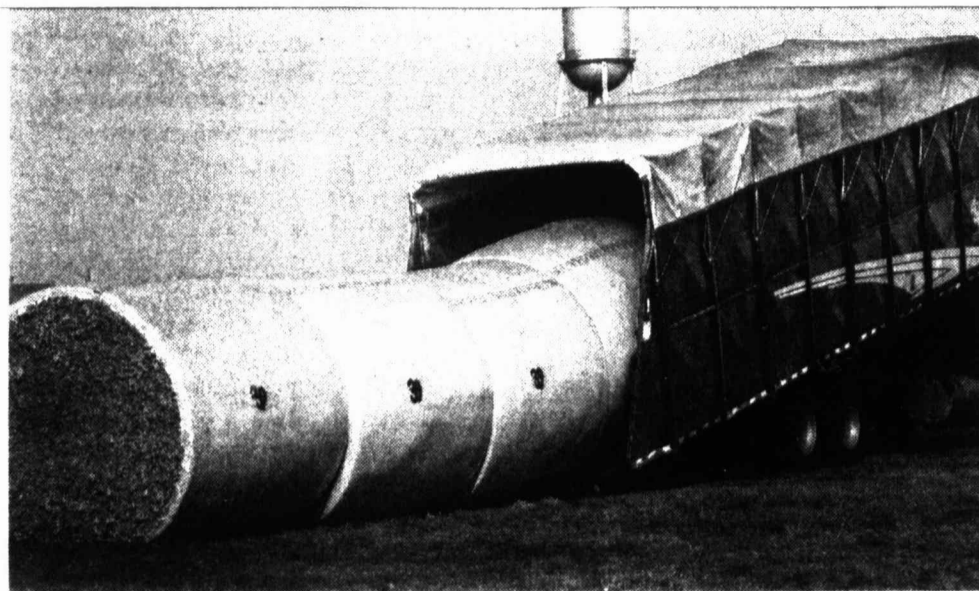


Getting it ready ... A crop duster sprays defoliant over a cotton field near Tahoka, to prepare the field for harvesting. Cotton in the area looks really good, as the harvest gets in full swing.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Bringing it in ... Four round cotton bales are being loaded into a truck for processing at a local gin this week. The round bales are becoming more prevalent in the area, as some producers have switched to the newer equipment that wraps the cotton in a round bale instead of the rectangular modules.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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Fall BACK 1 hour
Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 - Change your clocks back 1 hour, and get an extra hour of sleep!

FOOTBALL TIME!

LAST WEEK'S SCOREBOARD:

Sundown 45-0 Tahoka
Klondike 1-0 Wilson
New Home 21-14 Bovina
Borden Co. 35-28 O'Donnell

NOV. 5 GAMES:

Tahoka at Post
Wilson at Loop
Sudan at New Home
O'Donnell at Meadow

WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Oct 26	91	52	
Oct 27	67	44	
Oct 28	67	42	
Oct 29	88	38	
Oct 30	67	40	
Oct 31	67	38	
Nov 1	73	39	

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

Total Precip for Feb:	0.15"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.10"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.51"
Total Precip for May:	6.75"
Total Precip for Jun:	2.39"
Total Precip for July:	3.73"
Total Precip for Aug:	2.93"
Total Precip for Sep:	0.53"
Total Precip for Oct:	0.37"
Total Precip. for 2021:	18.69"

Wilson man dies in tragic farming accident Monday

by JUANELL JONES

A Wilson man was killed in a tragic farming accident on Monday, Nov. 1. James Nolte, 62, died following an accident that occurred at 2 p.m. about 2 miles east of FM 400 on CR 13 and 3/4 mile south.

According to unofficial reports, Nolte was stripping cotton when his auger became stopped up in the basket. He got out of his tractor and climbed into the basket to check it, but failed to turn off the auger, and it apparently caught his clothing and pulled him in. Lynn County Sheriff's Deputies, Lynn County EMS, DPS and Wilson Volunteer Fire Department all responded to the scene.

Two traffic accidents were in call sheet reports from Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) during the past week. At 7:54 a.m. Oct. 26, the driver of a 2015 blue Chrysler



JAMES NOLTE

200 reported he had struck a deer about 5 miles south of Tahoka on US 87, causing damage to his vehicle which had to be towed from the scene.

At 8:15 a.m. Oct. 27, a caller reported seeing a white pickup in the ditch a half mile west of FM 179

on CR 6, and a deputy responded to the scene. No driver was at the scene.

The driver a Cadillac was arrested on charges of Driving While Intoxicated, after a deputy stopped his vehicle on FM 211 at 7:24 p.m. Oct. 25.

Several cotton fires were reported during the week, including a fire in the pit at Woolam Gin on Oct. 26, and again at 6:30 a.m. Oct. 28. O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to these calls.

Tahoka VFD was called to FM 1317 and FM 179 at 11 p.m. Oct. 26, for a round cotton bale reported on fire, and O'Donnell VFD responded burning a mile north of CR 27 on FM 1054 at 2 p.m. Oct. 27.

