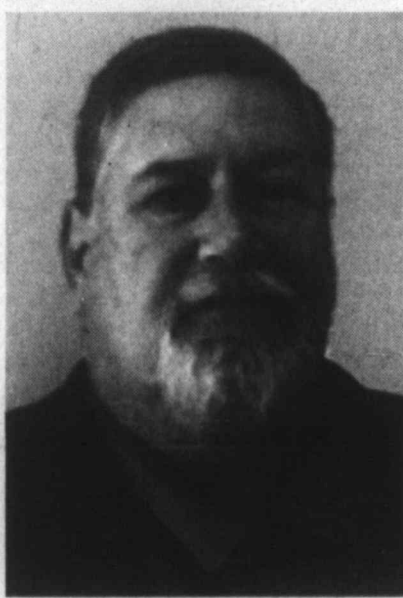


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ALAN UMHOLTZ

## TISD Board names Alan Umholz as lone finalist for superintendent

At a called meeting last Thursday, June 29, the Board of Trustees of the Tahoka Independent School District named Alan Umholz as the lone finalist for the TISD Superintendent's position. Mr. Umholz has been employed as the Superintendent at Henrietta Midway ISD, a 1-A district southeast of Wichita Falls, since 2015. Prior to his tenure at Midway ISD, he was the superintendent at Yorktown ISD for two years, and superintendent at Overton ISD for five years. He was also

curriculum director at Whitney ISD for four years, campus administrator at Crowley ISD for ten years, teacher/coach at All Saints Episcopal School in Fort Worth for 15 years, and teacher/coach at Rosemont Middle School in Fort Worth for one year.

Mr. Umholz graduated from Brewer High School, Fort Worth, in 1978 and Texas Christian University in 1985, where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree. He received his Masters of Education degree from

Texas Woman's University in 1998 and his Superintendent Certification from TWU in 2000.

Umholz and his wife, Beth, have two children, Hillary, 24, and Blair, 21.

Government Code 552.125 requires that the Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees wait 21 days before taking final action to employ Mr. Umholz as Superintendent. The date of official action on the employment of Mr. Umholz is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 20, 2017.

**'Did you know' ...**

Ken Griffey Sr. and Ken Griffey Jr. became the first father and son to play in the major leagues as teammates for the Seattle Mariners in 1990. On September 14, 1990, they hit back-to-back home runs, creating another father-son baseball first.

**AMERICA**

I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.

-- ABRAHAM LINCOLN

## "Biggest Little Rodeo in Texas" O'Donnell Rodeo starts tonight, thru Saturday

The annual O'Donnell Rodeo will be held July 6-7-8, with performances slated at 8 p.m. nightly and a rodeo parade on Saturday, July 8. The parade starts at 6 p.m.

The 2017 Rodeo Queen candidates include Gillian Jonas, daughter of Rick and Sharmye Jonas; Gabrielle Rosales, daughter of Billy and

DeAnna Rosales, sponsored by the City of O'Donnell; and Madison Roye, daughter of Mark and Lorrye Roye, sponsored by the O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept.

Rodeo admission tickets may be purchased in advance from any of the queen candidates. General admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children

under age 12 if paid in advance; or if purchased at the gate, \$8 for adults and \$6 for children under age 12.

The O'Donnell rodeo grounds are located on the west side of Hwy 87 in O'Donnell.

For more information about the rodeo, call Megan Mires, 806-252-0826.



## SPECIAL DAY Mayor administers USAF promotion of his son to Lieutenant Colonel

As mayor of Tahoka, John Baker performs many civic duties, but this week the Mayor had a highly unusual opportunity to perform a special duty, one that he was honored to bestow. As an elected official, Baker was allowed to perform a ceremony that administered the promotion his son, Major Jacoby Louis Baker, to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force.

In ceremonies conducted on Monday, July 3, 2017 at First Baptist Church of Tahoka, Mayor Baker had the honor of presenting Special Order Number 845 that read: The President of the United States, acting upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Air Force, has placed special trust and confidence in the patriotism, integrity, and abilities of Major Jacoby Louis Baker. In view of these special

qualities, and his demonstrated potential to serve in the next higher grade, Major Baker is promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force, effective the third day of July, Two Thousand and Seventeen, by Order of the Secretary of the Air Force.

Lt. Col. Baker is in his 18th year of service to his country in the U.S. Air Force. He flies an AC130j gunship, and is stationed in Hurlbert, Florida.

"I am humbled and honored to administer the oath to my son ... and pretty dang proud!" the Mayor told *The News*.

Mayor John Baker (left) administered the Oath in the promotion of his son, Major Jacoby Louis Baker, to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force.



