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Strange but true!

4 a.m. again?!
The first alarm clock could only ring at 4 a.m. Invented in 1787, Levi Hutchins needed a way to wake up in time for work, so he made the alarm clock. It took almost 100 years for a wind up alarm clock to be invented that could be set to any time.



Early Voting is Oct. 24-Nov. 4
at the Lynn County Clerk's Office for the Nov. 8 General Election
The Clerk's Office is located on the 1st floor of the Lynn County Courthouse



This week's games:
Olton at Tahoka
New Home at Morton
O'Donnell at Wellman-Union
Dawson at Wilson

Last week's Scoreboard:
Floydada 42-18 Tahoka
New Home 50-0 Plains
O'Donnell 69-30 Meadow Loop
49-0 Wilson

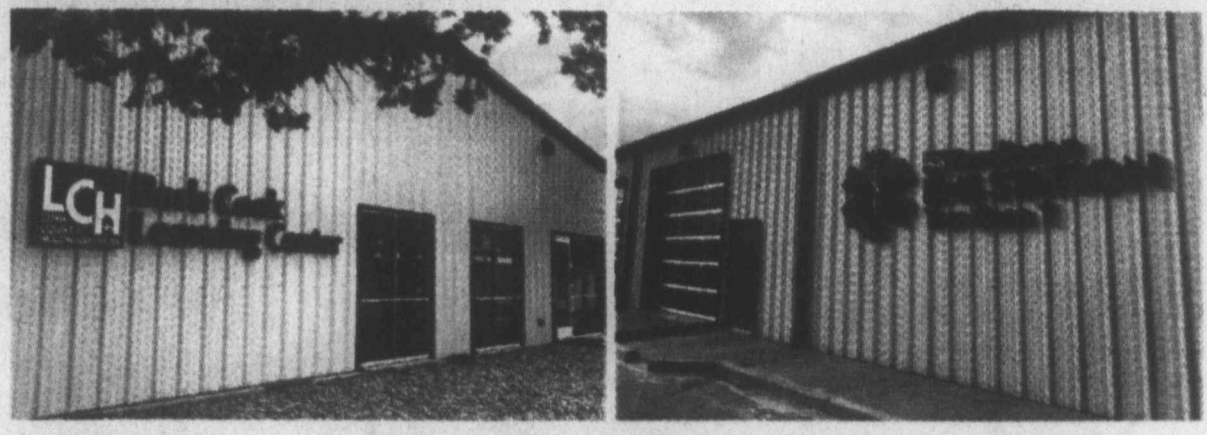
WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Oct 18	54	46	
Oct 19	72	45	
Oct 20	81	47	
Oct 21	81	48	
Oct 22	87	51	
Oct 23	86	54	0.19"
Oct 24	71	37	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	0"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.19"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.19"
Total Precip for Apr:	0"
Total Precip for May:	0.60"
Total Precip for June:	1.19"
Total Precip for July:	0.65"
Total Precip for Aug:	5.53"
Total Precip for Sept:	0.39"
Total Precip for Oct:	2.11"
Total Precip. for 2022:	10.85"



IN THEIR HONOR Ceremonies slated today for naming EMS facilities in honor of Tomlinson, Cook

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Healthcare System is honoring the memory of two local citizens who dedicated much of their time to helping to create and serve the Lynn County Emergency Management Services (EMS). On Thursday, Oct. 27, citizens are invited to attend dedication ceremonies at 5 p.m. for the naming of the LCHS EMS station as the Tomlinson EMS Station "Tom Base 1" and the its spacious educational center as the Barb Cook Learning Center. Family and friends of the two honorees will be on hand for the ceremony that will recognize the dedication and service of the two.

Billy Tomlinson ("Billy Tom") and his wife Jolene were among a handful of Tahoka and O'Donnell citizens who bravely took the first steps towards getting EMT certification and forming the first certified Lynn County Hospital EMS team in 1983.

Billy Tom, a local farmer, also served for many years as a director on the LCHD Board of Directors, and was passionate about providing the best possible healthcare to his community. He died in 2009.

