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Harvest Festival princesses ...Princess candidates from left: Zabrina Johnson, Serenity Garza, Cheslea Colwell, Kaleili DeLeon, Averie McNeely, Nevaeh Arriaga, Calgary Due, and Jazmie Guitierrez; not pictured are Aerianna Segovia, Malaysia Washington, Gabriell Hernandez and Malarie Cardenas.



Harvest Festival queen candidates ...Queen candidates, seated from left: Caitlynn Adams, Kenzie Henry, Rylee Jordan; and standing in back, Yulissa Villegas, Cheyenne Rios and Adriana Gonzalez.

Ready for Saturday's Harvest Festival!

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FIND OUT!

Where are they now?

Where are Tahoka High School exes, and what are they doing now?

READ ABOUT THEM ON PAGE 5!

Did you know?

- Did you know it took Leonardo Da Vinci 10 years to paint Mona Lisa
- Did you know American's eat 18 billion hot dogs a year ... (and about 3,000 sausage-on-a-stick at the Lynn County Harvest Festival!)

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Sept 6	88	66	
Sept 7	88	71	
Sept 8	85	68	1.80"
Sept 9	90	69	
Sept 10	90	60	1.03"
Sept 11	72	59	
Sept 12	82	60	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	0.23"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.12"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.39"
Total Precip for Apr:	1.08"
Total Precip for May:	5.83"
Total Precip for June:	3.76"
Total Precip for July:	0.49"
Total Precip for Aug:	5.34"
Total Precip for Sept:	3.46"
Total Precip. for 2016:	20.70"

Let the fun begin! Harvest Festival is Saturday

Lots of activities will be offered at the 41st annual Lynn County Harvest Festival to be held at the courthouse square in Tahoka this Saturday, Sept. 17, following Friday's Tahoka Homecoming festivities. The festival features live entertainment, food and craft booths, games, and cash prizes from audience participation.

Admission to the festival is free. Bring lawn chairs for seating on the courthouse lawn. Handicap parking for the Harvest Festival will be designated on the south side of the courthouse, to allow closer access to the event for drivers with handicap parking stickers.

In conjunction with the festival, Tahoka Elementary PTO is sponsoring a Fun Run and Walk event that morning, with a one-mile route that begins from the courthouse grounds at 8 a.m. and ends up back at the courthouse.

The Harvest Festival fun starts at 10 a.m. with turtle races for the children (kids must bring their own tur-

tles, decorated, for the races). Turtle races, sponsored by Lynn County 4-H, will be held in the street on the east side of the courthouse. Food and game booths also open at 10 a.m. See page 3 inside this edition for a complete list of booths and the Harvest Festival schedule.

The Harvest Festival Princess and Queen will be crowned during the afternoon. This year's raffle tickets sold by princess and queen contestants features 16 chances to win \$4000 in prizes. Two \$1,000 grand prizes will be given away this year, one from the Queen ticket raffle, and one from the Princess ticket raffle. In addition, there

will be four drawings for \$250 prepaid Visa cards (from the Queen tickets), and 10 drawings for \$100 cash (from the Princess tickets). The drawings will be held the day of the Harvest Festival. Winners will be announced as they are drawn at the festival, as well as reported in the following week's issue of *The Lynn County News*.

Cadillac Jack's band will return to the festival this year, playing popular tunes throughout the day.

The Princess contest starts at 1:30 p.m. on stage, with 12 young ladies vying for the title of Princess, which is determined by the highest ticket sales. The Princess and runners-up will win cash awards. See photos of all candidates on page 4.

There are six Harvest Festival Queen scholarship candidates, from Tahoka and New Home high schools, with that contest starting at 3 p.m. Three judges will rank the queen can-

didates based on several criteria, to determine the winner. The Queen and runners-up will win scholarships from the Harvest Festival for their college careers.

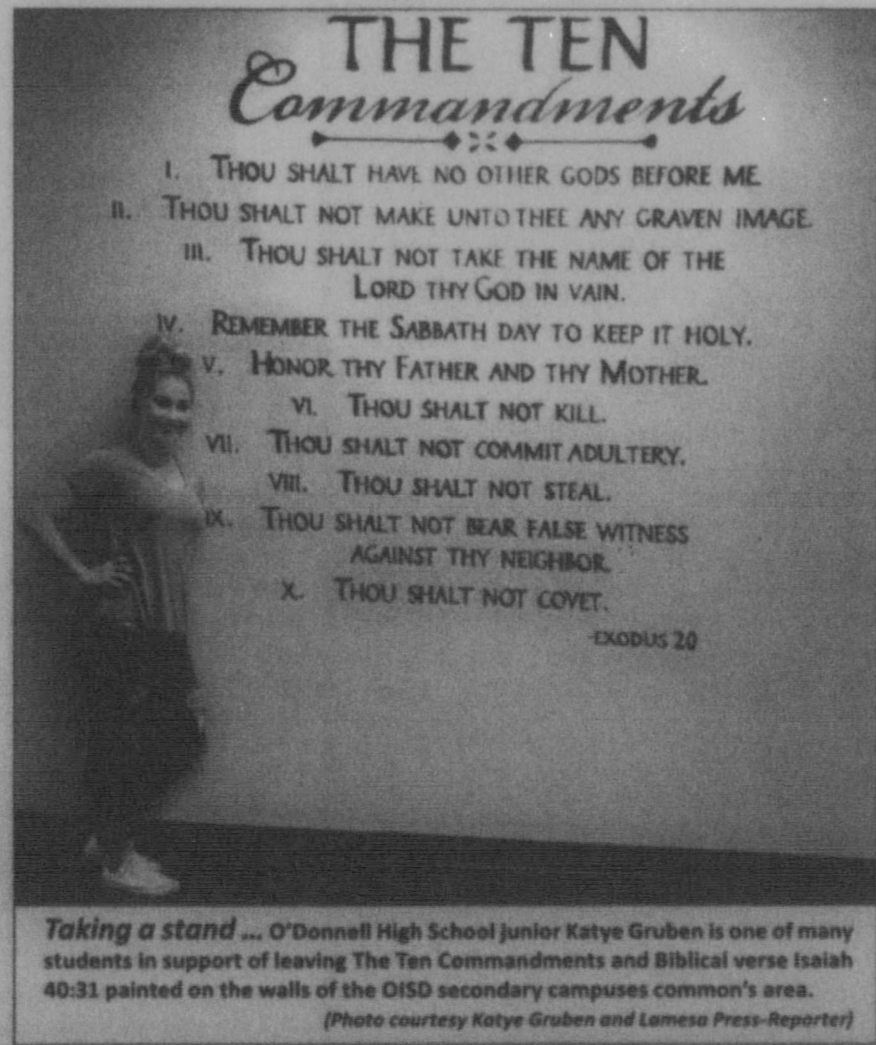
The City/County Library will have their annual Silent Auction fundraiser, with bids closing at 3:30 p.m. The popular booth features a variety of items on which to bid, with all proceeds benefitting the local library.

Booths and other daytime events will close at 5 p.m. at the Harvest Festival, but the fun starts up again at 8 o'clock with a street dance on the square. Lynn County Hospital District Employees are sponsoring the Harvest Festival Street Dance from 8-11 p.m. with music from DJ Jamar Jordan, who will play a variety of music for dancing and listening pleasure. Popcorn, drinks and Pop Belly's BBQ will be sold during the dance. Bring lawn chairs for seating.

Fighting for rights of Christians

O'Donnell High School students take stand for Ten Commandments display at school

Special from the Lamesa Press-Reporter by REGINA CRUTCHER (OHS Class of 1982)



Taking a stand ... O'Donnell High School junior Katy Gruben is one of many students in support of leaving The Ten Commandments and Biblical verse Isaiah 40:31 painted on the walls of the OISD secondary campuses common's area.

(Photo courtesy Katy Gruben and Lamesa Press-Reporter)

O'Donnell Superintendent Dr. Cathy Amonett had a gut feeling that she might be starting a controversy by painting The Ten Commandments and the Bible verse Isaiah 40:31 on walls at the high school common's area. But she did it anyway.

"I didn't ask anyone's permission. I just did it. I believe in it," she said in August when interviewed for the Lamesa Press-Reporter Back-To-School issue.

After receiving a letter from the Freedom From Religion Foundation on Wednesday saying that they had received an anonymous complaint, Dr. Amonett covered up the Ten Commandments and the Biblical verse with black paper.

The students didn't like the censorship and took matters into their own hands when some of them pulled down the black paper.

And to strengthen their resolve, many students began to write Biblical verses on post-it notes and pieces of paper taping them to the walls. Some of the notes were taped together to spell "God" and to form crosses.

Dr. Amonett gathered her secondary students to a school assembly where she told them, "I'm just as frustrated as you."

She explained that until she looked into the matter more closely, she would have to keep the painted Bible verses covered. She chose to cover the Ten Commandments with an American flag. She publicly stated that she, herself, had not received any complaints, only encouragement and calls of solidarity with the students.

"I'm so proud of my kids. I have to protect the school district, but I also want to honor them (the students)," said Dr. Amonett. "They've handled this very maturely, very respectfully. It's something they feel strongly about and they are doing something productive about it."

Dr. Amonett added that her teachers are using the situation as a teaching experience.

"We've been having discussions about freedom of religion and the right to liberty and the Establishment Clause."

