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Congressman Arrington to visit here

Representative Jodey Arrington (TX-19) has scheduled a visit to Tahoka on Thursday, Aug. 18 to visit with local citizens.

A tentative schedule has been set, including an Ag Leaders roundtable discussion from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at Farmers Co-op Association in Tahoka; a healthcare roundtable discussion from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Lynn County Hospital District classroom; speaking at the Tahoka Rotary Club lunch from 12:00-1:00 p.m., and a community leadership roundtable from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka.

Now that's funny!

The guy who invented the first wheel was an idiot. The guy who invented the other three, he was a genius.

-- Sid Caesar

I'm in shape. Round is a shape.

-- George Carlin

Everyone has a purpose in life. Perhaps yours is watching television.

-- David Letterman

WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug 2	99	76	
Aug 3	102	74	
Aug 4	102	72	
Aug 5	99	72	
Aug 6	98	72	
Aug 7	97	71	
Aug 8	94	72	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	0"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.19"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.19"
Total Precip for Apr:	0"
Total Precip for May:	0.60"
Total Precip for June:	1.19"
Total Precip for July:	0.65"
Total Precip for Aug:	0"
Total Precip. for 2022:	2.82"



Rollover on US 87 ... Lynn County EMS, Tahoka Police, and Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department are visible in this photo taken last Wednesday morning, when a 2011 Infiniti SUV lost control and rolled twice before coming to a stop just south of Tahoka on US 87. Two adults and two children in the vehicle were transported to Lynn County Hospital for medical treatment. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

Six traffic accidents occur here; 'psychic' man says spirits led him to break in to local residence

by JUANELL JONES

Several traffic accidents and an unusual residential burglary with the suspect claiming that the 'spirits' sent him there, were in law enforcement reports during the past week.

An unusual burglary report was taken at 10 p.m. on Aug. 8, when a caller reported a burglary of his residence at a rural location 4 miles south of Tahoka. According to the LCSO call sheet information, the caller said that a Hispanic male wearing a black sweatsuit was in their home when they got back from Lubbock. He said the suspect was sitting on the couch watching TV, and told the homeowners that he was a psychic and the spirits had led him there, but he apparently did not take anything. The suspect left the premises before a deputy arrived at the scene, and the officer was unable to locate the man.

On Aug. 1, a head-on collision occurred 11 miles north of Tahoka on US 87, reportedly with injuries. According to Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) call sheet

information, one person was transported by Lynn County EMS to a Lubbock hospital for treatment of unknown injuries. No driver or vehicle information was available. LCSO, EMS, Tahoka and Wilson Volunteer Fire Departments, and DPS all responded to the scene.

A one-vehicle rollover just south of Tahoka on US 87 last Wednesday morning, Aug. 3, resulted in the four occupants being transported for medical treatment, but the extent of injuries was unknown. Monica Salgado of Midland, the driver of a 2011 Infiniti SUV, reportedly lost control and overcorrected the vehicle while traveling southbound on US 87, taking an abrupt turn into the median, striking a sign, and rolling over twice before coming to a stop. Lynn County EMS,

(See ACCIDENTS, page 6)

Zoning request withdrawn after discussion at City Council meeting

by JUANELL JONES

A zoning change request that had been on Tahoka City Council agenda for the past two sessions was officially withdrawn for consideration after citizens at Monday night's council meeting protested the change from residential to commercial zoning.

Several citizens were on hand to express concerns over the request of a zoning change for property on N. 7th and the US 87 access road, which would allow the property to be used for commercial purposes, in an area surrounded by adjacent residential homes.

The council had discussed this issue at a previous meeting but had tabled it for further information, and invited citizens to return to the Aug. 8 meeting for further

be happy to withdraw the request for the zoning change."

During the public forum to hear citizens remarks prior to the business session, several citizens presented concerns regarding the zoning request, dumpster usage, and the need for repairing potholes in streets.

In other business, the council approved authorizing City Administrator Julie Arrington to enter into a contract with Blue Layer IT

"I'm not here to upset anyone in this community that I dearly love. If our citizens are concerned, I will be happy to withdraw the request for the zoning change.

-- W. CALLOWAY HUFFAKER

consideration.

The owner of the property, W. Calloway Huffaker, had submitted the request to the council because he had an interested buyer for the property if the zoning change was approved. The interested buyer was apparently purporting to place an above-ground gasoline/diesel fueling station at the location, with a card-system for sales.

After much discussion, including remarks from citizens concerned about safety and traffic issues near their homes, 11 citizens who resided on those properties raised their hands to indicate they were not in favor of the zoning change, when council members asked their opinion. Huffaker then immediately formally withdrew his request for the zoning change, and the council did not vote on the issue.

