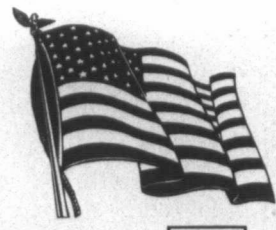


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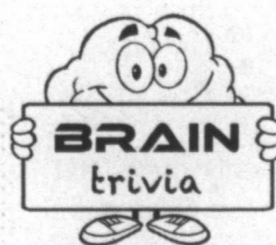
BBQ fundraiser dinner set Sunday to benefit Senior Citizens Center

A BBQ brisket dinner fundraiser benefitting the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center will be offered this Sunday, Oct. 15, from 12:00 noon until sold out, at the Tahoka Housing Authority (1400 Ave. K). Cost is \$10 per plate and includes dessert and drink. Dine-in or carryout available. Proceeds will go towards ongoing expenses of the center.

'Did you know' ...

National Days in October:

- Oct. 13 - National Train Your Brain Day
- Oct. 14 - Be Bald and Be Free Day
- Oct. 15 - National Grouch Day
- Oct. 16 - National Boss's Day
- Oct. 17 - National Pasta Day
- Oct. 18 - Chocolate Cupcake Day



If you were drinking and don't remember what you did last night, it's not because you forgot. While you are drunk your brain is incapable of forming memories.

Think you're in control of your life? Think again. 95% of your decisions take place in your subconscious mind.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Oct 3	83	64	
Oct 4	75	68	
Oct 5	79	69	
Oct 6	82	66	
Oct 7	87	54	
Oct 8	77	52	
Oct 9	88	52	

(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:	1.86"
Total Precip for Aug:	2.41"
Total Precip for Sept:	3.72"
Total Precip for Oct:	0.55"
Total Precip. for 2017:	17.34"

Best-selling author visits Tahoka

Jodi Thomas regales local citizens with stories of why she loves to write

by JUANELL JONES

Jodi Thomas, author of 50 books (and counting), visited the City/County Library in Tahoka for a book-signing session on Tuesday morning, regaling a crowd of citizens with the story of why she became a writer and explaining an entertaining process of how she writes.

"This life is fun," Thomas said with a smile lighting her face, as she launched into a 20-minute spiel about her writing process.

"I should tell you how you decide to be a writer. It's not a path that most people find at 10 years old," said the author. "I grew up watching my sisters and my aunts and my grandparents quilt, and I don't quilt, but whenever I was a kid I loved to sit (and sometimes just lie down under the quilt frame) and listen to the women talk - and they talked in stories. And I think today people don't talk in stories like they used to. I love those stories. At holidays and get-togethers my family would tell lots of stories, and I loved listening to them.

"So, I was blessed with two blessings. One, I have a very, very loose grip on reality," she stated matter-of-factly. (pause while the group roars with laughter). "Within 5 minutes I'm off on a story, and anything can set it off. I wish I could go back and tell

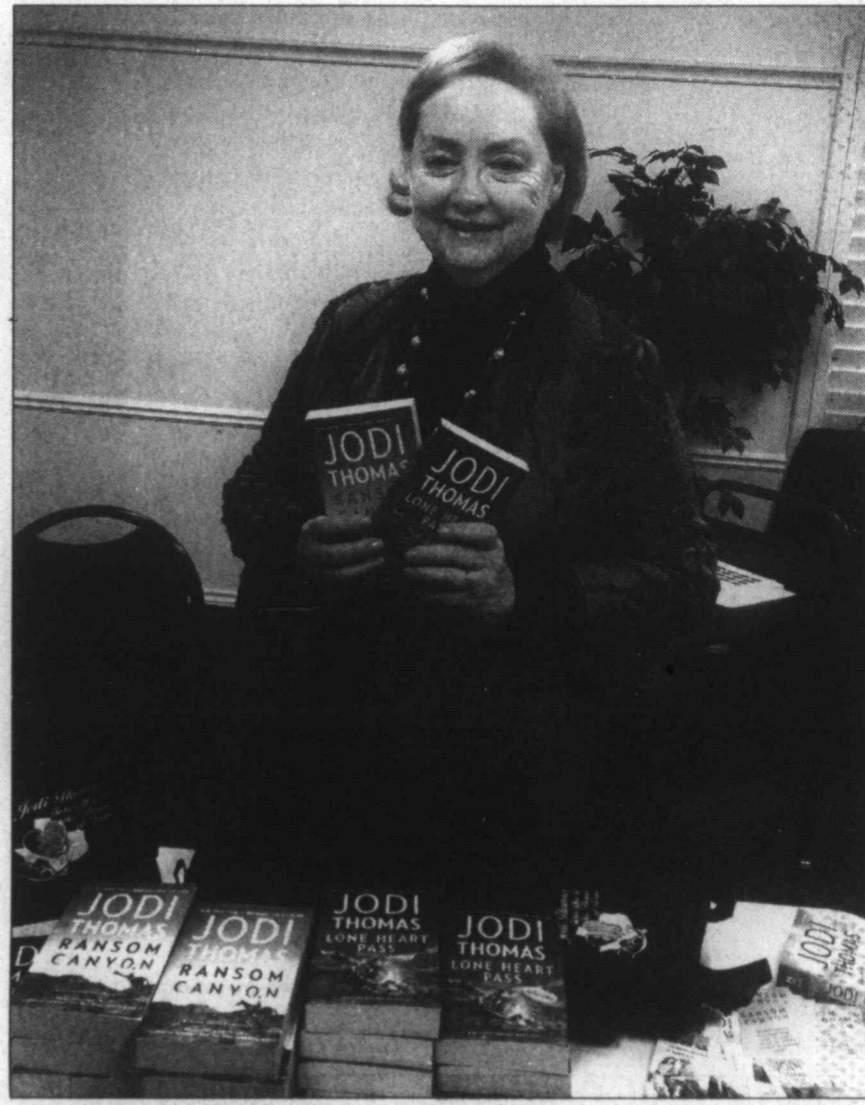
those teachers who thumped me for not listening, and tell them that I was busy practicing for my career," she said.

