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## Town Hall Meeting is tonight at THS auditorium for \$22-million LCH project

Citizens who want to learn more about an ambitious \$22-million project that will modernize Lynn County Healthcare System facilities are invited to a Town Hall Meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Tahoka School Auditorium. The auditorium is located at 2929 Ave. P, in front of the high school gym.

At this meeting, LCH representatives will explain the plan for extensive updates and additions to the hospital, including a new nursing home on hospital property west of Lynnwood Independent and Assisted Living Center.



## Jamaica fun!

St. Jude Catholic Church's annual Jamaica celebration will be held on Sunday, from 12 noon until 10 p.m. on the church grounds, at 1829 South 4th and Ave. M, Tahoka.

## Now that's funny!

"Never follow anyone else's path. Unless you're in the woods and you're lost and you see a path. Then by all means follow that path."

—ELLEN DEGENERES

"The word 'user' is the word used by the computer professional when they mean idiot."

—DAVE BARRY

## WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 6	85	67	
July 7	88	67	
July 8	92	67	
July 9	91	67	
July 10	90	69	
July 11	87	64	2.99"
July 12	86	65	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 6 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	1.23"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.15"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.10"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.51"
Total Precip for May:	6.75"
Total Precip for Jun:	2.39"
Total Precip for July:	3.45"
Total Precip. for 2021:	14.58"

## STREETS & ANIMALS

## Citizens voice concerns over city ordinance, street project

by JUANELL JONES

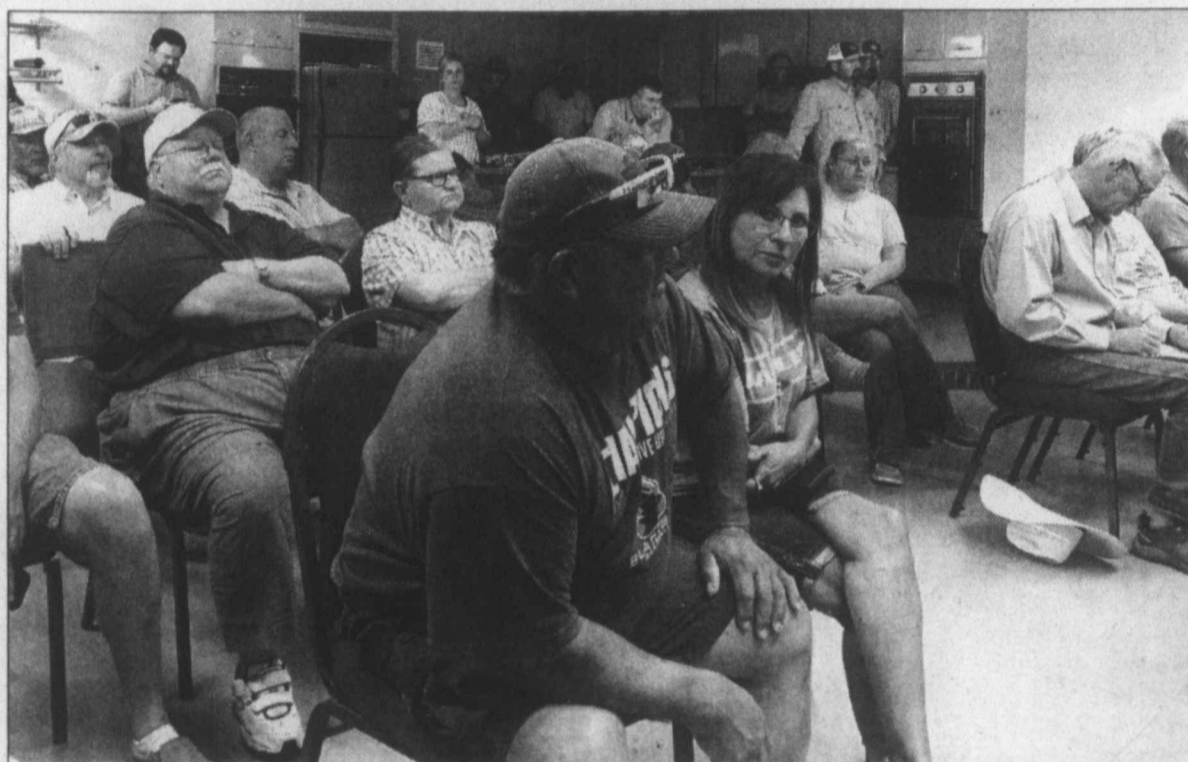
A crowd of approximately 40-50 citizens attended the Tahoka City Council meeting Monday night, to express opinions and hear information about a proposed bond election that would fund paving city streets, but also a surprisingly large number of citizens were at the meeting because of concerns about possible changes to a city ordinance regarding livestock animals and/or farm equipment inside the city limits.

Tahoka Mayor John Baker opened the public hearing portion of the meeting by saying that he and members of the city council became aware that some controversy may have arisen about the animal/farm equipment ordinance.

"It appears there has been vast amounts of misinformation that has been shared by texts and phone calls about this issue (the animal/farm equipment ordinance) but we are here to hear what you have to say. However, let me preface that by saying that there has never been, nor is it our intent that will there ever be, a city ordinance for removing farm equipment that is in current use in farm operations," he stated.

The council and city authorities have taken on the task of reviewing and updating a long list of city ordinances that have been in place for many years, and in many cases have not been updated since the 70s or 80s. One of those ordinances is regarding livestock/farm animals and farm equipment inside the city limits.