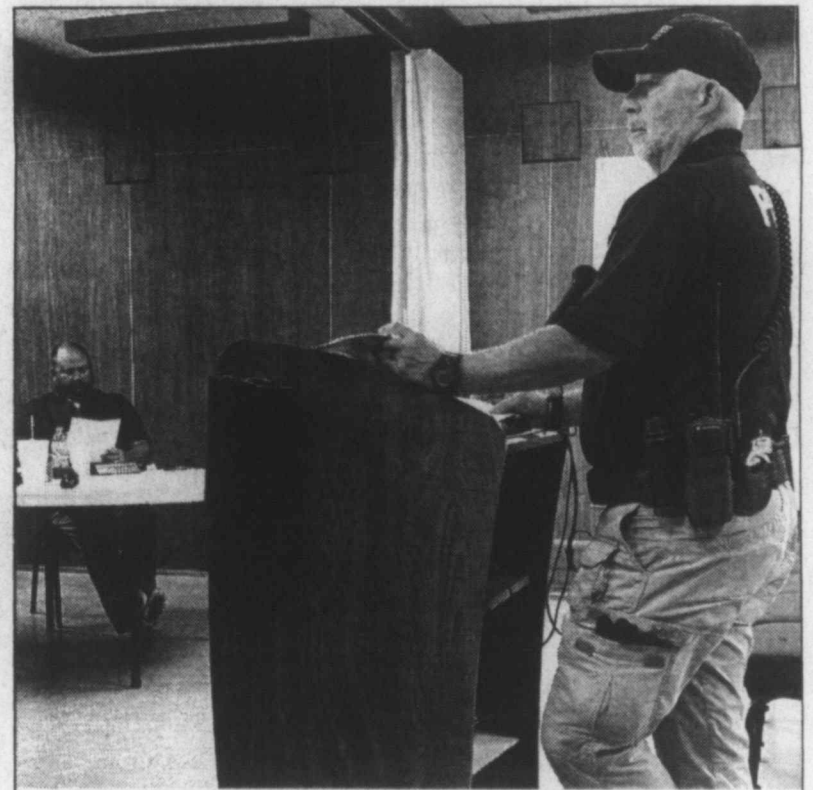
"I'm not here to upset anyone in this community that I dearly love," Huffaker said at the meeting. "If our citizens are concerned, I will

for city IT systems, and authorized a one-year extension on a contract with Republic Waste Services of Texas, LTD for residential and commercial trash service. Action on upgrading the phone system for the city was tabled until the next meeting.

Additional work on the city's new water well was authorized at a cost of \$5,600, which according to remarks by the mayor was due to apparently inaccurate engineering specifications on the part of the city engineer, which did not provide for adequate water accessibility. Council members expressed concerns over the original insufficient specifications, but because the new well needed to be completed in a timeline for TCEQ approval, the additional work was approved so as to get the well up and running.

The council approved a \$10,000 grant presented by the Tahoka Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for Crusher's 40 Weight

(See CITY COUNCIL, page 6)

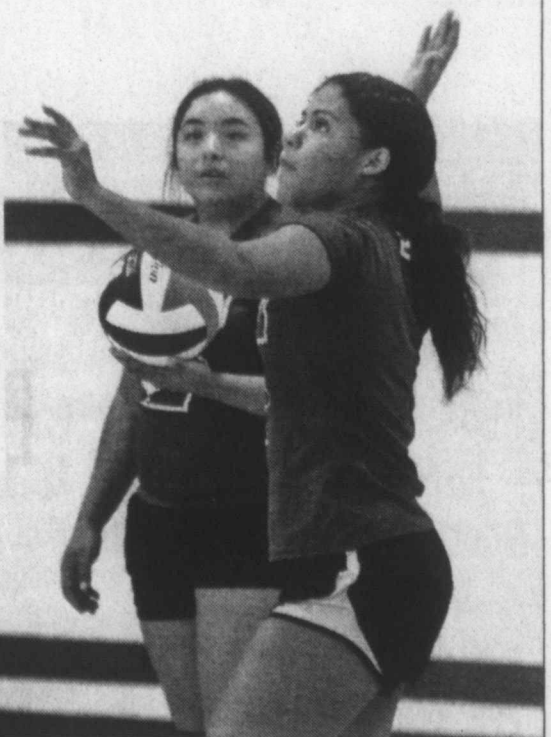


Police Chief reports ... Tahoka Police Chief Jeff Parker presents a departmental report to the Tahoka City Council Monday night. In the background is councilman Stephen Overstreet.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Let's play Volleyball!

Volleyball is being offered at Tahoka High School this year, with practice sessions underway now in preparation for the new season. It has been many years since the sport has been offered at THS. (TISD Photo)



NOW THAT'S FUNNY!

"Everything is funny, as long as it's happening to somebody else."

-- WILL ROGERS

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Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

August 15-19

Join us for exercises on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 11 a.m. - Noon! The dining area is open to visitors! Come see us!

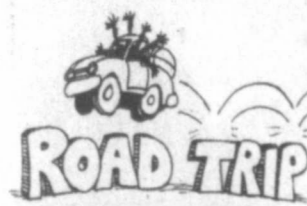
Monday: Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges w/whipped topping

Tuesday: Baked chicken breast, Au Gratin potatoes, peas & carrots, Waldorf salad, banana

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

Thursday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Italian veg., broccoli, Autumn Jell-O

Friday: Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, watermelon



Don't forget to take your LCN on trips!

The Lynn County News loves to travel - so don't forget to take a photo with The News when you take a trip!

Send us your "Where In The World is the Lynn County News" photos, and we will publish them as soon as space allows. This feature has proven very popular with LCN readers, and we love to see all the fabulous places that our readers travel.