"And the second advantage I have, is, I come from a long family of liars. I have an uncle that something happens and a year later he will tell the story, and if you were there you don't recognize the story. I think listening to these stories helped me as I was growing up," she says with an impish grin.

Thomas is both a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of over 40 novels and 13 short story collections. She was honored in 2002 as a Distinguished Alumni by Texas Tech University, and she enjoys interacting with students at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, where she currently serves as Writer in Residence.

She told the group that she strives to write in ways that bring her characters to life.

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Author JODI THOMAS visits the City/County Library for book-signing session.

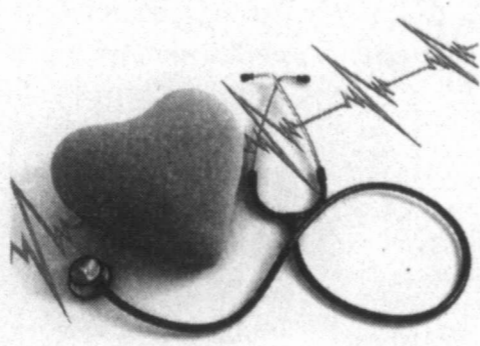
County-wide health fair slated here next Wednesday

Lynn County Hospital District will sponsor a county-wide Adult Health Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Lynn County Hospital. All area citizens are invited to participate. Please enter the hospital through the east (front) entrance for the health fair.

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

The United Blood Services mobile unit will be on site as well for a blood drive, with donors urged to give blood from 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m. that day.

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



Kudos, for a job well done ...

O'Donnell ISD honored in school architecture competition

O'Donnell ISD's renovation and new construction projects for their high school and middle school campuses has earned recognition for its architectural design by Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. architectural firm.

OISD is one of three West Texas school architecture projects, as well as others from across the state, that have been recognized with Stars of Distinction in the 2017-18 Exhibit of School Architecture competition, which showcases new and renovated Texas schools and celebrates excellence in planning and design of the learning environment. Abilene ISD's Johnston Elementary School (Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc.), and Lubbock ISD's Lubbock High School Auditorium Renovation (BGR Architects, Inc.) were the other two west Texas schools honored.

The projects, as showcased by their respective architects, were on

exhibit during the TASA/TASB Convention in Dallas Oct. 6-8. Winners of the competition will be announced in January 2018.

In all, 27 projects in 24 school districts received 2017 Stars of Distinction for excellence in one or more areas of distinction, which include: community, planning, transformation, design, value and sustainability.

The Exhibit of School Architecture awards are given at the discretion of a 12-member jury, which includes: four school board members, four administrators, two representatives from the Texas Society of Architects and two representatives from the Association for Learning Environments (A4LE). To be eligible for consideration for the 2017 Exhibit of School Architecture, projects had to be newly constructed or renovated public education facilities completed in the past five years.



◀ **Displayed at State Convention ...** An architectural display honoring O'Donnell ISD is pictured here, at the TASA/TASB State Convention in Dallas. OISD's renovation and new construction projects for their high school and middle school campuses earned recognition for its architectural design by Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., and was recognized with Stars of Distinction in the 2017-18 Exhibit of School Architecture competition.



Words of Inspiration:

“ A word of encouragement during a failure is worth more than an hour of praise after success. ”

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Best-selling author visits Tahoka ...

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"I want my people to come alive for you, I want you to be with them on their quest. I tell my character's story because they come alive for me. The best way I can tell you how I write is that as I sit in my study with my hands on the computer, the character just walks in, sits down and begins telling me the story," she explained, adding, "I'm not crazy, but don't ask my kids."

Her fictional stories travel through the past and present days of Texas, and one of her most recent series takes place in Ransom Canyon, an area of which most South Plains residents are familiar.

In her Ransom Canyon series, Thomas says, "The (fictional) character that came to me was Stanton Kirkland. He was a rancher. He sat down, took off his hat, and began to tell me his story. He was the strongest, most powerful man in this little town. And he was falling apart."

"I want to show how people in small towns really live, how they support each other and change each other's lives, and I wanted to show that in the Ransom Canyon series. In the opening paragraph, there's a storm coming, and it says Stanton Kirkland crammed his black Resistol on his head and prayed that the hat lived up to its name," she said. Then she laughed and added, "If you see a picture of me wearing a black Resistol - it's because the Resistol company named a hat the 'Ransom Canyon.' They were so tickled that I put it in the book. It's really cool," she said with delight.