Ten citizens addressed the council regarding their concerns about adding any restrictions to the current livestock ordinance or making any changes that would limit access to housing animals, reiterating that this community is an agriculture-based community. Most were current livestock/farm animal owners who stated that they took great pride in their property and kept it cleaned and presentable.



Citizens voice concerns ... Pictured here is a portion of the crowd that came to the Tahoka City Council's public hearing Monday night, to hear information and express opinions on city ordinances and a proposed bond election for paving city streets. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

"Don't change the way we're living our lives. This is our town, keep it our town," said Shane Hufaker, during the public hearing.

"From what I'm understanding, you're not going to say I can't keep animals - unless there are

too many for that area ... so I'm wondering why has this issue been brought up?" asked Todd Henry, another local citizen.

City Administrator Julie Arrington said that one of the issues with the current animal ordinance

is that livestock that gets loose in the city is not covered.

"We do have livestock that gets loose, or the pens are not maintained the way they should be, and when that happens we need rules

(See CITY MEETING, page 4)

## County Commissioners considering property tax freeze for 65+ homeowners

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 12, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom, initiating discussion on the possibility of freezing county property taxes for residential property with owners aged 65 or over.

Currently, the school districts are the only taxing entities in Lynn County that allow a property tax freeze for homesteads for property

owners over age 65 or disabled.

The county does currently provide a \$3,000 homestead exemption for residential property for homeowners age 65 or older, but a residential property tax freeze would be a new opportunity to reduce the tax burden on many older citizens who live on a fixed income.

"We are trying to figure what our percentage is in the county of homeowners age 65 or over, and how it could impact the county's

tax revenue," County Judge Mike Braddock told *The News*. "We would like to be able to offer a property tax freeze for our over-65 residential property owners, but we're still looking at the numbers."

After some discussion, commissioners chose to table the property tax freeze issue for consideration pending further information.

In other business, commissioners extended opening the courthouse repair bids to a later date.

## O'Donnell's "Biggest Little Rodeo In Texas"



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Rodeo fun ... O'Donnell photographer Aaron Heath Furlow captured this photo of an unidentified contestant in the calf-roping event at the O'Donnell Rodeo last weekend. A good crowd attended the three-day event. (PHOTO by AARON HEATH FURLOW)



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It is more fun to talk with someone who doesn't use long, difficult words but rather short, easy words like, "What about lunch?"

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— WINNIE THE POOH

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**Senior Citizens Menu**

**July 19-23**

**Monday:** Roast beef w/ brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, waldorf salad, banana pudding

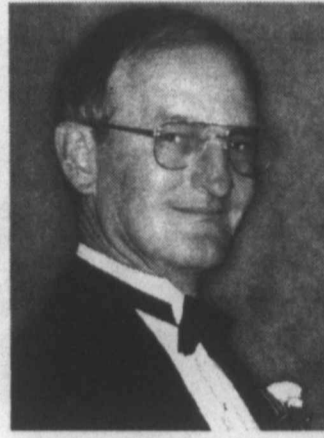
**Tuesday:** Chicken fajitas, fajita veg., chuck wagon corn, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail

**Wednesday:** Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Italian veg., broccoli, autumn jell-o

**Thursday:** BBQ Chicken breast, ranch potatoes, summer squash, salad, peach cobbler

**Friday:** Cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, melon medley

**Obituaries**



**Jerry Lynn Forsythe**

Jerry Lynn Forsythe of Tahoka passed away on Thursday, July 8, 2021, at the age of 76. He was born November 9, 1944, in Tahoka. Jerry graduated from Tahoka High School and Texas Tech University receiving his accounting degree. After graduation, he joined the United States Army where he served in the Vietnam War. Jerry married Geanne in 1970. He worked for Eagle Picher in Lubbock until his retirement. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Geanne in 2020; and sister, Dixie Park in 2010.

Those left to cherish his memory are his sons, Jeff Forsythe and wife Sara of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and Jay Forsythe of Tahoka; brother, Larry Forsythe and wife Nancy of Lubbock; nine grandchildren, Kaly and husband Hayden, Kody, Josh, Erin, Sam, Justin, McKenzie and husband Josh, Jaxon and Bretton; and two great-grandchildren, Covi and

Casey. Visitation was held Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at Combest Family Funeral Homes with graveside services at 12:00 p.m. at Nevels Memorial Cemetery.



**JoAnn Hall**

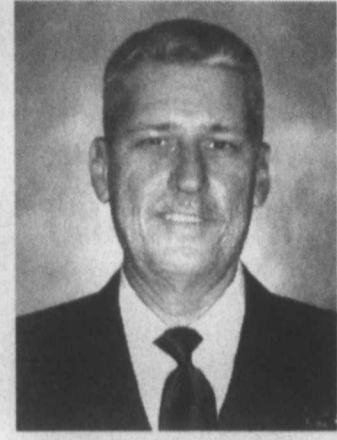
JoAnn Hall of Tahoka passed away on Monday, July 12, 2021, at the age of 67. She was born May 2, 1954, in Lamesa to Donald Gene and Mildred Ann (Phillips) Hall. JoAnn graduated from Tahoka High School and worked for Calloway Huffaker, Attorney at Law for more than 15 years. She enjoyed quilting, working 3D jigsaw puzzles, and spending time at the lake. Her greatest passion in life was being a devoted aunt to her nieces and nephews: Lane Schuknecht, Jeremy Hall, Candice Acosta, Josh Terry, and Chelsea Brevard.

JoAnn was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Lucille Terry; and niece, Kayla Quintero.