Email your photos to: LynnCoNews@poka.com (Include names and location please)

Obituaries

Harold Hugh Hamilton

Harold Hugh Hamilton passed away among family in Greensboro, NC. on August 1, 2022.

Born to Opal and Ed Hamilton, Harold was an adventuresome, witty and caring individual. Graduating from Texas Tech University in 1957, Harold went on to earn his U.S. Navy Flight Wings in Pensacola, Florida and was honorably discharged in 1962 as a Navy Lieutenant. Flying a P2V Neptune, his Navy career included posts in Iceland, Italy, South America, Cuba, and Maine. Harold piloted the first U.S. aircraft that located the infamous hijacked passenger ship, the Santa Maria, off the coast of South America in 1961. Following his naval career, Harold worked in the textile industry, retiring in 2016. In the 1970s, Harold obtained his private pilot's license, flying family and friends to Texas, Bermuda, the North Carolina Outerbanks, and various other destinations. Harold enjoyed hiking and canoeing with family in the Appalachians, swimming and fishing with family at Blue Sea Lake in Quebec, Canada, tennis with friends and family, and running competitively, having completed the Marine Corps Marathon in 1980. Harold was involved for several years in Toastmasters and was a devout Christian who loved to study the bible.

Harold is preceded in death by his wife of nearly 51 years, Bebe, whom he married in Ottawa, Canada in 1961, parents Opal and Ed Hamilton of Tahoka, Texas, and nephew Charles Eddie Whitfield of Lubbock, Texas. He is survived by children Meg Davis and Shelagh Holder of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Paul Hamilton of Alexandria, Virginia, as well as grandchildren Joshua and Andrew Holder, Claire and Jack Hamilton, and Kosmos Rogozinski.

Among his Texan family, Harold is survived by sisters Edie Whitfield of Sherman, Joy Rainey of Northfield, and Vicki Tate of Lubbock, nephew Larry Whitfield of Sherman, nieces Misty Pringle of Wilson, Windy Shannon of Northfield, and Sunny Tidwell and Kristin Tate of Lubbock.

A memorial service will be held at the Pleasant Garden Baptist Church in Pleasant Garden, North Carolina on Saturday, August 13th, with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. and services commencing at 11:00 a.m.



Rhonda Reid Ledbetter

Rhonda Reid Ledbetter, 75, of Lubbock, was lifted into Heaven by her Lord and Savior, on Saturday, August 6, 2022. Rhonda was born on March 13, 1947, in Lubbock, to the late Walthal and Jonnie (McClintock) Littlepage of Tahoka.

Rhonda married her Tahoka High School Sweetheart, Mike Reid, February 04, 1966. They raised two daughters, Alecia Rene and Rochelle Lea.

Many memories were made as a family as well as with a plethora of friends traveling from Ag farms to show barns. Mike preceded her in death in March of 1982. Rhonda later married Norman Ledbetter of Borden County, July 12, 1992. Not only did they grow cotton, they also grew a family; blood related and beyond. Norman preceded her in death December of 2012.

Rhonda was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church of Tahoka. She not only attended FBC Tahoka for many years, but also served on various committees, the prayer team, as well as any time the kitchen was open.

Rhonda was a loving wife, mother, Meme, and friend. The devotion to her family was immeasurable and unmatched. She thrived on being able to serve others, whether it be by feeding them a home cooked meal, baking them her infamous "Baby Food Cake", going to get a "Coke", or simply lending a listening ear. She loved to shop, especially through QVC. She was a gift giver by nature, but the best gift she gave to everyone around her was the love she showed and shared.

Those left to honor and cherish her memory include her daughters, Alecia Reid Hancock and husband Eddie Joe Hancock, Rochelle Reid Ford and husband Chad Ford; her four grandchildren, Blandon Hancock and wife Kelsey Hancock, Ashdon Hancock and Fiancé Josh Deleon, Taylor Clair and husband Garrett Clair, and Tori Ford; her five great-grandchildren, Bransen Hancock, Briley Hancock, Gunner Clair, Braxtyn Hancock, and Deklyn Clair; one sister-in-law, Denise Ellington and husband Bari Ellington; and a host of cousins, classmates, and friends.

Celebration of Life Services were held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, August 10 2022, at First Baptist Church Tahoka. Pastor Richard Harbison and family friend, Jimmy Howard, were the officiants. Graveside services followed immediately in the Tahoka Cemetery under the personal care and direction of Combest Family Funeral Homes.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials in Rhonda's memory be made to the First Baptist Church of Tahoka, PO Box 1547 Tahoka Texas, 79373.



Manuel L. Quintero Jr.

Manuel L. Quintero Jr., 48, was born August 22, 1973, in Slaton to Manuel and Eloisa Quintero. On the morning of August 2, 2022, Manuel L. Quintero Jr. was called from this earth.

He worked as a farmer for most of his life and enjoyed shooting his guns, and bows, listening to rock music and more than anything, spending time with his family.