After Thomas concluded addressing the crowd, City/County Library Director Cissy Webster invited people to come

to a table in the library holding a variety of Thomas' books, and said the author would autograph their own books if they brought them, or if they chose to buy one she would autograph it for them. Many swarmed to the table for an opportunity meet the author and choose a book, then visited over refreshments provided by the library staff and friends.

Webster was pleased with the turnout and enthusiastic about the response to hosting a renowned author for a book-signing session.

"This was wonderful! We concentrate a lot on children's programs, but we wanted to

do something for adults, and I think it turned out wonderful that it was during a workday and we had 32 adults show up. The author was amazing, she was humorous and kept our attention," said Webster.

"It was wonderful that a town of our size could get a New York bestselling author to come here. It was amazing to serve the community of Tahoka with a program like this," added Webster. She says she hopes to bring other authors here as well, in the future, and credited her staff with helping the library to have programs for both children and adults.



Book-signing ... Jodi Thomas, author of 50 books, autographs books for many who visited the City-County Library Tuesday morning for her presentation and book-signing session. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



What's your sign ... These metal yard signs are being sold by Tahoka Band Boosters for \$15 each. There are four designs to choose from: (1) T with a cheerleader megaphone, (2) football helmet, (3) music note, and (4) Tahoka T. To order, call or text any of the following Band Boosters: Amber 806-241-2754, Christie 806-535-1245, Rose 806-831-4167, or Maribel 806-300-7635.

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Treasure Hunt

Let the trick-o-treating begin. The City-County Library's Treasure Hunt is just around the corner beginning October 23rd through the 26th. Families with kids from the ages of babies to 5th grade may come by the library to pick up their treasure map leading them to the participating businesses to receive their treasures.

Scavenger Hunt

It's time for the fun to begin solving clues and receiving the treasure in the pirates treasure chest. October 23rd through the 26th also begins the City-County Library's Scavenger Hunt. Ages from 6th grade to adults are eligible to play. On the 23rd at 4:00 pm, the Library will give out the first clue. You may be a lone pirate or team up with some shipmates. Solve all the clues and receive the gold, a \$50 gift card to the Alamo Drafthouse plus a free regular car wash given by the Villa Family owners of the V.I.P. Members Only car wash.

When looking for a pet, check with the Lynn County Animal Shelter located at S. 2nd and Ave. H. or contact the Lynn Co. Sheriff's Office at 561-4505

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

October 16-20

Monday: Salisbury Steak, diced potatoes, English peas, fruit salad

Tuesday: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, squash, fruit cup

Wednesday: Beef & Bean Chili Verde, white rice, vegetable salad, cantaloupe

Thursday: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, melon medley

Friday: BBQ Chicken breast, baked potato, mixed veg., mandarin oranges

Mark your calendars...

• **Brisket Dinner Fundraiser** this Sunday! Noon until sold out- Tahoka Housing Authority - \$10 per plate

• **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!

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A look back at ... **Woodwork**
by Dalton Wood
(Reprinted from the past) Dalton Wood

INSURANCE COMPANIES send me a lot of junk, trying to get me to sign up for something I don't need, and trying to get some of those premium dollars which I spend with local agents who advertise in this newspaper.

Much of it is for "accidental death" policies, which for most folks is a waste of money. "So," said one agent, "you don't think there's a chance you will die accidentally?"

"On the contrary," I told him. "I sure don't expect to die on purpose." Of course, they don't define accidental death as any time you don't die on purpose. If they did, I'd have some of those policies.

Not long ago one of the companies sent a brochure called "LMS", explaining that this means Life Made Simple. Under this it said "Simplified-Issue Whole Life Level Death Benefit." Simple, huh? That statement alone is pure gobbledegook.

I'd guess that it means you have to live your whole life before you die, and death has to come on a perfectly level surface, like on top of a pool table, before they will pay your survivors.

I never have been especially fond of the idea of buying something which I have to die to collect. All of this reminds me of some jokes and cartoons I have seen in the past. One was the old man who told the insurance salesman, "I don't want no insurance. When I die, I want everybody to be sad!"

Then there was this cartoon of an attorney reading a will in front of a group. From the will, the attorney read, "In my lifetime, I made just over a million dollars. Being of sound mind, I spent it."

And there was this older couple sitting around one evening, and he said, "You know, Elsie, we've had a good life together for all these years." And she replied, "We sure have, all right."

"Yes," he said, "It has been really good. But I've been thinking lately that one of these days, one of us will be gone, and what will the other one do then?"

"Well," she said, "I think I'm going to move to Florida."
~February 6, 2001

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Driver killed when Volkswagen crashes into parked tractor/trailer rig on US 380

by JUANELL JONES

One person is dead after a two-vehicle crash on U.S. 380, 12 miles west of Tahoka Saturday night. According to DPS reports, the driver of a 1987 Volkswagen Scirocco heading eastbound was approaching two stopped vehicles when he crashed into the back of one of them, a semi tractor/trailer rig, at approximately 8:40 p.m. The driver of the Volkswagen was pronounced dead at the scene, but DPS has not yet released the name of the driver.

