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Did you know?

- The United States Navy has started using Xbox controllers for their periscopes. You read that right – because the control stick for periscopes is so complicated, using Xbox controllers reduces the learning time from hours to minutes.
- Tennis players are not allowed to swear when they are playing in Wimbledon. Because of this, line judges have to learn curse words in every language so they know when a player has violated the rules.
- Only 5% of the ocean has been explored. Alongside this only 1% of the seabed has been discovered and explored. Sea exploration and mapping didn't truly start until the 1960s due to the lack of technology beforehand.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

Friday, Sept. 25 games:

- Ropes at Tahoka (H)
- Roscoe at New Home
- Hermleigh at Wilson
- O'Donnell at Spur

Last Week's Scoreboard:

Tahoka 21-8 Crosbyton
New Home 32-13 Floydada
Wilson 72-50 Southland
O'Donnell 54-52 Jayton

COVID UPDATE:

The South Plains Public Health District provided the following information of COVID-19 cases in Lynn County:

Sept 21 UPDATE:

Lynn County total cases: 93
(4 new cases during past week)
4 Active - 85 Recovered - 4 Deaths

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Sept 15	83	60	
Sept 16	87	59	0.03"
Sept 17	84	56	
Sept 18	82	52	
Sept 19	81	51	
Sept 20	82	51	
Sept 21	82	48	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	0.58"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.48"
Total Precip for Mar:	2.56"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.02"
Total Precip for May:	2.58"
Total Precip for June:	2.32"
Total Precip for July:	0.46"
Total Precip for Aug:	0.75"
Total Precip for Sept:	0.24"
Total Precip. for 2020:	9.99"

A job well done ...

Sandra Laws retiring after 28 years as District Clerk here

by JUANELL JONES

She's seen the best and the worst of people through 28 years of district courtroom procedures, and witnessed thousands of hours of trial procedures observing attorneys with different approaches and styles make their cases before juries and judges. Throughout it all, she is thankful that she was not one of the 12 people on a jury that had to make the difficult decisions. Instead, Sandra Laws served as the District Clerk in Lynn County, performing the duties assigned by the Texas Constitution as registrar, recorder and custodian of all court pleadings, instruments and papers that are part of any legal cause of action in the district courts. Next Wednesday, Sept. 30, will be Laws' final day as the District Clerk, as she is retiring after nearly three decades of service here.

It is fitting that Sandra Laws will be honored with a retirement reception in the second floor District Courtroom of the Lynn County Courthouse – the place where she has spent thousands of hours performing her duties. Citizens are

invited to come and wish her well in her retirement, in a come-and-go reception from 2:00 until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Laws says she is looking forward to retirement, to spending

(See SANDRA LAWS, page 2)



DISTRICT CLERK SANDRA LAWS

Car strikes deer on US 380; gunshots reported in NH area

by JUANELL JONES

An accident involving a deer, and a report of gunshots heard in the New Home area were in law enforcement reports this week.

A caller to the Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 6:41 a.m. last Tuesday, Sept. 15 reported that his vehicle had struck a deer at the intersection of US 380 and FM 179, and that the deer was still alive in a ditch. The Game Warden was notified, who asked the deputy on duty to put the deer down, but when the deputy arrived in the area he was unable to locate the deer. The driver of the vehicle had reported that there was not much damage to his vehicle, and had already left the scene.

Gunshots were reportedly heard east of a New Home residential area just after 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, with a caller reporting that she thought there were hunters that were shooting within the city limits. A deputy located the individu-

als, who reportedly had permission from the property owners to hunt dove at the location. He explained to the complainant about the situation.

A 6-year-old boy was reportedly bitten by a neighbor's dog at a location on Nora Road on Sept. 15. According to the call sheet report from the Sheriff's Office, the caller told officers that his son was in their back yard on the play set when the dog came onto their property and bit the boy. A deputy responding to the scene reported that "everything was okay" and that there was a civil agreement between the caller and neighbor at this time.

Lynn County SO assisted Lubbock County and Midland Police Dept. with attempting to locate a vehicle reportedly stolen out of Midland that was driving southbound on US 87 from FM 41, at 6:15 p.m. Sept. 17. The vehicle was located at the north roadside park

(See SHERIFF'S REPORT, page 2)

Tahoka Homecoming events set for tonight, and Friday

Thursday, September 24th

8:00 p.m. – Pep Rally & Spirit Fire on the Practice Field (face coverings required)

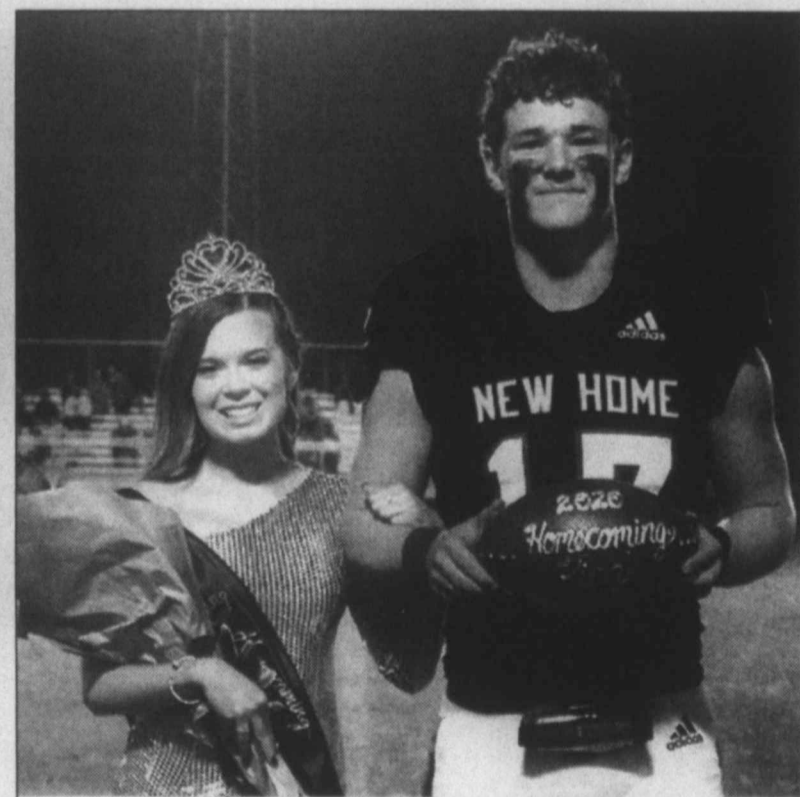
Friday, September 25th

- 12:00 noon – THS students dismissed for Homecoming festivities
- 12:30-1 p.m. – Registration in the Auditorium (no refreshments will be served this year)
- 1:00-2 p.m. – Exes Assembly in the THS Auditorium. Class of 2000 is the Honored Class. Face coverings required for students & staff, recommended for guests.
- 2:30 p.m. – Homecoming Parade line-up (those riding in the parade with people outside their family must wear face coverings)
- 3:00 p.m. – Homecoming Parade (N. 4th to Main, then south to Courthouse)
- 3:15 p.m. – Pep Rally at the Courthouse (face coverings required)
- 6:30 p.m. – Homecoming festivities begin
- 7:00 p.m. – THS Bulldogs vs. Ropes (limited tickets will be sold, face coverings required) Radio broadcast of the game available through Tahoka Sports Radio and the Tahoka Athletic Booster Club is hoping to provide live video coverage
- Half-Time – Homecoming Queen will be crowned
- After game – Various class reunions
- THERE WILL BE NO HARVEST FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY**

Homecoming royalty at O'Donnell and New Home ISD ...