Wilson VFD responded to a grass fire on the side of the road on FM 400 near CR 15, at 4:45

p.m. Oct. 28. In O'Donnell, OVFD was called to a location west of the John Deere house on 9th Street in O'Donnell, for a report of eight bales of cotton on fire at 10:27 p.m. Oct. 28. A few hours later, the fire department was recalled to the scene when the cotton bales caught fire again.

On Oct. 31, a man reported he had been bitten on his head by a dog, at Sam Road north of FM 211 at 3:20 p.m. He told LCSO that he was on his way to seek medical treatment in Lubbock, and that he had the dog owner's information. Animal Control was notified.

LCSO responded to several other calls during the week, for animal control, welfare concerns, assisting motorists, debris in roadway, and suspicious persons.

Tahoka Police responded to (See POLICE REPORT, page 6)

Tahoka city street bond election fails

by JUANELL JONES

Voters in the city of Tahoka voted against a \$4.5-million street bond project here in a General Obligation Bonds referendum on the Nov. 2 ballot. The referendum failed by a margin of 28 votes, with 120 against, and 92 in favor.

With the bond election failure, the proposed \$6,580,000 street project package, which included \$2,055,000 in Revenue Bonds, will not be implemented at this time.

"We will explore other options for street repairs," said Tahoka Mayor John Baker after the election failed. "No one denies our streets are poor - 28 votes is pretty close

either way, and I am looking at this as just a delay [in the project], not a defeat. I'm still going to see the project through," he said.

City Administrator Julie Arrington said she was disappointed that the GO Bond failed, but that city officials would begin at square one to reconsider how to fund the city street project.

"By law, we cannot seek another GO Bond election for streets for three years, so we will have to consider other options," said Arrington.

Arrington said that the city has already submitted a preliminary application for a three-way collabo-

ration grant which includes the City of Tahoka, City of O'Donnell, and Lynn County. It was hoped that this grant opportunity, through SPAG, if awarded could reduce the loan amount (in the GO bond) from \$4.5 to \$1.3 million.

She explained, however, that SPAG has not yet designated a specific percentage of matching funds, which could be up to 20%, which would mean the three entities would each provide \$1.3 million in matching funds.

"In figuring for a possible grant award, we must figure in the highest matching amount of 20%, but we are hoping for a lesser percentage.

The city does not currently have \$1.3 million available as matching funds, which would have come from the GO Bond [that failed in the election]," she said.

Currently, the city has \$28,000 designated towards street repairs in the budget, according to Arrington.

City officials may reconsider the possible use of revenue from increased monthly water fees, which can only be used to address water issues such as drainage problems in streets. In some streets, correcting the drainage issues would not be effective without repairing the street itself, and city officials will continue to seek options for these issues.



USDA nixes portion of LCH loan request; "not giving up yet" says hospital CEO

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Healthcare System's quest for funding through a USDA loan for a \$20 million hospital renovation and an addition of a nursing home was only partially approved, according to a recent letter from USDA to Melanie Richburg, Chief Executive Officer at LCH. The loan application process has been underway for months, with extensive analysis and reports submitted with the application. On Oct. 20, Dr. Richburg received an email letter that explained why the loan was only partially approved.

Dr. Richburg said she was stunned by the letter that said USDA approved the application for the hospital renovation portion of the proposed project, but "did not concur with proceeding with the Nursing Home with Memory Care Units portion of the project," ac-

ording to the letter.

"I did not expect this at all," she told *The News* this week. "Basically it means that we were approved for \$13 million for the hospital renovation, but an additional \$7 million for the nursing home project was denied."

The denial, states the letter, was based on two factors:

(1) "The market study submitted by the applicant was unreliable," and went on to say that because there were other such facilities in nearby areas there were sufficient number of beds to meet the needs for the rural citizens of this area;

(2) "Lack of financial community support," which basically stated that without a direct pledge of taxpayers' revenues in a General Obligation Bond election, the USDA would consider this option as a risk for repayment of debt service.

"We ran the numbers, and because the nursing home addition

would already be partially staffed with current hospital staff, even at half the occupancy we would still be in the black," Dr. Richburg told *The News*. "I will fight this - I am not ready to give up," she added emphatically, adding that she has already contacted another USDA source to seek assistance in facilitating a face-to-face meeting with the loan representative.

"The hospital is in great financial shape, better than we have been in a long time, and I believe we can meet the financial expectations for repaying the full loan. I'm not giving up on this. I will continue to work on getting the full loan approval," added Dr. Richburg.



DID YOU KNOW?

“Digging a hole to China” is theoretically possible - if you start in Argentina.