Those left to cherish her memory are her siblings, Donna Schuknecht and hus-

band Dewayne of White River Lake, Thomas "Buddy" Hall of Tahoka and Camille Quintero of Tahoka. She also leaves behind a host of friends who loved her dearly.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.



**Bobby Herschel Jordan II**

The family of Bobby Herschel Jordan II will celebrate his life of 62 years at 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, June 26, 2021, at Lake Ridge Chapel. His family will also host a time of fellowship and remembrance from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, June 25, 2021, at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers. He passed on Monday, June 21, 2021. We invite you to view the live-streamed service, sign his virtual guestbook, and download his memorial keep sake folder to your device for printing here on this page. We also ask you to consider viewing his Life Tribute, a video of photographs set to his favorite music.

On August 28, 1958, Bobby Herschel, II was born to Bobbie Herschel Sr. and Betsy Jordan at Kindley Air Force Base in Bermuda. In his life, he lived all over the U.S. but called Levelland, Texas his hometown.

He proudly served in the United States Air Force starting in 1979, and then joined the Active Reserve in 1990. He was called back to active duty after 9/11, where he continued his work with the Military Police until honorably retiring in 2008. Throughout his time working as a Texas Peace Officer, he worked with Slaton PD, Littlefield PD, and spent time

also working for the sheriff's office in both Lubbock County and Lynn County. His final years, before officially retiring as a lawman in 2019, were with TDCJ in Brownfield.

He married Connie Childress on December 18, 1987, in Tahoka, Texas, and stepped into a loving family.

Bobby's favorite things included telling and retelling stories from his decorated career in law enforcement, adventures around the world, and every corny "Dad joke" that made him laugh.

When he wasn't fishing down in Beaumont, you can bet it was somewhere in the back of his mind, or he was watching Swamp Monsters, Monster Catch, or anything on the History Channel. His lap was almost always occupied by at least one dog, or one of

his grandkids...and after raising boys, those granddaughters kept him wrapped around their little pinky fingers!

Most of all, he loved his wife and instilled in his sons, strong values to last multiple lifetimes. He will be dearly missed by family, friends, and friends that were like family, but his love lives on in our memories.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, John Mark Jordan.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Jordan; children, Justin Cogburn and wife Jacee, Jordan Cogburn and wife Rebekka, and Tyler Jordan; grandchildren, Whitley, Abigail, and Sawyer Cogburn, Keri, Kati, and Samuel Kolt Cogburn; brother, Michael Jordan and wife Debra; and nephews, Joshua and Austin Jordan.

**Where in the world is The Lynn County News?**



**Nashville...** Recent O'Donnell graduates, Dayzee Castro and Bryannah Pedroza took second place at the national Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, (FCLCA), held recently in Nashville, Tennessee, and brought the Lynn County News along with them for the trip. The News is 999 miles from home.

**St. Jude's Jamaica is Sunday**

The annual Jamaica celebration for St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka will be held on Sunday, July 18, from 12 noon until 10 p.m. on the church grounds, at 1829 South 4th and Ave. M in Tahoka. Area citizens are invited to attend.

Live music will be offered throughout the day by Conjunto Malo, Conjunto 87 and Los Hermanos Torres.

Food booths and games will be offered as well, including Hub City Cornhole and Bagz Deep Cornhole, train rides and a bounce house for children, and other games. A silent and live auction will be conducted, and raffle tickets will be available for \$1 for drawings for cash prizes including a grand prize of \$1,000 gift card, as well as gift cards for \$500, \$300, \$200 and \$100.

**Horse struck on US 87**

by **JUANELL JONES**

A horse was reportedly struck by a vehicle on US 87 Tuesday, July 6, just after midnight. A woman driving on US 87 called Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 12:20 a.m., admitting she was shaken but did not need an ambulance, after her vehicle struck a horse in the northbound lanes of US 87. LCSO deputies, DPS and tow truck responded to the scene. According to the call sheet report, there may have been more than one horse loose, as the report indicated that one horse was put in a nearby pasture but that the owner of the horses had not been located. Further information was unavailable.

During Sunday evening's heavy rains, another accident occurred at 4:45 p.m. about a mile south of Tahoka on US 87. LCSO received several calls reporting a red Cadillac

with someone inside, in water. A Tahoka Police Officer located the vehicle and responded that EMS and fire department was not needed, and a tow truck was dispatched to the scene.

At 2:09 a.m. Sunday, a caller to LCSO said he had struck a deer with his vehicle near Poka Lambro on US 87, and just wanted to ask that a deputy remove the deer off the roadway. A deputy responding to the area was unable to locate the deer, but at 5 a.m. another caller reported a dead deer in the southbound lanes of US 87 north of Poka Lambro, and a deputy removed the carcass.

LCSO responded to other calls as well during the week, including welfare concerns, assisting motorists, a report of a teenage runaway, suspicious person, and loose dogs in Wilson.