**What's Outside**  
NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 27	82	63	
June 28	89	65	
June 29	94	68	
June 30	104	70	
July 1	100	61	0.66"
July 2	87	64	0.64"
July 3	90	65	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	2.51"
Total Precip for Feb:	1.16"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.21"
Total Precip for Apr:	2.88"
Total Precip for May:	0.10"
Total Precip for June:	2.49"
Total Precip for July:	1.30"
Total Precip. for 2017:	10.65"



**Did you know?** " What baseball player threw a 4-0 no-hitter against the Boston Red Sox on July 4, 1983? " New York Yankees pitcher Dave Righetti. It was the first no-hitter in 27 years. "

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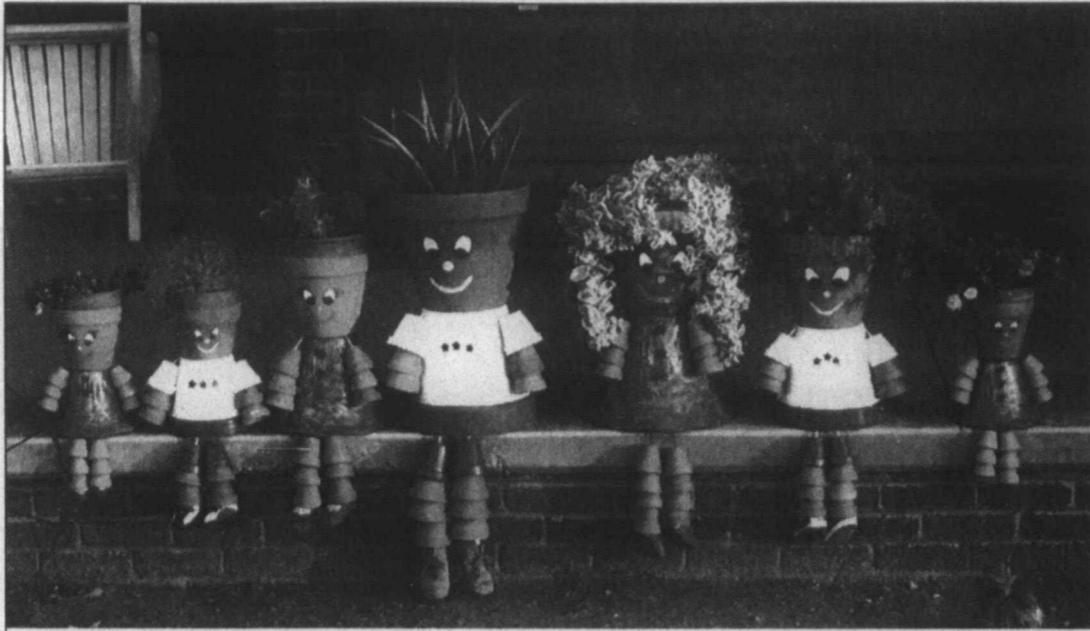
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Month  
Share a cone with a friend!

**NEW Ideal Protein Diet Program**  
Lose your fat, not your muscle.

Ideal Protein is a medically supervised, drug-free weight loss program that offers 1 on 1 counseling and a 4 stage program to help you lose weight and keep it off.

1809 Lockwood, Tahoka  
For information call: 806-561-1340  
Inside the Fitness Center



**Our grandchildren ...** John and Suzanne Baker had fun creating these "potted" creations - one each representing their seven grandchildren. The pot-heads - on the porch, not the grandchildren - are sitting on the Baker's front porch, in the 1600 block of N. 5th Street in Tahoka.

## Obituaries

### Austin E. "Bob" Haney, Jr.

Austin E. "Bob" Haney, Jr., 87, of Tahoka passed away on June 28, 2017. He was born in Lipin, Texas on October 30, 1929 to Austin and Pearl (Bernard) Haney, Sr. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He married Clarabeth Theford on June 10, 1956 in Littlefield, Texas. He was a farmer and Baptist by faith.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Clarabeth;

children, Sherry Scarfo, Perry Haney and Donniece Haney; sister, Sue Smith; two grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 1, 2017 at First Baptist Church with interment at the Tahoka Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First Baptist Church, Tahoka, TX.

Please celebrate the life of Bob by visiting [www.combest-familyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.combest-familyfuneralhomes.com)

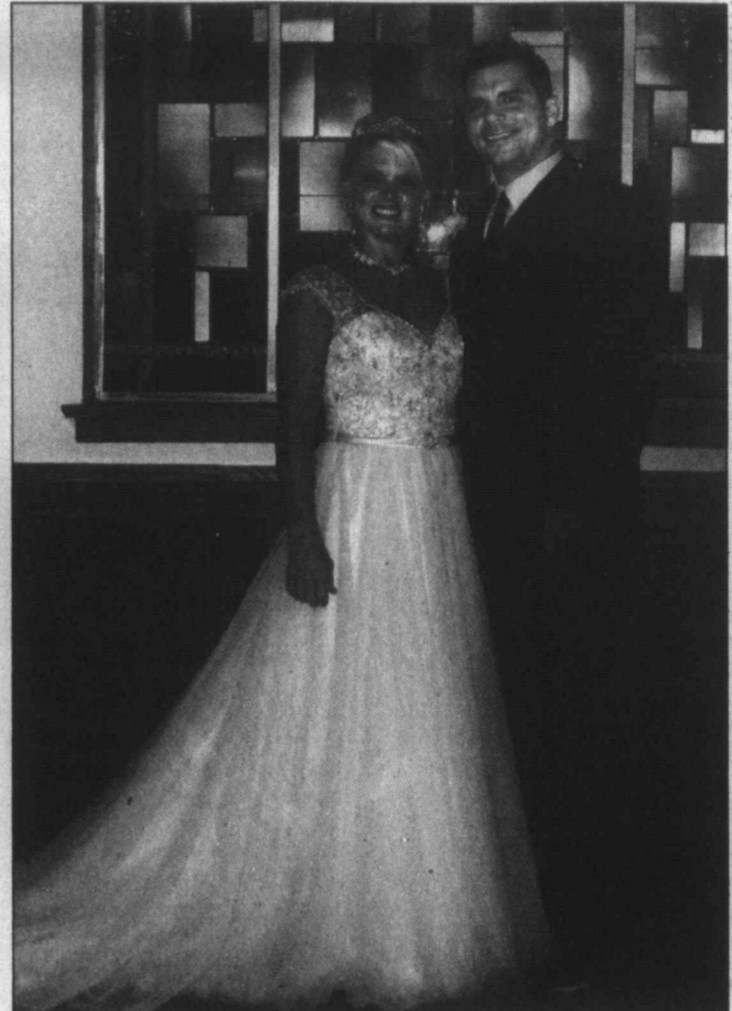
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Lynn County Clerk  
Susan Tipton • 561-4750  
Lynn County Probation  
Bill Schoemann • 561-5244  
Lynn County Treasurer  
Amy Schuknecht • 561-4055  
offices are located at  
1627 Ave K • Tahoka  
(Huffaker & Green/  
James Craig Law Building)