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Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

November 8-12

- Monday:** Chicken rice casserole, black eye peas, carrots, fruit cocktail
- Tuesday:** Polish sausage, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread, peaches
- Wednesday:** Beef stew, turnip greens, cornbread, black forest parfait
- Thursday:** Charbroiled beef patty w/ peppers & onions, garlic mashed potatoes, beets, mandarin oranges
- Friday:** Tuna (or chicken) & noodle casserole, English peas, chuck wagon corn, applesauce

Obituaries



Benito (Benny) Arellano

Benito (Benny) Arellano, 63 of New Braunfels, TX, passed away peacefully on October 23, 2021 in New Braunfels, TX.

Benny Arellano was born in Kaufman, TX to Crescencia and Gilberto Arellano on March 30, 1958. He graduated from Tahoka High School and attended West Texas State University. He worked as an electrical lineman for Dallas Power & Light until he was injured. He married Julie Sovers on February 2, 1989. Julie walked faithfully beside Benny on this journey of life until he was called by the Lord.

Benny is preceded in death by his parents, Crescencia and Gilberto Arellano.

Benny is survived by Julie, his wife of 35 years; his daughter Emily Arellano, and son Auston Arellano, both from New Braunfels, TX; sons, Juston Arellano from Dallas, TX and Andrew Arellano from Houston, Texas. He is also survived by his siblings: Albert Garcia from Amarillo, TX, Anita Rangel (Rudy), Luis Arellano (Nora) both from Lubbock, TX, Veronica Ferguson (Frank) from

Seminole, TX, Teresa Shipley (Rick) from Springtown and Martha Zamarron (Phil), from Tahoka, TX.

Benny enjoyed being with his family, sharing a good meal and fishing. He also enjoyed cooking and making tamales every year. He loved the beauty the Hill Country had to offer but always enjoyed coming back to West Texas to visit his parents and siblings.

His faith in the Lord, his wife and children sustained him during the last days of his life. He was very proud of his sons and daughter and their accomplishments. Words of encouragement from his siblings and friends were always appreciated especially during the time he struggled with his health. Benny will always be remembered for his courage during his illness and as a person who smiled, laughed, prayed, loved God and his family.

A memorial Mass and Interment will be held at a later date.



Vicki Lane Dunn Brown

Vicki Lane Dunn Brown, 60, of Tahoka, passed away on Friday, October 22, 2021.

She was born January 25, 1961 to Retha and Leonard Dunn. She graduated from Tahoka High School in 1979 and attended South Plains College and Texas Tech University. She worked in retail and accounting in Lubbock before moving to Dallas where she worked for Southland Corporation and Raytheon Technologies. After moving home to Tahoka, Vicki loved spending time with her family and friends, crafting, and shopping. She was especially happy caring for her fur babies Sophie and Ima; and was looking forward to the arrival of her step granddaughter, Winsley.

Those left to cherish her

memory are her stepdaughter, Stevie Hoegger; brother, Ronnie Dunn; nieces Jaqueta Clyburn, Ashley Dunn, and Maddy Dunn; nephew Taylor Dunn; great nieces and nephew, Audreigh, Braylyn, and Braystyn; and many extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents; her mother and father; and her brother, Jimmy Dunn.

Memorials in Vicki's name are requested to the Lynn County Hospital Foundation or Operation Smile.

Memorial Services were held Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka.



Peggy Morrow

The family of Peggy Morrow will celebrate her life of 74 years at 12:00 PM on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers. Her family will host a time of fellowship and remembrance from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers. She passed on Saturday, October 30, 2021. We invite you to visit www.memorialdesigners.net to view the live-streamed service, sign her virtual guestbook, and download her memorial keepsake folder to your device for printing. We also ask that you consider viewing her Life Tribute, a video of photographs set to her favorite music.

On December 7, 1946, Peggy Jean was born to William (Dub) and Verna (Jean Jean) Ewing in Amarillo, Texas. She married Wendell Morrow on August 21, 1965 in New Home, Texas. Peggy was raised in Shallowater and New Home. As an adult she worked as a nurse's aide, followed by ventures in modeling and being a clothing buyer for G. Bradford. She then worked for years and eventually retired from the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office. She spent the final phase of her life devoted to caring for her family.

She was preceded in death by her father, William (Dub) Ewing; mother, Verna (Jean Jean) Ewing; son, Brad Morrow; and sister, Vickie Ewing.

Survivors include her husband, Wendell Morrow; their daughter, Laurie (Kenneth) Webb, and daughter-in-law, Jada Morrow; grandchildren, Shelby Morrow, Braxton Webb, Brody Morrow; siblings, Craig (Karen) Ewing; best friend, Ann Wyatt; niece, Keeley (Chris) Hobart; nephew, Bubba (Stephanie) Smith; niece, Heather (Brock) Pascoe; nephew, Cory (Ashley) Ewing and her beloved dog, Kirby.

The family of Peggy Morrow has designated the Trent's Retreat 1015 FM 2887, Ballinger, Texas 76821 for memorial contributions donated in her memory.



James Nolte

James Nolte, 62, of Wilson, passed away Monday, November 1, 2021.