The Establishment Clause states (See FIGHTING FOR RIGHTS, page 6)

As the Superintendent at O'Donnell ISD I am proud of the students at OISD for standing up for what they believe. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about our democracy and how it operates within our society. It is also an opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate the strength of our youth, no matter the outcome.

-- Statement to *The News* from OISD Superintendent Dr. Cathy Amonett

Now that's funny!

Some people never go crazy. What truly horrible lives they must lead.

-- CHARLES BURROWSKI



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Obituaries



Ines B. Flores

Ines B. Flores of Tahoka passed away on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at the age of 76. She was born January 21, 1940 in Hearne, TX to Vidal and Maria (Villarreal) Benavides. Ines attended school in Caldwell, TX. She later moved to Tahoka in 1956, where she met and married Otiqio Flores, Sr. on January 2, 1960. Otiqio preceded her in death on December 25, 2000. Ines worked as a CNA nurse at the Tahoka Care Center for 10 years, then she went to work in housekeeping at the Lynn County Hospital in 1980. In 1990 Ines worked at the St. Mary's Hospital until retiring. She founded the Women's Conference Ministry more than 10

years ago, this ministry focused on spiritual growth for people in the south plains region. Ines was a faithful dedicated prayer warrior.

Ines was preceded in death by her parents; husband, son, Ray Flores, and nine siblings.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Amelia Perez, Otiqio Flores, Jr., Billy Flores, Ruben Flores, Nancy Zuniga, and Diana Hernandez and husband Robert; siblings, Benny, Victoria, Jesse, and Johnny Benavides, and Martha Laurles; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday September 14, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Combest Family Funeral Homes. Services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at the First Baptist Church with interment will follow at Nevils Memorial Cemetery.

Please celebrate the life of Ines by visiting www.combest-familyfuneralhomes.com. (PAM)

In Loving Memory: Katherine Jennifer Colon



Jan. 21, 1993 - Sept. 2, 2016

FOOT PRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: One belonging to him and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, You'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

The Lord replied, "My son, my precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you only see one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Author Unknown
Love - Grandma Jamie Colon and the Colon family

Where in the world is
The Lynn County News?



In Canada! ... The Lynn County News is on the shores of Lake Huron, Ontario, Canada, with Jean Flippin Moffatt, a 1965 THS graduate; her brother Perry Flippin, a 1962 THS graduate; and their cousin Beth McGinty Hotchkiss, who has Lynn County roots through her mother, Montie Draper McGinty Foster, who graduated from THS in 1922. Beth and her husband Tim live in Port Elgin, on the shores of Lake Huron. *The News* is 1,390 miles from home.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you TMS Parents

Tahoka Middle School has some awesome parents! Thank you all so much for being a part of our "Movie on the Lawn" Saturday night. The cookies, ice cream, snacks, and drinks were amazing. Also, thanks to those that stayed and helped out during the movie. "It takes a village to raise a child" (Igbo and Yoruba Proverb), and you're doing your part, thank you! TMS loves our parents!

Sincerely,
TMS staff and students

Spirit of unity

First Baptist Church exemplified the body of Christ at work this past Sunday as they made it a day outside the walls. Different classes participating in various activities were out during regular church time helping some of the community with yard work, cleaning, and visiting. As a recipient of this Christian action I would like to extend my heartfelt thank you to all of those that came to my house and spruced up my yard. I was very surprised to

say the least but humbled most of all to know that their love for Christian action was extended to me. Once more it has been proven that Tahoka has some of the very best and kind-hearted people in the world. I am not sure who all was at my home but I know that I could never say thank you enough or repay you for what you did. The spirit of unity lives on in Tahoka even after 15 years since 9/11.

May God bless each of you for showing what the body of Christ accomplishes working together.

In Christ love,
Sandy Teaff

Tahoka City Council sets tax rate, approves purchase of new fire truck

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka City Council approved the 2016-17 budget and set the property tax rate for the 2016 year at \$0.747030 per \$100 of property value in action taken during Monday night's city council meeting. The tax rate is the same as the current rate, although the city will reap more revenue due to a slight increase in the tax base, from \$71,590,521 last year compared to \$76,582,470 this year.

The Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department will soon receive a new pumper truck for the fire department, with city council members approving the purchase of the truck from Daco Fire Equipment Buy Board. The new truck comes

at a cost of \$234,153, and City Administrator Jerry Webster told The News that a down payment of at least \$100,000 will be made from the VFD Donation account, as well as from funds raised from a VFD fundraiser spaghetti dinner set for next Friday (see separate story). The remaining \$125,000 or so will be financed, with payments to come from the VFD donation account. That account is funded by donations through the voluntary \$3.00 donation on city water bills, and averages \$1400-\$1500 a month, Webster said.

In other business, the council approved a funding request from the A.C.T. Board (Advancing the Community of Tahoka) in the amount of \$8500, to remove an unstable brick wall from the downtown park on Main Street. The four large pictures currently displayed on the wall will be removed for the demolition, and then replaced on the newly-exposed wall.

Two resignations from the A.C.T. Board were accepted, from Jerry Ford Jr. who is moving away from the area, and from Jack Jaques.

During the public forum portion of the meeting, citizens Josh Dunlap and Doug Ausberne addressed the council regarding concerns about a proposed ordinance under consideration by the council, regarding regulations about parking in front yards of residences. After some discussion about the proposed ordinance, council members voted to table the issue until further changes could be added that would exclude farm equipment from the regulations. The amended ordinance will be considered at a later meeting.

Tahoka Mayor John Baker led the meeting, with council members Rudy Fuentes, Ronny Jolly, and Ray Box present, as well as City Administrator Jerry Webster. Council members Amy Preston and Jeff Martin were absent from the meeting.

Shotgun raffle, dinner to benefit Tahoka VFD

Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a Chicken Spaghetti Supper at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23 in the Tahoka School Cafeteria, with all proceeds to help pay for a new fire truck that the department is getting.

Members of the Tahoka VFD are also selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a Browning 725 Field Sport Shotgun and a Yeti Cooler. The drawing for the winners will also be held during the dinner. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50.

Cost of the meal is \$7.50 for adults and \$5.00 for children under age 8.

Meal sponsors include First National Bank of Tahoka, Tahoka Donuts, Pam Miller and Tahoka Thriftway.

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

September 19-23
Monday: shepherd's pie, stewed okra & tom., coleslaw, butterscotch pudding
Tuesday: Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, pears
Wednesday: Beef enchiladas, borracho beans, Spanish rice, coleslaw, apricots
Thursday: Chicken teriyaki, fried rice, vegetable blend, strawberries & bananas
Friday: Hot dog, baked potato w/ sour cream, broccoli, pineapple gelatin
Mark your calendars...
• Donations to benefit the Center are greatly appreciated! All donations are tax deductible; we are a 501(c)3 organization.
• Be sure to come by our booth at the Lynn County Harvest Festival this Saturday!

New Home School Menu

September 19-23
Breakfast
Monday: Waffles, bacon/cereal, toast
Tuesday: Biscuit, gravy, ham & scrambled eggs/PBJ Sandwich
Wednesday: Cinnamon roll, sausage/muffin, yogurt
Thursday: Sausage egg 7 cheese/ animal crackers & cheese stick
Friday: Breakfast burrito, hash browns/breakfast round & yogurt
Lunch
Monday: Pizza/Hamburgers
Tuesday: Ham & cheese pretzel sand /Asian bowl
Wednesday: Chicken alfredo/Texas basket
Thursday: Fish strips/BBQ on bun
Friday: Leopards Chicken bowl/ Philly cheese steak sand.