OHS Homecoming Queen ... Maddie Sumners is escorted by her father at the O'Donnell High School Homecoming game on Friday, where she was crowned 2020 Homecoming Queen. She is the daughter of Chad and Farrah Sumners. (Photo courtesy of Texas 1A Fan FB page)



Leopard Homecoming ... Kagen Pearson and Bode Stewart were named New Home Homecoming Queen and King at the homecoming game Friday night. (Photo courtesy New Home ISD)



Did you know?

“ Kleenex tissues were originally used as filters in gas masks. The actual Kleenex product we know of today evolved from that by accident. ”

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Obituaries



Samuel (Sam) Vega

Samuel (Sam) G. Vega, 82, of Lubbock, formerly of Tahoka, died September 13, 2020. He was born August 31, 1938 in Taft, Texas to Carlos and Azulema (Guero) Vega.

In addition to his parents, Samuel was preceded in death by his daughter, Oralia Lopez and sisters, Manuela Perez and Juanita Rodriguez.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Santos (Sally) R. Vega of Lubbock; children; George, Diana, and Jesse (Irene) all of Lubbock; siblings, Joe, Carlos, Robert (Virginia) and Abel all of Tahoka, and Frank (Rosa), Erma Soto, Lupe Pena all of Lubbock, Dora (Javier) Blanco of Seagraves, Texas. Samuel is also survived by eight grandchildren; Anthony, Jeremy, Jordan, Jessalyn and Thomas all of Lubbock, Onda (Tyler) of Castle Rock, Colorado, Analisia and Gabriel of Carlsbad, New Mexico; seven great-grandchildren, Layney, Gavin, Ry'Lee, Kylie, Scarlet, Brooks and Kinsley. (PAID)

Did you know?

• The center of a comet is called a nucleus.

Sandra Laws retiring ...

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time with her husband Terry and family, and to pursue other interests and hobbies.

She was appointed as District Clerk for Lynn County in 1992, by District Judge George Hansard, to fill a two-year term that remained on the previous official's term. Interestingly, she followed in the footsteps of her mother-in-law, Joy Laws, who served as District Clerk here for 14 years, from 1978 until 1992. After her appointment, Sandra Laws served 28 years, re-elected for seven consecutive four-year terms. Keeping it in the family, the two Mrs. Laws have recorded the district court proceedings in Lynn County for the past 42 years.

"I have been asked about whether a particular jury trial sticks out in my mind," San-

"It is interesting to watch attorneys try cases and the style and manner in which they try a case - and no, most of it is not anything like on TV!" says Laws with a laugh.

"I have enjoyed meeting most of the county residents at various times when they appeared for jury duty. It's not usually their favorite time, but I enjoyed the preparation and just the change of pace that having a jury entailed," she said.

She also met many county residents through the legal procedures that she was recording and the paperwork involved.

"We often see people on the least joyful times of their lives," she explained. "They may have had a lawsuit filed against them, are going through a divorce, owe taxes

“ We often see people on the least joyful times of their lives ... I have always tried very hard to treat them with dignity and respect. ”

SANDRA LAWS, DISTRICT CLERK

dra said this week. "I will not go into specifics about any trial, but will just say that I have seen and heard the worst of life from sexual abuse, murder, and incest, to the severity of DWI cases involving injury to an individual. I have seen the trial of an individual 'in absentia' because he decided to not show up after the first day of trial, to the other side of the 'not guilty' finding of an individual," she said.

"I have set in on civil trials that were over money issues, family law cases involving child custody cases, and cases that involved injury/death to individuals. I have seen cases that resulted in hung juries, cases that took the jurors only a few minutes to deliberate, and some that took several hours for the jury to return a verdict. In fact, we stayed until midnight on a Friday night for a jury to decide the outcome of a weeklong case they had heard evidence about (this was by the jury's choice as they did not want to come back on Monday).

"Each case is different and I have been surprised by some verdicts, agreed with some verdicts, but in each case was thankful that there were 12 people that had to make the difficult decision and I was not part of those 12!" she stated emphatically.

and have a lawsuit against them, or have a felony charge against them or a loved one. I have always tried very hard to treat them with dignity and respect and to help them as much as we are allowed to by law," said Laws.

"It was sometimes frustrating for people to come in or call and want us to do something or to answer a question, and we cannot do it for them because it would mean practicing law without a license. But we try to encourage them to either hire an attorney, or to get help from some of the free agencies that can provide help to them," she explained.

Throughout her 28-year career, Laws has worked with three different District Judges, three County Judges, five Associate Judges, plus several visiting District Court judges. Currently she works with 106th District Judge Reed Filley, Associate Judge Karen Lewis for Attorney General cases, Associate Judge Kara Darnell for Children's Protective Services (CPS) cases, and County Judge Mike Braddock for juvenile cases.

She has seen many changes throughout the years, and the COVID-19 Pandemic brought even more changes, even having court procedures via Zoom.

"Times have changed, as the attorneys or staff used to bring or mail all of the cases and subsequent filings in to my office. Now, everything is



Fun at Homecoming ... The O'Donnell High School Screamin' Eagle Band performed for the Homecoming crowd at Friday night's game. (Photo courtesy of Texas 1A Fan FB page)

done by e-file. I miss the interaction that we had with so many attorneys," she said.

She relates how the office has transitioned through the computer age, and how she has had to archive all of the old civil and criminal cases pre-1951 in acid-free folders and boxes to preserve those files.

"I feel like I started back in the dark ages!" she said with a smile. "We did have a computer when I first started, but there was no software for it at first, so it was just for decoration I guess," she added, laughing. "The first software was strictly for child support, as all child support came through this office. If the check was made out to the District Clerk, we had to deposit that check and then cut a new check to the individual that was to receive the money. Everything was either handwritten or typed out on a typewriter. Since then, we have progressed to having many types of software and have been entering everything on a computer."

She explained that her office was also tasked with entering all of the civil cases since 1951 into digital archives for computer access, a task which she says is near completion.

Most recently, the courthouse renovation project was a major event for her office, as well as all other offices in the courthouse, as everyone had to move out and vacate the premises for the duration of the two-year construction project. After returning to the courthouse in September

2019, the District Clerk's office was relocated from the second floor up to the third floor location - an area which had not been open to the public for many years.

