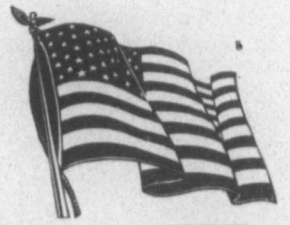




**Groundbreaking in O'Donnell ...** Groundbreaking ceremonies for Lynn County Hospital District's new O'Donnell Clinic were held at 10 a.m. last Thursday on property at 4th and Doak Street in O'Donnell, where the new clinic will be built with grant funding from the FMH Foundation. Pictured from left with shovels are: Sharon Isham, Hospital/Foundation boards; Bruce Vaughn, Land Donor; Sue Vaughn, Land Donor; Eileen Piwetz, FMH Foundation; Joni Hires, FMH Foundation; John Baker, LCHD Foundation; Melanie Richburg, LCHD CEO; Dr. Chow, O'Donnell Clinic; Cyndi Schneider, FNP O'Donnell Clinic; Charla Lee, O'Donnell Clinic Manager; and Kim Parker, O'Donnell Mayor. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

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## Where are they now?

Where are Tahoka High School exes, and what are they doing now? Send us a few sentences by Oct. 7 about any Tahoka ex, and tell us what year they graduated, where they are now, what job they have, etc., and we will publish in our Oct. 10 issue just prior to Tahoka's Homecoming.

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## THIS WEEK IN FOOTBALL

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

- Tahoka at Sundown
- Wink at New Home
- Wilson (bye)
- O'Donnell at Anton

## FRIDAY NIGHT SCOREBOARD

Littlefield 28-19 Tahoka  
Hamlin 55-7 New Home  
Jayton 57-8 Wilson  
Petersburg vs O'Donnell  
game canceled due to rain

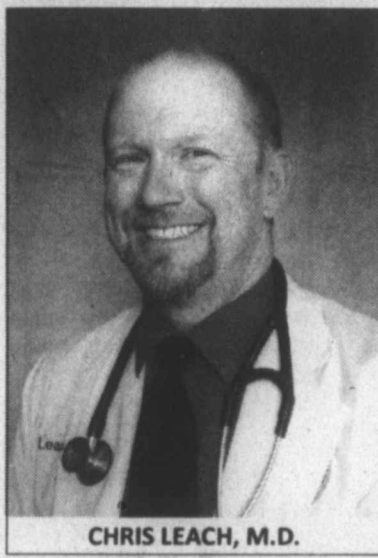
## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Sept 17	90	64	
Sept 18	92	64	
Sept 19	95	64	0.22"
Sept 20	95	68	1.90"
Sept 21	87	67	0.87"
Sept 22	75	67	
Sept 23	85	66	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 7 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	0.00"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.00"
Total Precip for Mar:	1.59"
Total Precip for Apr:	3.37"
Total Precip for May:	3.32"
Total Precip for June:	1.63"
Total Precip for July:	0.05"
Total Precip for Aug:	1.02"
Total Precip for Sept:	3.32"
Total Precip. for 2019:	14.30"



CHRIS LEACH, M.D.

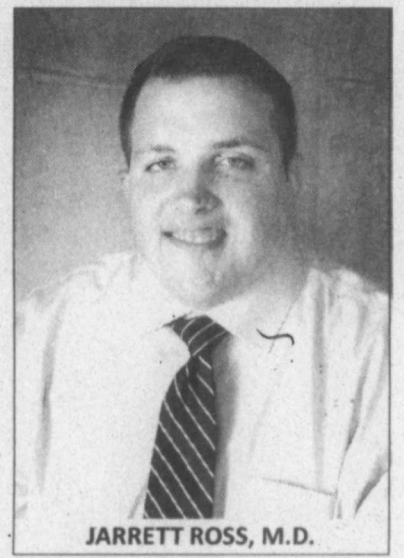
## Open House today to welcome new LCHD doctors Leach, Ross

Area citizens are invited to an Open House from 5:00-6:30 p.m. today (Thursday, Sept. 26) to welcome two new physicians to the staff of Lynn County Hospital District. Christopher Leach, MD, and Jarrett Ross, MD, are now seeing patients at the LCHD Specialty Clinic at 1705 Lockwood in Tahoka, where the Open House will be held.

Dr. Christopher Leach, MD, was born and raised in Lubbock.

He went to Lubbock Christian School for elementary, junior high, and high school. He graduated from Texas Tech and moved to East Texas (Tyler) for about 16 years, before returning to Lubbock in 2013 to attend medical school and then residency in Family Medicine.

"I am excited to provide medical care for the citizens of Tahoka and surrounding communities," said Dr. Leach. "Although I am new (See NEW DOCTORS, page 4)



JARRETT ROSS, M.D.

## Groundbreaking held for new LCHD O'Donnell Clinic

by JUANELL JONES

O'Donnell citizens, city officials, and Lynn County Hospital District staff and officials gathered at 4th and Doak Street in O'Donnell last Thursday, Sept. 19, at 10 a.m. for official groundbreaking ceremonies for LCHD's new O'Donnell Clinic.

