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'Did you know' ...

- Who was the legendary Benedictine monk who invented champagne? *Dom Perignon.*
- Name the largest freshwater lake in the world? *Lake Superior.*
- Where would you find the Sea of Tranquility? *The Moon.*
- What is someone who shoes horses called? *A farrier.*

Lynn County Harvest Festival is Sept. 16, 2017

(This year's festival will be held at the Tahoka Mini-Park due to the courthouse renovation project)

To Reserve Booth Space call Rebecca Ingle 806-561-4440

What's this word?

epiphany /i-'pi-fe-nē/ *noun.* A moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way.

"Seeing her father again when she was an adult was an *epiphany* that changed her whole view of her childhood."

BE Kind to one another.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 18	95	67	
July 19	95	70	
July 20	95	70	
July 21	96	70	
July 22	97	71	
July 23	98	71	
July 24	93	72	

(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:	1.83"
Total Precip. for 2017:	11.18"

TISD Board approves action to hire Alan Umholtz as Superintendent

The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, July 20, taking action to employ Alan Umholtz as Superintendent of Tahoka ISD, on a 12-month basis for three years beginning August 1, 2017 and ending July 31, 2020.

Mr. Umholtz has been employed as the Superintendent at Henrietta Midway ISD, a 1-A district southeast of Wichita Falls, since 2015. He and his wife, Beth, have two children, Hillary (24) and Blair (21).

In non-action items, interim superintendent, Gary Harrell, reviewed preliminary budget numbers and values with the Board. Certified values from the appraisal district were not scheduled to be released until July 28. The Board will have a budget workshop on August 10.

Harrell also reviewed with the Board how the new wind turbine tax limitation value agreement, that was approved at the June board meeting, will impact the District bond payment schedule over the next ten years. Although a tax limitation value of \$20 million is all that will be added to the Maintenance & Operations (M&O) side of the tax roll, the full value of the project will be added to the Interest & Sinking side of the tax roll, taking the total taxable value from its current \$117 million to \$454 million. This will happen during the 2019-2020 school year.

The District made its first partial bond payment of \$304,294 during the current fiscal year. At the current taxable value, it required a bond tax rate of 28¢ per \$100 of property value. After this year, the annual bond payment will increase to approximately \$500,000 per year. For the next two

years, it will require a bond tax rate of about 42¢ unless the District qualifies for Existing Debt Allotment payments from the state. If those EDA payments are received, the I&S tax rate would be lowered accordingly. However, when the full value of the wind projects hits the I&S side of the tax roll in 2019-20, the District will be able to make its annual bond payments with an I&S tax rate of about 11 to 15¢ per year, according to Harrell.

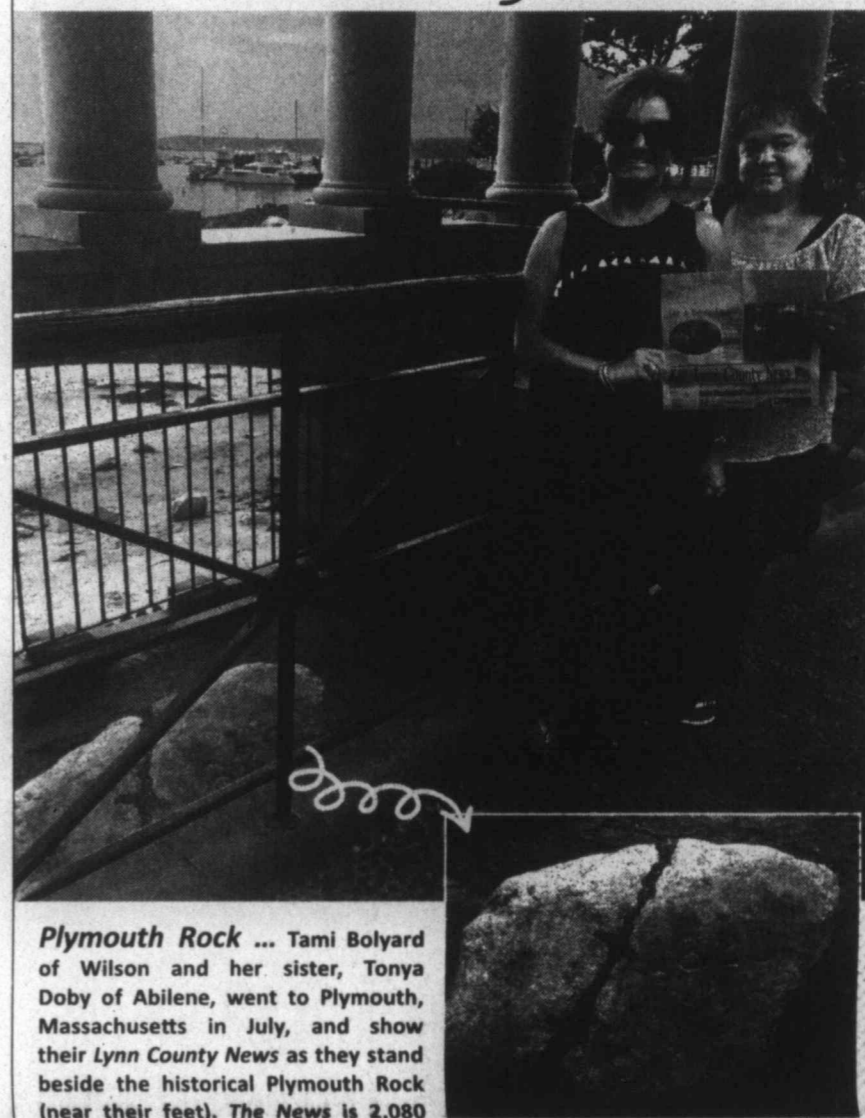
In other business, the Board approved a revision of several local policies that resulted from legislative action in the last session. The majority of school districts in Texas, including TISD, use the policy services of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). The TASB attorneys prepare revised legal and local school district policies to reflect changes resulting from legislative action, court rulings, attorney general opinions, etc.