Those left to cherish his memory are his parents, Manuel Quintero Sr., Eloisa L. Quintero both of Tahoka; one brother, Jose Alfredo Quintero of Lubbock; one sister, Veronica Mata of Ralls; two nieces, three nephews and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral mass for Mr. Quintero was held at 2:00 pm Saturday, August 6, 2022, at St. Jude Catholic Church with Father John Rathinam officiating. Viewing and visitation was held Friday, August 5, 2022, at Calvillo Funeral Chapel located in Tahoka with a rosary starting at 6:00 pm. All arrangements were made under the direction of Broadway Funeral Directors.



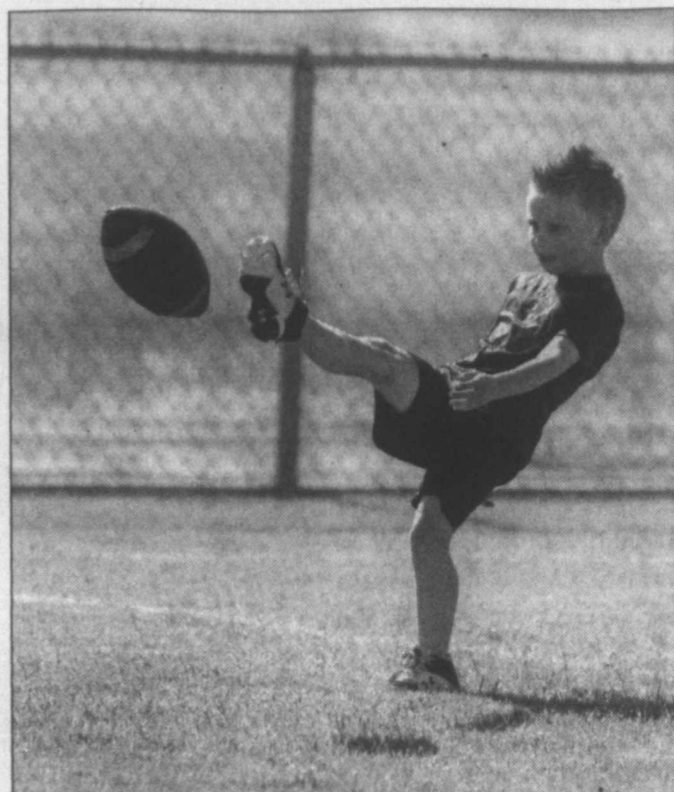
Joe Vega

Joe Vega, 86, of Tahoka, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, August 4, 2022. Joe was born on August 6, 1935, in Robstown, Nueces County, Texas, to the late Carlos Vega and Asulema (Guerrero) Vega.

Joe was a cotton farmer in Lynn County most of his life, toiling in the field and making sure that his family was well taken care of and loved, just as much as they loved him. He retired from farming in 2021. He enjoyed bowling, eating with his family, playing the lottery and was a well-rounded family patriarch. He was brought up in the Catholic faith.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Carlos and Asulema Vega; one daughter, Joanna Vega; three sisters, Lupe Pena, Juanita Rodriguez and Manuela Perez; two brothers, Samuel Vega and Carlos Vega, Sr.; 19 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Those left to honor and



Little Bulldog ... Tahoka Athletics department recently had their annual Little Bulldog Camp. This camper was learning how to kick the football. (TISD Photo)

Tahoka ISD board considering 2-cent property tax decrease

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in special session at 6 p.m. Aug. 3, considering information regarding the 2022-23 proposed property tax rate and TISD budget. Preliminary figures were presented to the board by TISD Superintendent Torrey Price, with a preliminary tax rate of \$1.3141 being considered.

The proposed tax rate is just slightly more than 2-cents lower than the current tax rate of \$1.33640, and includes a proposed Maintenance and Operating (M&O) rate of \$1.0203 and an Interest and

Sinking (I&S) rate of \$0.2938, for a total tax rate of \$1.3141.

The proposed tax rate and the final approval for the 2022-23 budget will be voted on at the Aug. 29 board meeting.

In other business, trustees approved hiring two new staff members for the district, hiring Jesse Cannon as a high school teacher, and Courtney Stennett as a teacher/coach in middle school, in unanimous action.

A Tahoka ISD drug testing policy was also approved, and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Board President Clay Taylor led the meeting, with trustees Lea Swinford, Carol Miller, Tamesha McClendon, Drew Stone and Jon Luna present, as well as other school officials. Board member Slate May was absent from the meeting.

Area News

from area newspapers

O'Donnell okays employee raises

O'DONNELL - O'Donnell school board members agreed last Thursday to a three-percent pay increase for staff members not qualified to collect pay hikes based on the annual salary schedule.

Professional employees, such as teachers, receive salary increases for every year they remain on the job. Those increases end after two decades.

School board members opted to give those with over 20 years of experience three-percent raises supplied by the district.

"So everybody can have a raise in the district," said OISD Superintendent Dr. Cathy Palmer.

The district's contract employees, including secretaries and maintenance staff, get pay increases every year.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Did you know?

- In 1916, Jeanette Rankin became the first female member of Congress in America, four years before women were given the right to vote.

- Mount Rushmore almost featured the heads of famous American West heroes, like Buffalo Bill Cody, but the lead sculptor argued that the subjects should be more recognizable.

- At the 1908 Olympics, the Russians showed up 12 days late because they were using the Julian calendar instead of the Gregorian calendar.