The new clinic will be built at the 4th and Doak Street property, that was donated for that purpose by the Vaughn family of O'Donnell. Funding for the project has been provided by the FMH Foundation, in the amount of \$450,000.

LCHD's Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Melanie Richburg, welcomed everyone to the ceremony, noting that LCHD is pleased that the new O'Donnell Clinic will help provide "healthcare closer to home," which is the hospital district's motto.

Kim Parker, Mayor of O'Donnell, also spoke briefly, adding that the O'Donnell community is excited about the new clinic, and thanking LCHD for the expansion project that will serve O'Donnell and the surrounding area.

Sue Vaughn, representing the Vaughn family, said that generations of her family had lived in O'Donnell and were proud community supporters. "We are so pleased that this property will be used for the new O'Donnell Clinic," she said, noting that four generations of the Vaughn family were in attendance at the groundbreaking ceremonies.

Two representatives from the FMH Foundation, Eileen Piwetz and Joni Hires, were present for the groundbreaking. Piwetz said that this project would be pleasing to

the founder of the FMH Foundation, Florence Marie Hall, as it is an important addition to the community.

Dr. Chow, who sees patients at the current O'Donnell Clinic, said that he is pleased that LCHD is building the larger clinic in O'Donnell, and that he would do his part to provide the best possible healthcare for patients.

A large crowd of O'Donnell citizens watched the groundbreaking ceremonies, and visited with the dignitaries afterwards.

## Closing its doors ...

### Tahoka Church of Christ to close doors after final service on Sept. 29

by JUANELL JONES

After more than 100 years serving the citizens of Tahoka, the Tahoka Church of Christ is closing its doors, and the building at 2320 Lockwood will no longer be used as a church home for the local congregation.

Members made the difficult decision to close, after many months of declining membership and difficulties in maintaining ongoing expenses.

This week, the church membership released the following announcement:

"Ecclesiastes 3 tells us that to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven; and we know this to be true. For the Tahoka Church of Christ, we find that our time as an organized family has come to an end. Our last worship service will be Sunday, September 29 at 11:00 a.m., followed by a fellowship luncheon and you all are invited to attend. There is no need to bring food, the meal will be catered - unless you'd like to bring your favorite dessert.

"As for the building itself, we have approached Lynn County Hospital and offered to donate it to them and they plan to determine the possibility of turning it into a nursing home. Our deepest prayer is that the building will continue to serve and bless the community of Tahoka - a community that we love so very deeply."

-- Blessings and peace,  
The Tahoka Church of Christ family

According to historical information in "Grassroots Upside Down: A History of Lynn County," the Tahoka Church of Christ was established in late 1916, with the congregation meeting in the home of one of its founding members, Mrs. Mattie Bradley. Other founding members included George and Mary Sanford, Mrs. Allphin, Howard Draper, and Roy Ford.

In 1925, the members purchased the old building of First Baptist Church, one block east (See CHURCH CLOSING, page 2)



**Church closing ...** The Tahoka Church of Christ is closing its doors, and the building at 2320 Lockwood will no longer be used as a church home for the local congregation. Area citizens are invited to a final worship service this Sunday, Sept. 29 at 11 a.m., with a lunch following in the fellowship hall.



Did you know?

Did you know Q is the only letter of the alphabet that doesn't appear in any U.S. state name?

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**44th annual Harvest Festival slated here October 12th**

The 44th Annual Lynn County Harvest Festival is just a couple of weeks away, slated for Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Tahoka Mini-Park, located at N. 1st and Ave. J.

The 2019 Lynn County Harvest Festival promises to be as much fun as in previous years, featuring live entertainment, games, princess and queen contests, vendor booths offering all kinds of food, crafts, and toys, and cash prizes from audience participation.

Children may begin collecting their turtles for the annual Turtle Races at the Harvest Festival, sponsored each year by Lynn County 4-H. Food and game booths are also a big attraction at the festival. For information about booth space, contact booth chairman Rebecca Ingle at 561-4440. Booths open by 10 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

The Harvest Festival Princess and Queen will be named during the afternoon, with

candidates signing up now for an opportunity to win cash prizes and scholarships. Princess chairman is Liz Tew (cell 806-790-4301) and the Queen chairman is Amy Rodriguez (cell 806-928-0353). Any girl attending a Lynn County high school may enter the Queen contest, and girls in 2nd-5th grades may enter the Princess contest.

This year's raffle tickets sold by princess and queen contestants features 16 chances to win \$4,000 in prizes. Two \$1,000 grand prizes will be given away, one from the Queen ticket raffle, and one from the Princess ticket raffle. In addition, there will be four drawings for \$250 (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.