"We moved out to the tax assessor-collector's annex across the street for two years, and then moved back in to our new offices on the top floor of the courthouse - it's like looking out of a west Texas skyscraper!" she said.

She remembers several years ago when there were bats in the courthouse, and there was a problem with bees in the walls by her office before the courthouse renovation project. And most recently, she was about to enter the elevator at the basement level to go up to her third floor office, when she realized a small snake was already inside the elevator.

"I backed right out, and let him have it, and I took the stairs," she said with a chuckle. "Then I called maintenance to look for it - of course they didn't find it. It was just a small garden snake, but still!"

She still has two years remaining on her term, but Laws feels now is the time for her to retire, and she is confident that her successor will competently manage the duties of her office. District Judge Reed Filley has appointed Laws' deputy clerk, Courtney Odum, to step into the position of Lynn County District Clerk for the remainder of the term.

"Courtney has been with me for two years, and she will do a good job," said Laws.

Sheriff's report ...

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on US 87 with a blown-out tire. The driver, Michael Ray Moore, 34, was arrested on charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

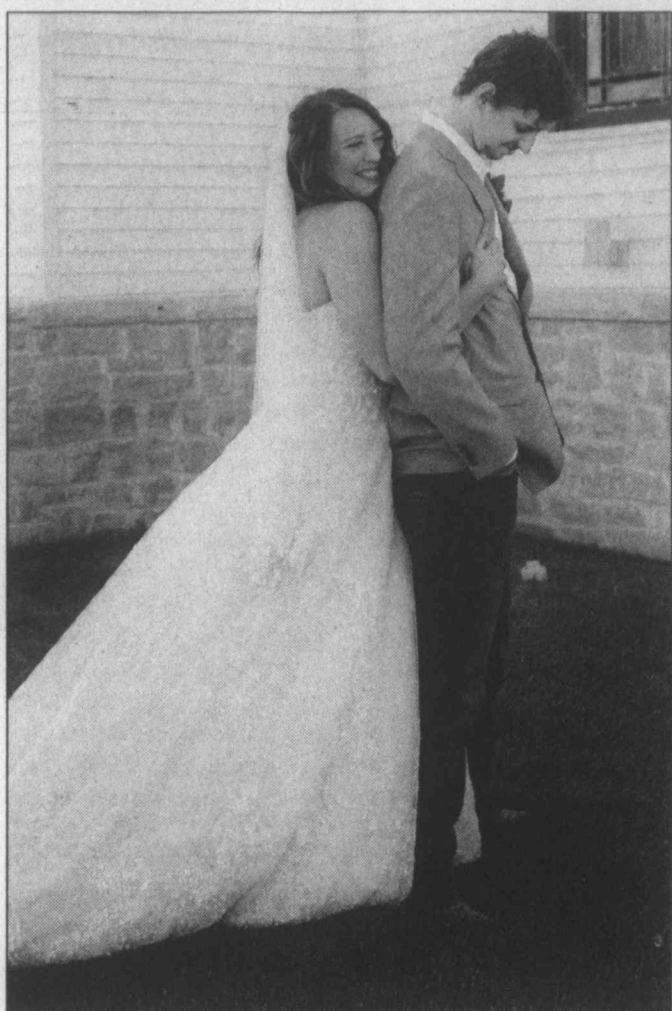
Other reports during the week were several for suspicious persons/vehicles, and a report of a loud vehicle in Wilson.

Lynn County Jail held 33 inmates, including 22 for Lynn County, 10 for Dawson, and 1 for Floyd County. Recent charges included one for unauthorized use of a vehicle, and one for possession of drugs.

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from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.
(Come and go)
District Courtroom
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-2 Chronicles 7:14
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MR. AND MRS. BLAKE McCLESKEY
nee Madison Lauren Hensley

Couple exchange wedding vows in Aug. 8 double-ring ceremony

Madison Lauren Hensley and Paxton Blake McCleskey were united in marriage Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eberley Brooks Chapel in Lubbock. Cliff Holdridge of Tahoka officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Beverly and Steve Hensley of Lubbock.

The groom is the son of Arron and Melissa McCleskey of Tahoka and the grandson of Delbert and Brenda McCleskey, Alton and Angela James, all of Tahoka, and Nelda James of Clyde, Tx.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore an a-line dress with detailed beading and sweetheart neckline, with a gold/pewter undertone on the dress, and a veil having the same color tone with decorative beading.

Serving as Maid of Honor was Kelci Tyler of Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Jayden McGlivray, Corey Graham and Skyler Williams, all of Lubbock, Makenzie White of Rowlett, and Mackenzie Reed of Chandler, AZ.

Best Man was Cooper Gentry of Lamesa. Groomsmen were Saylem Maddox and Efen Castillo, both of Memphis, TX, Peyton Curry of Tahoka, TJ Basquez of Post, Matt Hensley of Lubbock, and Bek McCleskey of Tahoka.

The reception followed at Eberley Brooks - Salle. The couple will reside in Lubbock after honeymooning in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

The groom is a Project Manager at 41:10 Construction Group. The bride is a Coordinator in the Whitacre College of Engineering Dean's Office at TTU. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Communications.

Did you know?

- In Ancient Bafia culture, one could purchase a wife for the price of thirty potato mashers.
- In a human foot there are 26 bones.

- Sonic the Hedgehog is in the Guinness Book of World Records for being the fastest gaming character ever.
- Each day, your mouth produces anywhere from 2 to 4 pints of saliva.



Eagle cheer squad ... The O'Donnell High School Screamin' Eagle cheerleading squad is pictured here at the O'Donnell Homecoming game last Friday. They are, from left, Morgan Roye, Dayzee Castro, mascot Juanita Renteria, Kamryn Rickman, Ashton Cox, and in front is Ariel Gutierrez. (Photo courtesy of Texas 1A Fan FB page)

Area News News items from area newspapers

New Lamesa ISD bleachers cost over \$2M

LAMESA - Lamesa school board members accepted a bidder's price for new stadium bleachers and committed \$600,000 donated from the Weaver Foundation to help cover stadium improvements.

That action came during the board's regular meeting (last Tuesday evening.

The board accepted Southern Bleachers' bid of \$1.3 million for building the home side bleachers at the football field. The visitor bleacher seating is in good condition and does not require replacement.

Including the cost to add an elevator to the bleachers, the total cost for the stadium is a little over \$2 million. The stadium project is expected to begin in November and be finished in early March 2021.

The bid does not cover a planned elevator that will take visitors to the first and second floor press boxes.

"If you're going to have to re-touch the stadium, you're going to have to have an elevator," Superintendent Jim Knight said about the requirement to install an elevator.

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Police, others fight bee swarm in Slaton

SLATON - When people want to know what the "buzz is all about," they don't mean it literally.