According to the report, a 1994 Peterbilt Truck Tractor towing a trailer was parked on the eastbound shoulder of US-380. A 2012 Ford F550 tow truck was parked to the left of the Peterbilt in the eastbound lane of US 380 with amber overhead lights activated. The Volkswagen was traveling east on US-380 approaching the stopped vehicles from behind, and apparently saw the lights of the tow truck and veered right to avoid the tow truck, then struck the back left of the Peterbilt tractor/trailer rig. The crash is still under investigation by DPS.

Another wreck occurred last Thursday, Oct. 5 at 6:48 a.m. about 5 miles south of Tahoka on US 87. The driver of a white Toyota Avalon, Annette Maria Arango, lost control of the vehicle and wrecked it, according to information from the Sheriff's Office call sheet. No injuries were reported.

Electrical power was suddenly cut off in Tahoka last Friday morning about 11:00 a.m., when a cotton stripper accidentally struck a powerline pole at the intersection of North 5th and Main Street. Nathan Morris of Wilson was driving the John Deere 7455 8-row cotton strip-

per. The pole snapped in two and powerlines were dragged down, cutting off power for a few hours while Xcel Energy crews replaced the pole and restored the power.

A Tahoka woman was assaulted by her 27-year-old son at 11 p.m. last Tuesday in her home. Tahoka Police were called to the scene, and the mother told police that her son had knocked her down and she struck her head on a wooden chair, then he grabbed her by her throat and threatened to stab her with a pocket knife. When police arrived the son had barricaded himself in his bedroom. He refused to open the door and additional officers arrived to assist, entering the bedroom and arresting the man without incident. He was charged with Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon Domestic Violence Enhanced due to the suspect having a prior conviction of Assault on a Family Member with Bodily Injury.

Tahoka Police arrested a 19-year-old Tahoka male caught in the act of attempting to break in to a door at a home in the 1100 block of South 6th at 7:30 a.m. last Thursday. Other suspects were involved as well, and the police investigation is still underway, with other charges possibly pending.

Lynn County Sheriff's 9-1-1 operators got a call at 2:12 a.m. Friday from a Wilson resident who thought someone was in the attic. The homeowner had apparently heard noises, and climbed up to the entrance of the attic and held up a phone to take a video to see if someone was there. A coat hanging on a hanger in the attic apparently caught the light from the phone's camera, causing a shadow that appeared to be a person.

Deputies responding, however, found no one in the attic.

The Sheriff's office had a call around 8 p.m. Saturday night from a homeowner on County Road 3, reporting a suspicious person driving an older model black car slowly and stopping occasionally at homes along the road. However, when a deputy arrived and spoke to the driver, who was reportedly an older man, he told the deputy his wife was away and he was lonely, and thought he might meet some of his neighbors to talk to.

Another rural homeowner reported a suspicious vehicle circling his property on FM 1317 at 4 p.m. last Thursday. The owner had video footage from a camera that showed a red Toyota circling his home and barn, and a woman exiting the vehicle to walk to the front door, then leaving and circling the property again before leaving.

Tahoka Police arrested an 83-year-old Tahoka man on charges of Driving While Intoxicated-2nd, after observing him driving a red pickup truck erratically on South 2nd Street. He was taken to Lynn County Hospital to obtain a blood specimen, and then booked into jail.

One man was sentenced in criminal court proceedings in 106th District Court last Tuesday, Oct. 3. Anthony Barela, 30, pled guilty to charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance stemming from an arrest on March 20, 2017. District Judge Carter Schildknecht sentenced Barela to Deferred Adjudication of Guilt Community Supervision term of 4 years, as well as payment of a \$1,000 fine and court costs.

Lynn County Sheriff's Office communications staff pro-



Power outage ...
This powerline pole was split in two when a cotton stripper (above) accidentally hit the pole at the corner of Main Street and N. 5th Street last Friday morning just before 11 a.m., taking down powerlines and causing an electrical outage. Power was out in portions of Tahoka for several hours until Xcel Energy could replace the pole and restore electrical power (LCN PHOTOS).



cessed 235 calls in September, including 125 for the county, 120 for City of Tahoka, 39 for Lynn County EMS, 30 for Animal Control, 8 for City of O'Donnell, and 3 for fire departments in the county.

Lynn County Jail held 46 inmates during the week, including 26 for Ector County, 7 for Dawson, and 13 for Lynn, on the following charges: Aggravated Assault w/Deadly Weapon, Driving While Intoxicated 2nd, two for Burglary of a Habitation, Possession, GJI-

Burglary of Habitation, DWI/ Open Alcohol Container, two for Assault, Burglary of a Building, two for DWI, two for Theft of Property/Failure to Appear, Failure to Comply with Registration Requirements, and Evading Arrest/Detention.