Visitation will be 6:00-7:00 pm Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at Englund's Funeral Service in Slaton. Funeral services will be at 2:00 pm Thursday, November 4, 2021 at Englund's Chapel in Slaton. Graveside Services will be at 11:00 am, Saturday, November 6, 2021 at City of Taylor Cemetery in Taylor, Texas. Arrangements are by Englund's Funeral Service.

James was born October 28, 1959 in Taylor, Texas to Vernon and Frances Nolte. He was baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Thorndale, Texas. His family moved to the Wilson area as a young child. He attended St. Paul Lutheran School in Wilson and was confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson. He graduated from Wilson High School. He farmed all his life and canned pickles and shared his garden with family and friends. His passions were his family, hunting and fishing.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

James is survived by his sisters, Terry Thomas and her husband, Larry of Baird, Sandra Herzog and her husband, Donald of Clairmont, Florida and Diana Deborah and her husband, Joel of Victoria; his brother, Mark Koslan and his wife, Jan of Abilene; numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Fire damages Lockwood apartment

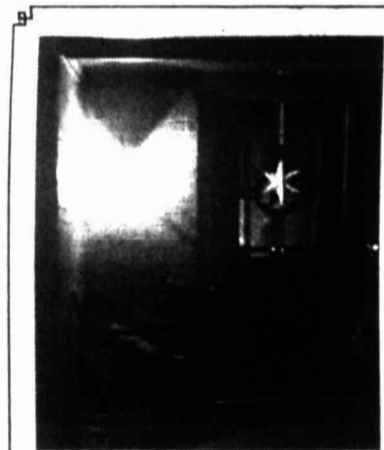
by JUANELL JONES

A mother and her three children were left without a home after their apartment in Tahoka was damaged by fire and smoke last Wednesday night. No one was in the apartment when the fire started.

A neighbor in the adjacent apartment reportedly noticed the air in his apartment was getting hazy, and called 9-1-1 to report a possible fire. Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department responded to the fire in the Lockwood Apartment complex, in the 2100 block of Lockwood, at 7:49 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27. The firefighters were able to contain the blaze to the apartment which was in the middle of a row of apartments, and none of the adjacent apartments were reportedly damaged, although there was smoke in the area.

"The kitchen area was the most heavily damaged by fire, and there was heavy smoke and water damage throughout the apartment," said Tahoka Fire Chief Bryan Reynolds. "The smoke was very heavy when we arrived, and there was live fire in the ceiling/attic area."

A mother, Amanda Marness, and her three children reportedly lived in the apartment. The Red Cross was contacted to assist the family, and Tahoka ISD staff reportedly also began accepting donations of clothing for the children, who attend school here.



Final Farewell

This Angel appeared from the light on Vicki Dunn's home on Saturday night following her Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. Saturday morning. It is printed here in Loving Memory of Vicki Dunn; a picture that communicates volumes...

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Vicki passionately spoke of her lively and frequent conversations with God. She knew from her numerous near death experiences that we are all God's children here with one purpose: to love one another. Unlike many, Vicki found meditation easy and called it going to her "happy place."

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE TOMMY BOTKIN MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER A BIG SUCCESS!

I would like to thank all those that participated in my 12th annual cancer fundraiser. This years recipient of the auction went to the Tommy Botkin Memorial. Tommy fought a courageous battle until the Lord took his precious hand and lead him home in August. All proceeds went to Carolyn as we honor this couple for the gracious service they have given to this community time after time, year after year. I believe it was their time to receive. Thank you again for the donors and bidders that help make this a successful year. If you would like to be part of this yearly fundraiser, please find more info on "Rhonda's Things" on FB. The auction is a live event online for members wanting to bid or donate. Listed below are those that gave in monetary funds, donation items or with a winning bid this year. I am blessed by the people willing to help make this better each year so we can help another family. Cancer is a disease that will continue to attack our friends and family, and with this yearly event we as a community can keep bringing a bit of comfort and blessings to our neighbors...I want to personally thank each of you and prayers that God will bless you for your kindness and generosity.