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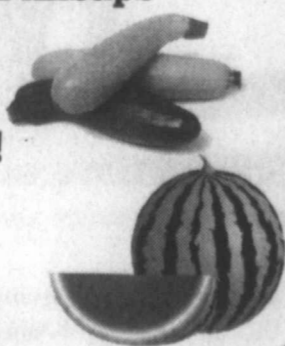
Black-eyed peas, Okra, Squash, Watermelon, Cantaloupe Veggies \$2 /pound Melons \$6 each Saturday 9:00 a.m.

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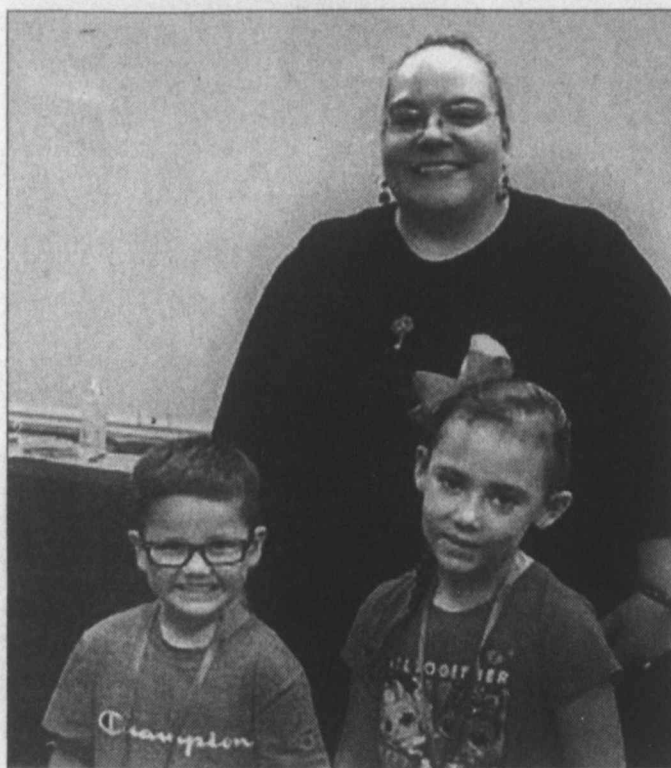
The Lynn County Harvest Festival is Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 on the Courthouse Square in Tahoka

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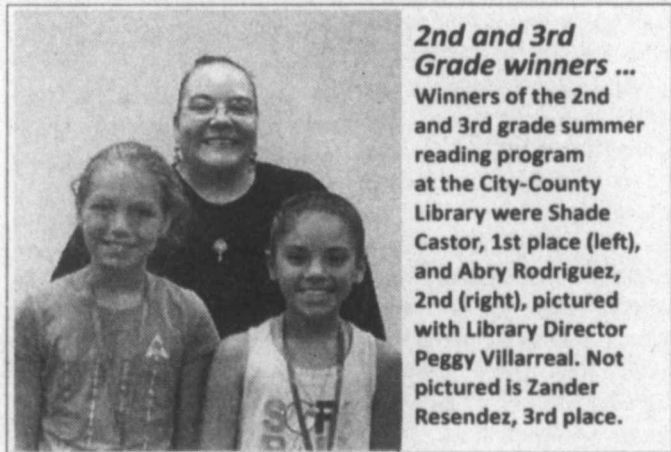
City-County Library Summer Reading Program Winners



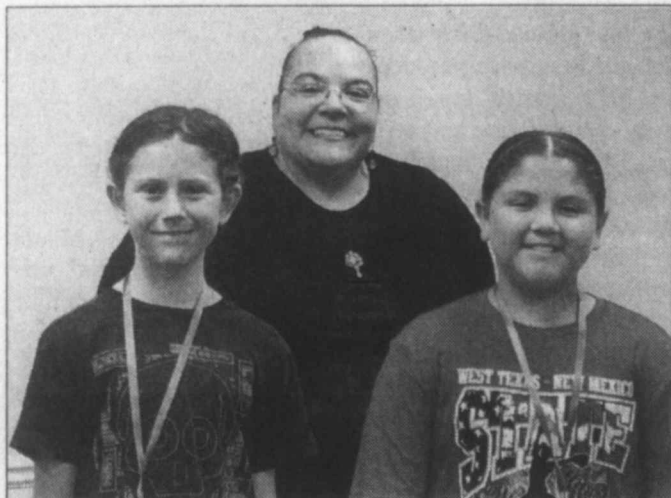
Read to me ... Read to Me winners at the City-County Library summer reading program were Camden Rodriguez (left), and Diesel Salinas, pictured with Peggy Villarreal, Library Director. Not pictured was Jaxon Rodriguez.



Kindergarten - 1st Grade ... The City-County Library summer reading program came to a close and a ceremony was held to recognize the winners. In the Kindergarten-1st Grade class, winners were Quetzaly Gonzalez, 2nd place (left), and Sahara Castor, 1st place, pictured with Peggy Villarreal, Library Director. Not pictured was Sophie Salinas, 3rd place.