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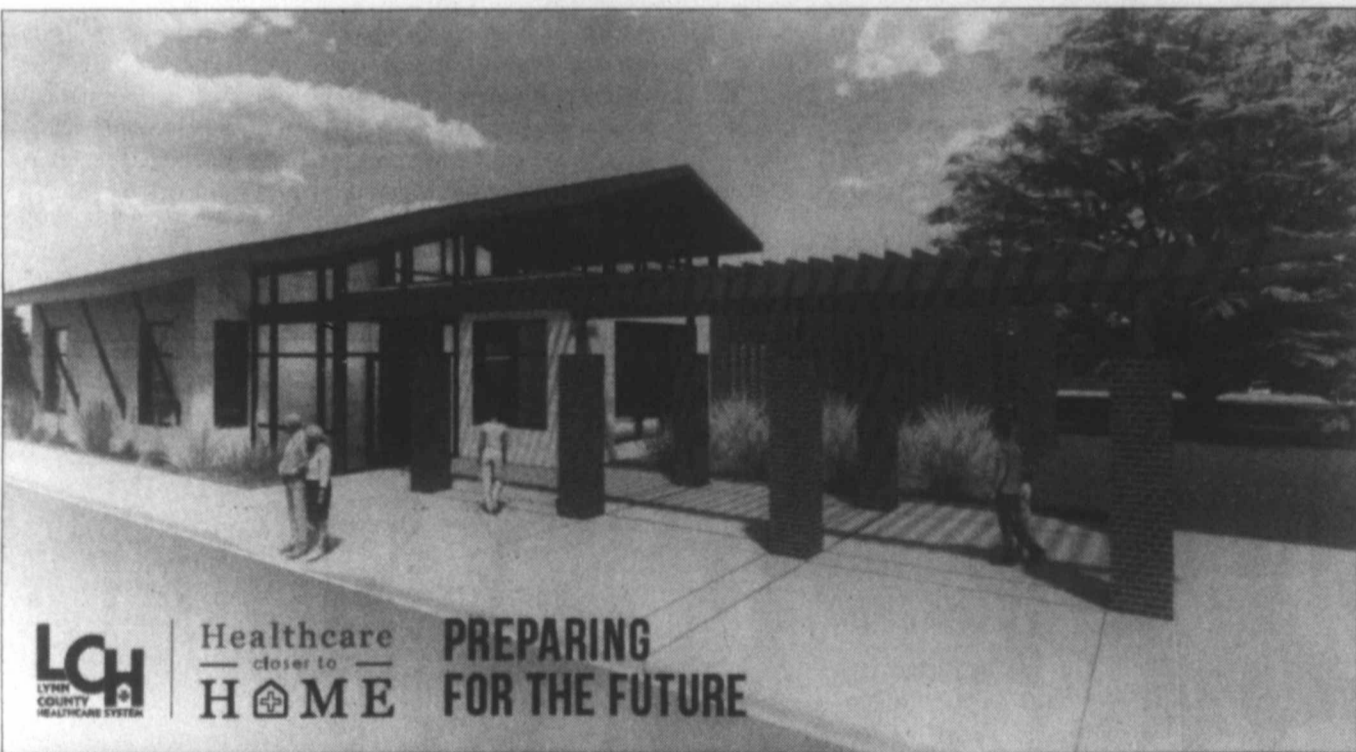
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- Build a new 40-bed nursing home, to complement Lynnwood Independent and Assisted Living and be a resource for the region
- Project will be funded through USDA loans, with an estimated 2.1% fixed interest rate

You are invited to our town hall meeting  
July 15th at 7pm at the  
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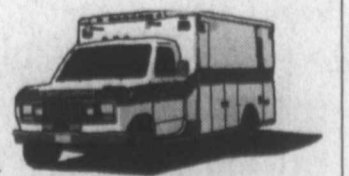
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## OHS duo 2nd in national contest

LAMESA - Two recent O'Donnell High School (OHS) graduates headed to Nashville, Tennessee last week to pick up second-place awards in national Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) culinary competitions.

Bryannah Pedroza and Dayzee Castro, coached by math teacher, Mandy Nichols, each collected plaques, medals and scholarships for their teamwork on the ratio of eggs and milk needed for custard, ice cream and other creamy dessert recipes.

"The contest has a different theme every year and this year's theme was ratio," said Donna Forbis, FCCLA advisor and Nichol's mother. "They were required to do a project using ratios in culinary. They chose to do the eggs and milk in a custard recipe. It's the same ingredients. You can make custard or you can do ice cream. They did an oral presentation on what they did."

Their research and presentations took them from

regional to state and then to national competitions in the Culinary Math Management Level 3 competition.

"In other years it was more about understanding," Pedroza said. "This one was hard to follow the plan. We did our research and we did our speech and it turned out great."

Nichols has assisted FCCLA students in the past with figuring out the yield percentage of waste after cutting up fruit, and the mark-up and profit in food service.

"We're really proud of them; excited," Nichols said. "Competing at the national level was an honor; to place second was unexpected."

FCCLA students won awards in the past, but this is the first time they have won a major award nationally.

"It's amazing because we actually made history at our school," Pedroza said. "That was great."

The OHS graduates placed first in the regional contest. That qualified them to advance to the state con-

test in Dallas, where they won second place.

They became one of the top two teams on the national level after competing against teams from 46 other states and Puerto Rico.

"This is the first time we've got to the nationals," Forbis said.

The school has eight FCCLA teams that compete in different culinary topics: professional presentation, career investigation, culinary arts, and food innovation. The teams placed third and fifth at state.

"We're so excited," Forbis said. "It's a great way to end their high school careers. They've been successful in UIL, One Act Plays, FFA."

Pedroza is headed to Texas Tech University to study early childhood education with an eye on a career in teaching.

Castro will be attending the University of Texas at San Antonio in the fall to major in business and finance.

- from the Lamesa Press Reporter



National winners ... Dayzee Castro (left) and Bryannah Pedroza (center), coached by math teacher, Mandy Nichols, won second-place awards in national Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) culinary competitions. Both collected plaques, medals and scholarships for their teamwork on the ratio of eggs and milk needed for custard, ice cream and other creamy dessert recipes.