Also approved was a proposal from the Texas Association of School Board's Risk Management Fund for the purchase of automobile, property, and liability coverage for the school district.

School administrators also reviewed with the Board the revised Student/Parent Handbook, the Student Code of Conduct, and the Employee Handbook in preparation for the upcoming school year.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 10.

Where in the world is The Lynn County News? Where history walked ...



Plymouth Rock ... Tami Bolyard of Wilson and her sister, Tonya Doby of Abilene, went to Plymouth, Massachusetts in July, and show their Lynn County News as they stand beside the historical Plymouth Rock (near their feet). The News is 2,080 miles from home! Plymouth Rock (shown larger in inset photo) is the traditional site of disembarkation of William Bradford and the Mayflower Pilgrims who founded Plymouth Colony in 1620. According to its website, the top (visible) 1/3 of Plymouth Rock weighs approximately 4 tons. The bottom portion (under the sand) weighs approximately 6 tons. The Rock as it exists today is estimated to be only about 1/3 to 1/2 of its original size - the top half has been dragged around town, broken, and chipped away at by 18th and 19th century souvenir hunters.



We're going 3-D! ...

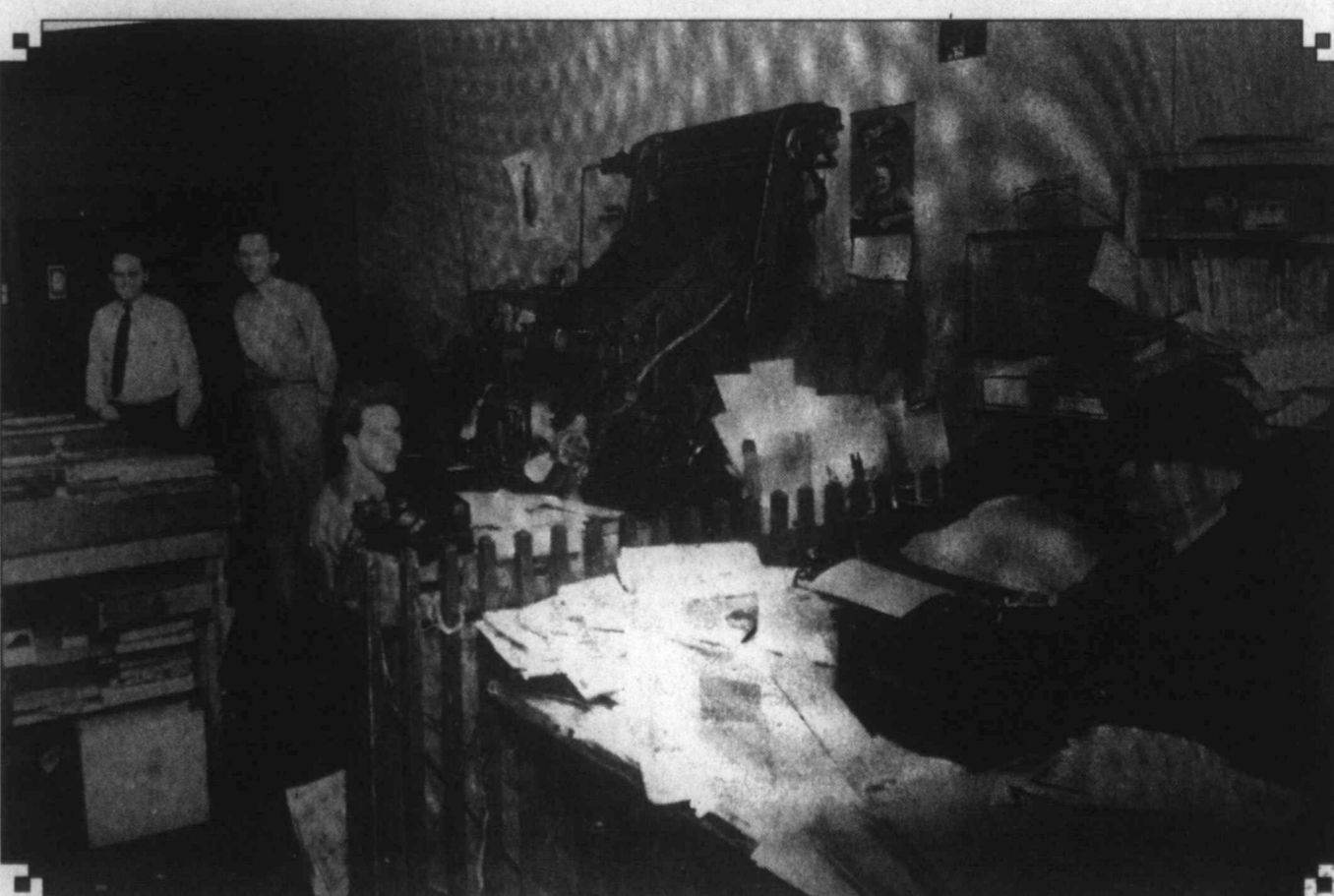
Lynn County officials presented a check on Monday for \$3,300 (from Capital Credit funds) to City/County Library Director Cissy Webster (right) to use to help purchase a high-tech 3-D Printer for the library, which will be used in library programs offered here. Pictured from left are Commissioners Don Blair, Larry Durham, Matt Woodley and John Hawthorne, and County Judge Mike Braddock, with Mrs. Webster. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Working hard at The Lynn County News

The Lynn County News staff is pictured in the early 1940s, and included, from left: Frank Hill, Delmar Smith, W.E. (Billy) Hill, and E.I. Hill, Sr. The old printing press is in the background. Since then, we've cleaned our desks a time or two, changed presses, and moved into a different location.