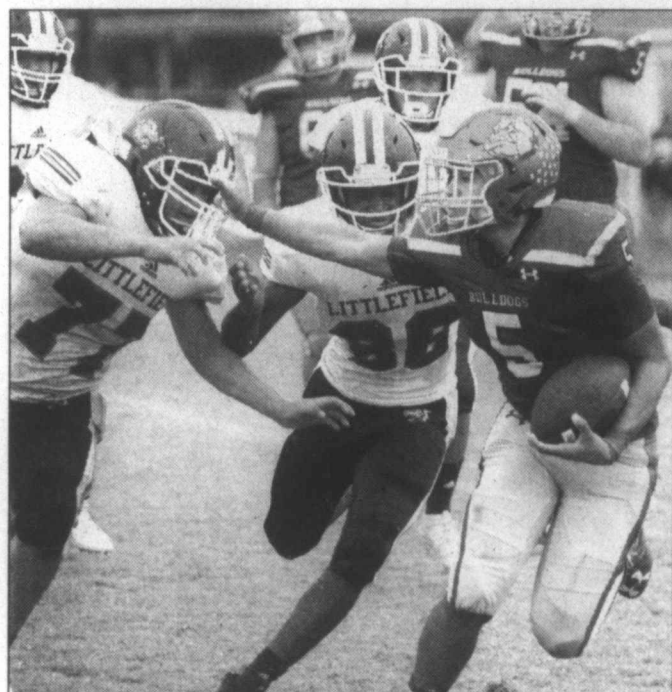
**Hadley Reynolds makes \$200 kick**

Hadley Reynolds made a 20-yard field goal kick that netted him \$200 cash, during halftime of the Tahoka-Littlefield game that was rescheduled to Saturday afternoon after Friday night thunderstorms postponed the game.

Reynolds was reportedly kicking for Matt Woodley, who purchased the lucky program with the specially-marked sticker inside for a chance to kick in the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce kicking contest.

Chamber sponsors for the cash were Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. (carried over from the first week's contest with no winner), and Lynn County Hospital District.

The next kicking contest will be for \$100 at halftime of the next home game, which will be Friday, Oct. 11, at Tahoka's Homecoming game, hosting New Home.



**Go away ...** Tahoka's Soul Moore (5) carries the ball, giving the stiff arm to Littlefield's Sonny Soto (77), with another Wildcat, Bradlinn Asberry (88) coming up close on his heels, in Saturday afternoon football action here. The Bulldogs kept pace with the Wildcats, but Littlefield took the win.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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



**Northwest coast ...** Kent and Vondell Elliott of Tahoka, and Karen Resslering of Ruidoso, NM, were at Shore Acres Botanical Gardens in Coos Bay, Oregon recently, taking their Lynn County News for a photo op. They are about 1,830 miles from home.

**NEWS from the Library**  
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(inside the Life Enrichment Center)

**Calling All Bookworms...**  
For all you book lovers, a Fall Book Sale is scheduled at the Dog Ear Bookstore Monday, November 11th. Save the date and don't miss this one-day sale.

**Gangsters Tour of Texas...**  
Coming in October true stories about the gangsters that roamed Texas during the 1920s and 1930s. Join us as we look back in time when Bonnie & Clyde, the Newton Boys, Machine Gun Kelly, the Post Morphine Ring and other gangsters drove old-time cars down unpaved roads in Texas.

**Church closing ...**

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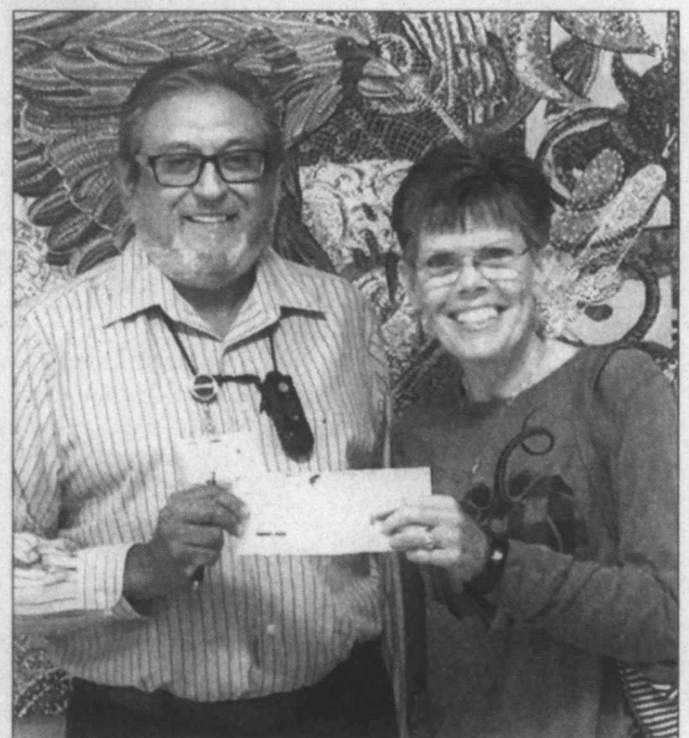
of the courthouse, remodeling it for their purposes. In 1958, a new church building was constructed at its present location, at 2320 Lockwood, at a cost of \$80,000. The church annex was added to the building in 1974.

Throughout its 103-year history, the Tahoka Church of Christ has served its members well. The building at 2320 Lockwood has served as the church home for 61 years, for church services, Bible studies, weddings, funerals, church dinners and a multitude of community events as a vital part of the community of Tahoka.

It is with great sorrow that its remaining members reached the difficult decision to close. The community of Tahoka and surrounding communities are invited to participate in their final worship service on Sunday, Sept. 29, and are invited to the dinner that will follow.