## Dog owners reminded of leash laws in town

Citizens who own dogs in Tahoka are reminded that all dogs must be kept in a fenced yard or some other type of enclosure, or must be on leashes if outside the enclosure. Tahoka also enforces a no-tether law, which means dogs may not be chained or tied to a fixed object as a means of keeping them on your property.

One citizen reported to Animal Control authorities last week that her neighbor's dogs were loose and attempted to attack her on her own property, and she was concerned that any pedestrians or children in the area would be vulnerable to an attack as well.

To report animal attacks or concerns, call the Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 806-561-4505.



**MR. & MRS. JARROD RYAN CABARUBIO**  
(NEE: KELLI RENA WHITLEY)

### Couple exchange wedding vows

Kelli Renae Whitley and Jarrod Ryan Cabarubio were united in marriage on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tahoka First United Methodist Church, with Brother Perry Shuffield of Tahoka Trinity Church officiating the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Curtis and Glenda Whitley of Tahoka. The groom is the son of Sonya Cabarubio of Fort Worth and the late Jim Cabarubio, Jr. of San Angelo. He is the grandson of Carmen Wirt, and step-grandson of Helen Wirt, both of Fort Worth.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a Morilee gown designed by Madeline Gardner, a romantic ivory, champagne and silver gown with pearls and crystallized embroidery on soft tulle ball gown with a satin beaded belt.

Serving as Matron of Honor was Suzanne Whitley of Fort Worth. Bridesmaids were Andrea Garcez of Tahoka and Hannah Boney of San Antonio.

Landon Cabarubio of Fort Worth served as Best Man and Cory Whitley of Tahoka served as groomsman. Ushers were Mason Walker of Tahoka and John Ramirez of Lubbock.

Candlelighters were Kahlen Whitley of Lubbock, and Kendra Garcez of Tahoka. Flower Girls were Brynn Whitley and Sidney Walker, both of Lubbock.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Tahoka Housing Authority.

The couple will reside in Tahoka after honeymooning in the Bahamas. The groom is employed by Scoggin-Dickey Chevrolet and attends South Plains College pursuing a degree in Computer Information Technology. The bride is a graduate of Covenant School of Nursing, earning her Registered Nursing degree, and is employed by Fresenius Medical Group.

## Please visit these Lynn County Churches

**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

**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/FMofTahoka  
Let the Children Come 7 am - 6 pm M-F  
LICENSED CHILD CARE 561-4529

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

**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

**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

**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  
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)  
Wednesday Night - 6 pm  
(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**Seeing the Potential**  
Do not judge, so that you may not be judged.  
- Matthew 7:1 (NRSV)

The plant had only two puny leaves sticking out of a dirty clay pot. When one of the rummage-sale workers asked me, "Will you take it?" my first thought was, Another plant? That scrawny thing? But then I remembered a small space on my kitchen windowsill, just the right size for the ugly pot, and I brought it home. If this plant were to die, nothing would be lost. As months passed, one more leaf and then another and another appeared. With warm sunshine and an occasional drink of water, the little plant began to thrive.

Every time I look at the now-flourishing plant, I am reminded of how easily I make judgments about the potential of everything from plants to people. I think, Oh, she'll never amount to anything; look at all her tattoos! or What chance does he have, coming from a home like that? or She shouldn't hire him; he's done time in prison.

God looks at people's hearts, not their outward appearance or circumstances. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 7:1 not to condemn people. Instead, we can help others experience God's love, care, and grace - and then step back and watch for the transformations. Upperrroom

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.

**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

**Wilson First Baptist Church**  
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333  
PASTOR: BILLY PARMER  
Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm  
Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday  
6:30 pm Wednesdays  
Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages  
Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth

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

**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 Baptist Church**  
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373  
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org  
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

**New Home United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Madoc Thomas  
(806) 470-2939  
emt@madocthomass.com  
350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383  
(806) 924-7549  
Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

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

## Take control of your debt

While it can be surprisingly easy—and often fun—to get into debt, it's much more difficult and takes longer to get out. Statistics show that eight in ten Americans are in debt. However, all debt isn't created equal. Mortgage debt can help strengthen your financial position if handled correctly, but credit card debt and other debts with high interest rates are unnecessarily costly and should be dealt with as soon as possible. There isn't a one-size-fits-all approach to tackling debt but there are various proven strategies to help knock it out. With a plan, dedication and discipline, anyone can achieve a life free of bad debt, even if it takes a while to get there from your current position.

Many people struggle with getting out of debt because they're not sure where to start and feel overwhelmed. Below are tips that can help you take control of your debt and get on the road to financial success.