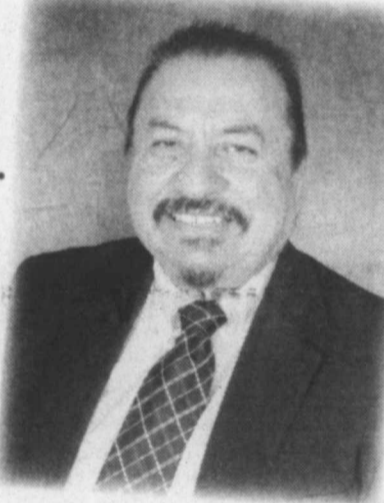


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Hold on tight ... A rider holds on tight during competition in the O'Donnell Rodeo, held last weekend. The News staff was unable to identify the rider, in this photo taken by O'Donnell photographer Aaron Heath Furlow.

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**LCH Meeting Room**



## Cities, county get monthly sales tax payments

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$893.2 million in local sales tax allocations for July, 20 percent more than in July 2020. These allocations are based on sales made in May by businesses that report tax monthly.

Lynn County's net payment for the month was \$11,738.67, based on a half-cent sales tax rate, making the total payment to date \$91,445.56.

The City of Tahoka's net payment for the month was

\$17,308.47, based on a 1.5-cent sales tax rate (including a half-cent collection for the Tahoka Economic Development Corporation), making the total payment to date \$140,475.02.

The City of O'Donnell's net payment for the month was \$3,098.00, based on a 1-cent sales tax rate, making the total payment to date \$23,053.49.

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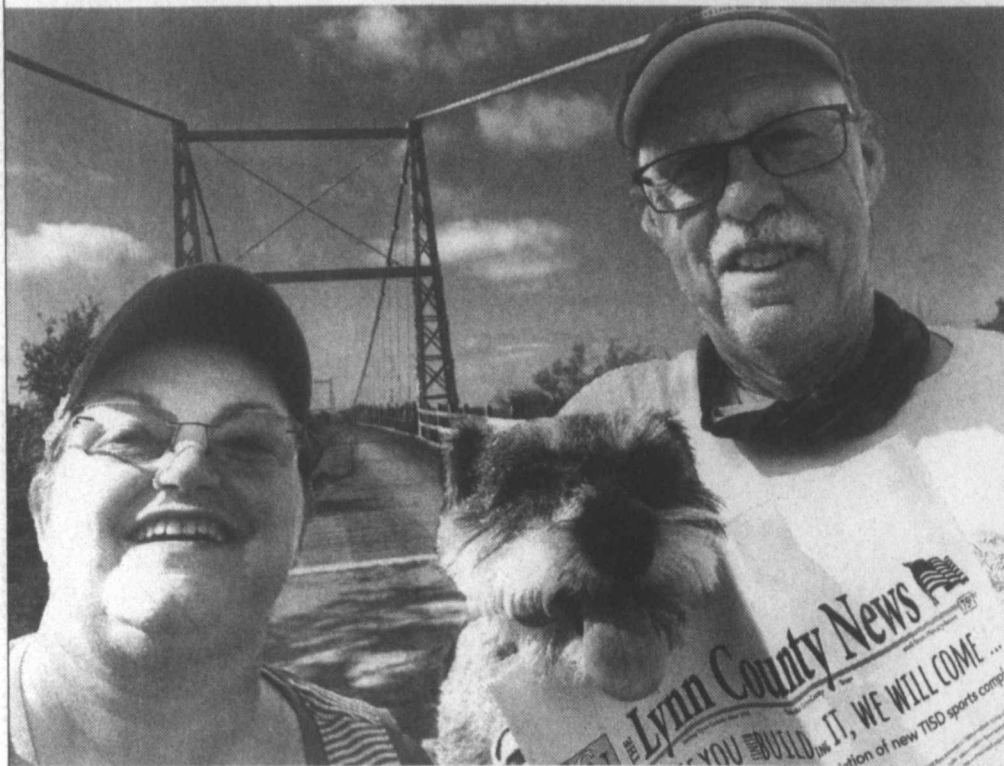
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<p><b>New Home United Methodist Church</b>                  Pastor Dillan Ford                  (806) 577-1878                  dillanf00@gmail.com                  350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383                  (806) 924-7549                  Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am</p>	<p><b>A Greater Wonder</b>                  When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?                  ~Psalm 8:3-4                  The greatness of our God is displayed magically throughout his creation. When we look into the night sky at all the twinkling stars and the far off planets, we realize almost instantly how small we are in his universe. But a greater wonder than the grandeur of God's capacity is his value for mankind.</p>	<p><b>Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church</b>                  16th &amp; Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381                  (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com                  PASTOR: DAVID W. ROME                  Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am                  "Where Christ Serves People"</p>
<p><b>Grassland Nazarene Church</b>                  2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656                  Pastor Genell Knisley                  (806) 201-0792                  Sunday School - 10:00 am                  Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am                  Wednesday Prayer Service - 7:00 pm</p>	<p>The God of all this - the universe and everything in it - is the same God who gave his life to know us. The God who spoke the world into being is the same God who speaks quietly to our hearts. His love for us is unsearchable as the heavens.</p>	<p><b>Wilson St. John Lutheran Church</b>                  13th &amp; 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</p>
<p><b>New Home Church of Christ</b>                  324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7579                  MINISTER: MIKE HEATWOLE                  Bible Class - 9:00 am                  Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 am                  Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Father, I don't understand why you love me the way you do when you are as great as you are. But I am so thankful you do.                  ~Amen</p>	<p><b>Tahoka Trinity Church</b>                  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</p>
<p><b>Wilson First Baptist Church</b>                  1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333                  PASTOR: BILLY FARMER                  Sunday School - 9:45 am                  Sunday Worship - 11:00 am &amp; 6:00 pm                  Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday 6:30 pm Wednesdays:                  Fellowship Meal &amp; Classes for all ages • Bible Study &amp; Prayer Mtg • Youth</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><b>Sweet Street Baptist Church</b>                  1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-1306                  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 &amp; Bible Study, Children &amp; Youth Ministries)                  EVERYONE IS WELCOME!</p>
<p><b>First Methodist of Tahoka</b>                  1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503                  email: functahoka@poka.com                  Billy Everett, Pastor                  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                  LICENSED CHILD CARE 806-561-4529 M-F</p>	<p><b>First Baptist Church</b>                  1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373                  (806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org                  PASTOR CLIFF HOLDRIDGE                  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</p>	<p><b>Draw First United Methodist Church</b>                  (established 1907)                  P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351                  Phone (806) 428-3357                  PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS                  Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am</p>