Friday afternoon (Sept. 11), however, the buzz turned out to be real as the Slaton Police Department, EMS and others worked to contain a bee swarm in the 600 block of S. 9th Street and Division.

Chief of Police Trevor Barnes said initially the call had been in reference to a bee relocater trying to move a hive from a house. He said when the person set the ladder down, the bees started to swarm and spread out to attack anyone who helped.

In total there were five people treated for bee stings, and multiple others who were stung but not treated. Three others were transported to the hospital.

The beekeeper himself was okay.

- from The Slatonite

County-wide prayer gathering set at FBC Tahoka on Saturday

Area residents are invited to attend a county-wide prayer gathering to be held this Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Tahoka. The church is located at 1701 Ave. K.

"Join us for a time of prayer and music, as we lift up our nation," said a church representative.

Childcare will be provided.

Did you know?

- The group of spikes at the end of stegosaurid tails are called the "thagomizer". They had no distinct name until the term was coined in 1982 by a cartoonist.
- Scientists have no idea how dinosaurs mated. Dinosaurs must have had sex to reproduce - but how they did the deed isn't exactly clear.

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SUNDAY, Sept 27
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Wanda Mason

— for Lynn County —
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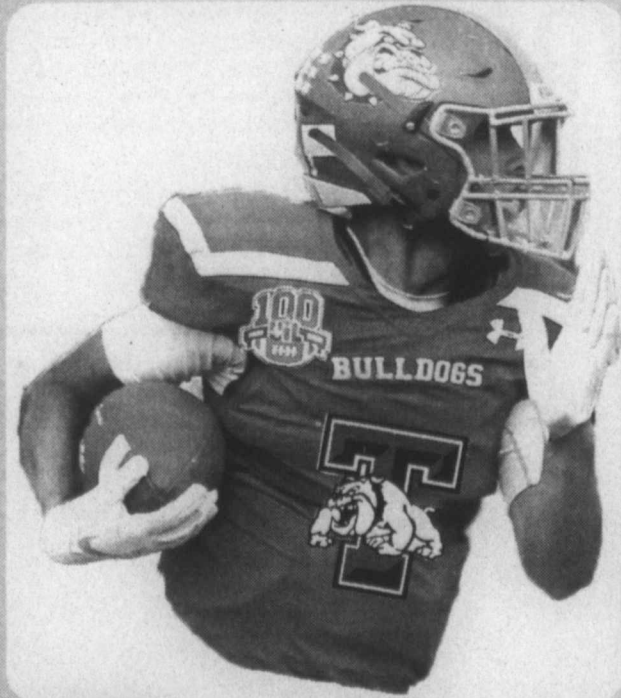
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Tahoka Homecoming 2020

We welcome all Exes and hope everyone has a great time at homecoming on Friday

We appreciate all our friends and neighbors and enjoy doing business with you.

Remember to come out and watch the Homecoming Parade on Friday, beginning around 3:00 p.m. on Bulldog BLVD (North 4th St.) east of the school, down to Main to the Lynn County Courthouse.



Go Bulldogs!

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Drive-Thru - 9:00-6:00 Monday-Friday

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**Funds directly benefit many students:
\$35,000 grant buys 100 new
Chromebooks for THS students**

A recent grant award has helped with the purchase of new laptop computers and other technology at Tahoka Independent School District, directly benefitting the students of TISD.

Tahoka High School was awarded a 2020-2021 Technology Lending Grant in the amount of \$35,000. The grant has allowed Tahoka ISD to purchase 100 brand new HP 11A G8 Education Edition Chromebooks for students. The grant also allowed Tahoka ISD to purchase 20 Kajeet Hotspots that run off Verizon Wireless cell phone towers. These hotspot devices can connect to a student's Chromebook outside of school anywhere cell phone service is available.

"Unfortunately, the high demand for Chromebooks has delayed the arrival of 50 of our devices," said TISD Superintendent Dick Van Hoose on Tuesday. "Right now, the estimated delivery date for the remaining devices is the end of October."

Tahoka ISD's Technology Director, Angelica Aguirre, applied for the 2020-2021 Technology Lending Grant over the summer break.

Aguirre expressed her appreciation for the award, saying, "I am so grateful that

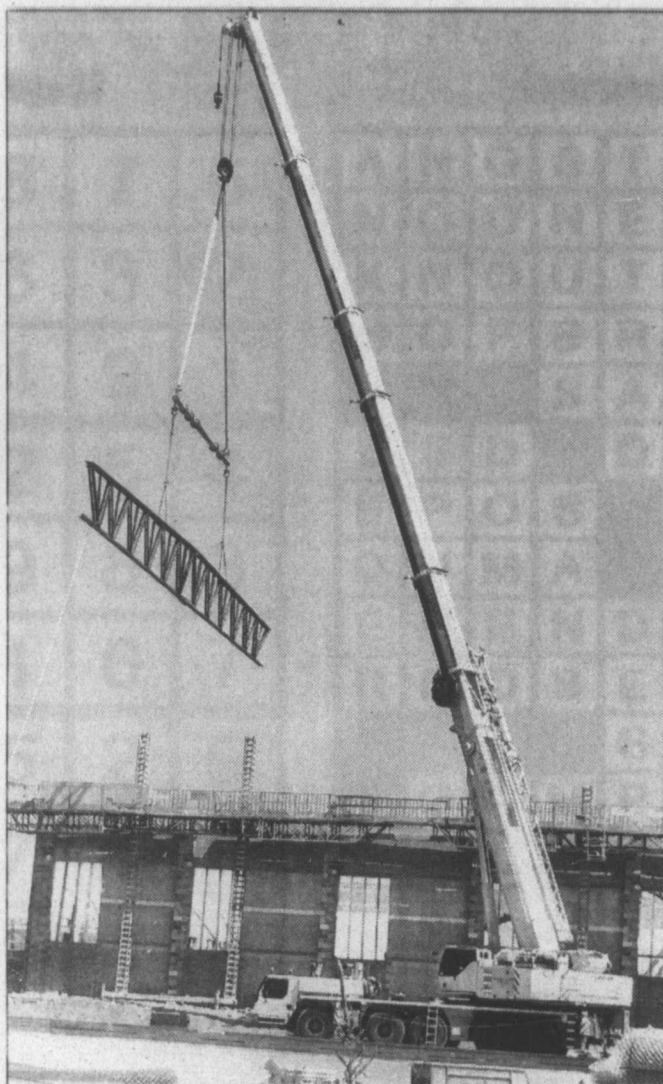


ANGELICA AGUIRRE
TISD Technology Director

Tahoka High School was given and awarded this opportunity during these uncharted times."

The new technology equipment acquired with the Technology Lending Grant, Chromebooks and hotspots, has aligned well with the existing technology-based instruction and online digital curriculum that are in place, Aguirre said. Students can access online supplemental materials and are allowed continual learning outside of normal school hours.