The last collection gathered Sunday will be donated to the Lynn County Senior Citizens building project.

• There are over 300,000 identified plant species and the list is growing all the time.



**For cancer victims ...** An annual local fundraiser organized by Rhonda McNeely (right) of Tahoka raised funds to donate to the Joe Arrington Cancer Center. Accepting the check for the 2019 donations is Joe Velasquez, Service Provider. The donated money is for cancer patients that are in need of help with simple necessities like gas, lodging while in treatments, wigs, scarves, food and other daily needs. "100% of the money goes to needy patients of the South Plains. Thanks to those that donated/bid on auction items at the fundraiser each year," said McNeely.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The word pineapple comes from European explorers who thought the fruit combined the look of a pinecone with flesh like that of an apple.

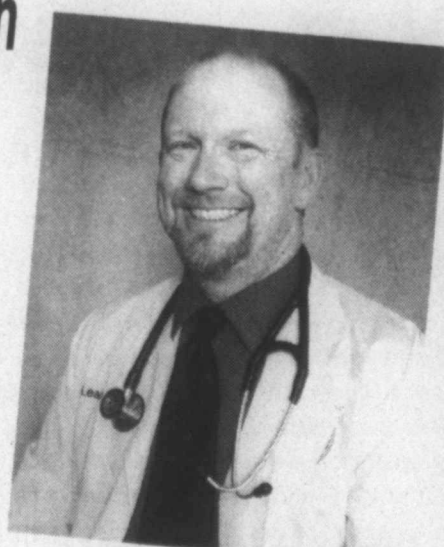
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**Christopher Leach and Jarrett Ross**



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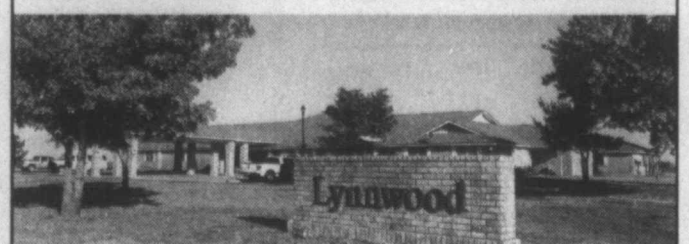


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# Several accidents occur during heavy rainfall in the county

by JUANELL JONES

Several traffic accidents occurred last Friday during heavy rainfall in Lynn County, but no injuries were reported in any of the incidents.

A driver reported that he had rear-ended another vehicle that had stopped at 3:38 p.m. Friday on US 87 near CR 18 where water was over the road, saying he had not seen the other vehicle stop due to the heavy rains. Involved in the collision were a red Nissan Pathfinder and a red Ford Fusion, but no driver information was available.

Soon afterward, at 4:03 p.m., a caller reported to the Lynn County Sheriff's Office that a green Toyota SUV had just hit a puddle of water on US 87 and went airborne, ending up in a field about a half mile south of the Allsup's convenience store in O'Donnell on the west side

of the field. O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. first responders arrived at the scene, reporting that the driver, Eddie Neblett of Lubbock, was apparently not injured. The vehicle, a 1997 Toyota, was pulled out of the field, and the driver reportedly was able to continue on his journey.

Water was reported over the US 87 southbound lanes near CR 18 at 4:14 p.m., with vehicles reportedly stopping on the highway. TxDOT was on the scene to assist with traffic.

At 6:34 p.m. Saturday, a maroon Mazda CX5 slid off the roadway on US 87 north of the north roadside park outside Tahoka, with a 9-1-1 caller reporting that the vehicle had ended up in the middle of a field. The female driver was apparently not injured, and a truck stopped to pull her vehicle out and get her back on

the road. No driver information was available.

Last Thursday at 6:42 p.m. two vehicles collided at the intersection of Apache Road and Kittyhawk Lane in The Palms near New Home. A caller reported that her Uber driver and a worker from The Palms had collided but no one was injured.

Tahoka Police responded to an accident in Tahoka last Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Pablo Herevia, 35, was the driver of a 2014 red Toyota Tundra pickup that collided with a 1976 maroon Chevrolet Corvette driven by Johnathan Lee Wright, 28, at the intersection of South 2nd and Ave. L. Lynn County EMS was called to the scene for treatment of unknown injuries. There was some damage to both vehicles, according to the report.

The Sheriff's Office had a report of a stolen vehicle at

8:02 p.m. last Monday from a woman in Wilson who said that her son had taken her Tahoe and her cell phone. She told officers she had received a call from a man in Lubbock stating that her son had left her vehicle somewhere on the east side of Lubbock and had taken off walking. Investigation is ongoing.

Also last Monday night, at 8:13 p.m. a 9-1-1 call was received reporting that three females were walking south on US 87 just north of Poka Lambro, about 11 miles north of Tahoka. Twenty minutes later, another 9-1-1 call reportedly came from one of the females walking on the side of the road, saying that her vehicle had broken down and she and two other females that were with her were walking back to Tahoka and that no one had stopped to help them. A deputy was already enroute to the scene. A third 9-1-1 call came a few minutes later from a woman who reported that three females had come to her house banging on her door, demanding to be given a ride to Tahoka. She said only one of the females was interacting with her, and when she advised the woman to call law enforcement for help, the female reportedly responded that she did not need law enforcement because she was a Texas Ranger. A deputy located two of the females three houses down from the complainant who called 9-1-1, but was unable to locate the third female.