Where in the world is  
**The Lynn County News** ? *Regency Bridge!*



**Regency Bridge** ... Pam and Allen Elrod and "Merry Berry" made a trip to the Regency Bridge in Richland Springs, TX. It is the last suspension bridge in the state that is still open to traffic. Built in 1939, it crosses the Colorado River and connects county roads 137 and 433. Over the years, the bridge had fallen into disrepair, and was restored in 1999. The Regency Bridge is the number one tourist attraction in San Saba and Mills counties. The News is 252 miles from home.

# City meeting draws citizens ...

(Continued from page 1)

in place for how these situations are handled. I need to be able to tell Animal Control how to handle it. And that person with the fence down allowing the livestock to get out would be the person we want to make sure we handle correctly. These kinds of holes are what we are looking at in our ordinances, and the council asked me to look at it, and we have, and we wanted to add the exemptions for the 4-H and FFA animals. We want to make everyone comply with the standards you already have in place," said Arrington. "And that's the whole purpose of the ordinance that came up tonight, and somehow some misinformation got out and this whole thing just blew up."

Council member Courtney Stennett explained that a long list of updating city ordinances is on the council's to-do list, and that the animal ordinance was simply one that came up on the list at this time.

"We have had no complaints, we're not out to make anyone mad, we want you to understand that this is the council looking more closely at all ordinances as we can, to look at the areas that need to be updated," said Stennett.

"We've seen a lot of uproar about misinformation," said councilman Shiloh Braddock in response to some of the comments. "We are 100 percent with you about being an ag community, and as long as it is a well-kept animal pen we have no problem with it - no issue with well-kept places. That is not what this ordinance is targeting - what it does is requires others to come up to the standards that those of you in this room tonight already have met, keeping your property clean and animals healthy and well-kept. We're going to hold everyone to the same standards that you already comply with," he said.

Dr. Ed Smith, who is the Municipal Judge for the City of Tahoka, and whose job requires him to interpret city laws and ordinances, made the comment that many of the city's ordinances were outdated and needed to be changed.

"I promise you, if we enforce these ordinances the way that many of them were written, you're sure not going to be happy," he said. "These are way out of date, and we need rules that can be interpreted and enforced. A lot of these ordinances need to be looked at because they make no sense," said Judge Smith.

After the meeting, *The News* asked Mayor Baker about what specific changes were being considered on the animal ordinance.

"As part of the update, we are wanting to add an exemption that would allow animals for 4-H or FFA projects to be excluded from the ordinance, and also we are considering reducing the required acreage per animal. The current ordinance, which was last updated in 1993, requires one acre per animal unit within the city limits. An animal unit depends upon the animal - it is one horse per acre, or one cow per acre, but smaller animals such as goats are actually considered as 4-5 goats per animal unit. The change we are considering is actually to reduce the amount of acreage required," he told *The News* on Tuesday.

The council heard many comments on the issue during an hour-long public hearing on the ordinance, and then moved on to presenting information and answering questions about the proposed street bond project.

The council is considering a bond election to present to the voters to consider for city-wide street improvements. The project under consideration is a two-phase project. Phase 1 would include new paving, and curbs and gutters, for streets that are currently unpaved in the city limits. Phase 2 would remove existing pavement from all currently paved streets, and repave with new curbs and gutters.

"The total project would be \$8,480,000," explained the City Administrator. "Phase 1 is estimated to cost \$3,855,000, and Phase 2 is estimated at \$4,625,000," she said.

The council is considering calling for the election in August, and the \$8.4-million street bond election would be held Nov. 2. If voters approve the bond election, the city would get all new streets, but it comes at an estimated tax hike of 48-cents per \$100 of property value for property owners in the city, and the payback for the bonded indebtedness would be a 25-year note.

Arrington said during the

presentation that the estimated 48-cent tax increase is actually probably a bit high and that the numbers are indicating that tax rate may be reduced slightly, but said she didn't have solid numbers at this point. She anticipated having a better estimate by the Aug. 9 public hearing on the street proposal.

It was estimated that Phase 1, paving unpaved streets, would be an estimated 21-cent tax increase to pay for the \$3.8 million project, and that Phase 2 would be an estimated 25-cent tax increase. Together, both projects would require an estimated 46-48 cents tax hike to pay an estimated \$450,000 annually towards the debt.

Citizens agreed that while street improvements were needed, many expressed concern over the large tax increase the project would bring. One citizen asked if the project could be presented to taxpayers in two separate phases, so as to not have the tax increase all at once, and another asked if grant funds had been considered to help with the cost of the project.

"We are not opposed to presenting the project in two separate phases for voters to consider," said the mayor.