### Stop Creating More Debt

While this may seem obvious, it's often harder than one would think. This won't get you out of debt, but it will ensure your current situation doesn't get worse. You can reduce temptation by cutting up your credit cards or freezing your credit. Try cash or debit cards instead.

### Make a List of Your Debts and Plan

Make a list of all of your debts and the interest you're charged for each, then put them in order of highest interest rate to lowest. Put as much as you can toward the debt with the highest interest rate—usually your credit card balance—while paying at least the minimum on other balances. Pay all bills on time to avoid unnecessary late fees. Once the debt with the highest rate is paid, move to next-highest rate and do the same.

### Create a Budget

Figure out where your money goes, including your spending patterns and unnecessary expenses. For one month, write down every dollar you spend so you can determine the extras that can be cut out. Once you have your budget to the bare minimum, you'll

know exactly how much you have each month to pay your debts. If possible, save monthly to build an emergency fund—start with a \$1,000 goal but aim to build it to three to six months of living expenses.

While this may sound counterproductive to what you're trying to do, it will help ensure you don't get further in debt when an unexpected emergency arises, which inevitably will happen.

### Live Within Your Means

You can avoid bad debt by living within—or better yet, below—your means. A detailed budget will allow you to get on track and stay there. It can help you watch expenses and divert money to saving or paying off bills. Make changes like packing your lunch instead of eating out, skipping the fancy coffee and keeping your car for a few years once it's paid off. Your commitment to sticking with your budget and living within or below your means is critical to getting out of debt. Plus, it will help install good financial habits for the future.

### Ask Creditors for Lower Interest Rates

Ask your credit card issuers to lower your interest rate. They'll often negotiate the rate for customers with a good payment history. The saved interest can make a real impact over time.

### Boost Your Income

Try to boost your income however you can. This may mean temporarily taking a part-time job or selling things you no longer use. If you receive a tax refund, bonus or other unexpected money, immediately put that toward paying off debt.

### Be Patient

Be realistic and understand that you can't erase years of debt overnight. Acknowledge that setbacks will come up but don't get discouraged and give up. Track your progress, celebrate each success and keep at it until the seemingly impossible has been accomplished. Once you've overcome debt, it's likely you've learned an important lesson and won't find yourself in the same situation again.

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## Four vehicles burglarized in Tahoka, other thefts, home burglary reported

by JUANELL JONES

Four vehicles were burglarized recently (two at the same address), and one homeowner reported an attempted burglary here in Tahoka, as well as thefts from rural areas in the county during the past week. Two Tahoka males were arrested on Grand Jury Indictments as well.

Grand Jury Indictments were handed out in court proceedings held here recently under District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht in the 106th Judicial District. Arrested on the following indictments were:

- Gabriel Quintero, 27, of Tahoka, on charges of Assault on a Public Servant;

- Pedro Rivera, 32, of Tahoka, on charges of Assault Family Violence with Previous Conviction.

With the recent vehicle and home burglaries, Police Chief Miguel Reyna has urged citi-

zens to be aware of any suspicious activity around homes or neighborhoods, and to call the Tahoka Police Dept., day or night, at 806-561-5255 to report any suspicious behavior.

A homeowner in the 2100 block of North 8th Street called police at 2 a.m. Friday, June 30, to report a possible burglary in progress. When officers arrived they found the back door ajar, with signs of forced entry present, and checked the home and surrounding area for prowlers. The homeowner said that she had heard the home's security alarm system activate, and that when she opened her bedroom door upstairs she could hear someone take off running back out of the back door, and she called police. The case is still under investigation.

An investigation is ongoing in four vehicle burglaries on the night of June 26. Michael

William Wheeler reported someone entered his red Chevy pickup truck that was parked in the street in the 2000 block of North 7th, which he said had been locked, and stole three firearms from the truck - a .223 Remington rifle, a Colt .45 in a zip up case, and 9mm High Point.

Doug Green reported that his daughter's red 2017 Ford Mustang and his son's maroon 2010 Jeep Sahara were broken into that same night, between 11 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. the next morning, at his home in the 2400 block of N. 5th. A brown Coach bag and \$30 in cash were taken from the Mustang, and an auxiliary cord and pack of cigarettes were taken from the Jeep. Both vehicles were parked on the side of the residence and left unlocked. The Coach bag was later recovered, after it was found by a neighbor in the 2000 block of Ave. R the next day.