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

<p>First Baptist Church 1701 Ave. K - Box 1547 - Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4557 - www.fbctahoka.org PASTOR: BILL FULLER 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 <i>There's A Place For Me at FBC!</i></p>	<p>Be Quiet! <i>"Be still, and know that I am God."</i> Psalm 46:10 We live in a noisy, busy, fast-paced world, with many loud and constant sources: work, family, friends, school, television, radio, computers, cell phones, social media, etc., etc., etc.. The list is almost endless and seems to increase with new technologies, "to make our lives easier". It is no wonder then, with all of this noise and distractions that it can be very difficult to hear God, to feel God in our presence, to know God. Our scripture verse is a wonderful reminder for us to take some time (each day, each week) to be quiet, to be still, to shut out all of the noise and distractions, and listen for God, to know that God is God and that God is with us, speaking to us. Do you need a place each week to help you listen for God? Do you need a church home? Please visit one of the churches listed on this page. <i>May the peace and love of God, in Christ, be with you.</i> Curtis Schrader, Pastor New Home United Methodist Church</p>	<p>TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church 1829 S. Ave. M - Tahoka, TX 79373 - Office: (806) 561-4436 PASTOR: FATHER JOHN S. RATHINAM, 806-241-0086 DEACON: PETE PANIAGUA, 445-4077 Sunday Mass - 11:00 am Communion Mass Service Wednesdays & Thursdays, 6:00 pm CCE Wednesdays at 6:30 pm Reconciliation 10:30 am Sundays or any time by appointment</p>
<p>TAHOKA Church of Christ 2320 Lockwood - Box 1177 - Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4065 - email: troc@poka.com PULPIT MINISTER: STEVEN BONNER Sunday School - 10:00 am Sunday Worship - 11 am Fellowship & Devotion - Wednesday 6:30 pm</p>	<p>New Home United Methodist Church CURTIS SCHRADER, Pastor (575) 602-2947 CurtisSchrader@live.com 350 N. Main - New Home, TX 79363 (806) 924-7549 Sunday School 9:45 am - Worship 10:45 am</p>	<p>New Home Church of Christ 324 N. Main - Box 188 - New Home, TX 79363 - (806) 924-7579 MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON Bible Class - 10:00 am Sunday Worship Service - 10:45 am Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00 pm</p>
<p>Wilson First Baptist Church 1403 12th St. - Box 67 - Wilson, TX 79381 - (806) 628-6333 PASTOR: BILLY PARMER Sunday School - 9:45 am Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday 6:30 pm Wednesdays Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages Bible Study & Prayer Mtg - Youth</p>	<p>Wilson St. John Lutheran Church 13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573 <i>Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.</i> TONDA FREITAG, PLM Sunday School - 9:30 am - Sunday Worship - 10:45 am</p>	<p>NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of 4th & Smith • Pastor: Larry Maddox <i>"Serving the Lord for 100 Years"</i> SERVICES: Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Worship 11:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm Wed. Youth/Children's Activities 7:00 pm</p>
<p>Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church 16th & Houston St. - Box 136 - Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 - www.stpaulwilson.com PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHOE Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am <i>"Where Christ Serves People"</i></p>	<p>Draw First United Methodist Church (established 1907) P.O. Box 496 - O'Donnell, TX 79351 Phone (806) 428-3357 PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am</p>	<p>Grassland Nazarene Church 2885 CR 25 - Tahoka, TX 79373 - (806) 327-5656, 327-5655 PASTOR: Rev. James Miller Sunday School - 9:45 am Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm</p>
<p>First Methodist of Tahoka 1801 Ave. J - Tahoka - (806) 561-4503 email: fmctahoka@poka.com SUNDAYS: Sunday School - 9:30 am Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall) <i>"Like" our Facebook page ... facebook.com/FirstMethodistTahoka</i></p>	<p>Sweet Street Baptist Church 1100 AVENUE J - BOX 751 - TAHOKA, TX 79373 - (806) 561-5310 DAVID EARNEST, PASTOR - (806) 438-5105 Sunday School - 9:45 am (A Bible Study Class for all ages) Morning Worship - 10:30 am (Hymn Singing - Message from God's Word) Wednesday Night - 7 pm Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries www.sweetstreetbaptist.com</p>	<p>Tahoka Trinity Church 1925 Lockwood - Box 1168 - Tahoka - (806) 561-5317 PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD Sunday School - 9:45 am Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm Youth - Sundays at 7 pm For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317</p>
<p>Let the Children Come 7 am - 6 pm M-F 561-4529</p>		

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Man struck by car on US 87 while waiting in rain for help

by JUANELL JONES

A man standing outside his stranded vehicle on Hwy 87 during a downpour in the early morning hours last Thursday was struck by another vehicle hydroplaning on the water-covered road, and was taken by Lynn County EMS to a Lubbock hospital for treatment. The man's name was unavailable as of press time from Brownfield DPS, who worked the accident that occurred at 1:36 a.m. about 10 miles south of Tahoka.

According to the Lynn County Sheriff's Office call sheet, the man's vehicle had hydroplaned on the water as well, and his vehicle had ended up in the ditch by the road. He was able to call for assistance, but apparently while standing outside his vehicle waiting for law enforcement to arrive, he was struck by another vehicle that skidded on the slippery road. No information was available as to the extent of his injuries.

Nearly two inches of rain fell during that night, and Sheriff's deputies told *The News* that they worked throughout the night assisting travelers both north and south of Tahoka in low-lying areas of US 87. Several semis were reported stranded on the roadside due to the weather, as well as other stranded vehicles.

Another rollover occurred Monday morning, Sept. 12, at 6:53 a.m., also apparently due to water on the road on US 380. Eva Vargas of Tahoka was the driver of a Tahoe that rolled about 4 miles west of Tahoka on US 380. No injuries were reported in this accident.

Several law enforcement agents from three agencies assisted in a chase on foot in Tahoka last Friday afternoon, with DPS, City and County officers involved. They were chasing a Tahoka man who was wanted on a warrant for evading arrest, and finally tracked him down as the man ran back towards his home in an area near North 2nd and Ave. R. He was arrested without incident.

A 24-year-old Clovis, NM woman was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, after a traffic stop on Sept. 5. A Sheriff's Deputy noticed that her vehicle had been parked at the US 87 roadside park near Tahoka for some time, and went to investigate, making the arrest at 12:35 a.m.

A Lubbock man was arrested by a Lynn County DPS trooper in a traffic stop on US 87, for a warrant out of Lubbock County for intimidation stalking and harassment charges.

Tahoka Police arrested a 19-year-old Tahoka male on Sept. 4 on charges of public intoxication; and arrested an 18-year-old Tahoka male on Sept. 10 for possession of drug paraphernalia, after a routine traffic stop on Ave. O.

Lynn County Jail held 39 inmates during the week, including 10 for Lynn County, and 29 for Ector County.

Lynn County Sheriff's Office answered a total of 379 calls during the month of August, including 146 for the county, 119 for City of Tahoka, 53 for animal control, 33 for Lynn County EMS, 20 for City of O'Donnell, and 8 for the Fire Department.



Wilson Homecoming royalty...
The 2016 Wilson Homecoming Queen was Kallie Hernandez and King was Zack Mendez. Other homecoming queen nominees were Anlys Esparza and Alyssa Mattheus. Other homecoming king nominees were Zac Crutcher and Bailey Steen.

WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS

by Bonnie S. Schwertner

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When Keith and I entered Mustang Stadium for the homecoming game Friday evening, it was as though over 40 years disappeared, and I was once again in the Pep Squad. Back then, I'd yell so often and with such force, that I would still be hoarse on Sunday. I was prepared. I brought a cow bell. We still yelled and cheered, and stomped and danced in the bleachers. We even got kudos for our participation from cheerleader, Randeé Autry! Our sore throats only reminded us of the magical time we had shared.

The homecoming parade on Thursday had not included tractors, as I expected, but firetrucks and trailer displays, small children on bikes, and a tribute to this year's seniors. The bonfire was set ablaze at dusk, and could be seen for miles around.

What would homecoming be without a court? Members included Kaitlyn Yell, freshman princess, John Gabriel Reese, freshman prince, Delilah Yasaga, sophomore princess, Larry Nino III, sophomore prince, Rachel Reese, junior princess, and Anakin Villarreal, junior prince. Homecoming queen nominees were Anlys Esparza, Kallie Hernandez, and Alyssa Mattheus. Homecoming king nominees were Zac Crutcher, Zack Mendez, and Bailey Steen.

Friday brought about 40 guests to the Grandparents Day lunch. A special thanks to Terri Covington and her coworkers for the delicious meal! I can only imagine the special memories of a lifetime that were made.

Football game highlights

I'd read the UIL Six-Man Football rules. Walking into the stadium, I assumed I knew enough to follow the game. After all, it's just a variation of the 11-man regulations, right?

Preparation and mindset did

not prepare me for this fast paced brand of football. On the first play of the game, Bailey Steen swept a pass to Lance Lopez, who charged down the field to score a 75 yard touchdown. There was no catching the Wilson Mustangs, who took control of the field from the Lazbuddie Longhorns, and kept it that way the entire game.

The Longhorns came alive long enough to put up a score, but soon fizzled back into submission.

Mustangs continued to rule in the third quarter. Steen scored a 25-yard touchdown, his third of the night. Marcos Noyola forced a fumble and the ball was recovered by Orlando Balderas.

By the fourth quarter, the unstoppable Lopez had scored an amazing five touchdowns. Balderas' last interception led us to "45ing" the Longhorns, ending the game. Final score: Wilson 66, Lazbuddie 21.

From cheerleader sponsor, Tiffany Moreno:

"It's that time of year again for the Little Mustang Cheer Camp. This year our camp is four days of camp immediately following school and a performance at the Pep Rally on Friday, September 23rd, as well as performing during the first half of the game that night. Each camper will receive a T-shirt. The cost for the camp will be \$25, and open to anyone 3 years of age through 5th grade." Forms and payments are due by Friday, September 16.



Mustang TD ... The Wilson Mustangs won big over Lazbuddie last week, 66-21. Here, Wilson's Bryan Mendez leads the way for ball-carrier Lance Lopez (#34), as he runs for a touchdown. (Photo by Jessica Wilke)



Pack the Pulpit food drive... Jack Scott and Yolanda Aleman are pictured here with food collected from the First United Methodist Church and Tahoka Church of Christ "Pack the Pulpit" food drive. Scott is the head coordinator of the mobile food pantry in conjunction with the South Plains Food Bank. Aleman is the head coordinator of the Church of Christ food pantry. Donations for the food pantry can be delivered to the church or monetary donations can be taken to FirstBank & Trust or First National Bank in Tahoka, or mailed directly to the church at PO Box 1177, Tahoka, 79373.

County officials approve budget, 89-cent tax rate

Lynn County Commissioners approved the Lynn County 2016-2017 budget and moved to adopt a tax rate of \$0.89 to fund the budget, in unanimous action taken at Monday morning's regular session at the Lynn County Courthouse. The tax rate is 2.7-cents lower than the current tax rate of 91.7 cents per \$100 of property value. No citizens attended the hearing on the budget prior to the vote.