Barbara "Barb" Cook was also an early member of the LCHD EMS, joining in the early years, and was a strong advocate of volunteer first-responder service to the community. She was a long-time volunteer with the EMS, serving for a span of 14 years.

"It is an honor to dedicate the new EMS Station and Learning Center to Billy Tom and Jolene Tomlinson and Barb Cook. This will commemorate the generosity and dedication each of them demonstrated during the years they served and established the very first hospital-owned EMS service. All three were dedicated to Lynn County and passionate about helping others. Their dedication to service will long be remembered and this naming is a small thank you for their hard work and dedication," said Dr. Melanie Richburg, CEO of Lynn County Healthcare System.

Lynn County Hospital District took over the ambulance service from the local funeral home in 1973, working on a scoop and run

(See EMS CEREMONIES, page 3)

O'Donnell ISD coach arrested on charges of enticement of a child

An O'Donnell ISD employee has been arrested after being accused of communicating inappropriately with a 14-year-old female student. Nicholas Dominique Bueno, 27, was arrested last Wednesday on charges of enticement of a child, according to the Lynn County Sheriff's Office. He is also facing further federal charges of enticement and attempted enticement of a minor.

Bueno was immediately placed on administrative leave during the investigation.

On Tuesday this week, OISD Superintendent Dr. Cathy Palmer told *The News* that Mr. Bueno is no longer employed at O'Donnell ISD. He was a new hire this year as a head basketball coach.

The allegedly inappropriate contact started Sept. 23 and continued until Oct. 19.

The Lynn County Sheriff's Office, the O'Donnell ISD Resource Officer, and the OISD administration are all participating in the investigation. The incident has also been reported to Child Protective Services and the Texas Education Agency.

According to news sources, on October 18, 2022, the Lynn County Sheriff's Office informed the FBI about an investigation into an inappropriate relationship between a high school teacher in O'Donnell and a 14-year-old student. The student is referred to as Jane Doe in the complaint. The charges allegedly stem from sexually explicit text messages and sexually explicit videos sent by Bueno to the student.

On Oct. 19, 2022, Bueno was interviewed by a Special Agent with the Texas Department of Public Safety. During the interview, Bueno admitted he used a pre-paid phone to engage in sexually explicit conversations with Doe beginning on Sept. 23. Bueno admitted he requested Doe send him images of herself and admitted to sending a sexually explicit image and video of his genitals to the student, news sources reported.

"It was clear from the interview, and from Bueno's relationship with Doe, that he knew that she was a 14-year-old child and that he was discussing his intentions of engaging in sexual acts with Doe," the complaint shows.

The school superintendent sent out a statement last Thursday to report the situation to OISD families. "It is with a heavy heart that I am reporting this information to the families of students enrolled in O'Donnell ISD. After receiving information on Oct. 18, regarding an O'Donnell High School employee allegedly using electronic media to communicate inappropriately with a high school student, OISD contacted the Lynn County Sheriff's Office. OISD administrators and local law enforcement authorities began investigation immediately, and the OISD employee was placed on administrative leave pending the results of that investigation," Dr. Palmer stated.

The statement said that the safety and well-being of students remains the school district's highest priority. "O'Donnell ISD always provides counseling services for any of our students and encourages parents to contact the counselor if they have any concerns," Palmer stated.

Bueno was being held in the Lubbock County Detention Center on a federal hold.

Strange..... BUT TRUE

Odd and unusual trivia our staff has found, in our annual nod to Halloween!



Grooves in the road on Route 66 play "America the Beautiful."

New Mexico's Department of Transportation decided to spice up a desolate quarter-mile stretch of Route 66 between Albuquerque and Tijeras. Grooves were added in the road that play music when you drive over them going the speed limit of 45 mph. The grooves work just like the rumble strips, which vibrate your car if you drift out of your lane. These particular strips are positioned to create different pitches when you drive over them, and if you do, you can clearly hear "America the Beautiful" play through the vibrations in your car's wheels.