Lynn County Jail held 41 inmates during the week, including 26 held for Ector County and 15 for Lynn County. Local charges included one for bond forfeiture for Possession of a Controlled Substance, and one for traffic violation warrants.

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



Harpers Ferry ... Lynn County News reader Dallas Greer of Slide, Texas visited her sister and her family in Waterford, Virginia over Labor Day. This picture with *The Lynn County News* was taken at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, Maryland/Virginia/West Virginia. *The News* is 1,622 miles from home!



Winner... Texas Tech Credit Union came to the Tahoka ISD in-service breakfast on the staff's first day back. Teachers could sign up for an account at the credit union and when they did, they were put into a drawing to win \$500. Mrs. Crystal Pledger won the drawing for her classroom.

### NEW HOME HAPPENINGS by Denise Sherrod

New Home Baptist Church welcomed its new pastor, L. J. Wright and his wife Tiffani last Sunday. Brother Wright's message focused on Acts 2:42-47 and was titled "The Devoted Church."

Sunday services at New Home Baptist are as follows: Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.; and Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday services include GA's and RA's and Bible Study, all beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The GA's will be having a garage sale at the New Home Community Center on October 4 and 5 from 8:00 a.m. until they wear out or everything is gone. Proceeds will be used to fund GA camp next summer. Please come and buy something to use or sell in your next garage sale.

### It's for a good cause! New Home Community Library

The library has some new books! We have two copies of the book mentioned last week, *Empire of the Summer Moon*. This is a nonfiction book that chronicles the life of the Comanche through its focus on Quanah Parker.

We also have the first two books in the Mitford Series by Jan Karon. This series has it all: humor, mystery, drama, and a little romance. It also tosses in some scripture without being preachy. And that's pretty impressive, considering that the protagonist is a preacher. Oh... and it has a dog.

Please come by the library and see what's waiting to entertain you and your family!

If you have items of interest to the New Home community, please email Denise Sherrod at [dtsherrod@gmail.com](mailto:dtsherrod@gmail.com).



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## Lynn County Ag Tour held Sept. 18

Farmers, ranchers, agribusinessmen and women gathered at Wells Co-Op Gin to attend the annual Lynn County Ag Tour last Wednesday, Sept. 18. The tour was sponsored by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Lynn County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Registration for the tour began at 8:00 a.m. at the gin with coffee and donuts provided by Wells Co-Op Gin. Tour buses left the gin to travel to the tour stops using buses provided by O'Donnell ISD.

Stops for this year's farm tour included pivots, drip, a playa lake and permanent grass patches. Speakers included:

- Calvin Trostle with Texas Agrilife presented information on sugar cane aphids, milo, corn and hemp.

- Shannon Chambliss, Texas Game Warden, presented information about TPWD

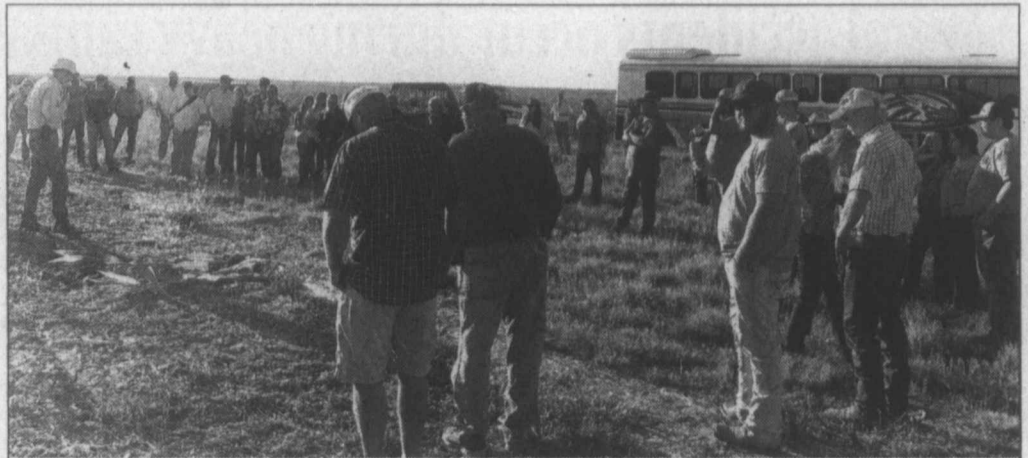
programs and gave information and field questions about the Mule Deer upcoming hunting season in Lynn County.

- Cecilia Moclova-Santana with Texas Agrilife presented information on cotton diseases and pests.

- Katie Lewis with Texas Agrilife presented information about cover crops and crop rotation.

- Peter Dotray with Texas Agrilife presented information about weed pests in row crops and challenges growers faced in 2019.