In other business, commissioners approved an order from District Judge Carter Schildknecht setting compensation for the Lynn County Auditor at a salary of \$19,683, and set salaries, expenses and other allowances of all elected county and precinct officers as presented in the budget.

Two bids for the county audit were considered, and commissioners chose a different

firm than the current firm of Gary, Bowers and Miller, who has conducted the audit for the county since 2002. Commissioners accepted the bid from Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss LLP for \$25,070, with County Judge Mike Braddock making the motion and all four commissioners voting in favor of the move.

Melvin Eaker, representing the firm of Gary, Bowers and Miller, has conducted the county's audit for the last several years, and was present at the meeting.

"We appreciate the work you have done for the county, and you have done a good job in educating and working with our county offices," Judge Braddock commented in addressing Eaker. He said, however, that the county is considering that the other firm may have the staff to get the audit completed in a more timely manner.

During the meeting, Eaker also presented the 2014-2015 Audit for Lynn County, which was approved as presented.

County officials approved an annual grant for the Lynn County Pioneers, Inc. in the amount of \$7,500, and approved a contract for the purchase of a pickup for the County Extension Agent from American National Leasing Company for a total cost of \$12,892.75 (with trade-in).

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin presented a report on the Sheriff's Office, and told commissioners that he and his staff are in the process of seeking options for upgrading the phone systems for the law enforcement center.

Monthly bills were approved. Juanell Jones with the Lynn County News presented a commemorative photo book from the 100 year celebration for the Courthouse to the County.

Judge Braddock led the meeting with all commissioners present including Keith Wied, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham, as well as other county officials.



Wilson VFD... Members of the Wilson VFD are back row from left, Cody Donald, Jason Dunn, Jacob Dunn, Dusty Patterson, Craig Wilke, Derrick Holden, and Ed Donaho. Front row from left, Clyde Wilke, Lester Gickhorn, Lynn Schmidt, and Daniel Clark.

Wilson volunteer fire department honored

On Sunday, September 11, the Wilson Volunteer Fire Department and their families were honored with an Appreciation Luncheon at the Wilson ISD Cafeteria hosted by St. John Lutheran Church. Eleven of the fourteen members of the VFD and their families enjoyed a meal of brisket and all the trimmings along with an array of desserts.

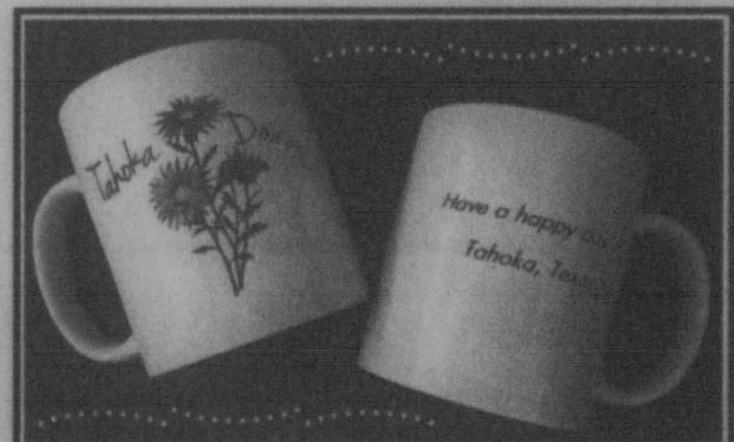
The tables were decorated with a variety of red, white and blue flowers and American flags. On the walls of the cafeteria were posters, coloring pages, and thank you notes created by the Wilson elementary school students to show their appreciation as well. At the end of the luncheon, each

fireman was presented with a gift of appreciation.

"St. John was excited to sponsor this luncheon for such a deserving group of men whose dedication and commitment is often overlooked. It was part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's national day of service called "God's Work. Our

Hands." This annual event calls for congregations to participate in some sort of service to benefit their local community.

"It seemed only appropriate that since this day fell on September 11 that we honor those who have devoted their lives in service to their community," said an event planner.



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Harvest Festival Princess Candidates

Queen Candidates

Caitlynn Adams
age 17, THS, daughter of Brandi & Michael Adams

Kenzie Henry
age 15, THS, daughter of Donnie & Amy Henry

Adriana Gonzalez
age 16, THS, daughter of Rosa Morin & Arnold Gonzales

Rylee Jordan
age 15, NHHS, daughter of Ronny & Tina Jordan

Cheyenne Rios
age 16, THS, daughter of Mack Garza & Andrea Gutierrez

Yulissa Villegas
age 17, THS, daughter of Hector Villegas & Brenda Dotsen



Nevaeh Amiga
2nd Grade - Wilson Elementary
dtr of Tiffany Moreno & OJ Rendón



Malarie Cardenas
5th Grade - Tahoka Elementary
dtr of Shelsi Moreno & Robert Cardenas



Cheslea Colwell
2nd Grade - Tahoka Elementary
dtr of Chelsea Colwell, granddtr of Odette Hoogerhuis



Kaleili DeLeon
2nd Grade - Tahoka Elementary
dtr of Nacona Martinez



Calgary Due
4th Grade - Tahoka Elementary
dtr of Craig & Kylie Cobb and Chris Due



Serenity Garza
2nd Grade - Tahoka Elementary
dtr of Andrea Gutierrez & Mack Garza



Jazmie Quiñerez
4th Grade - Tahoka Elementary
dtr of RosaLinda Resendez & Anthony DeLeon



Gabriell Hernandez
4th Grade - Tahoka Elementary
dtr of Maria & Lupe Hernandez



Zabrina Johnson
4th Grade - Tahoka Elementary
dtr of Manuela Chavarria



Averie McNeely
2nd Grade - Tahoka Elementary
dtr of Colton & Jonna McNeely



Aerianna Segovia
2nd Grade - Tahoka Elementary
dtr of Crystal Segovia & Robert Ramos



Malaysia Washington
5th Grade - Tahoka Elementary
dtr of Crystal Segovia & David Washington

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- 8:00 a.m.**
 - HARVEST HUSTLE FUN RUN & WALK
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- 10:00 a.m.**
 - BOOTHS OPEN on courthouse square
 - TURTLE RACES - Kids, bring your turtles! Sponsored by Lynn County 4-H
 - CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY Silent Auction opens
- 10:30-11:30 a.m.**
 - SIGN UP for WASHERBOARD TOURNAMENT
Teams of 2 for \$30. Sponsored by THS Jr Class. Tournament begins at 12:00 NOON on courthouse grounds
- 11:00 a.m.**
 - HOURLY trivia quizzes begin for cash prizes!
- 11:00-11:30 a.m.**
 - BRING PIE ENTRIES to Chamber booth
Winners announced during Queen/Princess contest.
- 1:30 p.m.**
 - HARVEST FESTIVAL PRINCESS Contest
- 3:00 p.m.**
 - HARVEST FESTIVAL QUEEN Scholarship Contest
- 3:30 p.m.**
 - Library Silent Auction BIDDING CLOSES
- 5:00 p.m.**
 - Booths close
- 8:00-11:00 p.m.**
 - Street Dance, sponsored by LCHD Employees
Music by DJ Jamar Jordan. Bring lawn chairs for seating. Popcorn, Drinks and Pop Belly's BBQ available for purchase.

Visit these Booths for fun, food and more!

Crafts, Games, etc.		Food Booths	
City-County Library	Silent Auction	Rotary Club	Sausage on a Stick, Drinks
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Pete Gutierrez	Kiddie Train	Senior Citizens	Raffle, Bake Sale
Candace Quintero	Bows, Hats, Bow Holders, etc.	Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce	Pie Baking Contest, Pie by the Slice
Noel Segovia	Dart Balloons	THS Senior Class	Cake Walk
Loraine Swinford	Purses	St. Jude Church	Brisket Burritos
George Howard	Crafts	Christy Cloud	Fried Snickers, Loaded Fries
Elianda Hernandez	Purses, Caps, Sunglasses, NFL items	Angie Gutierrez	Gorditos, Nachos Supreme
Joe Martinez	Bouse House	Rosa Longoria	Hamburgers, Tripas
THS Band Boosters	Window Decals, Tumblers, etc.	Rufus Hunter	Philly Cheese Sandwiches
Church of Christ Food Pantry	Raffle - Gift Baskets	Madde DeLeon	Lemonade
Tammie Hood	Crafts	Nichole Patterson	Kettlecorn
THS Junior Class	Cow Patty Bingo, Washer Board Tourney	Team Khi	Frito Pie, Hotdogs, Drinks
THS Sophomore Class	Spirit Towels, Raffle	Augustora Flores	Fruit Cups, Flautas, Sopapillas
Richard Schwartz	Crafts	Matilda Nino	Roasted Corn, Hot Chillies with Cheese
Cathy Fowler	Crafts, Dolls, Crochet, Woodwork	Tammie Hood	Snowcones, Popcorn
Joy Hester	Crafts	Irene Guerrero	Tacos, Burritos, Tiger Tea
Kathy Gardner	Home Décor, Jewelry	Daniel Herrera	Turkey Legs
Shirley Burleson	Crafts		
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Memorial at Pentagon... President Barack Obama pauses as he lays a wreath during a memorial observance ceremony at the Pentagon, Sunday Sept. 11, to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorists attacks. The soldier to the left of Pres. Obama is U.S. Army PVT. Justin Forsythe, son of Jay Forsythe of Tahoka. Forsythe is a 2012 graduate of THS and is stationed in Ft. Myers, VA.