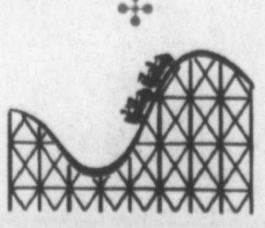
Wool of Bat

Eye of newt, toe of frog, and wool of bat are just archaic terms for mustard seed, buttercup, and holly leaves.



Free stay - but there's a catch.

In March 2019, the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans decided to celebrate its 125th anniversary by offering a free seven-night stay in its presidential suite, along with complimentary private dinners and spa treatments worth a whopping \$15,000. But this wasn't a standard giveaway: The prize was only available to the person who returned the "most outrageous" item ever stolen from the hotel.



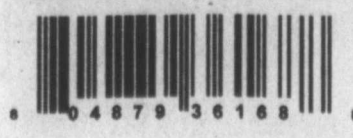
Riding a roller coaster could help you pass a kidney stone!

After multiple people reported they had passed a kidney stone while riding Walt Disney World's Big Thunder Mountain Railroad ride, a research team from Michigan State University decided to investigate the phenomena in 2016. They conducted tests with a model kidney and found that there was a 64 percent kidney stone pass rate for those seated in the rear of the Thunder Mountain ride. That number was just 16 percent for those seated in the front.



CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO TWO
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and 5:30-7:00 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31
on the west parking lot of Tahoka First Baptist Church
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DID YOU KNOW?

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

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Obituaries



Walter Menzer
 Walter Menzer, 81, of Wilson, passed away Thursday, October 20, 2022.

Viewing will be 11:00 am - 6:00 pm Thursday, October 27, 2022 with a visitation following from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Englund's. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 28, 2022 at Hearts Together Church of Christ. Interment will be in Green Memorial Park in Wilson. Arrangements are by Englund's Funeral Service of Slaton.

Walter was born August 4, 1941 in Wilson to Karl and Ad-

ela Menzer. He was a lifelong resident of Wilson where he farmed cotton until he retired after 42 years. Walter married Tracy Lynn Wristen in Lamesa on January 25, 1964 and they celebrated over 55 years of marriage. He was a founding member of the South Plains Antique Tractor Association and served on the board of the Wilson Co-op Gin for a short period of time. His hobby was remodeling tractors and he loved all things agriculture and tractor related. Walter was a member of Hearts Together Church of Christ in Slaton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife.

Walter is survived by his daughter, Sue Doshier of Slaton; his brothers, Weldon Menzer of Wilson and Wesley Menzer of Eagle Pass, Alaska; two sisters, Darlene Toles of Weatherford, and Delphin Wied of Friona; two grandchildren, Janeé Doshier and Michael Doshier; and four great-grandchildren, Vivian, AriAnna, Faith and Ava.

TISD welding department to make band hall letters

by JUANELL JONES
 Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees met twice last week, once in regular session for routine business, and another special session for issues relating to school security practices and protocols.

The regular session was held at 6 p.m. Monday, with campus principals presenting reports. Also discussed was the lettering for the naming of the band hall as the Carroll

Rhodes Band Hall. Superintendent Torrey Price informed the board that the TISD welding department will be making the letters for the project, and said that school officials will be making the announcement on naming the band hall after Tahoka's longtime director during halftime ceremonies of the last home game, on Oct. 28.

The district's Wellness Policy was approved as presented.

During the student recognition portion of the meeting, FCCLA student Makayla Moya was recognized as the outstanding student of the month.

"Makayla is very active in FCCLA and lots of other organizations and is extremely busy. This extremely intelligent young lady is a bright shining star here at Tahoka ISD and we know she will have great endeavors coming her way," said FCCLA sponsor Whitney Meyer.

At the special session Oct. 18, Supt. Price presented information to trustees regarding an exterior door audit, reunification plan, intruder detection audit, and an active threat/active shooter update.



Halloween humor ... Apparently the skeletons are taking over the yard work at this home in the 1800 block of North 6th Street in Tahoka. The homeowners have added "dem bones dem bones" to their lawn decor!