- Julia Allen, Sharla Askew, Kim Aten/ KD's Korral, Post, Texas, Bianca Baker, Lou Baker, Suzanne Baker, Sheila Blakley, Tony Botkin, Wendy Bumpus, Stephanie Carrillo, Brenda Copeland, Chris Cowan, Kellie Craig, Margie Craig Whitaker, Karon Durham, Emily Brown, Sally Escobedo, Tammy Fisher, Marci Gandy, Kathy Grant, Lanae Gwin, Jennifer Harmonson, Cindy Hawthorne, Pam Hilger, Elsie Hinds, Ronda Hoes, The Home Place, Darlene Jenkins, Ronny Jolly, Becky Ford, Karen Kellin, Brian Langdon, Mary Mahurin, Miranda Stice, Marissa Webster, Michelle Rich, Sherry Martin, Jonna McNeely, Rhonda McNeely, Sherry McNeely, Pam Miller, Melody Nail, Carletta Renfro, Carissa Nevill, Pat Parks, Cindy/Trent Leverett, Keith Paschal, Marlene Patterson, Amy Preston, Dee Dee Pridmore, Kathy Rice, Haleigh Rock, Rosanna Rodgers, Judy Sanders, Edward/Elanie Smith, Sharron Smith, Donna Stone, Tahoka Stockshow Syndicate, Dana Taylor, Celeste Taylor, Jackie Vedder, Earl Walton, Haney/Tanya Wells, Patricia Juanita Williams, De'Aun Autry, Beth Huffaker, Martha Coffey, Cynthia Server, Stacie Stoerner, Debbie Engle, Paige Rivas, Donna Fields, Pam Elrod, Robin Reeves, Mary/Denny Belew, Liz Meredith, Charlsie Tekell, Gaylene Sanders, DeAnna Burton, Kendra Donaho, Janis Thomas, Carrie Long, Retha Pittman, Brenda Cooper, Jynna Bass, Alex Eddington, Glenda Todd McCleskey, Wanda/Ross Mason, Kim Mercer, Tommye Nance, Caroline Cockrell, Toy Holland, Claudia Flippin, Tammy Angeley, Cassidy Allison, Brandie Hudson, Rebekah Filley, Liz Tew, Chloie J. Wells, Betsy Pridmore, Kristie Griffin, Cassie Martin, Carol Miller, JoElla Rash, Hannah Reynolds, Jaci Honza, Caycee Taylor, Kent Bruton, Kent Stone Jr., Missy Morrow, Allyson Morrow, Geneva Miller, Carol Fancher, Betty Long, Jackie Stephens, Noretta Williams, Donna Nailon, Suzy Green, Leasa Thomas, Jackie Miller, Cathy Ross, Kathy Petmecky, and The Coyote Store, Gail, Texas.

Thank you again,
Rhonda McNeely
Fundraiser Coordinator

Join us for the
2nd Annual Hometown Christmas Event
Saturday, DECEMBER 11, 2021
5-8 P.M. Tahoka Mural Park

- Food Trucks
- Community Tree Lighting at 6:30
- Santa Sighting at 8 p.m.
- Downtown Shopping
- Live Christmas Music
- Cookie Decorating
- Polar Express Rides

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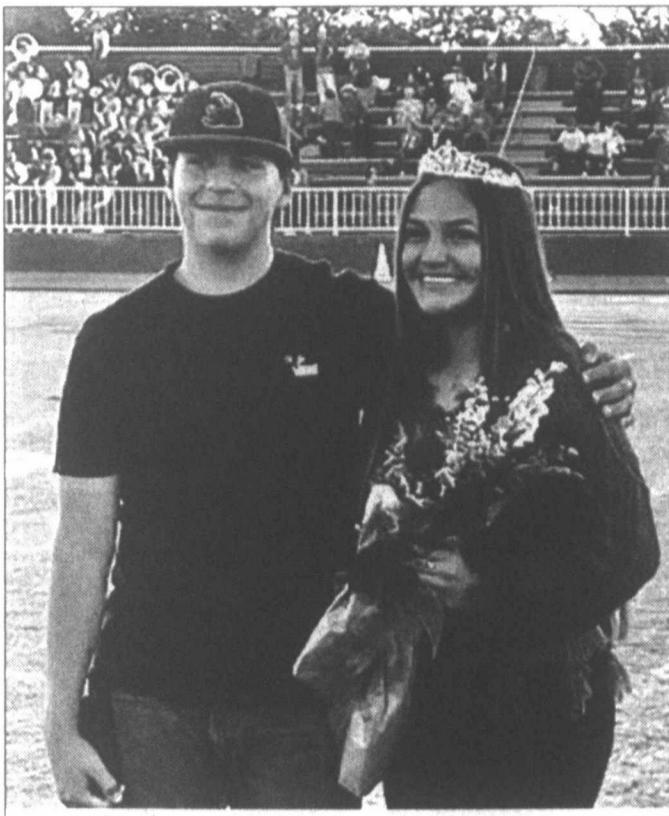
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Band Beau and Sweetheart ... Diego Penz, son of Sonia Colon and Juan Penz, and Noelani Rodriguez, daughter of Nacona Martinez, and Frank and Amy Rodriguez, were elected as the Tahoka 3-D Band Beau and Sweetheart. They were presented during the senior recognition ceremonies at Friday night's football game.

Tahoka 3-D Band quest for state ends at Area Marching Contest

The Tahoka 3-D Band competed at the Area A 2A Marching Contest at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo Saturday, performing well but just missing out on qualifying for the finals for a chance to perform at state. Twenty-two 2A bands from the Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland-Odessa, and El Paso regions competed.

The Tahoka 3-D Band was the first performance of the day at 10:00 a.m., which meant the students had to leave Tahoka at 5:30 a.m. As the first band they set a high standard and placed 11th in the prelims, just missing the finals which only took ten. Of the bands who made the finals, nine competed in the afternoon with only one, Forzan, performing at 11:30 a.m., according to the director.