The field tour concluded with a noon meal sponsored by Peoples Bank and Lynn/Garza Farm Bureau, distribution of door and plant ID contest prizes and presentation of the Outstanding Farmer and Outstanding Young Farmer of the year awards. Valton Stephens was recognized as the 2019 Outstanding Farmer and Jerry Webb Jr. was recognized as the 2019 Outstanding Young Farmer.



**Ag Tour ...** The Lynn County Ag Tour was held last Wednesday, Sept. 18, with good attendance from area farmers, ranchers, agri-businessmen and women.

## New doctors ...

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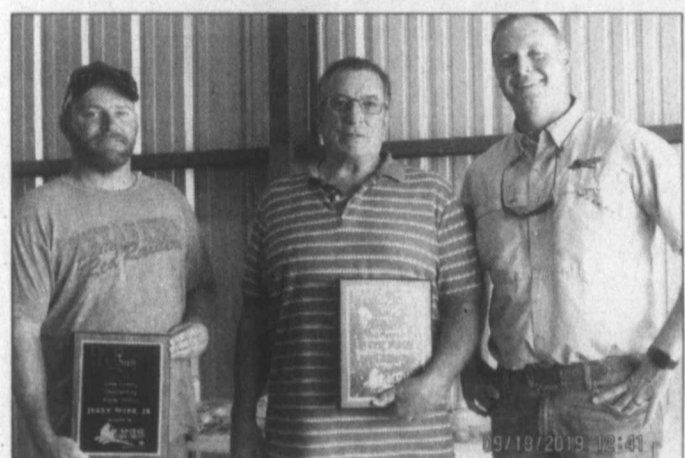
to town, I have West Texas roots. My grandparents lived in Lamesa and my grandfather worked for the hospital for many years.

"During residency, I focused on working in rural emergency rooms all around West Texas. I started covering the Lynn County ER in June of 2018. I was very impressed with the staff and administration at the hospital and with the friendliness of the patients. My good friend from residency, Dr. Jarrett Ross, had planned to open a clinic here in Tahoka and after much discussion, I decided to join him," Dr. Leach explained. "I look forward to meeting you and taking care of your medical needs."

Dr. Leach has been married to his wife, Stacy, for 23 years. They have two children, ages 11 and 14, and they enjoy being outside, traveling, and playing tennis.

Dr. Jarrett Ross, MD, says he is excited to be here and provide health care to Lynn County. Dr. Ross is also a West Texas son, raised in Tullia, where he says he learned the value of being raised in a rural community.

"I completed my undergraduate degree at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas where I met my wife, Christa. I then transitioned to medical school and residency in Lubbock at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, where I have been for the past six years. I have been working in the LCHD emergency room and hospital for the past two years, and I am excited to continue to work with LCHD in



**Outstanding farmers ...** Jerry Webb Jr. (left) was named Outstanding Young Farmer, and Valton Stephens (center) was named Outstanding Farmer at the 2019 Farm Tour. Jason Gandy (right), Senior Vice President of Capital Farm Credit, provided the plaques for the awards. The winners were selected by the Lynn County Ag Committee composed of representatives from the USDA agencies, financial institutions, SWCD Board Chairman and previous year's winners.

the outpatient setting.

"The people of Lynn County have welcomed me with open arms, and I look forward to serving them in the years to come. I enjoy taking care of all patients including pediatrics, adults, OB/GYN and geriatrics. Dr. Leach and I look forward to meeting you!" added Dr. Ross.

He and his wife, Christa, have two children, 3-year-old Aiden, and 1-year-old Corbin.

## Did you know?

- The average person falls asleep in 7 minutes

- 8% of people have an extra rib
- A deck of cards should be shuffled at least 7 times before playing



**Thanks, Leighton ...** Leighton Knox Jr. and Wildcat Mfg. donated a new posting board at the front steps of the Lynn County Courthouse. The board is for public viewing of official county postings, including notices of all county meetings, probates, foreclosures, and sales, as well as postings for public meetings of the Lynn County Hospital District and Lynn County Appraisal District. Pictured from left are Pct. 3 Commissioner Don Blair, Leighton Knox Jr., Johnny Ortiz (Pct. 3), Mike Renteria (Wildcat Mfg) and Steve Gomez (Pct. 3).

## Commissioners meet in county courthouse for first time since historical restoration

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners met Monday in the county courtroom for the first time since the two-year historical restoration of the Lynn County Courthouse began, as the courthouse opened to the public last week. County offices moved back into the courthouse last week, and the district clerk's office and district records were being moved this week, after being in temporary facilities for the past two years.

All county offices moved back into the courthouse, except for the Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector's office (which includes vehicle licensing and voter registration) that will remain in the annex building at 1521 Ave. J, and the Lynn County Pct. 1 Justice of Peace office, which will remain at 905 Lockwood (on U.S. 380). The Pct 4 Justice of Peace office remains in O'Donnell.

Commissioners and other county officials met at 9:30 a.m. in the county courtroom, located in the northeast corner on the first floor of the courthouse. The courtroom features a judge's bench and historically restored witness stand. A long curved table is situated in front of the judge's bench, where the commissioners court is seated, along

with the county judge, county clerk, county treasurer, and county auditor for commissioners' meetings. Restored vintage wooden chairs, similar to those in the district courtroom, have been arranged for audience seating.