Our typewriters look a little different now too, as we use iMac computers - although we may have lost some of the nostalgic journalistic drama of pounding out the news on heavy old typewriters! E.I. Hill and Sons owned the LCN from 1923-1960, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill were publishers from 1960-1967. Juanell Jones is the current publisher, since 1992.

(Photo from pg. 190 in "Grassroots Upside Down: A History of Lynn County")



Did you know?

“ Did you know: The Internet was originally called ARPANet (Advanced Research Projects Agency Network), designed by the US Department of Defense. ”

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Obituaries



Betty Fillingim

Betty Jean Fillingim of New Home went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, July 21, 2017, surrounded by family. She was born October 25, 1929 in the Lakeview community near Petersburg, to Fannie Mae (Wood) and Ono Parr and continued to be raised in love by Bob and Ruby Asbell. She attended New Home and Meadow schools and graduated high school in Eunice, New Mexico. She then married her lifelong best friend and love of her life, A. C. Fillingim, Jr. on January 25, 1948. Family was everything to Betty. Betty enjoyed using her talents to sew, quilt, and serve her family and community of New Home Baptist Church and previously Lakeview Baptist Church. Her faith was the cornerstone

of all she did. She leaves a legacy of love and faith to her entire family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; step-parents; sister, Linda; and brother, John.

She is survived by her husband, A.C., and their four children: Wayne and wife Vicki of Brownfield, Kenny and wife Carol of Lubbock, Jimmy and wife Tara of Hamlin, Cheryl and husband Steve Mason of Midland and three sisters, Pat, Cody, and Mary. She proudly doted on her 10 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren

Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 24, 2017 at New Home Baptist Church with interment at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to New Home Baptist Church Building Fund, PO Box 158, New Home, Texas 79383 or Gideon International, PO Box 97251, Washington, DC 20090.

Please celebrate the life of Betty by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

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Bruce is survived by his wife Gwen (Allbright) Ryan; daughter, Rebecca L. Ryan; step-daughter, Amy L. Heilicser (Jacob); 1 granddaughter; 1 brother, Nicholas D. Ryan; 2 sisters, Chris J. Ryan and Ju-Anna Lynch (Brent); 1 half-brother, James and 1 step-sister, Linda McNair (John). He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Per Bruce's wishes there will be no services. His ashes will be scattered on his beloved coast at a later date.

Memorial donations may be given to the First Baptist Church in Tahoka, 1701 Ave K, Tahoka, TX. 79373.

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Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

July 31-Aug. 4

Monday: Soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, mandarin oranges

Tuesday: Crumb topped fish, garlic roasted potatoes, peas, watermelon, chocolate pudding

Wednesday: Beef tips w/ rice, meadow blend vegetables, corn, chocolate cake w/ strawberries

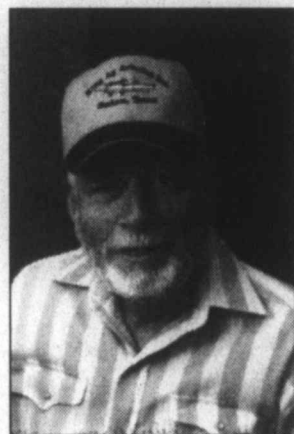
Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, stewed okra, corn, pumpkin square

Friday: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, trimmings, melon medley

Mark your calendars...

• **Game Day Tuesdays...** On Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. we will have game days. Dominoes, cards and you can also bring your favorite game!

• Donations to benefit the Center for the building fund are greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible; we are a 501(c)3 organization. An account has been set up at the First National Bank of Tahoka.



Bruce J. Ryan

Bruce J. Ryan, 57, of Tahoka, Texas passed away on July 22, 2017 at his home.

Bruce was born July 11, 1960 in Corpus Christi, Texas. He attributed his love of the water to being born on the Gulf Coast.

Bruce worked thirty-six years in agricultural aviation as a pilot. His flying gave him the opportunity to see much of the country and he enjoyed sharing his stories about flying rice on the coast, potatoes in Idaho and cotton in West Texas. He flew locally for 20 years. Bruce and his wife Gwen, managed the flying service at T-Bar airport and became friends with many of the area's growers.

Bruce loved to travel and one of the highlights of his life was cruising their trawler, "The Great Life", from one end of the Gulf Coast to the other several times. His eyes would light up as he reminisced about their adventures on the water.

Bruce is preceded in death by his parents, Charles J. Ryan and Stella (Chirsky) Ryan as well as one brother, Christopher M. Ryan.