Advancing to State next week at the San Antonio Alamodome are Sundown, Forzan, New Deal, and Plains.

"We are extremely proud of our kids and the effort they put out. They knew being first made it very difficult to be remembered at the end of the contest and they set a very good standard for the rest of the bands to be judged against," Director Carroll Rhodes commented.

"I have not seen a Tahoka Band improve as much as this group of young people did from October 2 to October 30. They are to be

commended for their hard work and dedication," said Rhodes.

The judging at Area and State is different from regular regional judging where three judges judge all aspects. At Area there are three music judges and two marching judges. The rankings from all five judges are then totaled to determine the final rankings of all the bands.

"This is where a lot of controversy arises, as one bad judge can keep a band from advancing," stated Rhodes. "Many of the highly respected retired directors feel an Olympic style of judging where all five judges score both marching and playing with the high and low being thrown out to get the average of the middle three is a more accurate assessment. I concur."

For Tahoka, three music judges ranked them 16, 8, 9 with the two marching being 8 and 13. "If Olympic scoring had been tabulated, Tahoka would have made the finals," added the director.

"The great news is that your Tahoka 3-D Band students represented Tahoka ISD and the community of Tahoka very well, both on the field and off the field. The serving staff where the band ate lunch were extremely complimentary of the behavior of the group and how polite they were," he added.

Christmas for Kids final sign-up is Nov. 4

The final sign-up for the Lynn County Christmas for Kids program will be Thursday, Nov. 4th at 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Tahoka Community Center (formerly Lyntegar meeting room) in Tahoka.

Please wear your mask when you come to sign up. No children will be allowed at sign-ups.

For those interested in as-

sisting 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 18th. For persons who shop or adopt, all gifts need to be in by Thursday, Dec. 9th.

For more information, contact anyone listed above.

Contracts renewed for Drs. Ross, Leach at LCH

Contracts for two medical doctors employed with Lynn County Healthcare Systems (LCH) were renewed recently, according to information from LCH Chief Executive Officer Dr. Melanie Richburg this week.

Contracts were renewed for Jarrett Ross, MD, and Christopher Leach, MD. Both physicians will continue to see patients at LCH.

Five citizens spoke at a

public forum at a hospital board meeting last week, supporting the contract renewals.

"Before the public forum began, Sharon Isom, Board President, read a statement informing the citizens that both physicians had already had their contracts renewed."

The citizens reportedly all spoke in support of renewing the contracts, which had already been renewed.

Patient Navigator Virginia Quintero assists with indigent care at LCH

Lynn County Healthcare System has a new Patient Navigator heading up the Patient Navigator program, which helps low-income Lynn County residents, who don't qualify for or have access to other state healthcare programs, federal health care programs or traditional health insurance, so that they may have access to quality healthcare services.

Virginia Quintero is LCH's new Patient Navigator who oversees the Indigent/Charity Program for LCH. She establishes contact with uninsured LCH patients to provide information and assistance in the healthcare process, as well as screening and processing applications for financial assistance.

As the Patient Navigator, Quintero's goal is to improve LCH's ability to reduce non-emergent ER visits and to provide low-income, high-risk patients with quality healthcare at lower costs.

According to LCH statistics, over 30% of Lynn County residents are without health insurance, and are below the poverty level.



VIRGINIA QUINTERO

The LCH Patient Navigator, by working collectively with these groups, has not only helped provide the uninsured population with quality primary healthcare needs, but has also provided hope and a better life for the economically disadvantaged residents of Lynn County.

To schedule an appointment for eligibility, program information and primary healthcare assistance, call LCH Patient Navigator Virginia Quintero at 806-561-4053. Her office is located inside the Family Wellness Clinic, at 1809 Lockwood in Tahoka.

Plan now to enter Christmas decorating contest here

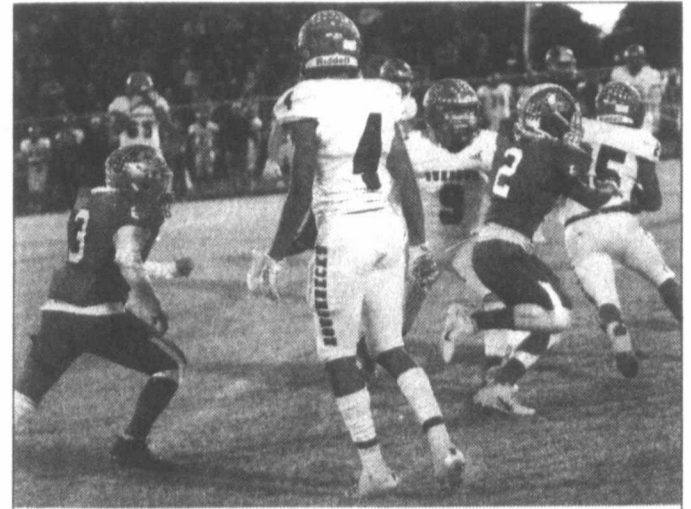
Area residents are encouraged to plan now to prepare their homes for the "Home For The Holidays" Decorating Contest, sponsored by the Lynn County Christmas Committee. Residents throughout the county with decorated homes and lawns are eligible to enter.