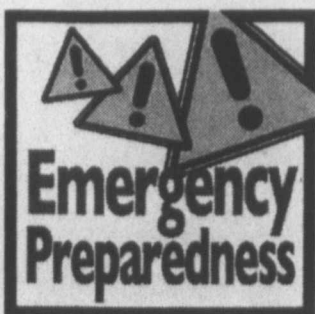
2nd and 3rd Grade winners ... Winners of the 2nd and 3rd grade summer reading program at the City-County Library were Shade Castor, 1st place (left), and Abry Rodriguez, 2nd (right), pictured with Library Director Peggy Villarreal. Not pictured is Zander Resendez, 3rd place.



4th and 5th grade winners ... In the 4th-5th grade City-County Library reading program, winners were Lauren Dunlap (left), 1st place, and (right) Aali Rodriguez, 2nd place. Not pictured is Avery Hadderton, 3rd place. The Library Director is Peggy Villarreal (center).



Reading winners ... Middle school winners at the City-County Library Summer Reading program were, from left, Ruth Boyd, 2nd place; and Cecil Dunlap, 1st place. Aubry Hadderton (not pictured), won 3rd place.



Disaster preparedness meetings held here

Emergency/disaster management and planning sessions are ongoing in Lynn County, through the Lynn County Emergency Management office. Bryant Sears is the Emergency Management Coordinator, and he organizes periodic meetings with city officials (Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell), county officials, and emergency response organizations including healthcare and law enforcement personnel, to coordinate planning sessions for responses to disasters or emergency situations.

The most recent meeting was held July 28, which included topics of active shooter protocols, and weather events/needs for evacuation and/or shelter.

Pertaining to active shooter protocols, Sears reported that the need for action plans has intensified in this area because of recent events in Texas and across the nation. Tahoka Police Chief Jeff Parker and

Lynn County Sheriff Deputy, Derek Hester, shared basic protocols that will be in place, as needed if any situation may come up. More communication and active drills will be ongoing to help school districts, businesses, and any organization that could be a potential target.

In the weather events/needs discussions, Sears reported that on Tuesday July

26th, he and the Red Cross Disaster Program Manager, Monika Koenig, traveled to New Home, Wilson, O'Donnell and Tahoka, for a walkthrough of the space and supplies available and noted what was needed for each place. Monika gave the group an overview of support that could be utilized from the Red Cross. Food and drinking water supplies will be made

available through Lynn County EMC planning as events arrive.

"I greatly appreciate all of the work that is going on across Lynn County. We will continue to work on mitigation details for the local entities and communicate plans to meet the needs in our community," Sears stated in a report of the meeting.

Commissioners approve dump truck purchase, accept highest bid submitted for seized property

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:30 a.m. Monday morning at the Lynn County Courthouse, approving the purchase

of a dump truck and opening sealed bids for the sale of a seized Ford pickup.

Commissioners approved the purchase of a 2016 Caterpillar 14-foot dump truck at a cost of \$76,500 less a trade-in, for Precinct 2.

Six sealed bids were opened for consideration on a 1999 Ford pickup that had been forfeited to Lynn County Sheriff's Office. Bids ranged from \$400 to \$1050.01, with commissioners accepting the bid of \$1,050.01 for the truck.

A technology consultant representing CTSI presented

information to the court regarding IT support for the county, but no action was taken on the issue.

Sheriff Wanda Mason reported 47 inmates were currently housed at Lynn County Jail, including 35 for Lynn County, 2 for Dawson, 8 for Bell, 1 for Floyd, and 1 for Ector.

Monthly bills were approved, and commissioners and county officials spent some time in a budget work session for the 2022-23 budget.

County Judge Mike Brad-

dock led the meeting, with all four commissioners present including John Hawthorne, Matt Woodley, Don Blair and Larry Durham, as well as other county officials. The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

• Texas has three of the top 10 most populous cities in the U.S.

These cities are Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio.

The total population of the Texas Triangle Mega-region as of the 2010 census was 17,745,584.

Did you know? about TEXAS

• The deadliest natural disaster in United States history occurred in Texas. The Great Galveston Hurricane of 1900 took between 6,000 and 12,000 lives with a storm surge of 8-15 feet. The next deadliest hurricane in U.S. history was Hurricane Katrina, which claimed 1,200 lives.

• The largest known bat colony in North America is located in Texas.

Located in Bracken Cave, the largest known North American bat colony has over 20 million bats, which is more than the entire human population of Mexico City. The largest known urban bat colony is also located in Texas over Lady Bird Lake in Austin.

• The Texas State Capitol building is the largest state capitol in the nation.

In terms of gross square footage, the Texas Capitol is only smaller in size to the U.S. Capitol building. Additionally, the Texas Capitol dome actually sits 7 feet higher than the U.S. Capitol's.


• King Ranch, located in Kingsville, is larger than the state of Rhode Island. Sprawled across 825,000 acres, King Ranch is home to over 200 Quarter Horses and over 35,000 heads of cattle. The ranch reaches into six different counties and was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1961.

• A time capsule in Texas contains a passbook to a bank account expected to be worth \$1 quadrillion by the time it opens in 2968. The Helium Centennial Time Columns Monument was built in 1968 in honor of the 100th anniversary of the discovery of helium. One of the time capsules sealed on the monument is set to open 1,000 years from that date and has a passbook to a bank account with a \$10 bill.