Tahoka School Menu

October 16-20
Monday: *Cinn Toast crunch/ Cereal w/ graham crackers
Tuesday: *Choc. Waffles/ Choc.
Wednesday: *Breakfast pizza/

Sausage & cheese pizza
Thursday: *Blueberry loaf/ French Toast
Friday: *Morning sausage roll/ Turkey pancake on a stick

Lunch
Monday: * Chicken Quesadilla/ Hamburger/Fajita Chicken wrap
Tuesday: *Chicken tenders/Beef corn tacos/Chicken Caesar Salad
Wednesday: *Alfredo Rotini Pasta/Bean & cheese burrito/Turkey & Cheese wrap

Thursday: * Pepperoni Pizza/ Tuna Salad wrap/Chicken nugget rice bowl
Friday: *BBQ Chicken Panini/ Cheese enchiladas/Chef Salad

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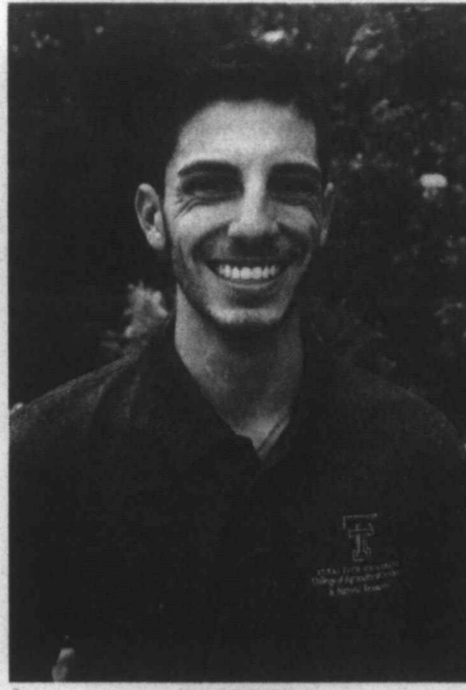
Officials in Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) have announced Dane Rivas, of Tahoka, Texas, was named to the 2017-2018 team of Agri-Techsans, the college's award-winning organization of student recruiters.

Comprised of select undergraduates from every department in the college, this year's Agri-Techsans are a diverse group.

Brandy Brooks, the official college recruiter for CASNR, noted that though the organization's diversity serves both Texas Tech and prospective students equally well, all Agri-Techsans have at least one thing in common—their enthusiasm for the university and the college's programs.

"We only look for exceptional students who are enthusiastic about Texas Tech and CASNR, who will take an active and responsible part in our organization, and can maintain their grades while devoting time and lots of energy to promoting CASNR," she said.

Selected each spring for the following academic year, Agri-Techsans must be nominated by either a faculty member or a current Agri-Techsan, maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average, and be a full-time student in Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.



DANE RIVAS

"Agri-Techsans travel to high school career days, job fairs, class presentations, and club meetings throughout the region to inform prospective students about the university's admissions requirements, financial aid opportunities, and what it is like to be a member of the Red Raider family," Brooks noted.

Brooks indicated that the selection process is rigorous, including nomination and application phases followed by an appearance before a selection committee comprised of the

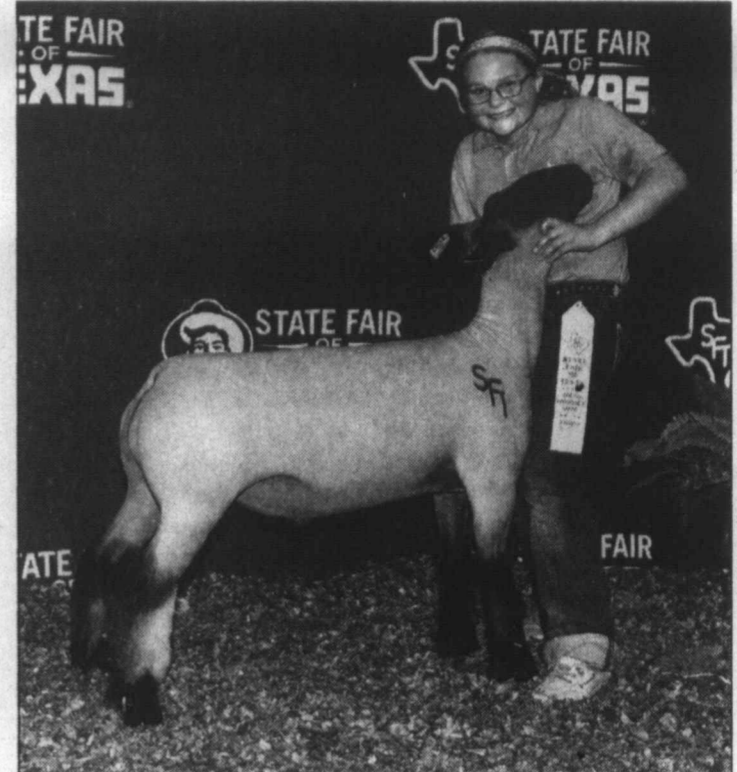
college's faculty and staff.

"Only those students with an interest in and enthusiasm for the promotion of CASNR, its programs, and its students are selected," she said.

"My favorite thing about Texas Tech is how the university, and the part of Lubbock that surrounds it, are geared to the success of the students at Texas Tech. In CASNR this is especially the case," Rivas said. "From being the only college on campus to have professors as your advisors, to having the most scholarship opportunities per student, to having the Dr. Bill Bennett Student Success Center in the Dean's Office, CASNR is set up to do everything it can to help ensure that its students are equipped to be as successful as possible."

Rivas is a junior animal science major. He is a graduate of Tahoka High School, and the son of Mike and Paige Rivas of Tahoka.

After college Rivas plans on attending Texas Tech University to attain a master's in agricultural communications or he wants to attend Hillsong College in Australia and obtain a master's degree in leadership.



State Fair winner...McKinley Clem and Spiffy won 3rd Place Medium Wool at the 2017 State Fair of Texas held recently.