The Technology Lending Grant has also had an indirect effect on the Tahoka Elementary School, as the grant has allowed grades 3rd through 12th grade to have 1:1 computer access connecting them to school curriculum on and off campus, explained Aguirre.



Ceilings next ... The ceiling structures were being lifted onto the new THS gymnasium on Monday, Sept. 21, at the N. 5th Street construction project.

DPS announces Saturday appointments available to renew driver licenses

AUSTIN – At the direction of Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is announcing Saturday appointment availability through the end of the year. Many driver license (DL) offices across the state will be offering Saturday appointments for customers needing to renew or replace their Texas DL or ID cards only.

Appointments will begin Saturday, Oct. 3, and continue each Saturday through Dec. 19, with the exception of Nov. 28, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The announcement comes as the department continues its work to help alleviate the backlog caused by COVID-19. Nearly 700,000 people statewide had their DLs/IDs expire while the DL offices were

closed due to the pandemic. Continuing to offer Saturday appointments through the end of the year for renewal and replacements will give customers additional time to handle their DL transactions.

It's important to remember DPS launched its new appointment solution when DL offices reopened in May, and all services are now conducted by appointment only. DPS moved to this new appointment system to provide additional convenience, reducing the time Texans spend waiting in line. Customers can now book appointments for a specific day and time, up to six months in advance, and show up 30 minutes or less before their scheduled appointment. Customers can check-in using the kiosk inside the office or from their mobile device.

To schedule an appointment or check availability, visit the online appointment scheduler.

A limited number of same day appointments will also be available at each DL office. These appointments are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Customers who book these appointments can then leave the DL office until their designated appointment time. Additionally, in most offices, customers without an appointment may be offered the opportunity to be placed on a "standby" list. These customers are required to wait in the office and are assisted in the

IRS mailing special Economic Impact Payment letters to nearly 800,000 Texans

AUSTIN – The Internal Revenue Service is mailing 796,525 unique letters to people in Texas to encourage them to see if they're eligible to claim an Economic Impact Payment this year.

Going out to about 9 million people nationwide, the letters are for those persons who typically aren't required to file federal income tax returns but may qualify for an Economic Impact Payment. The letter urges recipients to register at IRS.gov using the special Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here tool before the Oct. 15 deadline in order to receive a payment by the end of the year.

"The letters are being sent to people who haven't filed a return for either 2018 or 2019 or already registered with the IRS," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman. "These are people who may not have had to file a tax return because they appear to have very low incomes based on Forms W-2, 1099 or other third-party statements available to the IRS."

Officially known as IRS Notice 1444-A, the letter is in English and Spanish and includes information on eligibility criteria. If they haven't done so already, this letter urges eligible individuals to register using the free Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here tool, located only on

IRS.gov. To help address fraud concerns, a copy of the letter is also available on the IRS website.

The IRS cautions that receiving a letter is not a guarantee of eligibility. An individual is likely eligible for an Economic Impact Payment if they:

- are a U.S. citizen or resident alien;
- have a work-eligible Social Security number; and
- can't be claimed as a dependent on someone else's federal income tax return.

Sanford said eligible individuals can receive up to \$1,200, and married couples can receive up to \$2,400. People with qualifying children under age 17 at the end of 2019 can get up to an additional \$500 for each qualifying child. For more information on eligibility requirements, see the Economic Impact Payment eligibility FAQs on IRS.gov. People who are eligible should not wait to receive a letter and should register now. Alternatively, people can wait until next year and claim the recovery rebate credit on their 2020 federal income tax return by filing in 2021.

Those unable to access the Non-Filers tool may submit a simplified paper return following the procedures described in the Economic Impact Payment FAQs on IRS.gov.

event of a cancellation or a no-show. The number of standby appointments is limited to ensure all customers who are placed on the list will be served by the end of the day.

DL offices have implemented several COVID-19 protocols to ensure a safe environment.

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Did you know?

• Daniel Craig was an anonymous Storm Trooper in Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Originally, he denied his cameo and claimed he wouldn't bother being an extra in a movie.

• Queen Elizabeth has a personal net worth of 425 million dollars. That includes the \$65 million Sandringham House and \$140 million Balmoral Castle.

• Although there is currently no drug proven to make someone tell the truth, some countries like Russia, Canada, and India

Did you know?

• The most expensive virtual object is "Club NEVERDIE" in the Entropia Universe, which is worth \$635,000. It was originally bought at \$10,000.

• Birds are the closest living relatives of crocodilians, as well as the descendants of extinct dinosaurs with feathers. This makes them the only surviving dinosaurs.

• Small as they may be, ladybugs have a unique smell that humans are incredibly sensitive to.

• Since 1955, 50% of the population of Niger is consistently under 16 years old. The total current population is 21,600,000.

• The author of Mary Had a Little Lamb, Sarah Josepha Hale, is most responsible for the creation of Thanksgiving being a national holiday.

• Chicken Run is the highest-grossing stop motion animated film, even beating The Nightmare Before Christmas.

• Nobody knows how the Academy Awards came to be referred to as the Oscars. The earliest mention was 1932, and was made official in 1939.

• Popularized by the Shakespeare play, many people think Julius Caesar's last words were "And you, Brutus?" In reality, he said "You too, my child?"

• Times Square was originally called Longacre square until it was renamed in 1904 after The New York Times moved its headquarters to the newly built Times Building.

• The oldest unopened bottle of wine was found in a Roman tomb that is over 1,650 years old.

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Bulldogs rally for 21-8 win over Crosbyton

The Tahoka Bulldogs are 3-1 for the season, after rallying from behind to beat Crosbyton 21-8 in front of a home crowd Friday night. The Dogs are looking for another win this week, as they host Ropes for Tahoka's Homecoming.

Fans wanting tickets for the Homecoming game are reminded that tickets must be purchased in advance at the TISD Harvick Building, for admittance to any game. No tickets will be sold at the gate.

Friday night, the Crosbyton Chiefs led early in the first period, scoring a touchdown on a 62-yard run by Eric Marquez, but a 2-point conversion attempt failed. In the second, the Chiefs gained another 2 points on a safety, to lead 8-0. The Bulldogs rallied with a touchdown with just over 7 minutes left in the second quarter, on a 1-yard run by Jonathan Renteria, and 2-point conversion run by Nathaniel Castillo was good, for an 8-8 tie. The game was still tied at the half.

Tahoka added two more TDs in the fourth period, both on good runs by Castillo. He ran for a 59-yard TD about a minute into the fourth period, and the kick by Paxtyn Gwin added another point. And, with just over 2 minutes remaining in the game, Castillo ran 48-yards for another touchdown, but the PAT was blocked.

Tahoka had 249 yards total offense, all rushing, and Crosbyton had 147 yards total. The Bulldogs attempted only one pass, for no yardage, and the Chiefs had two pass attempts, uncompleted.

