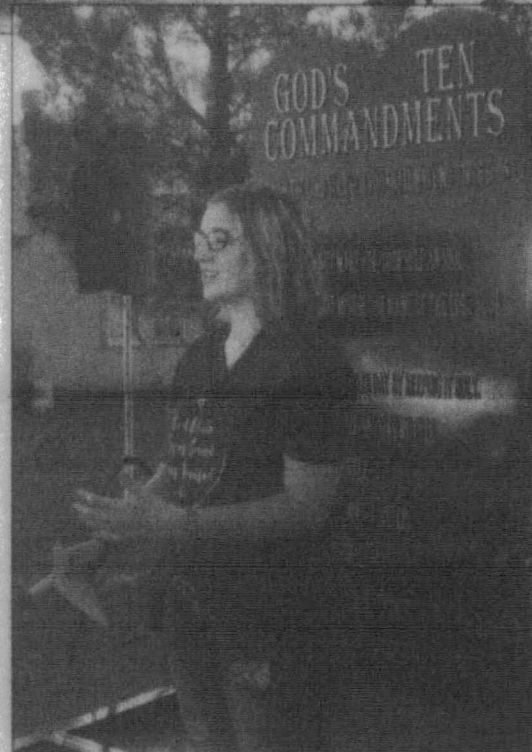
"We had permission to place the sign in another location, but found another location that is

allowing us to place the sign there. We had a crew cleaning up the property before the sign was placed, and hopefully we may eventually tear down the house and build a small park there," Woolam explained.

There have been no fundraisers, no community dinners, no actual projects that raised the funds for the sign that cost \$8,000 to create. Instead, it has all been done from voluntary donations by word of mouth, and Woolam says he has been surprised at how quickly the word spread.

"I've had calls from out of the blue - from people as far away as Odessa and the Houston area," said Woolam. "One guy from Pasadena said he heard about it, and asked, 'How can I send a check? I am coming back to O'Donnell at Thanksgiving and I want to see that sign.' Another guy from Odessa called and said, 'I want to help with this ... I'll put in \$1,000.' I have been amazed, really.

"One of our guys here at the gin said, 'You know Tommy, you may have to put in more than you realize to get this done,' but I just had a gut feeling that yeah, we could do this. We have about \$4,000 already collected, and I feel sure we'll get there," said Woolam.



We believe

... O'Donnell ISD student Abby Franklin speaks to news media in front of The Ten Commandments sign that was unveiled on private property facing the school last week.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)

"So, now we've taken a negative situation and the school and community has turned it into a very definite positive," Woolam said. "I have not heard one negative word about this project, but we can darn sure do it on private property where it can be seen from the school."

Anyone who would like to contribute funds for The Ten Commandments sign may contact Woolam Gin at 806-428-3314. All checks are being given directly to the contractor who worked on the project, and Woolam says if they collect

more than what the sign costs, then the extra funds will be used to start a Ten Commandments Scholarship for the students at O'Donnell ISD.

From what began as a simple sign of faith printed on a wall, began The Ten Commandments movement in the school and community where the Biblical words from Exodus 20 are common sights in the town, from hundreds of yard signs to the 7-foot-tall sign facing the school. And, it is possible that "The Ten Commandments Scholarship" may be a fitting way for the Word to continue spreading.

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Also have one with Big Bend National Park license plate featured and several others available - on display at the News Office.

Call or text Gary Jones at 806-441-5158 or stop by the Lynn County News Office.

Doggone it, shop at home when you can.

Our local economy is fragile ...

Shopping locally is a vital part of our growth and prosperity.

Why send locally-owned, hard-earned dollars out of town to support someone else?

Money spent in Lubbock or other surrounding towns does not support our community, our school, or our hospital. All our area businesses are staunch supporters of this community. Every time a business goes under, local taxes will go up in order to have the same tax base. That means homeowners and remaining businesses will inevitably pay more in taxes. So please, **think before you shop out of town** - what will happen when you can no longer buy what you need in our town and there are no businesses left?

And we especially appreciate it when our taxing entities -- our school, county, hospital and city -- spend the taxes they collect from us in our own town and county.

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