Fourth place at State Fair... Kyle Gill won 4th Place Medium Wool at the 2017 State Fair of Texas.

USDA issues farm safety net and conservation payments

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced that over \$9.6 billion in payments will be made, beginning this week, to producers through the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC), Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and Conservation Reserve (CRP) programs. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is issuing approximately \$8 billion in payments under the ARC and PLC programs for the 2016 crop year, and \$1.6 billion under CRP for 2017.

"Many of these payments will be made to landowners and producers in rural communities that have recently been ravaged by drought, wildfires, and deadly hurricanes," Perdue said. "I

am hopeful this financial assistance will help those experiencing losses with immediate cash flow needs as we head toward the end of the year."

The ARC and PLC programs were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and offer a safety net to agricultural producers when there is a substantial drop in revenue or prices for covered commodities. Over half a million producers will receive ARC payments and over a quarter million producers will receive PLC payments for 2016 crops, starting this week and continuing over the next several months.

Payments are being made to producers who enrolled base acres of barley, corn, grain sorghum, lentils, oats, peanuts, dry peas, soybeans, wheat and canola. In the upcoming months, payments will be announced after marketing year average prices are published by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service for the remaining covered commodities. Also, as part of an ongoing effort to protect sensitive lands and improve water quality and wildlife habitat, USDA will begin issuing 2017 CRP payments this week to over 375,000 Americans.

Private Applicator license training in Tahoka Oct. 17

The Lynn County office of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will be holding a Private Applicator License training on October 17th from 8 a.m.-12 noon at the Lynn County Extension Office. Space is limited, please call to RSVP.

This training is required for individuals wishing to obtain their private applicator license. Cost of the training is \$60, which includes training materials. For more information or to sign up, please call the Extension Office at 806-561-4562.



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NOTICE OF LOCAL OPTION ELECTION TO LEGALIZE (AVISO DE ELECCIÓN DE OPCIÓN LOCAL A LEGALIZAR)

TO ALL THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE COUNTY OF LYNN, TEXAS:
(A TODOS LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS DEL CONDADO DE LYNN, TEXAS)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 7, 2017, for voting in an election to adopt or reject the proposed **Constitutional Amendments**.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7 de noviembre de 2017, para votar en la Elección para adoptar o rechazar las **enmiendas constitucionales propuestas así como fueron sometidas por la 84a Legislatura Sesión Regular, del Estado de Texas.**

Location of Election Day Polling Places
(Ubicación de las casillas electorales el Día de Elección)

Voting Precinct	Pct.	Polling Place	Address
Pct. 1/5 South Tahoka	1/5	Life Enrichment Center	1717 Main Street, Tahoka
Pct. 2/8 Wilson	2/8	Green Museum	1601 10th Street, Wilson
Pct. 3/10 O'Donnell	3/10	O'Donnell Community Center	600 Nassau Rd, O'Donnell
Pct. 4/11 New Home	4/11	New Home Community Center	109 W. Broadway, New Home
Pct. 6 North Tahoka	6	Life Enrichment Center	1717 Main Street, Tahoka
Pct. 7 Grassland	7	Life Enrichment Center	1717 Main Street, Tahoka
Pct. 9 West Tahoka	9	Life Enrichment Center	1717 Main Street, Tahoka
Pct. 12 S. West Tahoka	12	Life Enrichment Center	1717 Main Street, Tahoka
Pct. 13 N. Lynn County	13	New Home Community Center	109 W. Broadway, New Home
Pct. 14 East Tahoka	14	Life Enrichment Center	1717 Main Street, Tahoka

For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the location listed below, from **October 23, 2017 - November 3, 2017, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm**
(Para Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nimbradas abajo.)

Voting Precinct	Pct.	Polling Place	Address
Early Voting	All	Lynn County Clerk's Office	1627 Ave. K Tahoka

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas para votar por adelantado por correo deberán enviarse a:)

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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on **October 27, 2017**.
(Las solicitudes para votar por adelantado por correo tienen que ser recibidas no mas tardar que el fin de negocio el 27 de octubre de 2017.)

Issued this 19th day of September, 2017
(Emitido este día 19 de septiembre de 2017.)

/s/ Mike Braddock
County Judge (Juez del Condado)
Lynn County, Texas (Condado de Lynn, Texas)

2nd Annual **Zombie Apocalypse** 3-D
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COUNTY OF LYNN

JOINT NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE DATED the 5th day of October, 2017, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 5th day of October, 2017, seized, levied upon, and will on the 7th day of November, 2017, at the 1627 Ave K, Tahoka, Texas, at 10:00 a.m. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

All of the following properties being located in Lynn County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page reference (V./P.) or document number of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