"This was a game in which I feel like we played really sloppy on the offensive side. We turned the ball over too many times and we didn't execute and do the little things that we preach all the time. We had way too much penetration on the offensive front and it didn't allow our backs to have a place to run," said Coach Stephen Overstreet.

"When you look at the game of football it all starts with what you do on the offensive and defensive fronts. With that being said, our defense did an excellent job of holding the Chiefs to only 6 points. I felt like we did a really good job on the defensive front of reestablishing the line of scrimmage and did an excellent job of canceling gags and setting edges. I felt like overall we played great on defense and glad to see our offense come along in the second half of the game.

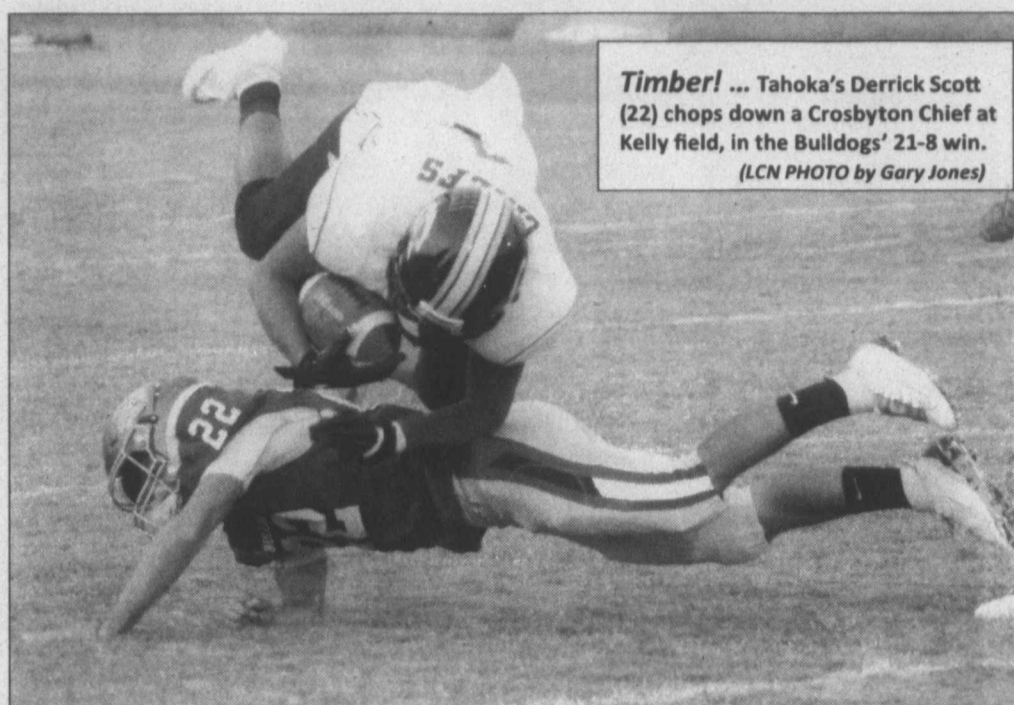
"We have got to eliminate the penalties we are having, as they are killing drives and then allowing drives to continue. This is something that has to be cleaned up as we move into district because as

the level of competition keeps increasing those chances and opportunities you get start narrowing down," he added.

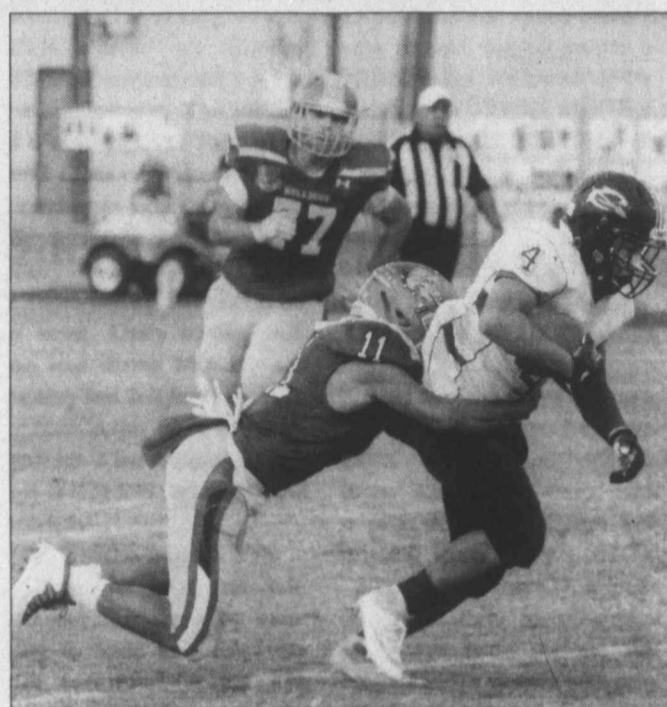
"This week we play a very good Ropes team. This is a team that I have played against many times in the past. They have moved up from the six man ranks and are doing an excellent job of making that transition. They will do something we haven't seen much this year and they will spread it out all over the field. They have a very quick running back in Medrano as he's a guy that can be in road gear in about two steps.

"We are going to have to play sound on the defensive side of the ball and we are going to have to trust and read keys but more importantly tackle in space. They are pretty balanced as far as run pass goes so we have to be ready to stop both. Defensively they will be in an odd front like we saw last week but will be faster on the back end. This is going to be a good football game as long as we come out ready to play and don't shoot ourselves in the foot," said Overstreet.

"We are excited that we are having a homecoming but the kids have heard all week, 'your most important job is to give everyone a win.' Lots of distractions come with homecoming week, and I hope we have matured enough to not



Timber! ... Tahoka's Derrick Scott (22) chops down a Crosbyton Chief at Kelly field, in the Bulldogs' 21-8 win. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



All wrapped up ... Tahoka's #11 Jonathan Renteria puts a bear hug on a running back for the Crosbyton Chiefs. #77 Jon Dylan Rodriguez is pursuing. The Bulldogs won 21-8. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



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2020 Bulldog Football VARSITY SCHEDULE

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Oct. 2	OPEN		
Oct. 9	Floydada*	There	7:00
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Lynn County 4-H youth win in Abilene

The Lynn County 4-H members were very competitive at the West Texas Fair in Abilene over the past two weeks. 4-H youth exhibited livestock in Breeding and Prospect Market shows.

Congratulations to all Lynn County 4-Hers. Placing were Cheyenne Ashbrook, 8th place Charolais steer; McKinley Clem, Grand Champion Lamb; Chloe Clem, 1st and 2nd place lamb; Kenny Donald, 6th place Other Cross steer; Remi Donald, 4th place Limousine steer and 2nd place Simmental steer; Karlee Rathmann, Reserve Champion Angus steer; Kinlee Rathmann, 2nd place British steer and Champion Red Angus heifer; Garrett Sanders, 3rd place Simmental heifer; and Darby Sherwood, 2nd place Other Cross steer and 9th place Maine steer.