• **Robbie Tyson, Class of 1976**
When I got out of school I went straight to the Air Force. After 4 years training crew members on B52's and KC135's in survival, I got out with the rank of Sgt. and moved back home. I have been married 34 years and have 2 daughters, 1 son, 1 grandson and 2 granddaughters. I have been employed at Poka Lambro Telephone for 36 years now.

• **Misty Adams Villa, THS Class 2003**
USPS Clerk, Lockney TX; Married Davie Villa February 9, 2016; Daughter, Niki Cantu, age 10. Licensed Massage Therapist -10 years and Yellow status consultant for Younique.

• **Jodie Brecheen Langford, Class of 1978**
Married to Lawton Langford; one son, Wade McClintock. Occupation: Instructional Technology Coordinator for Granbury ISD.

• **Rebekah (Curry) Filley, Class of 1999**
Graduated from Texas Tech University in 2002 and Texas Tech School of Law in 2005. Rebekah currently serves as the Lynn County Attorney. She lives in Tahoka with husband Reed Filley and daughters Kinley and Kennedy.

• **Jill Jaquess, Class of 1995**
Jill is the daughter of Jack and Barbara Jaquess of Tahoka. For the last 11 years, Jill has been an Assistant Principal for Terra Vista Middle School in the Frenship ISD. Prior to entering administration, she was a classroom teacher for seven years. She loves climbing mountains, white water rafting, riding her mountain bike, and spending time outdoors camping, hiking and grilling. She has climbed Mt. Rainier near Seattle, WA, twice; Kilimanjaro in Africa; and Machu Pichu in Cuzco, Peru. She has also visited Paris, London, Amsterdam, Sweden, Jamaica, Grand Cayman Islands, and Cozumel along with many places in New Mexico and Colorado.

• **Jason Jaquess, Class of 2001**
Jason is the son of Jack and Barbara Jaquess of Tahoka. Jason started his fire service in 2003 as a volunteer for the Canyon Fire Department while attending WTAMU and then moved into a paid position with the Canyon FD. As of Jan. 2015, he started working for the Lubbock Fire Department where he is currently a firefighter and an EMT Intermediate. Jason also teaches each summer at the Texas A&M Fire School. He spent one summer doing wild-land fire fighting in Idaho with the Texas Forest Service.

• **John Ed Redwine, Class of 58**
After my parents passed away in 83, we moved to Augusta, KS. My job at that time required travel in a three-state region. I retired in January 2008 after working for Cessna Aircraft as technical writer. Donna passed away in 2012. In 2013 I lost a kidney to stage 3 renal cell carcinoma. The remaining kidney failed resulting in the necessity for dialysis three weekly. That limits my travel and the opportunity to visit Tahoka as I would like. I enjoy keeping up with old friends on Facebook and my passion is woodcarving. I still have my "Ham" license and have a close group of radio friends who are quick to help when the call goes out. I consider myself "blessed" to be doing this well and to have a great group of friends.

• **Tonya Elrod, Class of 2002**
Tonya lives in Loveland, Co. and is a retired SGT. U.S. Army-Ft. Drum, N.Y. She was the DTS Coordinator for her Battalion; She is a Computer Engineer and currently working on Masters Degree in Physics. Loves to travel!



THS Football Queen 2016 nominees ...
The Tahoka High School football team has nominated these candidates for 2016 Football Queen, from left: freshman Marisol Vega, sophomore Aly Dotson, junior Natalie Stice, and senior Yuli Villegas.

• **LaRhea (Greathouse) Smith** (class of 1959) of Boerne, Texas will be marrying **Gainerd McNeely** (class of 1955) of Brownfield on Oct 1st. They will reside in Boerne. BUT the ceremony will be like old home week as **Rev. Gordon Smith** of Horseshoe Bay, Texas (class of 1956) will officiate and **Milton Fitts** of Buda, Texas (class of 1956), **W.H. McNeely** of Buchanan Dam, Texas (class of 1957), **Jerry Brown**, of Tahoka (class of 1958) and wife **Sandra McNeely Brown** (class of 1959), **Dwayne McNeely** of Tahoka (class of 1959), **Frank Greathouse** of Santa Fe, Texas (class of 1961) and **Carla McNeely Pickens** of Burleson, Texas (class of 1965) will be in attendance.

All the above mention are retired from their various careers.

• **Marla Bray Sparks, Class of 1967**
Marla graduated from SMU Dallas, 1971; married, with two wonderful sons, one founder of Harbor Picture Company, New York, both artists, photographers, commercials, video and film, currently married to Brian Sparks, the Livingston, Montana; retired teacher Ancient World History, Early Montana History, Grade 7 Middle School. In February, went on a cruise to the Yucatan with brother Andy Bray, Chloe and Jim Wells, Andra and Jim Solomon, Montie McGinty, and Johnny Hillhouse. We had great fun! Hello to everyone in Tahoka!

• **Marvin Nieman, Class of 1977**
Lives in Comanche, Texas, where he is Certified Produce Manager at Brookshire's Grocery; very involved with community events and volunteers with annual Relay For Life, the Comanche Community Rehab Project (repairing homes), the town's annual fall festival, and as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army during Christmas; loves to cook!

• **Chelsey Miller-Gillean, Class of 2002**
Texas Tech University graduate 2006; Married to Lex Gillean and has 2 beautiful children-Callie (6) and Caden (2). Works at The Dance Gallery in Lubbock

• **Cade Miller, Class of 2005**
Bachelor of Business Administration- University of Texas 2009, Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration-Oklahoma City University 2012, Master of Laws in International Aviation Law and Policy-DePaul University 2013. Attorney, Federal Aviation Administration-Pt. Worth

• **Steve Miller, Class of 1974**
Blessed with 41 years of farming/ranching

• **Carol Miller, Class of 1974**
Tahoka ISD School Nurse. Steve and I have 2 precious grandchildren and have many blessings to be thankful for.

• **Harold and Edna Smith family, Classes of 1966, 72, and 74**
We lived and farmed in the "Dixie" and "New Lynn" communities till about 1957, then moved into town on S. 2nd and Ave O. In 1964 we moved 6 miles east of Tahoka and operated Smith's Station and Groc until August of 1968 when we moved to Lubbock and finished high school there.

The Smith sisters: Jeannie started to school in Wilson, then transferred to Tahoka and was in the class of '66. She received her nursing degree and worked in the nursing field until she "retired" in 2009. She is currently living in Waco, working in the Adult Ed and Literacy program at McLennan Community College. She loves serving at church and traveling to see family. She has 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Nanette, class of '74, is living in the San Antonio area. She is a

stay-at-home mom and Gram but is rarely actually home! She and her husband are very active in their church but also travel quite a bit. She has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grand on the way.

I (Tresa) was in the class of '72 and now live in Midland with my husband of 40 years. I've been on staff at Stonegate Fellowship Church since 2002 and am the Worship and Tech Ministry administrative assistant. We love traveling (me) and camping (him) and hope to one day retire close to mountains, trees and at least one river. We have 3 children and 7 grandchildren.

• **Skyler Owens Kyzar, Class of 2005**
Skyler Owens Kyzar attended ASU in San Angelo and received a degree in Meat Science. Presently works for the State of Texas as a State Meat inspector. She lives in Austin and is married to BJ Kyzar.

• **Kami Owens Pierce, Class of 2007**
Kami Owens Pierce attended cosmology school, worked 2009 to 2012, and is now a stay at home mom of three children - Kyla 8, Brennan 3, Koen 2. She lives in Tyler TX, and married to Barrett Pierce.

• **Nanette Smith Allison**
We grew up in Tahoka but left when I was in Jr. High. We moved back and lived there for a time and still have many dear friends there. I live in San Antonio now. We come to Homecoming and the Harvest Festival every now and then and love catching up with people. The Six Mile store which we ran for 6 years was torn down a number of years after we left. It was actually owned by Gary McCord's grandfather and other people ran it. Before us, some of the Gandy's ran it, then after we moved, the Trotters ran it before it was torn down. We have such fond memories of the store. Anyway, we didn't graduate from Tahoka, but we still call it home.

Where are they NOW?

Where are Tahoka High School exes, and what are they doing now?

• **Cristal (Amador) Burse, Class of 2004**

Assistant Band Director at Tahoka High School, delighted to be working with her mentor, Band Director Carroll Rhodes! Married Nuno Burse 7-24-10, and daughter Annie Marie born 10-24-15.

• **Casey Jones, Class of 2001**
Bachelors Degree from Texas Tech University, Masters Certification in English as a Second Language. Lives in Ulsan, South Korea teaching English at Ulsan Elementary School. It's his third year there. Also taught 3 years in Japan. Having an adventure!

• **Lana Jones, Class of 2003**
Bachelors Degree from University of Texas-Austin, Masters from TTU. Lives in Lubbock, employed at Texas Tech University, as Director of Operations for Men's/Women's Golf, Track and Tennis. Gets to travel some with teams, loves her job!