Rivas listed on President's list

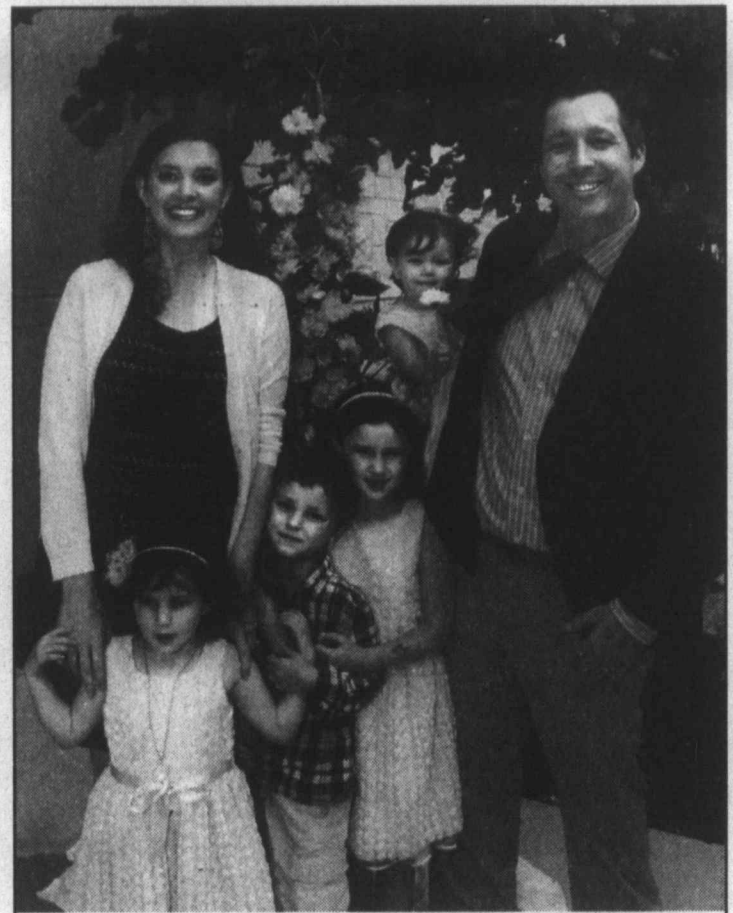
Dane Rivas, a 2015 Tahoka High School graduate was listed on the President's Honor Roll for the 2017 Spring Semester at Texas Tech University. He is currently a junior and his major is Animal Science with a minor in Political Science.

Rivas is the son of Mike and Paige Rivas, and the grandson of Cruz and Olga Rivas, the late Mary Rivas, and Shirley McInroe, all of Tahoka.

You are 23 Times more likely to crash when you text while driving.

Is sending an LOL text message really worth an accident?

Park the phone when you drive.



New pastor ... First Baptist Church of Tahoka is pleased to introduce their new pastor, Cliff Holdridge, and his family. Pastor Holdridge comes to Tahoka from Dripping Springs, Texas. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University and an avid Red Raider fan. He has his Master's degree and is currently working on his Doctorate in Divinity. He and his wife Amber have four children, Grace, Anna, Elijah, and Hope. "Please help us welcome them into our community," said a spokesman for the church.

THS Band practice sessions and meetings scheduled

The award-winning Tahoka High School 3-D Band starts preparing for another music-inspiring year with practices starting this coming Monday, July 31.

Prior to Monday there will be an extremely important meeting of all seniors and juniors in the band hall on Thursday, July 27, from 7:00-7:45 p.m. On Friday, July 28, there will be Marching Fundamentals for all incoming freshmen and those 8th graders who are Standing in the Gap from 10:00-12:00 noon.

On Monday, July 31, 3-D Bandsmen are to come and checkout their band instruments from 5-6 p.m. All freshmen and SITG (Standing In The Gap) will participate in Marching Fundamentals from 6-6:30 p.m. with ALL bandsmen reporting at 6:30 p.m. for rehearsal and marching practice, ending at 9:00 p.m. The rehearsal schedules will be the same for

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, with Wednesday having an abbreviated schedule with freshmen and SITG reporting at 3:30 p.m. and upperclassmen at 4:00 p.m. with rehearsal ending at 6:00 p.m. so students may attend church activities. At the first rehearsal a more detailed schedule will be given for the forthcoming weeks.

Directors Carroll Rhodes and Cristal Burse stated, "We are excited about the possibilities of this year's band and what passion-driven work we will be able to accomplish." The 3-D Band's marching show is "The Music of the American Soldier" which will feature the music of each of the eras from the Revolutionary War to the War Between the States to the WWI and WWII.

All bandsmen are expected to be at practices and if someone has questions they need to contact Mr. Rhodes.

Obituary Notices -- POLICY --

There is no charge for a death notice with name/funeral service date & place. There is a \$50 fee (up to 400 words, additional fee if longer) for full obituaries. Photos may be included at no additional charge. The Lynn County News will publish obituaries with any connection to Lynn County. Information may be sent to The Lynn County News, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373, faxed to 806/561-6308, or e-mail: LynnCoNews@poka.com.