Good News

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Senior Citizens Menu

September 28-Oct. 2

Monday: Roast turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, pineapple
Tuesday: Baked ham, lima beans, corn, chocolate chip cookie
Wednesday: Beef goulash, navy beans, broccoli, oatmeal raisin cookies
Thursday: King ranch casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, brownie
Friday: BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, carrot raisin salad, baked apple

**GO BIG BLUE!
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It's a Bulldog face ... THS student Tanner Clark is holding an intricate metal design of a Bulldog face, made with the new plasma cutting table in the Tahoka ISD welding class. Pictured with him are welding teacher Paul Henderson and Ag teacher Shelbie Hannum. The plasma cutter was purchased with grant funds from the Texas Workforce Commission.

Grant funds purchase new welding equipment for TISD

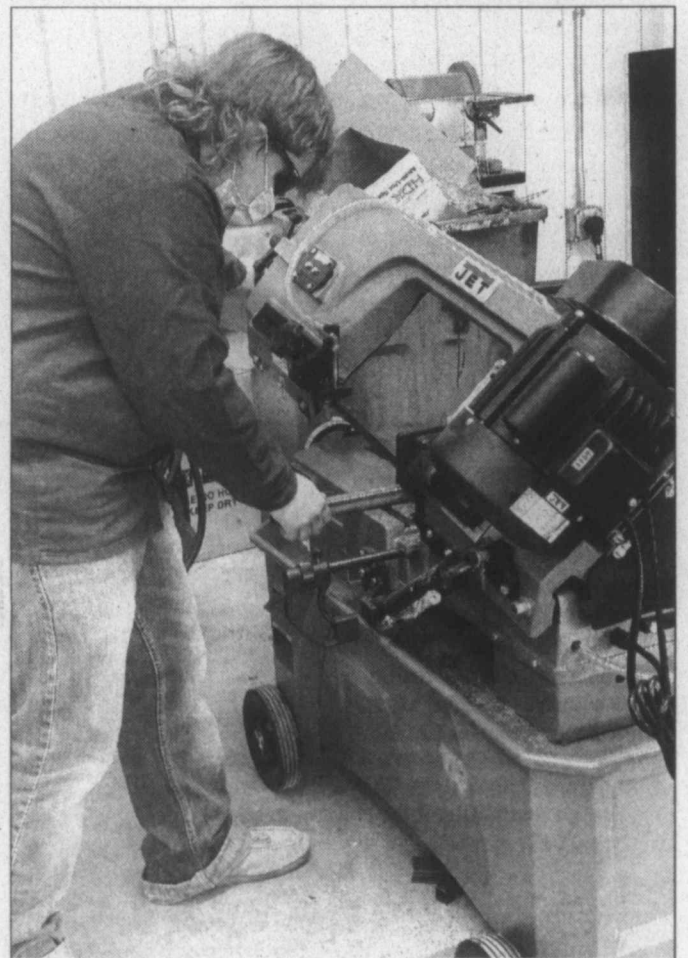
Grant funding has beefed up the welding program at Tahoka Independent School District, providing some new equipment for the program that started last year at Tahoka ISD.

Last May, Tahoka ISD was notified it had been awarded a competitive grant for \$43,639 from the Texas Workforce Commission. The award was from the JET

grant (Jobs and Education for Texans), and the funds were used to purchase a plasma cutting table for precise metal fabrication, welders and a bandsaw in the welding shop classes being taught by Paul Henderson and overseen by Ag teacher Shelbie Hannum.

The Tahoka ISD welding program was started last year with classes being taught for one half of the day. This semester there are 33 students in the program.

"The purpose of the grant and our classes is to teach skills that can be taken to the workplace," stated TISD Superintendent Dick Van Hoose.



Measure, then cut ... Miller Norwood, a Tahoka High School student, uses a bandsaw in the welding shop class. The bandsaw was purchased with grant funds from the Texas Workforce Commission.



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3, October 2020 at 2:00 p.m.*

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Anyone having questions may call:
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From Lamesa, take the first exit for Tahoka. At the stop sign turn right, go a quarter mile and the cemetery is on the left.
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NO. 2020PR0015
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COUNTY OF LYNN**

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, and all the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF: ABRAHAM M. VEGA, DECEASED

GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the COUNTY COURT OF LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS at the Courthouse of said County in the City of Tahoka, LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of publication of this citation by filing a written answer to a petition filed in said Court on 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020 in Cause No. 2020PR0015, styled, IN THE ESTATE OF ABRAHAM M. VEGA, DECEASED

A brief statement of the nature of the petition is as follows, to-wit: APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 401.003 OF THE TEXAS ESTATE CODE, AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP.

as is fully shown by the petition on file in this cause. All person claiming to be an heir of ABRAHAM M. VEGA, Deceased, who believe that they have an interest to the said estate, should contact the following person, prior to the hearing on the said application of the estate:

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October 31, 2020 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
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Published this the 24th day of September, 2020.

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• **Jackie Alexander Glover**, Class of 1961, retired LVN, novelist, living in Abilene with my cat, an old car, and a lot of attitude.

• **Stephen Hyatt**, Class of 1974.

• **Milt (Junior) Fitts**, Class of 1956, retired after coaching and teaching career for 47 years, living in Dallas (White Rock area).

• **Robbie Tyson**, Class of 1976. Served in the United States Air Force from 1976-1980. Went to work for Poka Lambro in 1980 and am newly retired from Poka Lambro after 40 years. I live in Lubbock and have been married 38 years, have two daughters and one son, and have three granddaughters and one grandson.

• **Yolanda Chapa Morton**, Class of 1970. I graduated from Texas Tech and we moved to Wylie, Texas where I taught for 31 years. I'm retired now enjoying the life of a grandmother!

• **David Glenn**, Class of 1976. 1980 Graduate of Sam Houston State University. Retired, and currently reside in Grandview, TX. I will always be thankful for having the good fortune of being raised in Tahoka, Texas!

• **Tresa (Smith) Reed**, I was in the class of '72 and Tahoka will always be home to me. I was raised in and around Tahoka and attended school there from 1960 to 1968. Our family moved to Lubbock and I graduated there but have always returned "home" for special

Lynn Co occasions and seeing friends. My hubby and I are both semi-retired from being on staff at Stonegate Fellowship in Midland for 18 years and are now enjoying life as caretakers of our church retreat center on Lake O.H. Ivie (close to Ballinger, Tx). We've been married almost 45 years, have 3 children, 7 grands and 1 great-grand.

• **Casey Jones**, Class of 2001. Admissions Evaluator at TTU Grad School, Texas Tech University. Taught English as a Foreign Language in Japan (3 years) and South Korea (5 years); earned BA at TTU.

• **Lana Jones**, Class of 2003. Director of Operations, Men's and Women's Track, Texas Tech University; earned BA at UT-Austin, and Master's in Sport Event Management at TTU.