• **Deedie Daniell Jones, Class of 1984**
Lives in Mansfield, TX. She and her husband Darin Jones have two daughters: Makenna is a sophomore at Legacy High School in Mansfield and Makayla is a sophomore at Harding Christian University in Sercey, AR. Deedie is an assistant principal in Grand Prairie, TX. She has been chosen to represent her campus and accept a National award in Washington, DC on Oct. 16.

• **Gary Daniell, Class of 1988**
Lives in Floresville, TX. He and his wife Heather have three daughters: Breca, a freshman at Northeastern TX in Mount Pleasant TX, Brielee, a sophomore at Floresville High School, and Breklyn, a 7th Grader in Floresville Middle School. Gary is a Measurement Supervisor for Marathon Petroleum Company.

• **Dennis Williams, Class of 1985**
Still lives in Tahoka, and enjoys many friends in Tahoka and O'Donnell; loves sports and collects football cards. Dennis had open heart surgery about six weeks ago, and is continuing to recover.

• **Dolores (Nowlin) Webb, Class of 1947**
Married a preacher (who pastored in Tahoka for six years at Sweet Street Baptist Church) and she taught at Tahoka Junior High for 15 years. They lived here until 2000 then moved away. She retired in 1992 and currently lives in Lubbock.

• **Milt (Junior) Fitts, Class of 1956**
Retired; lives in Buda, Texas.

• **Jacob Stephens, Class of 2008**

Received his PhD from Texas Tech in 2015, currently lives in Boston, MA, with his wife, Rebecca (Hensley) Stephens (an O'Donnell graduate). Jacob is employed by MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

• **Derek Stephens, Class of 2004**
Currently employed by the City of Lubbock Fire Department as a Lieutenant. Married to Laura (Cox) Stephens and they have 3 children, plus one on the way, and live in Tahoka.

• **Kimberly (McMillan) Harris, Class of 1985**
Lives in Lubbock; I have worked for University Medical Center for the last 15 years. I have a degree in Applied Science and am a Registered Respiratory Therapist by trade, but the last three years I have been in the rapidly growing field of Healthcare IT and am currently serving in the role of a Clinical Applications Specialist - Provider Informaticist. I have three children ages 30, 20, and 15.

• **Colby Williams, Class of 2000**
Lives in Austin, TX. Colby developed and sold an online video game called "break ball" a few years after graduation. He then went on to become a shoutcaster for the popular multiplayer game "League of Legends", and he became a popular "youtube" personality with a channel called www.youtube.com/user/colbycheeze where he had over 110,000 subscribers and one of his videos had over 1 million views. After tiring of this, he decided he wanted to learn to program and read a few books and took a few free online courses. Colby applied for a job at IBM and was hired as a computer programmer. He also started another website: www.colbycheeze.com - where he Blogs and gives advice to other programmers. Read his story on his website titled: My Journey from Zero to Developer.

• **Ron (Ronnie) Roberts, Class of 1980**
Served a 2-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Married Brenda Carter in 1983; and have 5 children. Ron served in the USAF for 20 yrs. Retired as a Master Sergeant in 2007. Learned to fly during my last few years in the Air Force. Flew passengers for Della Connection about 8 years and recently began flying 747s all over the world. No matter where I find myself, I always look back on my life in Tahoka as one of the best parts of my life!

• **Sylvia Tejada, Class of 1980**
City of Lubbock Cemetery Director/Supervisor

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Ready for Ag Tour ... Wade Howard (left), Texas Agrilife Extension Agent for Lynn County, and Matthew Dorsett, NRCS District Conservationist, invite area producers and other interested citizens to the 2016 Lynn County Ag Tour.

Annual Lynn County Ag Tour planned for next Wednesday

The 2016 Lynn County Ag Tour is set for Wednesday, Sept. 21 and is presented by the Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and Lynn County Texas Agrilife. Attendees will have the opportunity to obtain information on cotton including weed resistance, diseases and nematodes, and harvest aids. Other stops will include information on agronomic topics, soil health topics, moisture management information and a stop at the Tahoka Lake Pasture.

"We have a great program planned with some very informative stops for this year," said Wade Howard, Texas A&M Agrilife

Extension agent for Lynn County. "Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Lynn County SWCD Board of Directors and their staff have put together a tour with some of the most current issues that producers are facing today. We rotate the Ag Tour around to different parts of the county and this year we look forward to showcasing agriculture in the Northeastern portion of the county."

Registration will be from 8:00-8:30 a.m. at Texas Star Co-Op gin at Wilson. Tour stops will begin at 8:45 a.m. and conclude around Noon. Transportation to stops will be provided. Lunch will be provided by the Lynn/Garza Farm Bureau. Door prizes will be drawn for during the tour, and awards to the Outstanding Farmer and Outstanding Young Farmer will be presented at noon.

"We encourage all of our Lynn residents to attend the annual farm tour to get more information on our programs and what technical assistance we have to

offer," said Matthew Dorsett, Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist for Lynn County. "Every year, the tour highlights different practices or methods within the county; some producers may be able to learn something new from their neighbor while learning about available government programs."

Pesticide License holders will receive 3 CEU's for attending the entire farm tour. For more information, contact Wade Howard, at the Agrilife Extension Office, (806) 561-4562 or Matt Dorsett, at the NRCS Office, (806) 998-4507, Ext. 3.

\$5,000 Reward: Authorities searching for suspects in Garza County theft

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Ranger Dean Bohannon is seeking information on the theft of five saddles, four ATVs, a shop welder and assorted tools from the Drew Kirkpatrick Ranch headquarters located south of Post, Texas on Hwy 669.

According to Bohannon, the theft occurred between 7:00 p.m. on Sun. July 24 and 7:30 a.m. on Mon. July 25.

Authorities reported five different stolen saddles described as a Lane Smith-tooled saddle, a Dee Buckner saddle, a Tooter Cannon saddle, a Ryan saddle and a David Barnes saddle.

The suspects also stole a green 2013 Polaris Ranger UTV with a single bench seat, a red 2009 350-series Yamaha Kodiak ATV, a blue 2009 700-series Yamaha ATV and a black 2009 700-series Yamaha ATV. Additionally, a shop welder and assorted tools were stolen from the property.

Anyone with further information regarding this theft case should contact TSCRA's Operation Cow Thief hotline at 888-830-2333 or call Special Ranger Bohannon at 806-789-9476. A cash reward up to \$5,000 may be paid to individuals who can provide useful information leading to the arrest and indictment of suspect(s). Individuals reporting information may choose to remain anonymous.

Fighting for rights ...

(Continued from page 1)

that Congress "shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion"

Among the three explanations of this clause includes that "Congress may not favor or disfavor believers or non-believers in any religion or denomination over any other."

This situation has serious implications and many are taking notice including the media.

Several television news reporters came to O'Donnell Wednesday and Thursday to tape interviews with students and Dr. Amorette.

As a result of the attention, the students have chosen to go forward in their efforts in promoting their Christian values.

"We have started a petition and we've started a Twitter account and Facebook page #savethecommandments@ohs. We aren't backing down. We're praying about it," said OHS junior Katy Gruben.

The actual hard copy of the petition #savethecommandments@ohs was taken to the junior-high football games at Ropes where 30 Ropes students and fans signed the petition.

"We're getting calls from Lamesa, Klondike, Dawson, everyone around here, and they want to sign it too," added Gruben.

The O'Donnell ISD Facebook page as well as the Facebook pages of alumni, residents in O'Donnell and the surrounding area includes photos of individual students, as well as the varsity football team, posing around the rendering of the commandments in support of the efforts to keep them in plain sight.

Most Facebook entries support the district.

According to the Freedom From Religion Foundation website, "the organization is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization with state representatives and officers. The Foundation is funded by membership dues and gifts."

"The Foundation engages in publishing books and pamphlets, in producing films and music, in awarding scholarships and in conducting court challenges of violations of the separation between church and state."

The message received via e-mail with a hard copy to follow stated that the Freedom From Religion Foundation were "contact-

ed by a concerned District community member...Our purpose is to protect the constitutional principle of the separation between state and church.

"By displaying a religious message in its entryway, O'Donnell ISD infringes on its students' constitutionally protected religious freedom. By endorsing a religious message, the school district violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. The Ten Commandments and bible (sic) verse must be removed."

The letter went on to list court cases lost by entities displaying the Ten Commandments including ACLU of KY vs. McCreary Cnty; Baker vs. Adams Cnty/Ohio Valley Sch. Bd. and Doe Iv. Sch. Bd. Of Giles Cnty.

Charles Perry, the Texas State Senator from District 28 which represents O'Donnell and Lynn County, released a statement concerning the current situation in O'Donnell.

"For years the 'Freedom From Religion Foundation' has fought to intimidate Christians into eliminating all public displays of faith from our society."