PROP #	CAUSE #	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #
1	13-02-02624	Lynn County Appraisal District v Terry Covington	Lots 18, 19, & 20, Block 129, Original Townsite of the City of Wilson, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 319, Page 766, Official Public Records, Lynn County, Texas), Account #5641000001
2	16-07-02757	Lynn County Appraisal District v Frank Orlando Reyna et al	the East 25' of the North 60' of Lot 15, and the North 60' of Lot 16, Block 18, North Tahoka Addition, City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 424, Page 484, Official Public Records), Account #8818000001
3	16-09-02761	Lynn County Appraisal District v Pablo Castillo et al	all of Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block 26, Original Townsite of the Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas, with a 17' x 76' Festival manufactured home, Label #RAD1109516, Serial FTXFLW12A32347FD12, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 314, Page 675, Deed Records), Account #2561000001
4	16-11-02773	Lynn County Appraisal District v Nacona Martinez	the West 1/2 of Lot 7, all of Lot 8, Block 49, North Tahoka Addition, City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 369, Page 795, Official Public Records), Account #1354000001
5	16-11-02775	Lynn County Appraisal District v Victor Salinas, Jr. et al	Lot 7, Block 63, North Tahoka Addition, City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 297, Page 124, Deed Records), Account #9901000001
6	17-01-02779	Lynn County Appraisal District v James Garland French	10.4 acres, more or less, out of Section 17, Block J, E.L. RR Company, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 352, Page 659, Official Public Records), Account #4456000001

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 5th day of October, 2017, at Tahoka, Texas

ABRAHAM VEGA
Sheriff, Lynn County, Texas

You may contact the attorney for the taxing units at (325) 672-4870.

County collects over \$1 million in child support payments

by JUANELL JONES

At the Lynn County Commissioners Court meeting on Tuesday morning, District Clerk Sandra Laws read a letter from the Texas Attorney General's Office commending the District Clerk's office for collecting \$1,053,603 in child support payments during the previous year on cases with Lynn County court orders.

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your office for the continued joint efforts in assisting families affected by non-payment of child support. Without you and the assistance of the Lynn County court this would not have been possible," the letter stated.

Lynn County Tax Assessor/

Collector Donna Willis reported fees and sales tax collections made through her office during the last fiscal year. The report showed \$749,339 in collections, including \$331,752 in sales tax, plus road and bridge fees, farm tags, and title applications to the county. She noted that this year's collections totaled about \$100,000 more than the previous year.

In other business, commissioners voted to approve a Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program, which is a program that provides an attorney for those who cannot afford one. This resolution designates the County Judge as the authorized official to apply for, accept, decline, modify or cancel the grant application for the Indigent Defense Formula Grant Program.

Commissioners also approved a motion to change the secretarial position at the County Extension Office from a full-time position to a part-time position, and approved payment of monthly bills.

Judge Braddock informed the court that the abatement process at the Courthouse had been completed, as had the removal of the old jail on the southeast corner grounds.

Sheriff's Deputy Pete Vallejo gave a report on the Lynn County Jail and the Sheriff's Office, reporting that the jail currently held 46 inmates, including 26 for Ector County, 7 for Dawson, and 13 for Lynn County.

County Judge Mike Braddock presided at the meeting, with Commissioners John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham present, as well as other county officials. Commissioner Matt Woodley was absent. The meeting lasted only a half hour, adjourning at 9:30 a.m.



Hurricane Harvey efforts... Last Thursday at the Tahoka Rotary Club, (above photo) Lynn County EMS Director John Baker (right), and EMTs Johnna Alvarado (center) and Samantha Henderson (left) presented a program about their participation during Hurricane Harvey. Samantha helped keep the county safe while Baker and Alvarado were away helping with the hurricane relief. In the photo at left, Mayor Baker presented a proclamation from the City of Tahoka thanking Johnna for her help in the hurricane relief effort.

Did you know... about BASEBALL

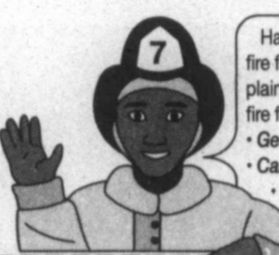
A baseball catcher's equipment is sometimes called "tools of ignorance" because it is said that catching is such a difficult job that no intelligent person would do it.

Evar Swanson (1902-1973), a leftfielder for baseball's Cincinnati Reds, holds the record for the fastest time around the bases. On September 15, 1929, he ran the bases in 13.3 seconds, a record that has held for over 80 years.

The fastest baseball ever thrown anywhere is usually credited to Cleveland Indian pitcher Bob Feller. In 1946, he threw a fastball at 107.9 mph during a pitching display at Griffith Field. The Guinness Book of World Records sites a 2010 pitch by Aroldis Chapman as the fastest, at 105.1 mph during a Reds' game against the San Diego Padres.

Glen Gorbous (1930-1990) holds the record for the longest throw by a pro baseball player. During a throwing exhibition in 1957, with a running start, he threw the ball 445 feet, 10 inches.

OCT. 8-14 IS NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



Have you ever visited the firehouse or had a fire fighter come to your school to speak? It's just plain smart to learn how to help prevent fires. When fire fighters talk about fire safety we tell students:
• Get out of the house quickly if there is a fire.
• Call the fire department from a neighbor's house.
• If your clothes catch on fire remember to...
STOP, DROP AND ROLL!

Family Fire Safety Checklist

- Cook in the kitchen only when an adult is helping you.
- Don't touch matches, lighters or candles. They are only for adults to use.
- Do you have smoke detectors on every level of your home? Test them monthly. Change the batteries at least once a year.
- Do you know two or more ways out of the house?
- Never use elevators if there is a fire (stairs are much safer).
- Smoke rises. If there is a fire, stay low; crawl under the smoke.
- Have you picked a place to meet the rest of your family once you are all out of the house?
- Once you are out of the house, stay out of the house.