At Monday's meeting, commissioners voted unanimously to set the 2019-2020 property tax rate for Lynn County at \$0.75 per \$100 of property value, which is a 2-cent decrease from the previous year's rate.

Due to recent rains providing moisture to the area, commissioners voted to lift the county-wide burn ban, effective immediately. County Judge Mike Braddock requested, however, that any landowners who schedule controlled burns should continue to notify the Lynn County Sheriff's Office of those planned fires, so that they are aware in case others report seeing those fires.

The 2020 holiday calendar was approved as presented, with 12 holidays for county employees. Pct. 3 Commissioner Don Blair was appointed as Judge Pro Tem for the Commissioners Court, to serve if the County Judge is absent, and commissioners voted to continue with commissioners court meetings to be held on the second

and fourth Mondays of each month (unless a holiday necessitates rescheduling) for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, at 9:30 a.m. in the county courtroom.

A contract for indigent defense in district court proceedings was approved, with Lynn County's portion at \$6,804 for the annual contract shared with the four counties in the 106th Judicial District (Lynn, Garza, Gaines and Dawson).

Commissioners approved a bid from Switch IT for 17 Microsoft Office and Business computers at a cost of \$4,249.83. A long list of year-end budget amendments was approved as presented, and monthly bills were approved.

Lynn County Chief Deputy Jason Flores presented the Sheriff's Office report, and explained that the LCSO has requested deputies regular hours to be changed from 80 hours to 84 hours per pay period. Commissioners approved the request.

Judge Braddock recognized Don Blair and Leighton Knox for installing and building a new posting board display, that has been placed by the front steps of the courthouse. The board is for public viewing of official county postings, including notices of all county meetings, probates, foreclosures, and sales, as well as postings for public meetings of the Lynn County Hospital District and Lynn County Appraisal District.

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m. Judge Braddock presided, with all four commissioners present including Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham, and other county officials in attendance.

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**Courthouse tour...** The Phebe K Warner club toured the newly renovated courthouse recently. Pictured from left are Barbara White, Nancy Guilliams, Stephanie Stephens, Shirley Draper, County Judge Mike Braddock, Mary Belew, Rebecca Ingle, Linda Owen and Loretta Tekell.

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## Christmas for Kids sign-up set Sept. 28

Sign-up for Christmas for Kids will be Saturday, Sept. 28, from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, in Tahoka. For those interested in assisting with shopping, wrapping, supplies, sign-up assistance, or adopting a family, contact Sheri Stone at (806) 759-3833 or Donna Willis (806) 773-0605. The final date to adopt will be Nov. 25th. For persons who shop or adopt, all gifts need to be in by Dec. 6.

To be considered in the Christmas For Kids program, the following requirements must be met:

- Must show proof of Lynn County residence and students enrolled in a school in Lynn County
- Must present a Medicaid, WIC or Food Stamp Card
- Proof of address and/or photo ID
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- No sign ups will be taken by phone nor any late sign-up days. Oct. 5 is the final date.

If someone other than the

person who registered is picking up gifts, we must be notified of who the person is and must provide a photo ID. If anyone has not received a call to pick up their gifts by Dec. 19th, please contact one of the persons listed above.

All sign ups will be held at First United Methodist Church. The next sign-up date is Sept. 29, from 2-4 p.m. **The final sign-up date is Oct. 5 from 9 a.m.-Noon.**

For more information, contact anyone listed above.

## WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS

Wilson Homecoming is Friday, Oct. 4th. The football game starts at 7:30 against Cotton Center, with the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen at 7 pm.

There will be a homecoming parade on Green Street in front of the school on Thursday Oct 3rd at 7 pm. The parade will begin at FM 400 and FM 211 and end at the school parking lot. We are looking for more entries, please meet around 6 pm to get in line at the post office. There will be a 1st place prize for best entry. The cheerleaders will be selling hot dogs, chips and drinks after the parade until the bonfire starts at dark.

Friday the booster club will be selling chopped brisket tacos, chopped brisket sandwiches and all other snacks for the homecoming game, as well as Mustang Gear, caps, arm-bands and window stickers in the concession stand.

## Area News ...

reprinted from area newspapers

### Big solar project continues to move forward

LAMESA - Plans for a large solar energy project east of O'Donnell are continuing to move forward, according to a representative of GreenGo Energy US.

"Everything is moving along well," David Veach, the company's senior director of development, told the Lamesa Press-Reporter late last week.

GreenGo Energy officials announced tentative plans early this year to build a 650-megawatt solar energy facility covering about 12 square miles of land in the northeastern corner of Dawson County.

But after obtaining tax agreements with the O'Donnell school district, Dawson County, and the Dawson County Hospital District, the project hit something of a bump in the road when officials with the Mesa Underground Water Conservation District opted not to grant a tax break sought by the company.

Although GreenGo Energy had sought consistency among all of the taxing entities impacted by the proposal, Veach said, the lack of a tax agreement with the water district does not appear significant enough to derail the project.

The water district's property tax rate, at roughly 1.5 cents per \$100 worth of property, is relatively minor compared to the tax rates of the other entities involved.