As for grant funds, Mayor Baker explained that the city applies for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), and has received them in the past, that have a 75-25 match, but that these grants do not exceed \$300,000.

"Unfortunately, when it comes to paving streets, \$300,000 just doesn't get you very far. It would take a long time to complete an \$8 million project," said Mayor Baker.

Some citizens commented that street maintenance and potholes have been issues for a long time, and city officials agreed, saying that the city has not had the funds required to make significant street improvements for many years.

City officials also said that some indebtedness currently being paid by the city for the landfill project and wastewater treatment plant would be paid off soon, and those funds could possibly be diverted towards offsetting some of the bonded indebtedness.

However, that debt is not funded by an Interest & Sinking (I&S) tax rate, but instead comes from revenue generated in the landfill and water/sewer rates.

The city tax rate is currently 0.72-cents per \$100 of property value, and there is no additional I&S tax rate. If the bond election passes, the funds generated by the additional I&S tax rate are set each year to meet the annual debt payment, and, by law, must be used only for making the annual payment for that bonded indebtedness.

"Supplemental funding could reduce the number of years of indebtedness, but a city council, by law, cannot obligate future councils to designate funding towards a particular debt. Only an I&S tax rate obligates future councils to pay back bonded indebtedness," the Mayor told *The News*.

The city has not had a tax increase for the past 15 years, and in fact had a 2-cent decrease in 2020. The property tax rate for the City of Tahoka was 74.7-cents from 2006-2019, and in 2020 was lowered to 72.7-cents. No additional I&S rates were in effect during that time period as well.

City officials said that more information would be presented during a public hearing at the Aug. 9 city council meeting. The council must decide by Aug. 16 whether to call for a bond election to be held in the Nov. 2 general election, so it is likely that the council would vote on the street bond election proposal during the Aug. 9 meeting as well.

## JOINT NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF LYNN §

BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE DATED the 1st day of July, 2021, 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 1st day of July, 2021, seized, levied upon, and will on the 3rd day of August, 2021, at the Lynn County Courthouse, 1501 S. 1st, 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	17-09-02794	Lynn County Appraisal District v Iris Calvillo et al	Lots 5, 6 and 7, Block 57, Original Townsite of the Town of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 329, Page 396-398, Deed Records), Account #2172000001
2	18-03-02810	Lynn County Appraisal District v Avis Buchanan et al	Lot 3, Block 64, North Tahoka Addition, City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 218, Page 102, Deed Records), Account #2301000001
3	18-03-02811	Lynn County Appraisal District v Blas De Anda et al	all of Lot 9, and the West half of Lot 10, Block 79, Original Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 186, Page 220, Deed Records), Account #3417000001
4	18-03-02814	Lynn County Appraisal District v Maria Quintana, et al	All of Lots 5, 6, and 7, Block 5, Original Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Vol 224, Page 611, Deed Records), Account #9151000001
5	18-05-02817	Lynn County Appraisal District v Blanca Estella Garza Moore et al	A Manufactured Home, 14' x 68', Label# TXS0143559, Serial # 072472143559L2CKN2B308, Lynn County, Texas, Account #4707000001
6	18-05-02817	Lynn County Appraisal District v Blanca Estella Garza Moore et al	11.5 feet of Lot 3, all of Lot 4, Block 3, Dawson Heights Addition, City of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Vol 394, Page 626, Official Public Records), Account #6311000001
7	18-05-02817	Lynn County Appraisal District v Blanca Estella Garza Moore et al	Lot 5, Block 3, Dawson Heights Addition, City of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Vol 376, Page 677, Official Public Records), Account #2770000001
8	18-11-02838	Lynn County Appraisal District v Gabino Escobedo, Jr. et al	the West 1/2 of Lot 3, all of Lot 4, Block 132, Original Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 318, Page 418, Deed Records), Account #12319000001
9	19-01-02840	Lynn County Appraisal District v Billy Barnett, et al	Lots 19 and 20, Block 61, North Tahoka Addition, City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 342, Page 364, Official Public Records), Account #9306000001
10	19-01-02844	Lynn County Appraisal District v Gordon Tomlinson, et al	Lots 9 and 10, Block 43, North Tahoka Addition, City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 356, Page 300, Official Public Records), Account #11480000001
11	19-05-02851	Lynn County Appraisal District v Carlos Gonzales et al	Lots 11 and 12, Block 3, Original Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 359, Page 345, Official Public Records), Account #85220000001
12	19-10-02868	Lynn County Appraisal District v Ricardo Frausto et al	Lots 13 and 14, Block 97, Original Town of Wilson, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 335, Page 85, Official Public Records), Account #3048000001
13	20-02-02878	Lynn County Appraisal District v Manuel Arrizola et al	West 70' of Lot 3, Block 27, Original Townsite to the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 402, Page 703, Official Public Records), Account #5158000001
14	20-03-02883	Lynn County Appraisal District v Prisoliano C. Alonzo et al	all of Lot 4, Block 123, Original Town of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 252, Page 779, Deed Records), Account #1188000001
15	20-06-02890	Lynn County Appraisal District v Gertrude Sissney et al	all of Lots 11, 12 and 13, Block 25, North Tahoka Addition, City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 326, Page 435, Deed Records), Account #10864000001
16	20-09-02903	Lynn County Appraisal District v Katie Marie Schoppa Roberts	a 5.37 acre tract, more or less, out of the South 21 acres of Section 3, Block 12, D. & S.E. RR Co. Survey, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 465, Page 558, Official Public Records), Account #10040000001
17	20-09-02906	Lynn County Appraisal District v David A. Weseloh Ph. D	A 140' X 240' tract of land, more or less, out of the Southwest part of Block 6, Lockwood Addition, City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 491, Page 910, Official Public Records), Account #3765000001

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.