• **Andrew "A.J." Rohlf**s, Class of 2014. He is currently living in Alpine and is the Information Security Specialist for his 'other' Alma Mater, Sul Ross State University.

• **Kody Bueermann**, Class of 2004. Graduated Wayland Baptist University 2008. Now living in League City, TX and employed by Shell Trading US Company in Houston, TX. Wife Amy and children Will (4), Ty (2), and baby girl due Feb 2021.

• **Tammi Hood-Pillow**, Class of 1987. I currently live in Lubbock; I am a Mental Health Social worker. Married with 2 children.

• **John (Johnny) Rogers**,

Class of 1963, retired audit manager Pioneer Natural Resources. **Louella Rogers**, Class of 1964, retired VP of Nursing, BSA Hospital. We live in Amarillo.

• **Eddie Hamilton Whitfield**, Class of 1947. Graduated from Texas Tech with a Bachelor, Master and Doctorate Degree; had a long career as an educator; retired and is now living in Denison, Texas. Parents were Ed and Opal Hamilton.

• **Joy Hamilton Rainey**, Class of 1952. Living in Northfield, Texas. Parents were Ed and Opal Hamilton.

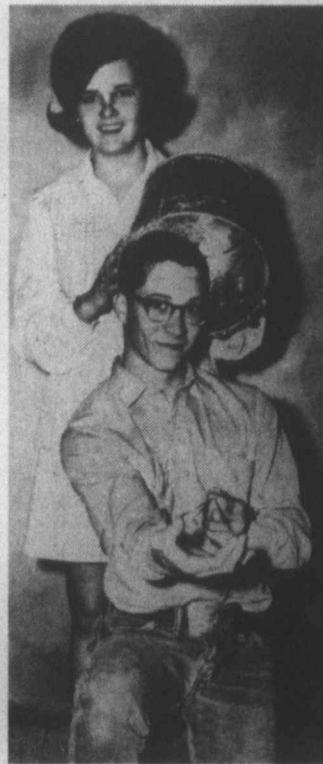
• **Harold Hamilton**, Class of 1952. Graduated from Texas Tech with a Bachelor of Chemistry Degree; served in the United States Navy as a Navy Pilot; retired and is now living in Greensboro, North Carolina. Parents were Ed and Opal Hamilton.

• **Vicky Hamilton Tate**, Class of 1961. Graduated from Texas Tech with a Bachelor Degree; had a long career as an educator; living in Lubbock, Texas. Parents were Ed and Opal Hamilton.

• **Jerry Edwards**, Class of 1946. Jerry retired from Rockwell International located in Downey, California in 1986. He moved to Creswell, Oregon and raised thoroughbred race horses for 20 years. He bred "Oh Molly" the Oregon horse of the year and was honored as Breeder of the Year in 1999. He has raised cattle and sheep as well. His mom and dad were Nettie

A Blast from the Past!

Photos from THS Yearbooks



1970... Most Impish!
Debbie Renfro & Bill Griffing

1990... Prom King & Queen
Corey McCleskey & Kris Belew



2000... Band Beau & Sweetheart
Christie (Garcia) Olivan and Brian Alvarado



1980... Mr. and Miss THS
Brad White and Amy (McNeil) Preston

(Wells) and Marcus Edwards. He turned 91 in April and has been married to Barbara for 68 years. He played football and basketball at Tahoka High, and remembers escorting the prom queen.

• **Kordell Baker**, Class of 2014. West Texas A&M University Summa Cum Laude 2017 graduate with a BBA in Business Management and a Minor in History. Resides in Amarillo and is employed by Happy State Bank and recently promoted to Senior Business Underwriter within their Business Loan Center. He manages all underwriters statewide who analyze commercial loans and he approves commercial loans.

• **B.L. Thomas**, THS class of 1948. Living at Library of Legacy in Slaton. After a tour in the Air Force, farmed near Grassland and Post.

• **Jill Jaquess**, Class of 1995. Jill began her administrative career with Frenship

ISD in 2006, first serving as an Assistant Principal at Terra Vista Middle School, then transferring into the Principal position. Currently the Director of Special Education for the District where she oversees 34 immediate staff members and 145-150 support staff and teachers who service 1,100 students from birth to age 21. Jill enjoys traveling, yoga and running. She is the daughter of Jack and Barbara Jaquess.

• **Jason Jaquess**, Class of 2001. Jason is a firefighter and EMT Intermediate for the City of Lubbock. He is currently stationed at Lubbock's Haz Mat Station. In addition, Jason holds a wildland firefighter certification through the Texas Forest Service, and he is a member of the TIM-FAS strike team. Jason and three other Lubbock firefighters have just returned from a 21-day deployment in California fighting the 2020 wild-

fires. Jason continues to teach CPR classes, serves as an instructor for Texas A&M Fire Training, and instructs for various fire schools throughout Texas. Jason is married and has two daughters. He is the son of Jack and Barbara Jaquess.

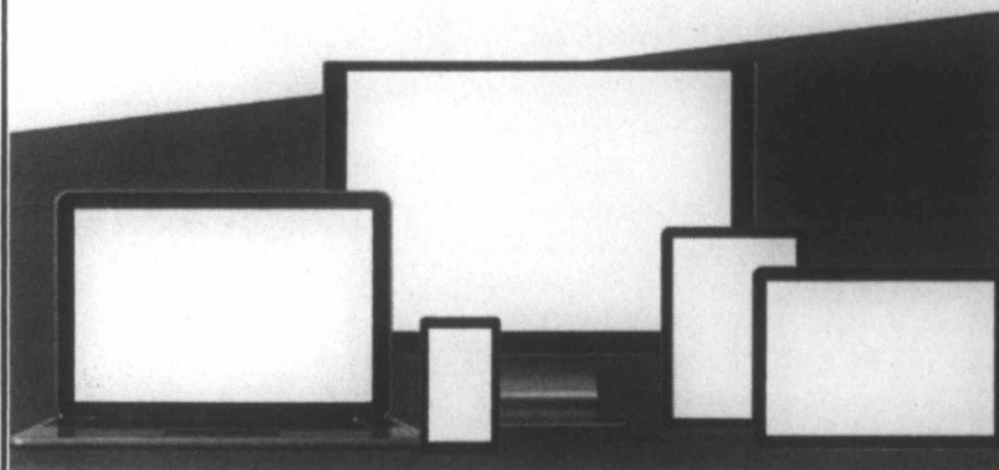
• **Tonya Elrod**, Class of 2002. After high school joined the US Army. Retired and enjoys traveling. She converted a van into a camper and plans to travel the United States and Canada within the next few years.

• **Mitchell Elrod**, Class of 2006. Lives in Tahoka and works for Red Raider Wrecker Service.

• **Michael Elrod**, Class of 2004. After graduation moved to Levelland and then to Early on a job transfer with Texas Department of Public Safety. He is married and has two children, Kynzlee and Thatcher.

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