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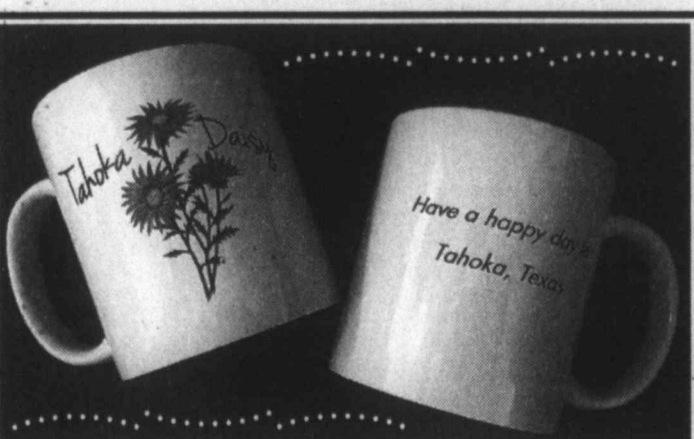
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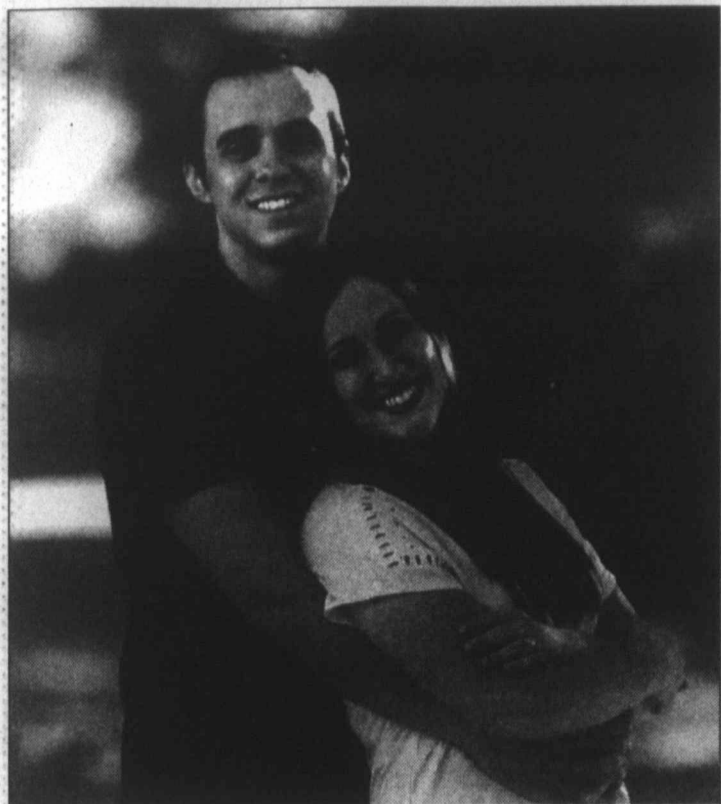
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LANCE BELL AND EMILY WHELCHER

Couple announces engagement

Terry and Twylia Bell of Songea Tanzania, East Africa, and Dr. Jeff and Pam Whelchel of Amarillo, announce the engagement of their children, Lance Bell and Emily Whelchel.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas A&M and works as Kenyan Director at Christian Relief Fund in Amarillo. The future bride-groom grew up in Tanzania and is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is a Senior Design Engineer at LeeAgra in Lubbock. He is the grandson of Lindell and Jean Bell of Tahoka.

The couple plans to marry August 18, 2017 in Amarillo. The couple will reside in Lubbock.

Two arrested for GJ indictments; collision sends three to hospital

by JUANELL JONES

Two males were arrested on Grand Jury Indictments during the past week, and an early-morning wreck involving two vehicles sent three people to the hospital last Friday.

Arrested on felony Grand Jury Indictments from recent 106th District courtroom proceedings were:

- Anthony Barela, 30, of Lubbock, charged with Possession of Controlled Substance; and
- Mario Segura, 58, of Spur, charged with Manufacture or Delivery of Substance in Penalty Group 1.

Two adults and a child were transported to Lynn County Hospital by EMS after a two-vehicle collision occurred at 1:13 a.m. Friday, July 21. The accident was on US 87 about 5 miles south of Tahoka. According to limited information from the Sheriff's Office call sheet, a male driver had either slowed or parked along the edge of US 87, with his flashers on, when he was rear-ended by another driver, a female with a child in the vehicle. When struck, his vehicle was pushed off the highway and rolled down an incline towards a bushy area near a small lake, rolling over and ending upside-down in the brush near the water, with the male driver inside the vehicle. Dispatchers sent Sheriff's Deputies, EMS, DPS and the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. in case the jaws of life were needed to extricate the man from the vehicle, but Deputy Jerry D. Franklin was able to free the man from the wreckage before the VFD arrived. The female driver, whose injuries reportedly included a broken arm, her child, and the male driver, were all transported by EMS to the hospital for treatment.

Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. was dispatched to two separate fires at the same time Sunday evening, about 6:20 p.m., for

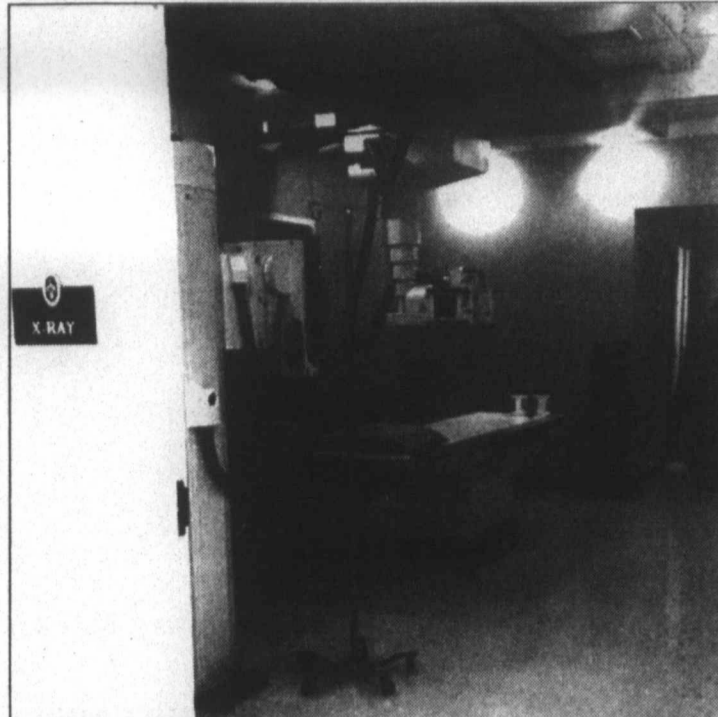
grass fires that apparently started from lightning strikes. One fire was on CRP land 5 miles east of Tahoka and 3 miles south, and the other fire was 5 miles west of Tahoka on T-Bar Ranch land.