Judging will be conducted on Wednesday, Dec. 8, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd places awarded for each town in Lynn County.

Winners will be announced Saturday, Dec. 11, at Tahoka's "Hometown Christmas Event" held in downtown Tahoka from 5-8 p.m.

To enter, find the registration form in this newspaper, and send by email to cross82365@gmail.com by Monday, Dec. 6.

For more information, call or text Cathy at 806-891-1291.



Just a minute ... Tahoka freshman Jacob Tew (#2) makes a tackle on a Roughneck with #3 Mickle Sepeda coming to help. Sundown outgunned Tahoka 45-0.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Area News News items from area newspapers

Fire destroys home in Welch

LAMESA - Two longtime residents of Welch were able to escape safely after awakening early Tuesday morning (Oct. 26) to discover their home on fire. Their home, however, was destroyed by the blaze, with only the east end of the residence left standing.

Firefighters from both Welch and Lamesa responded to the blaze, which was reported about 1:45 a.m. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Rafoey Rodriguez.

The fire apparently began at the opposite end of the house from where the couple were sleeping.

"She woke up and realized it was on fire, and they got it," said Lamesa Fire Chief Larry Duyck.

Red Cross was contacted to provide assistance to the couple.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Home for the Holidays Decorating Contest

Sponsored by:
**Lynn County
Christmas Committee**



Judging will be Wednesday, December 8.
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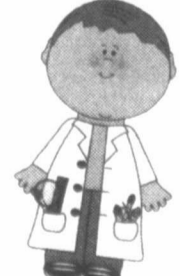


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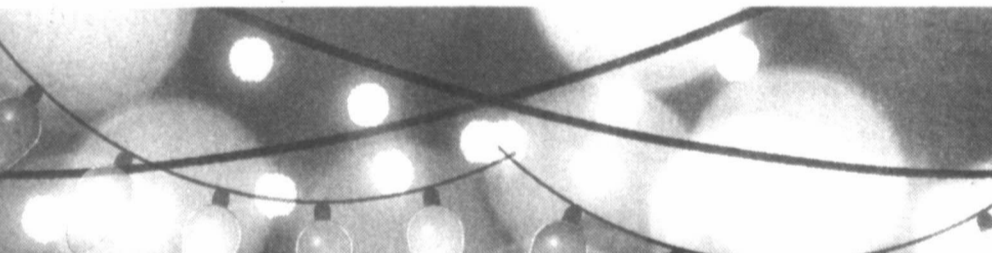
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Wells Coop Gin	8,796
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	6,573
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	5,063
Garlyn Gin	2,910
TOTAL BALES	90,980

Lynn County 4-H winners named at local and State fairs

Lynn County 4-Hers were very competitive over the past few months competing in Livestock show, Food Challenge, Robotics, Photography, Baking, Canned Goods, Arts and crafts at local and State Fairs.

Representing Lynn Co. 4-H were: Garrett Sanders, Lincoln Graham, London Graham, Karlee Rathmann, Kinlee Rathmann, Jaetyn Hick, Remi Donald, Kenny Donald, Rayna Epley, Waylon Epley, Gracie Jones, Wyatt Jones, Natalie Valdez, Kaitlynn Smith, Emily Smith, Baily Smith, Mason Scott, Laney Scott, Mason Walker, Jaetyn Burrows, Reese Moore, Bryson Beck, Kaden McDonald, Leland McDonald, Denton Moore, Braxton Beck, Brazos Beck, and Dylon Brown.

Fall Fair results:
Robotics team High Point Jr. Team - Mason Walker, Mason Scott, Wyatt Jones, and Jayton Burrow State Fair
Karlee Rathmann - Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Heifers Jones County Fair
Champion Reg Angus Heifer, Champion Charolais Heifer Reserve Supreme Heifer (Red Angus) Champion Heifer Showman Permian Basin 5th AOC Steer State Fair
Kinlee Rathmann - Reserve British Steer and Champion Cattle Showman Jones County

Fair Reserve Red Cross Steer, Reserve Angus Steer Permian Basin 3rd Place AOC Steer State Fair
Garrett Sanders -Breed Champion ARB Tri- State Fair and Heart of Texas
Karlee Rathmann- Champion British Heifer - South Plains Fair
Lincoln Graham -Reserve Champion Heavyweight British State Fair
Karlee Rathmann- Reserve Champion White Dorper Ewe - West Texas Fair
Rayna Epley -Baking Best of Show- South Plains Fair
Waylon Epley-Baking Best of Show South Plains Fair
Brayden Smith- Baking Best of Show South Plains Fair
Baily Smith -1st Place Baking South Plains Fair
Emily Smith - 1st Place Baking
Natalie Valdez- 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Photography 1st Place Canned Goods
Kenny Donald- 2nd Place Steer State Fair
Gracie Jones -2nd Place in Art 2nd Place Canned Goods
Kaitlynn Smith 3rd Place Baking South Plains Fair
Wyatt Jones 3rd Place Photography
Robotics High Point Team 4th place Jr. Team- Reese Moore, Kaden McDonald, Leland McDonald, Brayson Beck -State Fair
Waylon Epley -Goat 6th place