2 Ways Out



Fire Safety is Smart!

Read each of the 15 words and phrases in the list below. Then, find a word or phrase above that means almost the same thing and fill in the puzzle.

1. fireplug	6. steps	13. flame
2. home	7. smoke alarm	14. firehouse
3. siren	8. fumes	15. adult
4. fireman	9. crisis	
5. getaway	10. fire engine	
11. way out	12. fire	

New inventions help fire fighters do their difficult work. One invention is a scanner that can detect faint heartbeats, which can help to find people trapped under rubble. Another is a mask with built-in "thermal imaging" that lets fire fighters "see" people and flames through smoke.

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O'Donnell ISD Board named Regional Honor School Board

O'Donnell Independent School District Board of Trustees has been recognized as one of 11 Regional Honor Boards, honored at the TASA/TASB Convention in Dallas, Oct. 6-8. The recognition is part of the 2017 Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) School Board Awards. Each year, the program recognizes outstanding Texas school boards for commitment and service that has made a positive impact on Texas public school students.

O'Donnell ISD was recognized as a Regional Honor Board for Region 17. School Board members include Mandy Stidham (President), Billy Edwards (Vice-President), Randy Cook (Secretary), Monte Hancock, Jacob Lowe, Landon Mires and Melissa Pedroza. Dr. Cathy Palmer is the OISD Superintendent.

The selection committee's decisions were based on specific criteria, including support for educational performance, sup-

port for educational improvement projects, commitment to a code of ethics, and maintenance of harmonious and supportive relationships among board members.

TASA is the professional association for Texas school administrators, providing networking and professional learning opportunities, legislative advocacy, and targeted communications to support the work of superintendents and other school leaders.



OISD Board honored ... Mandy Stidham, President of the O'Donnell ISD Board of Trustees, accepts an award recognizing the OISD Board of Trustees as a Regional Honor Board, at the Texas Association of School Boards Convention in Dallas.

New state law prohibits texting while driving

AUSTIN - Effective Sept. 1, texting while driving will be illegal across the state of Texas as the result of a new texting-while-driving ban passed during the 85th Texas Legislative Session. The law prohibits motorists from reading, writing or sending electronic messages while driving.

"One in five crashes in Texas is caused by distracted driving," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "We are pleased the Texas Legislature recognizes the extreme danger caused by texting and driving. The new law sends a very clear message to Texans to put down their phones and focus on the road. We are hopeful this new law will help save lives and reduce injuries."

Last year, 109,658 traffic crashes in Texas involved distracted driving. Those crashes resulted in 455 deaths and 3,087 serious injuries.

While distracted drivers risk injuring or killing themselves and others, they also now face

penalties under the new statewide law. A first offense is punishable by a fine up to \$99; any subsequent offense carries a fine up to \$200. Drivers should be aware that some cities have additional ordinances that are more restrictive. Exceptions to the new law include emergency communication or electronic messaging when the vehicle is stopped.

For those under 18 years of age, Texas law already bans all cell phone use while driving, including hands-free, except in the case of emergencies. Additionally, drivers are currently banned from texting and using hand-held cellular devices while driving in school zones. School bus operators also are prohibited from using cell phones while driving if children are present.

To help educate the public on the new law, TxDOT will be posting information on portable roadside message signs as well as permanent signs along interstate and U.S. highways.

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Friday, October 13

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Varsity Cheer Squad ... The Tahoka High School varsity cheerleaders for the 2017-2018 year are, from left: Marisol Morin, Marisol Vega, Kaylyn Green, Raygin Taylor, Aly Dotson, Priscilla Castillo, Meah Vera, Layney Vega, and Kyle Jones (Bulldog mascot).

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 <p>#50 RUBEN QUINEZ 5'8, 210 lb., Senior, OL/LB What is your nickname? Scrapps • What is your hidden talent? Playing guitar • Favorite pastime? Going to the mountains • Who would you like to have dinner with? Carrie Underwood</p>	 <p>#51 BRYSON RESENDEZ 6'0, 225 lb., Junior, OL/DL Who would you like to have dinner with? Kate Upton • Favorite pastime: Trap Shoot • Favorite Movie: 8 Seconds • Favorite quote: "Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard." Favorite NFL Team & Player: Ravens - K-State</p>	 <p>#54 - CAMERON TEKELL 6'1, 210 lb., Sophomore, RB/LB Hidden Talent: I can cook me a mean burrito • Favorite Movie: The Sandlot • Favorite line from a movie: "You're killin me smalls!" • Who would you like to have dinner with? Jesus • What is your nickname: Camo</p>
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DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Oct. 13	Seagraves*	There	7:00
Oct. 20	Roby*	There	7:00
Oct. 27	Hamlin*	Here	7:00
Nov. 3	Roscoe*	There	7:00
Nov. 10	Plains*	Here	7:00

FOOTBALL TRIVIA

- In 1977, Tahoka shut out an opponent on their home field 20-0. Who was that team?
- In 1947, Tahoka won 12-6 to claim the district crown. Who was the opponent?
- What Dallas Cowboy had a 99-yard run from scrimmage in 1983?
- What teams played in the first all-California Super Bowl?
- What was Miami Dolphin quarterback Bob Griese the first NFL player to wear in a game in 1977?

ANSWERS:

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