The case of a stolen, and recovered, pickup from an owner in New Home reported in last week's Lynn County News was mistakenly reported as a case worked by the Tahoka Police Dept., but in fact the Lynn County Sheriff's Office was the law enforcement agency involved in the report, investigation, and subsequent recovery of the vehicle. A 2002 Ford F250 pickup belonging to Jason Kirkland of New Home was reported stolen from his residence and was found a few days later by law enforcement officials in Irving, Texas, when the driver of the vehicle was stopped on a traffic violation. The driver, Charles Ray Daves III of Lubbock, was arrested. Our apologies to both the Sheriff's Office and Police Dept. for the mixup of information.

Tahoka Police arrested a 31-year-old local man last Tuesday night, on a warrant out of Lubbock County, after identifying the man as a passenger in a vehicle that was stopped on Ave. C at about 10:45 p.m. The officer recognized the passenger as a man with an active warrant out of Lubbock County for credit card abuse, and placed him under arrest.

A 35-year-old Tahoka woman was arrested during the early morning hours on Sunday, after Tahoka Police observed a vehicle with no lights driving on Lockwood at 2:30 a.m. She was arrested for Driving While License Invalid with Previous Conviction.

Lynn County Jail held a total of 35 inmates early this week, including 19 for Lynn County, 9 for Dawson County, and 7 for Ector County.



Open House today ... Lynn County Hospital has a brand new radiology suite, and invite citizens to an Open House today (Thursday) from 1:00-2:00 p.m., at the Radiology Suite located in the west wing of the hospital, near doctors' offices. The hospital is located at 2600 Lockwood in Tahoka.

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

HAVING IRRITATED cat lovers last week with my comments that I'm not fond of felines, I nevertheless feel sort of sorry for Sylvester, the cartoon cat who is always getting blown up as he tries to eat Tweety Bird.

When our 4-year-old granddaughter was visiting recently, she sat in my lap and we watched several cartoons, getting me reacquainted with some of the cartoon characters I knew when our children were small. (Yes, I have granddaughters, and yes, I sort of have a lap).

We watched Tweety Bird get the best of Sylvester for about 20 minutes, then we watched Wile E. Coyote suffer from trying to catch the Roadrunner, which went "meep, meep" about 135 times during the segment. Poor old Wile E. Coyote usually blew himself up or fell off a cliff, just like Sylvester. Cartoon characters never get hurt for more than a couple of seconds, though, and certainly never get killed, a lamentable trend in cartoons which tells little kids that they can do anything to anybody, but it won't really hurt them.

If I were in charge of creating cartoons for television, I'd see that once in awhile, the cat or the coyote wins at least a temporary victory, just to inject a little suspense into the outcome. Besides, it might teach youngsters that things do not always work out like they are planned.

Even little kids need to learn to live with adversity, and learn that life is not always fair.

I sort of enjoyed the cartoons, though. It sure beats watching the news.

~Jan. 7, 2005

DPS Commercial Vehicle Roadcheck inspections top 8,000

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) inspected 8,182 commercial motor vehicles as part of Roadcheck 2017, a national inspection initiative held annually aimed at enhancing commercial motor vehicle safety. The three-day inspection effort took place from June 6 - June 8, and included DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Troopers, specially trained Highway Patrol Troopers and civilian inspectors.

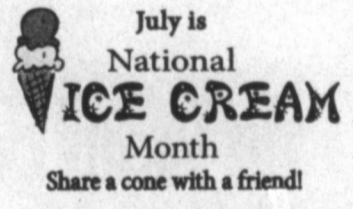
Approximately 23.6 percent (1,938) of the 18-wheelers, buses and other commercial vehicles inspected were placed out of service for a variety of safety violations until appropriate repairs could be made. Issues with brakes and defective vehicle lighting were among the most common infractions that led to out-of-service violations.

Additionally, drivers were checked for compliance with

state and federal laws, and 225 drivers were placed out of service. Among the violations were failing to have the proper type of driver license for the vehicle being driven, improper logging of duty time, and driving over the maximum number of hours.

In all, DPS issued 1,994 citations and 22,346 warnings.

Sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, Roadcheck is designed to help reduce commercial vehicle highway fatalities through increased vehicle and driver safety, education and law enforcement activities throughout North America.



THS Cheer Clinic to be held July 31-Aug. 3

The Tahoka High School cheerleaders will have a cheer camp for children ages 3 years thru 6th grade. The camp will be held July 31-August 3 at the Tahoka High School gym, from 10 -11:30 a.m., with the pep rally at 5:30 p.m. on August 3. Cost for the camp is \$40 per child. Registration will be held at 9:45 a.m. on Monday, July 31.

For more information contact sponsor, Crystal Gutierrez at 806-239-8691.

Did you know ... about BASEBALL

Babe Ruth was listed as "incorrigible" at a Catholic reform school George Herman Ruth, Jr. (Babe Ruth) was nicknamed "Babe" when a player saw Baltimore Orioles manager Jack Dunn with his new player and said, "There goes Dunny with his new babe."