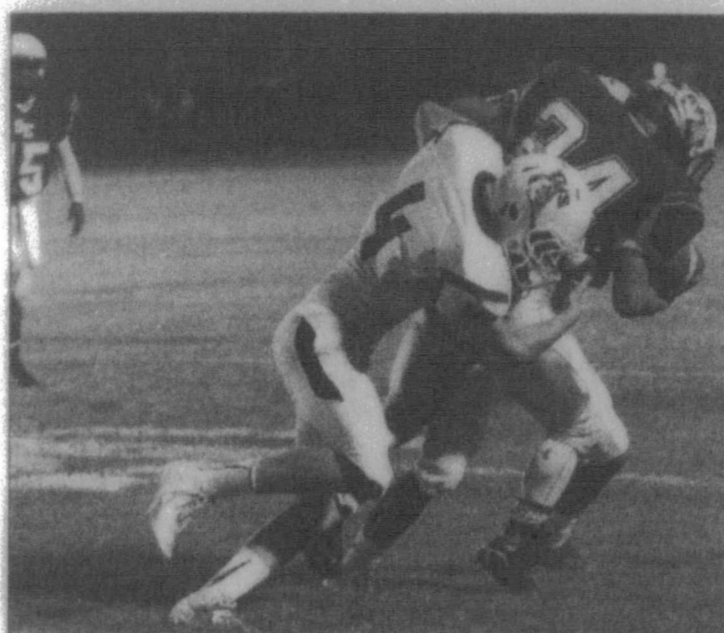
"Last year they unsuccessfully targeted the Kountze Cheerleaders and the Childress Police Department. Today, they are threatening O'Donnell High School with a lawsuit over their display of the Ten Commandments."

"I am proud of the hundreds of students at O'Donnell that are standing up for their faith and starting a movement to save the Ten Commandments at their school. Our office is working to ensure the school is in touch with the necessary experts to explain their rights and determine a plan of action," Perry stated.

The O'Donnell Board of Trustees were scheduled to hold an open forum at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13 in the school auditorium relating to recent news reports. A report will be printed in next week's edition of *The News*.

Did you know... about dogs

• The nickname "man's best friend" is believed to have come from a courtroom speech in Missouri, in 1870, where a farmer was suing his neighbor who shot his dog.



Going down ... John Stone (4) and another unidentified Bulldog take down a Wolverine, in Tahoka's 35-22 win Friday night. The Bulldogs' Homecoming game is this Friday against Smyer. Homecoming activities begin at 7 p.m. (Lynn photo by Abraham Vega)

THS Homecoming events start today

Tahoka High School exes are invited back for the 2016 THS Homecoming this week. The fun actually starts today (Thursday), with the traditional Blackout Pep Rally to begin at 8:30 p.m. in the THS gym, followed by the Spirit Fire on the practice field after dark. THS Cheerleaders will be selling glow in the dark necklaces for \$1 just prior to the blackout pep rally.

THS students will be dismissed from classes at noon Friday, Sept. 16 for the Homecoming activities. Registration for the ex-students assembly will be held in the THS auditorium from 12:30-1 p.m. Friday, with the exes assembly program slated from 1-2 p.m. This year's honored class is the THS Class of 1996.

The Homecoming Parade lineup starts at 2:30 p.m. Friday on N. 4th Street by the gym, with the parade leaving school grounds around 3 p.m. and arriving at the Lynn County Courthouse square around 3:15 p.m. for the pep rally at the courthouse.

The THS 2016 Football Queen will be crowned during pre-game ceremonies starting at 7 p.m., with the Bulldogs host-

ing Smyer in football action. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.

CLASS REUNIONS

1938, 1947-48-49-50

The class of 1938 at Tahoka High may be the "ice breaker" at Homecoming this year with Mary Margaret Stewart slated to attend the reunion. She could also be the individual who comes from the greatest distance, Waco.

Close behind in the annual race are the classes of 1947, '48, '49, and 1950. The "place to be", following the all-school get-together at noon on Friday, Sept. 15, is First National Bank's party room, directly south of the bank.

More detailed information can be obtained from Nat Park, class of '47; Nan Adams Howell, '48; Mary Draper Fleming, '49, and Pat Park, class of '50.

1976 - 40th year reunion

Members of the THS Class of 1976: Meet 12:30-1:00 Friday at THS Auditorium to register for Exes Assembly (1-2 pm); 2:30 meet at THS gym parking lot to ride float in Homecoming Parade to downtown pep rally. After pep rally, meet at Pop Belly's BBQ for meal, and after game return to Pop Belly's. For information, call Denise at 806-787-0405.

Win \$100 cash by kicking a field goal

Tahoka Bulldog fans who come to the home football games this year will have a chance to win \$100 while they support the Bulldogs. For the third consecutive year, the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) is sponsoring a field goal kicking contest at the Tahoka High School Kelley Field during all of the home games, but fans must purchase a football program from the Bulldog Booster Club for a chance to compete at the beginning of the halftime period.

Look at the Tahoka Bulldog roster page in the center of the football program for information on which business is sponsoring the night's contest, and then see if their ad is specially-marked with a bright yellow round sticker.

"If you have the specially-marked program, bring it to the home entrance ticket window before the end of the second quarter, where I will be waiting," said Blake Moore, TACC president.

Tahoka Area Chamber hosts pie contest at Harvest Festival

The Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a pie contest this year at the Lynn County Harvest Festival. There will be no charge to enter the contest. All entries should be brought to the Harvest Festival on Sat., Sept. 17, to the Chamber Booth between 11:00-11:30 a.m. Pies will be judged and winners will be announced during the queen/princess contest. Prizes will be awarded for top three pies, with categories to be determined according to entries.

All entries will need to bring TWO pies. One pie will be judged and the second will be up for a silent auction. Individual pie slices will also be for sale at their booth during the festival.



Can't catch me ... New Home's Miguel Gomez (#15) avoids a tackle as he carries the ball for the Leopards, in their 56-6 win over Sands last week. (Photo courtesy Jessica Quillin)

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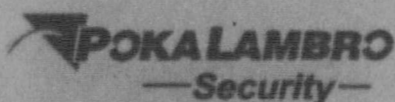
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This letter is long overdue partly because I've taken time to recover (an excuse) and mostly because it would take eight pages of the Lynn County News to list everyone for whom I hold infinite gratitude.

It was a long and both dramatic and traumatic spring and summer. It began with a double courtroom drama; peaked with a very awful automobile accident in which a 10-year old heroine saved two lives. It now wanes as I am rehabbing from hip replacement surgery. The wreck damaged some other worn body parts that will be scheduled for replacement some

time in the coming months so the list of loving, helpful and concerned folks will expand. To all the friends whose prayers aided my recovery and restitution of transportation; to all who visited me frequently during the interminable days in the hospital; to all who phoned, texted, mailed cards and notes, kept my hospital room blooming and smelling of roses; to all the really cool, competent and compassionate medical folks and to all who praised my recuperation efforts that spurred me to further improvement, my unending thanks.

May the good Lord bless you as you have blessed me.

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF TEXAS

TO Mary Helen Sandobal, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Esperanza Chavarria, et al, Defendants, and to all whom it may concern:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of Michelle Sullivan, et al, Plaintiffs, was filed against Mary Helen Sandobal, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Esperanza Chavarria, and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in the petition adverse to Plaintiffs' title, or any cloud on Plaintiffs' title thereto Defendants, on March 11, 2016, in the 106th Judicial District Court of Lynn County, Texas, and is numbered 16-03-07275, and entitled MICHELLE COLON SULLIVAN, ET AL. PLAINTIFF V. MARY HELEN SANDOBAL, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Esperanza Chavarria, and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in the petition adverse to Plaintiffs' title, or any cloud on Plaintiffs' title thereto. DEFENDENTS. This lawsuit is brought to quiet title and certain real property, breach of express warranty, and equitable estoppel.

Michelle Sullivan's attorney of record is Hunter Harris, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 968, Tahoka, Texas 79373.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the Plaintiff's interest which will be binding upon you.

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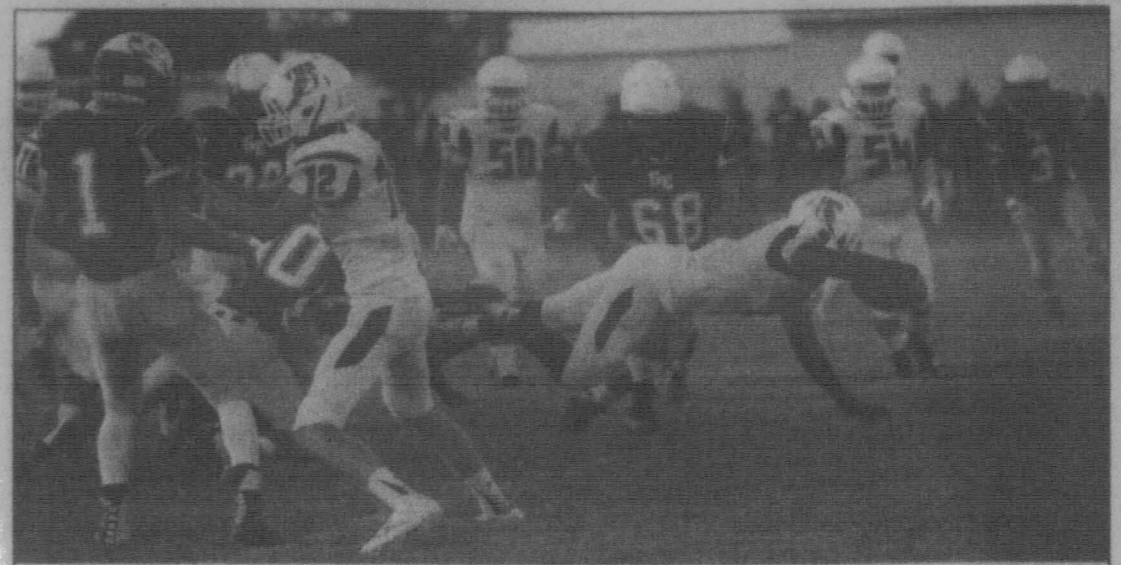
The Tahoka Bulldogs traveled to Springlake-Earth last Friday and came away with a 35-22 victory, bringing their record to 2-1 as they gear up for their first home game, in front of a Homecoming crowd, this week. The Dogs will host the Smyer Bobcats Friday night, with pregame ceremonies starting at 7:00 and kickoff at 7:30.