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**Scholarship winner ...** New Home FFA member McKenna McFadden (second from right) was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from AgTexas Farm Credit Services through their 6th Annual AgYouth Scholarship Program. She is pictured with, from left, AgTexas representatives Travis Ferguson, Kristy Tucker, and Cody Cross.

## AgTexas Farm Credit awards \$21,000 in scholarships

AgTexas Farm Credit Services awarded \$21,000 in scholarships virtually from the AgTexas corporate office in Lubbock on Facebook Live. The member-owned cooperative, which provides financial services to the agricultural community in 43 Texas counties, hosted a drawing for the scholarships at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 13.

"We are honoring some of the best and brightest young minds in Texas with this program," says AgTexas Farm Credit CEO Tim McDonald. "These students represent the next generation of agriculture in Texas and the United States. It's our privilege to pay tribute to their achievements thus far and encourage them for the future."

Outstanding 4-H and FFA high school students received prominent recognition for their dedication to agriculture through AgTexas Farm Credit Services' 6th Annual Ag Youth Scholarship Program.

Here in the South Plains Region, seven students each received a \$1,000 scholarship. Those students were McKenna McFadden (New Home FFA), Kiara Doshier (Levelland FFA), Jace Richardson (Ropes FFA), Madalyn Franklin (Plains FFA), Hannah Hudgens (Lubbock-Cooper FFA), Sarah Zientek (Lubbock-Cooper FFA), and Kate Munson (Shallowater

FFA). A total of 24 South Plains area high school senior FFA and 4-H students received recognition from November 2020 through April 2021. Among these from the Lynn County area were M'Kenna McFadden and Connor Cook (both from New Home FFA) and Warren Taylor (Tahoka FFA). Connor and Warren each received a \$100 gift card and certificate of achievement while M'Kenna received a \$1,000 scholarship.

AgTexas awarded a total of \$21,000 in scholarships among its three regions and has now presented nearly \$150,000 through the program.

These 4-H and FFA programs help introduce many of their participants to agriculture, allowing students to learn and apply science and technology to make farming and ranching more productive and offer promising futures.

"We are very pleased to have created the Ag Youth of the Month program because it brings positive attention to young people who are investing in our state and nation as well as their own futures," concluded McDonald.

AgTexas serves approximately 3,500 members in 43 counties through 12 offices, including Lubbock, Brownfield, Levelland and Seminole in the South Plains.



**Lone Star Degrees ...** These four Tahoka FFA Chapter students were awarded their Lone Star FFA Degree at the Texas State FFA convention held July 5-9. From left are Brylee Parker, Bryson Stone, Warren Taylor and Tanner Clark.

## Four students of the Tahoka FFA Chapter Receive Lone Star FFA Degree

Brylee Parker, Bryson Stone, Warren Taylor and Tanner Clark, of the Tahoka FFA Chapter, were awarded the Lone Star FFA Degree at the 93rd annual Texas FFA State Convention held July 5-9. The Lone Star FFA Degree is the highest degree bestowed by the Texas FFA.

The Lone Star FFA Degree recognizes FFA members who have received the Chapter degree, been active FFA members for at least

two years, completed at least four semesters of agricultural science at or above the ninth grade level, maintained a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program, demonstrated their leadership skills, and have shown a commitment to the FFA through involvement at the chapter level and above.

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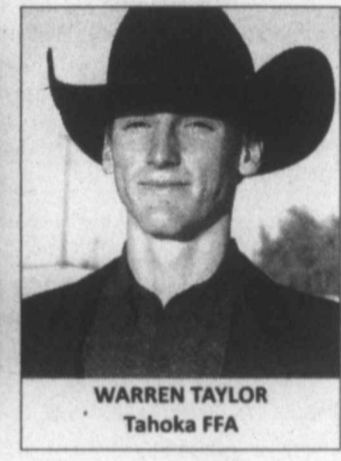
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**State competition ...** Bryson Stone placed 10th in the Texas FFA Prepared Public Speaking Contest at the 93rd annual Texas FFA State Convention held July 5-9. Stone's division was Agribusiness, and his speech topic was the Free Enterprise System as it relates to the cattle industry. He is with the Tahoka FFA.

## Stone competes in State FFA contest

Bryson Stone, of the Tahoka FFA chapter, placed 10th in the Texas FFA Prepared Public Speaking Contest at the 93rd annual Texas FFA State Convention held July 5-9.

To qualify for the state competition, Stone advanced through one of 57 district competitions in the state and finished as the Area Two Champion.

Participants prepare and present a six-to-eight minute speech about a current agricultural topic. Speakers present before a panel of judges and participate in a five-minute question-answer series designed to test the student's knowledge of the chosen subject matter.

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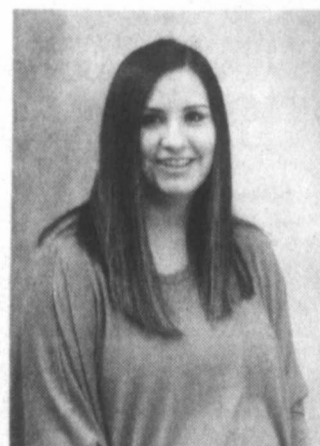
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**Calf roping ...** This rider appears to have good aim in the calf roping competition in the O'Donnell Rodeo, held last weekend. (PHOTO BY AARON HEATH FURLOW)