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Lynn County Farm Bureau

Area News

There's trouble in Paw-radise

BROWNFIELD — It's no secret Brownfield has a stray dog problem. Strays have been a big problem here in town for a long time.

The *Brownfield News* had a conversation with the local dog shelter in Brownfield about the issue. Julie Funtenatto with the local dog shelter tells the News: "The dog problem here in Brownfield is really bad. It is getting a whole lot better, but the biggest problem right now is the owner's surrender (relinquishing ownership of the pet to a shelter or rescue.)

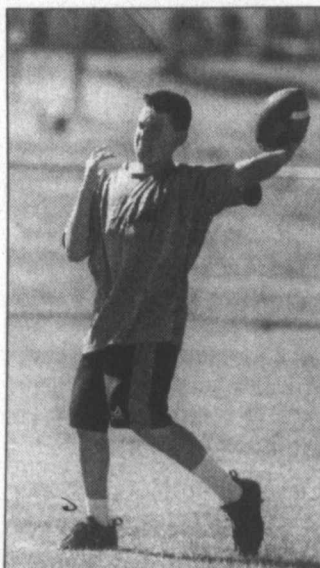
"The reason why it's such a big problem is not getting your dogs neutered and even with just that we can cut the stray problem in half, but this is the time of year where people are getting rid of their grown-up dog because they want a younger dog."

The Brownfield Animal Shelter is usually packed, but Funtenatto and the crew are working hard at finding good loving homes for the dogs here in town.

-- from the *Brownfield News*



Bulldog Camp 2022 ... A group of boys are getting ready to cheer each other on with some drills and skills at the Bulldog Camp held recently at Tahoka ISD. (TISD Photo)



Throw the ball ... Learning the techniques of throwing the football was one of the drills at the Tahoka ISD Bulldog Camp.

USDA reminds livestock producers of available drought assistance

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds drought-impacted producers that they may be eligible for financial assistance through the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) to cover above normal expenses for hauling water or feed to livestock or hauling livestock to forage or grazing acres.

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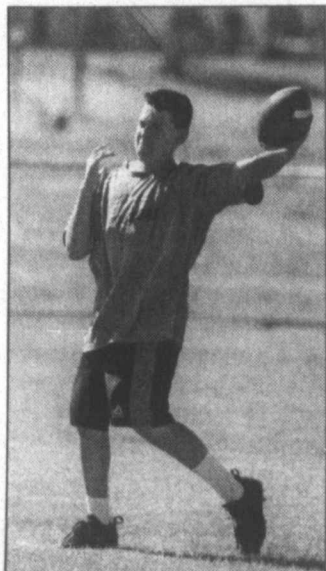
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Accidents in county ...

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Lynn County Sheriff's Office, Tahoka Police Department, and Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department all responded to the scene. Two occupants were transported by EMS, and two were transported by private vehicle to Lynn County Hospital for medical treatment. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

A black 2016 Dodge SUV was in a one-vehicle rollover at 5:50 p.m. Aug. 6 on US 87 and the roadside park north of Tahoka. The driver, Joe Rodriguez of Big Spring, reportedly refused transport for medical treatment.

Three more minor accidents occurred in the county. At 11 p.m. Aug. 7, a driver on U.S. 380 3 miles west of Tahoka reported that his vehicle struck an owl and it was stuck in his grill. He pulled the vehicle over in a grocery store parking lot when he arrived in Tahoka to investigate the damage, and discovered the owl stuck in the grill.

Stacy Rushing was the driver of a vehicle that struck a deer on FM 2053 west of FM 3112, at 9:15 p.m. Aug. 5. The impact reportedly busted the driver's side headlight and dented the driver's door, with side airbags deployed, but she was able to continue driving the vehicle.

A caller to LCSO at 12:43 a.m. Aug. 3 reported that he had wrecked his 2016 Hyundai into the ditch on US 87, and then drove it to a location in O'Donnell. Jason Young was the driver.

Two individuals were arrested after a traffic stop at 4:49 p.m. Aug. 7, at US 87 and the roadside park. A 44-year-old male was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, and a 39-year-old

male was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance, and for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon on a warrant out of Lubbock County.

Tahoka Police arrested a male individual on misdemeanor charges of terroristic threat, after responding to a domestic disturbance at a residence in the 1600 block of Ave. K at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 5.

Police responded to Lynn County Hospital at 5 p.m. Aug. 5, called by hospital staff to assist in the ER where a reportedly intoxicated male was seeking treatment, and staff were reportedly concerned by his "unruly and belligerent behavior" towards the staff. An officer stood by while the man was being treated, and then escorted him out of the facility when his treatment was completed, while he awaited transportation by a family member.

A male reported to police that he was assaulted with a pipe by another male at 9:45 p.m. Aug. 2, and wanted to file a report with police.

A man called police to his residence in the 1300 block of Ave. K at 9:57 p.m. Aug. 2, stating there was an unknown male on a motorcycle that was threatening his brother. The suspect left the scene while the caller was on the line with police, but he asked for police to follow up with a report.

Police suspect arson in a fire in the alley in the 1500 block of Ave. L at 9:25 p.m. Aug. 3, where a dumpster and mattresses beside the dumpster were set on fire. The investigation is ongoing.