Baking Best of Show at the South Plains Fair

Top Left: Rayna Epley
Top right: Waylon Epley
Bottom right: Brayden Smith



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1st Place Bakers ... Sisters, Emily Smith (top photo) and Bailey Smith won 1st Place in Baking at the South Plains Fair.

Congratulations to all 4-H Winners



Wyatt Jones 3rd Place Photography



2nd Place ... Gracie Jones won 2nd Place in Art and 2nd Place Canned Goods.



Natalie Valdez- 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Photography 1st Place Canned Goods



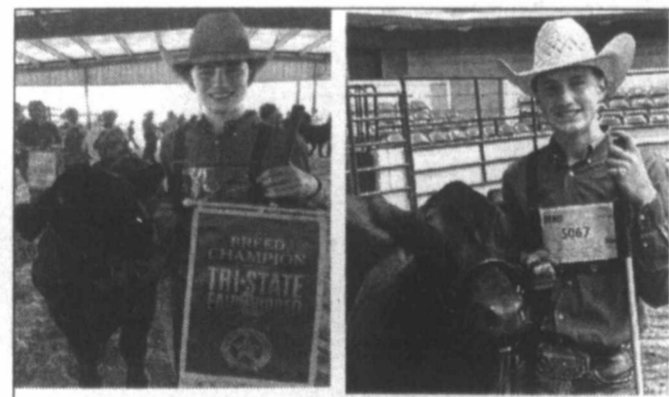
2nd Place... Kenny Donald won 2nd Place with his steer at the State Fair



Robotics High Point Team 4th place Jr. Team ... Team members (not in order) Reese Moore, Kaden McDonald, Leland McDonald, and Brayson Beck placed 4th at the State Fair.



High Point Jr. Team Robotics... State Fair Competition Team members for the Jr. Team Robotics were, Mason Walker, Mason Scott, Wyatt Jones, and Jayton Burrow.



Breed Champion ... Garrett Sanders won Breed Champion ARB at the Tri- State Fair and Heart of Texas



Reserve Champion ... Lincoln Graham was the winner of the Reserve Champion Heavyweight British at the State Fair

CDC recommends COVID-19 Pfizer boosters for the following:

- 65 years and older **SHOULD** receive vaccine
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Huffaker & Harris, LLP
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DATED the 27th day of October, 2021.

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CARD OF THANKS

Thank you to all! Tommy's whole cancer journey has been the absolute hardest trial he and I ever had to endure...but the love, care, concern, & generosity by SO many people have also made it the most humbling journey, as well. Old friends, new friends, family, acquaintances and many strangers (or better yet, friends I have yet to meet) have prayed for us...so many fervent prayers were sent up on our behalf. So many "intentional" acts of kindness were bestowed on us through calls, meals, texts, cards, prayer meetings, prayer chains... and yet the worst we could have imagined came to pass. Through it all, Tommy never once gave up on God. He praised Him with his last breath. We saw His hand all through the months - "coincidences" that couldn't be explained, in the deeds of each person that ministered to us. I could not have imagined the many ways we would be shattered by this journey, and yet time and again, someone would come along beside us, pick us up and help to bear our burden. Our family will never be the same, but in this "new normal" we will learn to move forward. Thank you to each one of you for whatever part you played in our story. We have experienced the Body of Christ at its best. May you be blessed as you have blessed!

Our love to all.
Carolyn, Emily, Callie & families
The Botkin & Cowan families

Dear friends!

Wow! Rhonda McNeely and her "Rhonda's Things" Cancer Fundraiser conducted in memory of Tommy were such a huge blessing to me and my family! While it has been several months since he has been gone, it still hurts like it was yesterday. The abundance of blessings that were poured out during that fundraiser lifted my spirits and showed me that I am, indeed, blessed beyond measure - even in the midst of my greatest sorrow. And that I am not walking this journey alone. Rhonda, thank you. Not only for blessing me, but for continuing to grow this event and bless those around you who have also suffered as they faced cancer head on. You and your story bless & inspire me! I look forward to helping you as you help others! To each of you who took the time to make or purchase items you so generously donated to the fundraiser, thank you!! There were so many thoughtful handmade items, as well as, wonderful items that had been purchased & donated. Each one brought joy to my heart! And to each of the bidders, "winners," and those of you who gave generous donations - thank you!! There were so many that participated in this event!

Bless you, my friends!
Carolyn Botkin

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