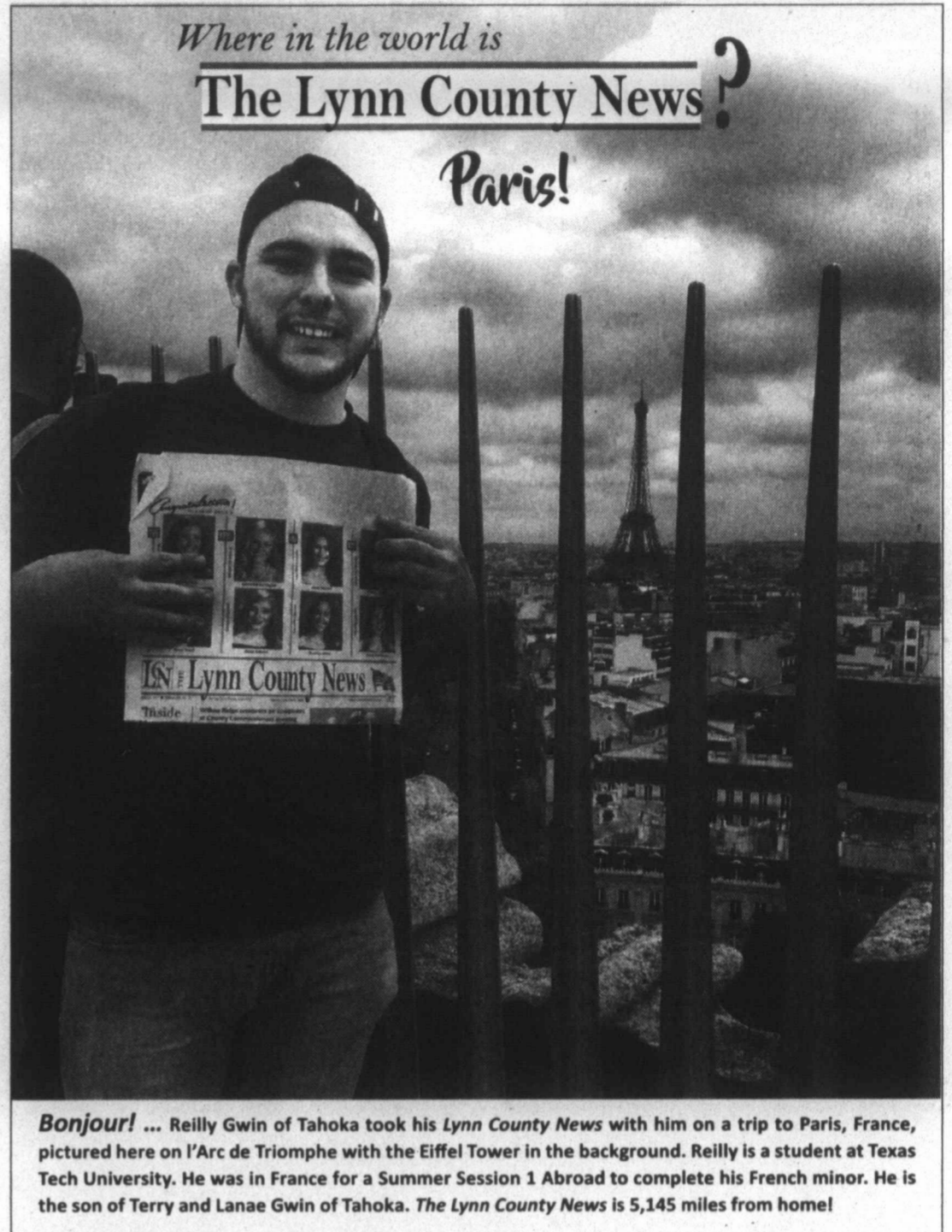
After hearing of the vehicle burglaries, a nearby neighbor checked his vehicle and discovered it had been entered as well. Dusty Dwain Young, in the 2000 block of Ave. R, reported that someone removed a case containing a Bushnell rifle scope from his vehicle that was parked in the street. The scope was later recovered from a yard in the 2300 block of N. 4th Street, when the homeowner discovered someone had placed the case underneath some limbs that he had just placed by his back fence.

At 3:45 p.m. June 26, Donald McAlister reported theft of a safe containing silver coins from his barn on FM 179. McAlister told Sheriff's Deputies that the safe and contents were valued at \$8,000.

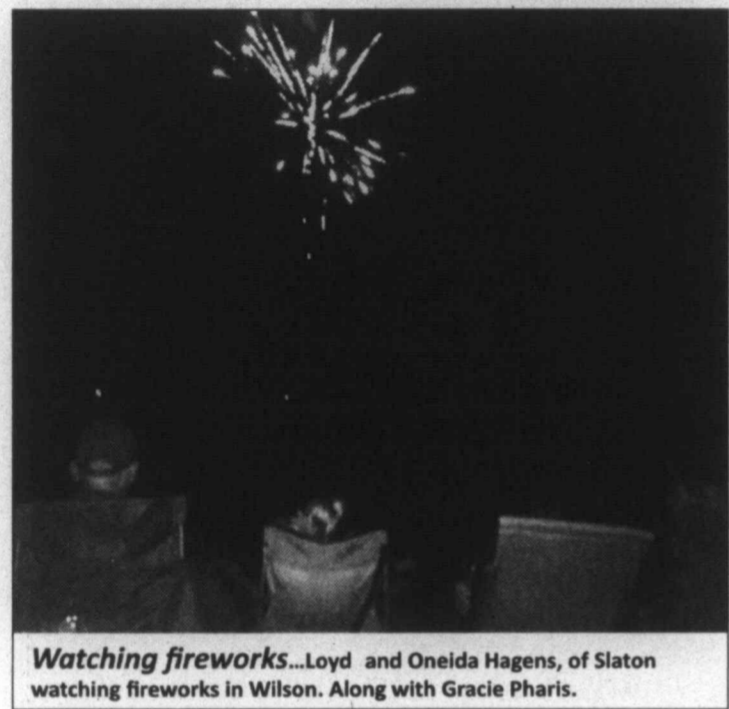
At 2:00 p.m. June 28, Michael Harminson reported to deputies that someone had kicked in the storm door and wood back door to gain entry to his farm hand's house on County Road 3. Nothing was reported missing.

A neighbor in Wilson called the Sheriff's Office at 2:30 p.m. last Wednesday, June 28 when she observed four people jumping out a window of her neighbor's house at 1011 Vanham Ave., then closing the window and leaving. The homeowners were away on a trip at the time. No other details were available, as the investigation is ongoing in this case.