The Bulldogs were able to capitalize on their opening drive against Springlake's Wolverines when Brit Lockaby hit Grant Tell over the middle with a 20 yard pass to put the Bulldogs up 6-0. John Quinonez was good on the PAT making it 7-0. Springlake was able to respond late in the first quarter and tie the game at 7. The Bull-

dogs reeled off 13 unanswered points by Kevin White with runs of 5 yards and 24 yards to take a 20-7 lead. The Wolverines were able to score with three minutes left in the half to narrow the Bulldogs' lead 20-14 at the break.

The second half opened up with good defense played by both teams leading to a scoreless third period. Just seconds into the 4th quarter, Brit Lockaby was able to extend his team's lead with a 5 yard touchdown run and Andrew Alvarez added the two point conversion on a blocked PAT to give the Bulldogs a 28-14 lead. Lockaby again found the endzone with 5 minutes remaining with a 15 yard run. John Quinonez's PAT was true and the Bulldogs led 35-14. Springlake was able to add another score with three minutes remaining to bring the score to 35-22. After securing the kick-off, the Bulldogs were able to run out the clock and bring their record to 2-1.

"I was really proud of the



Stretching for a TD ... Tahoka's Kevin White stretches across the goal line for a touchdown for the Bulldogs in last week's win over Springlake-Earth. The Dogs won the road game 35-22. Other Dogs assisting here are Tristen Stice (12), Ruben Quinonez (50), and John Quinonez (54). (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

way our boys fought all night long," said Coach Brandon Hopper. "Springlake came out and gave us everything they had. I was especially proud of how our defense came out and played the second half, only allowing one touchdown. The defense had a huge stop on Springlake's opening drive of the second half. If they score there, they poten-

tially take the lead. Keeping them out of the end zone there allowed our offense to continue with the game plan and run the ball. It was a great team win!" he added.

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Brit Lockaby: 1-2 20yards 1 TD
Receiving:
Grant Tekell: 1 20 yards 1 TD

Rushing:
Jowan Hamilton: 15-120 yards
Lockaby: 19-111 yards 2 TD
Kevin White: 4-54 yards 2 TD
Andrew Alvarez: 8-41 yards

PAT:
John Quinonez was 3-5 on PAT's

Interception:
Malik Hamilton had an interception.



Stop right there ... Tahoka's Jowan Hamilton (2) grabs a Wolverine as Brit Lockaby (7) is heading him off, in Bulldog action Friday-night. Tahoka won 35-22 over Springlake-Earth. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

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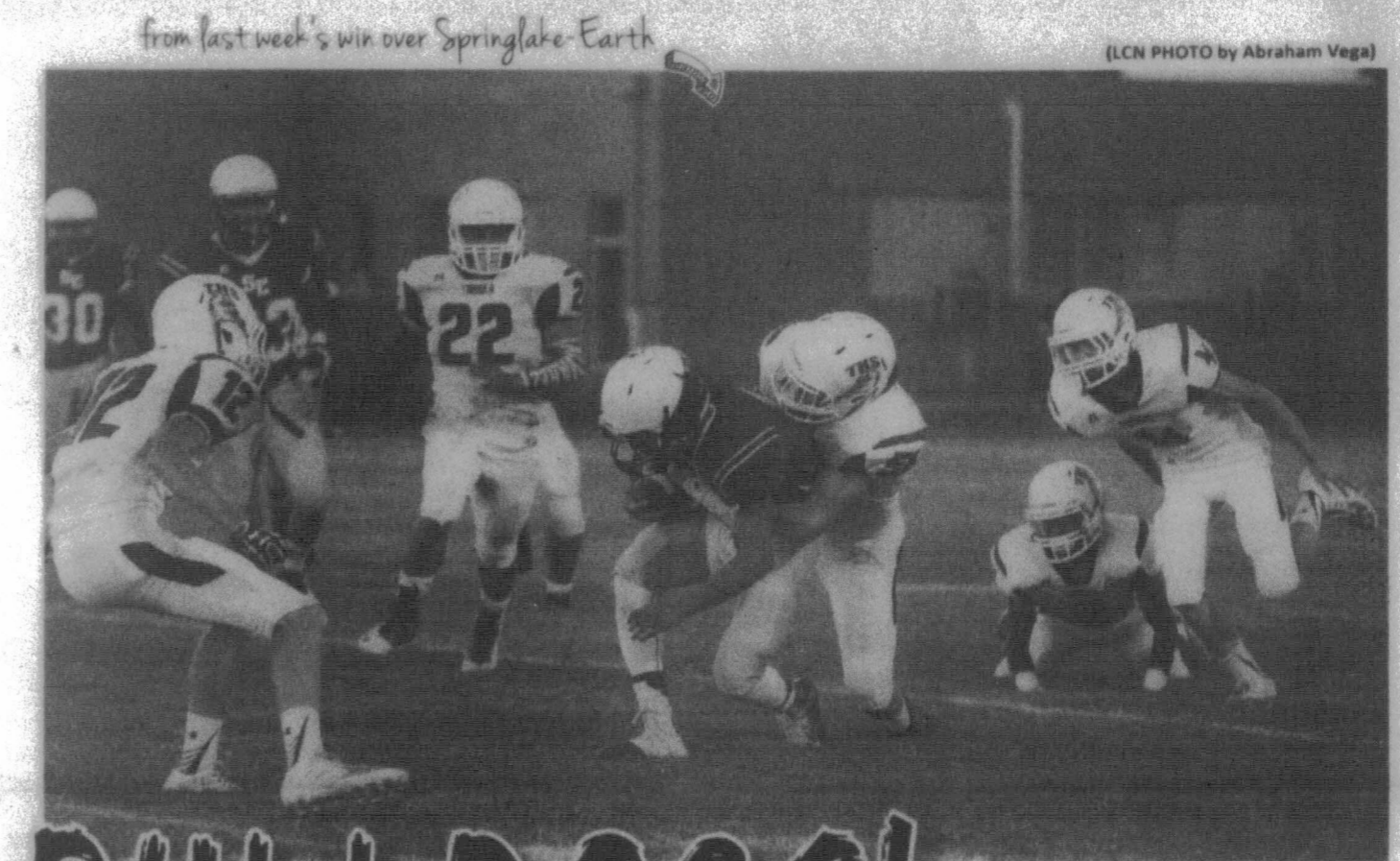
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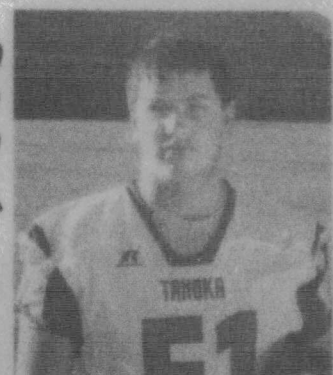
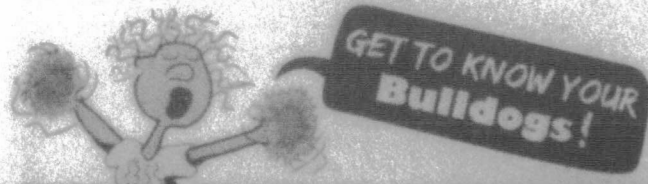


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- Crop Production Services
- Calvillo Enterprises
- Tahoka Donuts
- FirstBank & Trust
- Capital Farm Credit
- Fenton Insurance Agency



#51 - BRYSON RESENDEZ
Favorite pastime: trap and skeet shoots • Who would you like to have dinner with? Kate Upton • Favorite movie quote: "It ain't about how hard ya hit. It's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward." - Rocky



#55 - TRISTEN TIPTON
Nickname: T-Tip • Favorite school subject: lunch • Favorite line from a movie: "You're killin me, Smalls." - The Sandlot • What would you do with a million dollars? Build a baseball field • Favorite NFL team & player: Dallas Cowboys, Tyrell Owens



#58 - JUSTYN McCARTY
Nickname: McDaddy • Hidden talent: drawing • Favorite quote: "Leave your past behind you." • What would you do with a million dollars? Save up! Favorite subject in school: lunch

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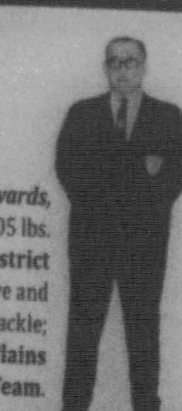
The 1966 Tahoka Bulldogs



FOOTBALL HONORS:
Gary Tomlinson, Sr., 155 lbs. All-District, Defensive Safety



Phil Adams, Sr., 150 lbs. All-District, Offensive End



Milton Edwards, Jr., 205 lbs. All-District Offensive and Defensive Tackle; All South Plains Team.



Honorable Mention All-District players are: Cliff Thomas, Tommy Kidwell, Rett Patterson and Danny Coburn.

Captains Gary Tomlinson and Rett Patterson, both seniors, led the Bulldogs this year.

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