Tahoka Elementary open registration August 3-4

Tahoka Elementary will be holding an open registration for new and returning students on August 3rd and 4th. K-2nd grade will be held on August 3rd from 10-2, 3rd -5th grade will be held on August 4th from 10-2.

If you have more than one child, you may register them all at the same time. Registration for all students will be done online this year. This will replace the packets that are usually sent home in May. Those of you that used the instructions sent home in Tuesday packets at the end of the year, and have already completed the registration process, do not need to attend. This is for new students and returning students needing help.

If you have any questions please call the office 806-561-4350.

Congratulations!
to
Tina Marquez
for being our
Shining Star
for the month of July.

She has been employed at LCHD for 23 years as a Nurses Aide. Tina has 3 daughters Christina, Cindy & Melissa, and two grandkids Malorie & Zach. Tina loves to crochet, go to garage sales and spend time with her family when not at work.

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We make mats for the homeless... Joan Knox and Pat Eaker are pictured with crocheted mats for homeless veterans. They presented a program at the City County Library for the ladies Tea & Tales group.

Community 'Walk to Stop Diabetes' slated for August 15

Area citizens are invited to participate in the "Community Walk To Stop Diabetes" event on Tuesday, Aug. 15, from 6-8 p.m. The walk starts at 6 p.m. from the grounds of Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka.

This fun event is sponsored by Lynn County Hospital District, and offers a group walk for all participants, as well as door prizes and raffle items.

The event is a fundraiser, with all donations going to the American Diabetes Association. Contributions for door prizes or monetary donations may be given to Kari Cloe, Rehab Office Manager at the LCHD Rehab & Fitness Center, at 1809 Lockwood St. in Tahoka.

For more information about the event, contact Kari Cloe at the LCHD Fitness Center, 806-561-1340.



You've been Potted! ... Mandy and the Candies (LCHD's nursing dept.) has started the annual "You've been Potted" fundraiser for Lynn County Hospital's annual Prevent Diabetes promotion. Pictured here is Jason Polk, who has been making his rounds potting those fortunate enough to have this beautiful yard decoration resting in their grass. One must pay to have the decoration removed, but can designate the next location. It's all in fun, with all proceeds going to help fund Diabetes research. LCHD's "Community Walk To Stop Diabetes" will be held Tuesday, Aug. 15, from 6-8 p.m. The walk starts at 6 p.m. from the grounds of Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka.



Sorting and folding...Ladies at the City/County Library Tea & Tales helped sort and fold plastic bags to donate to Joan Knox and Pat Eaker for homeless veterans' mats. Pictured are Shorty Moore, Katie Slone, Lenda Wood, Pat Eaker, and Suzanne Baker.

NEWS from the Library

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Summer reading deadline

Friday, July 28th is the deadline for all summer reading logs to be turned in to the City-County Library. Everyone who turns in a log will receive a gold coin award at the awards ceremony August 3rd at 5:30 pm. Certificates, trophies and gift card awards will also be announced at the awards ceremony. We have had a great summer of children reading.

Story Time

Toddler Story Time is every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the City-County Library. Babies-6 years are welcome this summer. Children listen to a story, have fun stretching, moving, and singing and play musical instruments.

Jenga Tournament

Wednesday, August 2nd at 4:00 p.m. will be the last summer Jenga Tournament for kids 3rd-8th grade. Come join in the fun and see who will be the last one standing. Winners are posted in the Library.

Tea & Tales

Ladies enjoyed a delightful program with Joan Knox and Pat Eaker explaining how they make the plastic mats out of plastic bags. The mats are donated to homeless veterans. Many of the ladies brought bags and then learned how to fold, cut, and chain them to prepare the bags for Joan and Pat to crochet them into the mats. We are asking ladies to collect bags again to bring to the August 8th meeting when we will work together to separate the bags into colors and prepare them again for crocheting. Beulah Edwards and Sandy Autry brought cookies and fruit for all to enjoy. Thank you to all who came and helped make this a wonderful program.

Thanks for reading
The Lynn County News!

TMS end-of-summer bash set at city pool

Tahoka Middle School is hosting an End-of-Summer Bash at the Tahoka City Pool on Sunday, Aug. 6. All incoming sixth graders, seventh graders, and eighth graders are invited to attend the pool party from 3:00-5:00 p.m. It's free, and fun for all. Only middle-schoolers are invited to attend, please.

Meningococcal vaccine required for college-bound students

As recent high-school graduates prepare to move into a college dorm, Texas physicians remind them to make sure their vaccinations are up to date, particularly one that is required for college admission. Texas law requires almost all new and transfer college students under age 22 to be vaccinated against meningococcal disease caused by the most common types of bacteria — or "serogroups" A,C,W, and Y — at least 10 days before classes begin.

"If your vaccinations are current according to medical recommendations, you likely received your first dose of the required vaccine at age 11 or

12 years because it is required for middle school entry, and then got a booster at age 16 to provide protection through college," said Jane Siegel, MD, Corpus Christi.

Check your vaccination record to make sure you had the two shots, said Dr. Siegel, because colleges require entering students to show proof of vaccination within the previous five years.