Another theft was reported at 1:15 p.m. July 1. Alan Nicho-



**Bonjour!** ... Reilly Gwin of Tahoka took his Lynn County News with him on a trip to Paris, France, pictured here on l'Arc de Triomphe with the Eiffel Tower in the background. Reilly is a student at Texas Tech University. He was in France for a Summer Session 1 Abroad to complete his French minor. He is the son of Terry and Lanae Gwin of Tahoka. The Lynn County News is 5,145 miles from home!



**Watching fireworks...**Lloyd and Oneida Hagens, of Slaton watching fireworks in Wilson. Along with Gracie Pharis.

### WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS by Jessica McBride

Rain, hail, wind, and then all over again. That's what last week held for many of us. Prayers and condolences for the farmers that lost crops. I have said before that farming is a gamble. They farm because it's their passion, what the generations before them have done. It's their family land, their family heritage. The pride that comes from a farmer is often never matched by others. The ability they have to pick themselves back up time and time again is a power from above. God bless our farmers.

The first round of storms was in the wee hours of Saturday morning. I couldn't sleep so I watched the storm blow in. The wind was crazy! I sat at the dining room window watching the trees shake, the house shook, things were flying through the yard. Trees were crackling and snapping off. At my house we got 3.4 inches of rain, causing a river down County Road 2.

Sunday morning early we had another round of storms. They were not nearly as strong. Getting just shy of an inch at

our house. Winds were incredibly less.

#### Fireworks

I would like to personally say thank you to St. Paul Lutheran church for another wonderful fireworks show. It was beautiful!

We arrived at the park in Wilson around 9:00 pm. To my surprise, the park was already packed. Fireworks were due to start around 9:45. There were several groups that had BBQ pits going, kids playing, and laughter filled the park.

I didn't get a head count, but it seems like it was one of the biggest turnouts I have seen in a long while.

There were people from Lubbock, Slaton, Midland, Tahoka, and several other towns. The weather could not have been any better for the show. The frogs in the background seemed to be in competition with the bangs of the fire works. It was impressive how loud they were.

Once again thank you to St. Paul Lutheran Church for all you do for the community. It is greatly appreciated.

#### Wilson ISD news

Summer hours for Wilson ISD are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 to 3:30. WISD is accepting transfers for new students.

If you have anything going on in Wilson you would like to put in the paper let me know by email [Jessicapharis@gmail.com](mailto:Jessicapharis@gmail.com) or by phone at 806-422-1391

las reported that someone broke down the front door to his workshop on County Road 9, with several items reported missing.

Several vehicles hydroplaned into ditches after heavy rains in the area last week. One vehicle hydroplaned off US 380 near FM 1328 at 3:28 a.m. July 1, ending up in a ditch, but no injuries were reported. Another accident occurred four minutes later, at 3:33 a.m. on US 87, south of FM 211, when a utility truck hydroplaned on the water and ended up stuck in the center median. No injuries were reported in this incident either. At 2:34 a.m. the next night, July 2, a gray Nissan Altima hydroplaned on US 87 about 5 miles north of O'Donnell, ending up in the ditch. The vehicle had to be towed, but the two females in the car were not injured.

Powerlines were reported down on FM 179 south of County Road 2, at 5:15 a.m. July

1 after high winds and heavy rains, and between CR 14 and CR 15 on FM 1054 at 8:14 a.m. that morning. Lyntegar Electric Cooperative was notified.

A white Dodge reportedly drove off from Allsup's in O'Donnell without paying for \$47.60 in gasoline.

Lynn County Jail held 36

inmates during the past week, including 10 for Ector County, 6 for Dawson County, and 20 for Lynn County. Local charges included Assault Causes Bodily Injury to a Family Member, one for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by Felon, two for Driving While License Invalid, and one for Capias Child Support.

### Did you know ... about BASEBALL

A player increases his chance of hitting a home run if he hits the baseball at the bat's "sweet spot." This spot is an area between 5 and 7 inches from the barrel end of the bat. When a player hits the sweet spot, there is less vibration, and the bat makes a satisfying "crack" sound.

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## Wind, rain, hail cause havoc on area crops

The cotton crops in Lynn County have taken a beating during the past three or four weeks, as weekend thunderstorms have caused havoc on the young plants. Farm Service Agency officials in Tahoka estimate roughly 80,000 acres have been either destroyed or severely damaged due to drought that precluded the thunderstorms, and then by hail, high winds or heavy rains.

The O'Donnell area was the first to be hit a couple of weeks ago, then the New Home area, and last weekend the Wilson area was hit hard with heavy rains and wind, with the weather

causing varying degrees of damage throughout the entire county.

Rodney Schoppa at FSA said they are busy certifying crops that have been planted in Lynn County.

"Normally we have from 300,000 to 310,000 acres planted each year, in both dryland and irrigated acreage," he told *The News*. "But the crop failures and damages are occurring on almost a daily basis during this time of year, so we won't have any good numbers about cotton acreage until August or September," he explained.



**Crop loss ...** There is nothing but short stalks left in some areas of the county's cotton crops, after recent heavy rains, high winds and hail stripped the young cotton. This photo was taken Monday of a field off of FM 400 in the Wilson area. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

## AD sets mandatory meeting for parents of all TISD athletes

Anyone whose son or daughter plans on participating in Tahoka ISD athletics (7th-12th grade) for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year, must attend one of two mandatory parent/guardian meetings in July, according to information this week from Athletic Director Stephen Overstreet.