With most of what he called the "site control" issues nearing completion, Veach said the focus should be able to shift soon to design work for the facility.

Work and planning also is continuing on multiple other fronts, ranging from agreements for connections with the electrical transmission grid to completion of environmental studies.

If all continues to go well, Veach said, actual construction could be expected to start by the middle of next year.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

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### Enrollment numbers pointing toward move up to Class 5A

ANDREWS - Andrews High School enrollment numbers continue to creep over the 1,200 level - which could be pointing to a move to Class 5A during UIL reclassification/realignment scheduled for later this school year.

Overall, the district appears to be rapidly approaching the 4,400-level for the first time. The final day count for August revealed 4,389 students district-wide. Andrews High School total enrollment at the end of August was at 1,220.

Two years ago, the 5A cutoff on the low end was 1,150 students.

The present numbers are a record high for the school district.

-- from the Andrews County News

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## Bulldogs come up short in Saturday showdown

After mother nature planned otherwise, the Friday night contest between the Tahoka Bulldogs and the Littlefield Wildcats was postponed Friday night due to thunderstorms, and moved to a 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon kickoff. The Bulldogs got off to a good start, but the Wildcats took home the win, 28-19.

The Bulldogs got off to an extremely fast start and found themselves up 13-0 with just under 6 minutes off the clock. Malik Hamilton made the first TD on a 4-yard run, but the PAT was no good. Just a couple of minutes later, a punt attempt by the Wildcats was blocked, and Hamilton recovered the ball for a TD. Paxtyn Gwin's PAT was good. The Wildcats then found their stride and took a 14-13 lead going into the half, which they never let slip away. Littlefield

added a TD in both the third and fourth quarters, for the 28 points, while holding Tahoka to just one more touchdown, when Hamilton ran for 45-yards into the endzone in the third quarter. Tahoka's 2-point conversion attempt failed.

"I felt like we had many opportunities to win the game. We played really good on defense with the exception of about two really big pass plays," said Coach Stephen Overstreet. "We talked all week about Littlefield being a good running team and they just caught us flat footed and hit a couple of big passes that we didn't handle."

"Overall I felt like our defense did enough to win the game, especially with us being plus four in the turnover ratio. If you can get your opponent to turn the ball over

four times you should be able to relate that to a win. That wasn't the case as for the first time in a long time the offense struggled to finish drives. I felt like we moved the ball well in spurts, we just did things that didn't allow drives to be finished off. Overall I was pleased with what we did on Saturday and what those things will teach us moving forward.

"We talked about how we have never had to prepare for and play on a Saturday and with what we hope to accomplish down the road and getting into the playoffs Saturday games will be on the agenda. With that being said we obviously wanted to win the game, but we came up short. I would rather come up short and have something to learn from in September with time to correct it, than be looking back

in October or early November sitting at home thinking shoulda, woulda, coulda.

"We have another tough test and back on the road this week in Sundown. Sundown is a team that we have kind of had a mental block against the last few years. It's a team that we can play with and have had chances to win, we just had hiccups along the way that prevented that. It's another quality opponent and more importantly an opponent on the road that will continue to push us. Coach Cummings has a very good football team, and one that we have a ton of respect for. They are a team that I feel like we can do some really good things against and we can also right the wrong from Saturday. It won't be an easy task, but I'm glad to be playing a quality opponent that we can't take lightly af-



**Surrounded ...** Tahoka's Alexander Herevia (34) gets some tough yards, surrounded by a pack of Wildcats in Saturday afternoon action here. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

ter falling to Littlefield. We want to thank everyone who stayed out in the elements and cheered us on Saturday and we hope to see you in Sundown Friday night at 7:30," said Overstreet.

# TAHOKA VS SUNDOWN

Friday, Sept. 27

THERE at 7:30 p.m.



**Pack of Bulldogs ...** The Bulldogs storm onto the field from the tunnel in Saturday's game against the Littlefield Wildcats. Due to Friday night's thunderstorms, the game was postponed until 1 p.m. Saturday, played underneath cloudy skies and intermittent light rain. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



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Oct. 4	OPEN		
Oct. 11	New Home* (H)	Here	7:00
Oct. 18	Crosbyton*	Here	7:00
Oct. 25	Ralls*	There	7:00
Nov. 1	Lockney*	Here	7:00
Nov. 8	Smyer*	There	7:00

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### FOOTBALL TRIVIA

1. Which Super Bowl had the largest crowd?
2. What were the first points scored in Super Bowl history?
3. Who holds the Super Bowl record for the most losses?
4. Who scored the Super Bowl's 200th touchdown?

### ANSWERS:

1. Super Bowl XIV set the record of 103,985 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California pitting the Los Angeles Rams against the Pittsburgh Steelers.
2. Bart Starr threw a 37-yard touchdown pass to Max McGee against Kansas City in Super Bowl I. (Incidentally, Max McGee had gone out partying the night before the game because he didn't believe he would even get a chance to play in the game.)
3. Denver Broncos, with 5 losses in 1977, 1986, 1987, 1989, and 2013.
4. Dwight Smith of Tampa Bay (with his 2nd interception for a touchdown).

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