An alarm company contacted police at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 4, notifying police that a client's Life360 panic alarm had



Summer Readers ... This group of children were participants in the Tahoka City-County Library Summer Reading Program. A total of 92 youth signed up for the summer reading program, and 60 kids actively participated in the program. Everyone that turned in a reading log received a certificate, a free Whataburger Jr. burger coupon, and a lanyard award with a gold coin.

gone off and the company was unable to contact the client, which showed to be at a location near 1500 Conway. Police located a woman who worked at a local business, who was wearing the personal alarm system, who said she was unaware that the alarm had sent a notification, and reported that everything was fine.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of N. 4th at 9:40 a.m. Aug. 8, where a homeowner reported someone had run over a mailbox with a vehicle, damaging the pole.

Other calls to law enforcement were for assisting stranded motorists, suspicious persons/vehicles, domestic disturbances, residential alarms, civil issues, and assisting EMS.



Bulldog football ... Two-a-day practices for the Tahoka Bulldogs continues in preparation for the 2022 season. The Dogs will travel to Morton for their first scrimmage at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, and will host Hamlin in a scrimmage at 6 p.m. next Thursday, Aug. 18. The first game will be on the road, at Plains Aug. 26, with the first home game set for Sept. 2, hosting Sudan. (TISD PHOTOS)

City Council ...

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Coffee Shop, which applied for the matching grant funds for improvements already made to the property. According to EDC representative Carson Lehman, the owner of Crusher's Coffee Shop had already exceeded the \$20,000 in renovations required to apply for the matching grant funds. Council members Stephen Overstreet, Samantha Henderson, Nathan Garcia and Joe Craig voted 4-0 to approve the grant request, with councilman Shiloh Braddock abstaining from voting due to a family relationship to the store owners.

Council members approved a contract with Fund-View to upgrade the city's financial software, and approved an ordinance approving the negotiated settlement between the cities served by Atmos Energy regarding the company's 2022 rate review mechanism.

A city ordinance regarding fencing was tabled until the next meeting.

Monthly reports were presented by departmental heads. The City Administrator said that two new hires had completed a full slate of officers for the Tahoka Police

Department, landfill pit issues were being addressed, results were forthcoming on a TCEQ water inspection, the city pool is now closed for the season except for remaining open on Saturdays, and city officials were invited to meet with U.S. Representative Jodey Arrington on Aug. 18 in round-table discussions.

Police Chief Jeff Parker reported that his department has recently conducted a security risk assessment for Lynn County Hospital. Code Enforcement Director Dale Summers reported that 8 substandard housing ordinance violations were in progress.

City/County Library Director Peggy Villarreal reported the library had 1,399 patrons in July and checked out 2,862 items for the month. The Animal Control department will receive an additional vehicle in order to have two patrols that will allow for some evening patrols as well as during the daytime hours.

Municipal Court Clerk Marisa Webster reported that the Municipal Court had 1,708 cases on the docket for the month, and collected fines totaling \$6,232.

At a special meeting held last week, the council ap-

proved submitting a request for a \$700,000 grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife, to fund repairs at the pool and to install a new splash pad at the pool, with the city to provide matching funds of \$375,000, of which \$50,000 will be provided by the EDC. It is expected that the city will be notified in March if the grant funds are approved.

The next meeting of the council will be a special meeting on Aug. 24.

Mayor John Baker led the meeting, with all council members present, as well as other city officials, and citizens observing the meeting.

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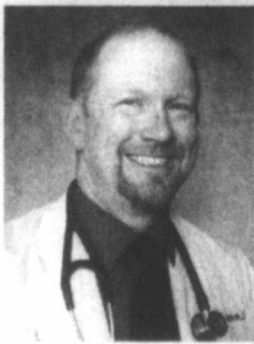
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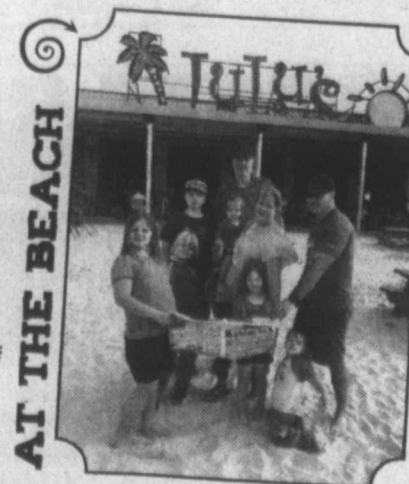
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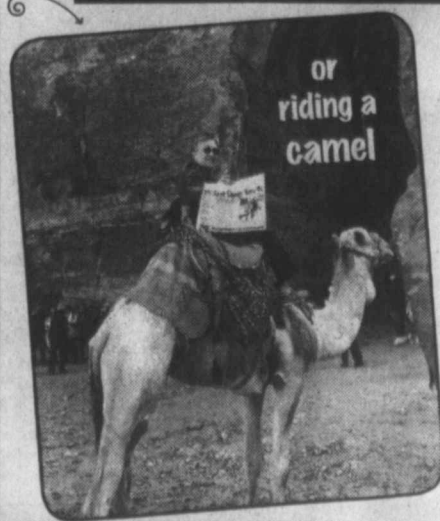
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