The first meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13 at the THS gym, and the second meeting will be Tuesday, July 18, also at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.

"Please make plans to attend one of the two meetings,

as this is a requirement for anyone wishing to participate this year. Failure to attend one of these meetings without making prior arrangements with Coach Overstreet will result in your athlete having his or her schedule changed on the first day of school," said the AD.

"The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the upcoming year as it will pertain to athletics, and also allow you a chance to meet the coaches. We will discuss what is going to be expected program wide, as well as give you information about each sport that your son or daughter plans on participating in. We want this meeting to be an informative one which clearly lays out our expectations before we get started in August. Athletics is a privilege, and privileges can be taken away from us if we abuse or neglect them," he explained.

"The success of any program begins with everyone

working towards a common goal. In order for us to achieve and go where we want to go, we must all be heading in the same direction. Working towards a common goal is not easy, and it does not mean everyone is happy all the time, but we cannot lose sight of what we set out to accomplish.

"The priority of this program will always be what is best for kids. As coaches, we got into this business because we love kids, and we love the life lessons you can learn through competition. We are going to push your athlete to give us everything they have. We will never lose sight of the TEAM first concept, and we will teach them lessons they will need to know to be successful in life. Winning athletic competitions is great, but having the skill set to win in life is far more important," said Overstreet. "I look forward to a great year in Tahoka Athletics."

### Did you know?

The very first stripe on the US Flag is what color?

- (a) White
- (b) Red
- (c) Blue
- (d) Let me go look.

(Answer: b)



### Snake on Main Street ...

Shae Rodriguez found this rattlesnake in her yard in the 2200 block of Main Street in Tahoka last week, about 10 o'clock at night. She said it was about 3-1/2 feet long, near her front porch.

## Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor  
Association of Mature American Citizens

### Ask Rusty - Working & Social Security

**Dear Rusty:** I recently turned 62, and have not yet filed for Social Security benefits. At this point my benefit based on my own record would be about \$1,000 per month, but since I still work I know I would lose some of what I earn over the \$15,000 limit. I read that if you lose some of your benefit because of working you will get it back later. Is this true? If so, how would I get it back? Signed: Working Girl

**Dear Working:** Yours is becoming a much more common question as more and more people are choosing to work even after they are entitled to receive Social Security benefits. Social Security's rules say that if you work and are receiving benefits but have not yet reached your full retirement age (which for you is 66) and you earn more than their annual earnings limit, they will "take back" half of everything you earn over the earnings limit (which for 2017 is \$16,920). The way they do this is by withholding what you owe from future benefit payments, which could cause you to not receive benefits for a number of months until they recover what you owe. This would happen every year up to the year you turn 66, which would mean that during that working timeframe you would have gone some number of months without receiving Social Security. In the year you turn 66, the amount you can earn is much more generous and the amount they withhold is much less. After you turn 66 you can earn as much as you like without penalty.

The way you "get back" what they withheld is this: When you reach your full retirement age, Social Security will recalculate your benefit amount taking into account the number of months you did not receive benefits in those working years between age 62 and 66. They will then advance your original start-of-benefits date by the number of months you didn't receive benefits, effectively moving your start date forward and increasing your benefit amount accordingly. If, for example, you originally applied at age 62 and continued to work and, over the course of those years between age 62 and 66, you did not receive benefits for a total of 12 months, when you reached age 66 your benefit start date would be moved to age 63 and instead of receiving the \$1,000 per month for the rest of your life, you would get about \$1,070. So while they do take away some benefits while you are working, the increase you receive at your full retirement age will last for the rest of your life.

## LEGAL NOTICES

CITATION BY PUBLICATION - TRC 109-114

THE STATE OF TEXAS: Cause No: 2017CV0008  
BILL HUNT IN THE  
-VS- COUNTY COURT  
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF LYNN COUNTY,  
TEXAS

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:** "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO: Defendant - GREETING  
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer, to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday, July 21, 2017, before the Honorable COUNTY COURT of Lynn County, at the COURTHOUSE 1627 Ave. K. in said County in Tahoka, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Title to a Volkswagen MG Kit with unknown vin # be vested to Plaintiff / as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition of file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Tahoka, Texas, this the 9th day of June, 2017.  
Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff:

Clerk of the Court:  
SUSAN TIPTON, COUNTY CLERK  
LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS  
LESSIA CLEM, DEPUTY

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
Cause No: 17-06-07390

DONALD RICHARD THOMAS IN THE 106<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT COURT  
DENNIS JAMES THOMAS  
LARRY DON THOMAS  
VS OF  
LYNN COUNTY

THE WALTERS FAMILY PARTNERSHIP, and each of its partners collectively and individually; RONALD WAYNE WALTERS, individually and as next friend for SAUNDRA JO WALTERS; and all Unknown heirs of Ronald Wayne Walters and Sandra Jo Walters, deceased; and all persons and Or entities known or unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate lien, or interest in the property described in the petition adverse to Plaintiffs' title, or any cloud on Plaintiffs' title thereto; Defendants

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit Plaintiff's ORIGINAL PETITION TO QUIET TITLE as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition of file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Tahoka, Texas, this the 22nd day of June, 2017.

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Boys and girls started 3D Doodler classes in June. The 3D Doodler Pen is warm to the touch but does not burn and fun to make 3D models. Children who have completed 3rd grade - 5th grade are eligible to sign up for classes. We still have a few spaces left for July and it is not too late to get started. Call the library at 561-4050 to get signed up.