"College students are at increased risk of meningococcal infection that can result in very serious disease, including meningitis, and that can spread among people who live in close quarters," said Dr. Siegel.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2018 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, August 15, 2017** at 8:00 a.m. at the **Lynn County Appraisal District Office, 1615 Main Street, Tahoka, Texas.**

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed appraisal budget. **\$ 199,570.00**

The total amount of **increase** from the current year's budget. **\$ 8,575.00**

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget. **3**
(full-time equivalent)

The number of employees compensated under the current budget. **3**
(full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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Fire of 1915 destroys Tahoka square ... "Fire wipes out one-third of Tahoka Business District" was the banner headline in the Lynn County News on Thursday, Dec. 30, 1915. Lead paragraph read: "A tiny flame of an oil heater, a blowing curtain, a blaze - where stood thirteen business houses at 9:00 a.m., by noon there lay a heap of twisted iron and smoking ashes on the north side of the public square of Tahoka. Every building on the north side of the square was almost destroyed. No one was seriously injured or burned during the blaze." (Information from pg. 118 in "Grassroots Upside Down: A History of Lynn County." The photo is on display at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum. The museum is located at 1600 Lockwood, open 10:00 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Admission is free.

Did you know' ...

Did you know you take over 23,000 breaths everyday? Whew!

RCPP funding still available for water conservation efforts

Funding is still available to producers wanting to participate in the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

About \$900,000 in funding was allocated for the five year program (2016-2020). As of July 10, USDA-NRCS officials said the agency has obligated 35 contracts totaling \$222,750 on 19,929 acres. This leaves \$677,250 in available funds for the remainder of the program.

Participation in RCPP is entirely voluntary. Interested producers can sign up for the program at their local USDA-NRCS service center.

RCPP builds upon existing USDA-NRCS programs to address water conservation needs. These include the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

A special emphasis is being placed on irrigation water and soil moisture management for the Panhandle-South Plains RCPP. As a result, chemigation check valves, flow meters, and soil moisture monitoring equipment are included in the high priority items for RCPP funding. High Plains Underground

Water Conservation District (HPWD) in Lubbock serves as the lead RCPP partner. Supporting partners include Hemphill County UWCD in Canadian, Llano Estacado UWCD at Seminole, Mesa UWCD at Lamesa, North Plains GCD at Dumas, Sandy Land UWCD at Plains, and South Plains UWCD at Brownfield.

These agencies are partnering with producers to increase

the restoration/sustainable use of soil, water, wildlife, and other related natural resources on a regional or watershed basis. These groundwater conservation districts do not receive any funding for the program, but provide in-kind services to assist with water conservation efforts.

Additional information about RCPP is available at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

TFB donates more than \$53,000 to volunteer fire departments

WACO, Texas-Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) is giving back to the volunteer fire departments (VFDs) in Texas and Oklahoma that helped control the wildfires that scorched more than half-a-million acres in the Texas Panhandle in March.

In all, more than \$53,000 was distributed to responding fire departments.

"Volunteer firefighters are often the unsung heroes of rural communities," TFB President Russell Boening said. "They take time away from their jobs and families to protect our lives and property. We cannot say thank you enough for the work they do each and every day."

Thanks to the generous donations from county and state Farm Bureaus, other business organizations and individuals across the nation, TFB was able to send \$1,775 to 30 fire departments that fought the massive fires.

"We're thankful to everyone who donated to the TFB Wildfire Relief Fund," Boening said. "Your generosity is helping farmers, ranchers, businesses and families get back on their feet. It's also enabled us to help these VFDs do whatever is needed to ensure they're ready for the next emergency."

A Candid Camera moment?

Imagine the jolt of stepping up to an ATM machine and, instead of seeing the computer menu on the screen in front of you, you see a man desperately pressing a hand written note against the screen with the plea, "help me," says the Association of Mature American Citizens.

It happened recently in Corpus Christi, TX. It seems the guy who was repairing the money machine got himself stuck with no way to extricate himself from his awkward situation. He was released from bondage, thanks to the quick thinking of a customer who flagged down a police officer who came to the rescue.

Lynn County officials begin budget work sessions

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners and other county officials met Monday at 9 a.m. for the second regular monthly meeting in July, and also began budget work sessions allowing elected county officials to present their budget proposals for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget session began after concluding agenda items on the July 24 session, which included mostly routine business.

County Judge Mike Braddock led the meeting, with Commissioners Don Blair, Larry Durham, Matt Woodley and John Hawthorne present, as well as several other county officials. Commissioners approved continuing a \$10 Road and Bridge Fee for the Texas Dept. of Motor Vehicles optional fees for calendar year 2018, and approved an inter-local agreement between the Lynn County Sheriff's Office and South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG), which would enable the Sheriff's Office to seek grant funding for the department through SPAG.

Judge Braddock informed commissioners that a \$5,000 grant had been used to purchase a new phone system for the courthouse, to be installed when the county offices moved back into the courthouse after the restoration project was completed. He reported that work is progressing on the restoration project, and that scaffolding for the exterior work is expected to begin soon. The restoration project is anticipated to take 18-24 months.

A check for \$3,300 (from Capital Credit funds) was presented to City/County Library Director Cissy Webster to use to help purchase a 3-D Printer for the library. Webster said the library had additional funds from fundraising efforts to complete the \$5,445 purchase of the 3-D printer package. She added that the Tahoka library would be one of only a few small libraries to have the high-tech printer, and said she hoped the technology would draw in middle school and high school teens to the library.

Lynn County Sheriff Abraham Vega addressed the court, reporting a total of 35 inmates in Lynn County Jail as of Monday, including 19 for Lynn County, 9 for Dawson County, and 7 for Ector County.

Monthly bills were paid, and then the budget work session began, with the session concluding just before noon.

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