### Tea And Tales

Our ladies group, Tea and Tales, will meet Tuesday, July 11th at 10:00 a.m. Joan Knox will show her mat and explain the process of making the mats

out of plastic bags. Please save your plastic bags and bring them to help her make more mats for homeless veterans.

### Summer Reading

Summer Reading is almost to the halfway point. It's not too late to get started reading and enjoy new books when it gets too hot to be outside this summer. We have several boys and girls competing for the top prizes in all our categories: Read to me, K-2nd grade and 3rd -5th grade. All children who turn in reading logs will receive a one-dollar gold coin award donated by FirstBank and Trust.



**Lynn County Rodeo 1967...** DaOnne Curry of Tahoka is driving a 1938 Oldsmobile that belonged to her great aunt Annie, in the Lynn County Rodeo Parade in 1967. Children in the trailer (pictured closer, below) are her daughter Denise Curry, Sherri Brooks, Steve and Vicki Dabney, sons, Greg, Alan and John Douglas Curry, who is wearing his Hoss Cartwright hat.



## A look back at ... Woodwork

by Dalton

Dalton Wood



**L**AST WEEK someone gave me a list of bloopers in church bulletins, some of which I had heard before (like the last one down there about Weight Watchers), but most are amusing, and maybe worth repeating.

I was reminded of one I saw in a church bulletin years ago (in Slaton Methodist Church, I think) which read: "There will be an all-church supper following services Sunday evening. Everyone is asked to bring a covered fish." Also I recall someone telling me of one which supposedly appeared in a bulletin, "The women of the church have been gathering clothing items for donation to the needy in the community. These ladies are invited to come by the pastor's office anytime during the week and drop off their clothes."

And here are some of the others:

- 1) Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- 2) The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- 3) The Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
- 4) Evening massage - 6 p.m.
- 5) The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
- 6) The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.
- 7) Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please use the back door.
- 8) Ushers will eat latecomers.
- 9) The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.
- 10) For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

11) The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.

12) The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."

13) Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."

14) Stewardship Offertory: "Jesus Paid It All"

15) The music for today's service was all composed by George Friedrich Handel in celebration of the 300th anniversary of his birth.

16) Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

17) 22 members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet, The Lord Knows Why.

18) A songfest was held at the Methodist church Wednesday.

19) Today's Sermon: HOW MUCH CAN A MAN DRINK? with hymns from a full choir.

20) Hymn 43: "Great God, what do I see here?" Preacher: The Rev. Horace Blodgett. Hymn 47: "Hark! an awful voice is sounding"

21) On a church bulletin during the minister's illness:

GOD IS GOOD:

Dr. Hargreaves is better.

22) Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow.

23) Don't let worry kill you off - let the church help.

24) Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to the church secretary.

25) 8 new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

26) Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

-- reprinted, from April 17, 1999



### 3D Doodlers ...

The City-County Library started the 3D Doodler Classes in June. Pictured are (above) Jordan Pledger and Ethan Calvillo; (left) Ady Jester; and (below) Nathaniel and Natalie Valdez. Spaces are still available for July and children can sign up by contacting the library at 561-4050, or visit the library inside the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main, Tahoka.



### Did you know ...

• Did you know hydrogen is the most abundant element in the Universe (75%)

• Did you know a person produces enough saliva to fill 2 average size swimming pools during their lifetime

• Did you know the average person sheds 1.5 pounds of skin each year

## To: Parents of TISD Athletes,

If your son or daughter plans on being in athletics (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year, we will be having a **mandatory** parent/guardian meeting on the dates listed below.

Please make plans to attend 1 of the following dates as this is a requirement for anyone wishing to participate this year. Failure to attend one of these meetings without making prior arrangements with Coach Overstreet will result in your athlete having his or her schedule changed on the first day of school.

➔ **Thursday, July 13 – 6:30 pm at THS Gym**  
or **Tuesday, July 18 – 6:30 pm at THS Gym**

“ The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the upcoming year as it will pertain to athletics, and also allow you a chance to meet the coaches. We will discuss what is going to be expected program wide, as well as give you information about each sport that your son or daughter plans on participating in. We want this meeting to be an informative one which clearly lays out our expectations before we get started in August. Athletics is a privilege, and privileges can be taken away from us if we abuse or neglect them.

The success of any program begins with everyone working towards a common goal. In order for us to achieve and go where we want to go, we must all be heading in the same direction. Working towards a common goal is not easy, and it does not mean everyone is happy all the time, but we cannot lose sight of what we set out to accomplish.

The priority of this program will always be what is best for kids. As coaches, we got into this business because we love kids, and we love the life lessons you can learn through competition. We are going to push your athlete to give us everything they have. We will never lose sight of the TEAM first concept, and we will teach them lessons they will need to know to be successful in life. Winning athletic competitions is great, but having the skill set to win in life is far more important.

Again please make plans to attend one of the meetings listed above.

**I look forward to a great year in Tahoka Athletics.**

Thanks for all you do,  
**Coach Stephen Overstreet**  
Athletic Director, Tahoka ISD



### Did you know ...

• Did you know the Giant Pacific Octopus can squeeze its entire body through a hole the size of its beak

• Did you know deers don't like hay

• Did you know shrimps are all born male but slowly grow into females

• Did you know If you could drive to the sun at a speed of 55 mph it would take around 193 years

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