Aggravated assault, accident, thefts in law reports this week

by JUANELL JONES

A one-vehicle rollover, aggravated assault, several arrests, abandoned vehicles, and thefts were in Lynn County and local law enforcement reports for the past week.

A one-vehicle rollover occurred on US 87 just south of the cemetery overpass in Tahoka at 3:36 p.m. Oct. 24. A caller to the Lynn County Sheriff's Office reported that one person had crawled out of the vehicle, but he did not know if other persons were inside the vehicle. LCSO, Lynn County EMS, Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, and DPS all dispatched to the scene of the accident. Apparently the driver was the only person in the vehicle, and refused transport by EMS. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

LCSO deputies responded to O'Donnell at 1:07 p.m. Oct. 22 in response to a caller who said her 16-year-old daughter was being followed from school by a local male from town with a knife. Deputies located the male suspect in an abandoned house on the corner of Miles and 2nd Street. The male was arrested on charges of Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon, and transported to Lynn County Jail.

Several arrests were made after traffic stops were conducted, including a female driver who was arrested for reckless driving, after she was reported to be driving the wrong way on US 87. A caller reported a car traveling southbound in the northbound lanes of US 87 about 10 miles north of Tahoka at 1:38 a.m. Oct. 20. Deputies located the vehicle on US 87 near FM 1317, and transported the female driver to Lynn County Jail.

Three females were arrested during a traffic stop at CR 15 and US 87 at 12:41 a.m. Oct. 18. After conducting a vehicle search, a deputy arrested the three female occupants of the vehicle on charges of Organized Theft \$2,500-\$30,000. Two females were transported to the Lynn County Jail and one female was released to the Juvenile Probation Officer for transport. The deputy was able to recover stolen items from two retail stores from Odessa, according to the call sheet report.

A female driver was arrested on charges of Possession of Controlled Substance after a traffic stop at 11:46 p.m. Oct. 20 at CR 1 and US 87. She was transported to Lynn County Jail.

A male driver was arrested on charges of Theft of Property \$2,500-\$30,000 after a deputy stopped a vehicle at 10:34 p.m. Oct. 22 at US 87 and CR 6. The deputy reportedly recovered several power tools that had been reported stolen from Home Depot, according to reports.

A passenger was arrested on charges of Possession of Controlled Substance after a deputy conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle at 8 p.m. Oct.

23 at CR 11 and US 87.

On Oct. 19, a caller to LCSO reported that his pickup truck and trailer were broken into at the wind farm on FM 1054, and said the passenger window of the pickup was busted. A black duffel bag, filters and masks were reported taken from inside the vehicle. He also reported that a lock was busted off the trailer and several items were missing, including a generator, tactical rescue device, two Dewalt grinders, two Dewalt Sanders, two Ryobi drills, ultraviolet light, electric caulking gun, and a 5-gallon metal gas can were all taken from the enclosed trailer.

A black Baldy cow was reported missing at 9:29 a.m. Oct. 19 from an area near CR 20 and CR X, with the owner reporting that it may have wandered off, and he just wanted to report it in case someone called one in.

An abandoned gray pickup truck stuck in mud in a ditch on CR DD near CR 3 was reported on Oct. 19 to have been there for about a week. A deputy running the vehicle's VIN discovered it was reported stolen out of Lubbock PD, who notified the vehicle's owner that it had been recovered.

A welfare concern was called in at 8:22 p.m. Oct. 21, when a caller reported that a male individual was walking in the northbound lanes of FM 400. A deputy located the man, who said his vehicle had broken down and his phone was dead. The deputy gave the man a ride to his home.

LCSO received several calls reporting two trucks hauling a double-wide mobile home had stopped on the side of US 87 at the roadside park north of Tahoka, but that they were blocking traffic on one of the lanes of traffic at 10:34 p.m. Oct. 21. Officers responding to the scene noted that the trucks had their emergency flashers on and reflective triangles out behind their rigs, as they were attempting to do repairs on one of the trucks. The trucks moved on after repairs were made.

Stolen property was reportedly recovered in Lynn County, according to a call to the LCSO at 12:06 p.m. Oct. 22. A caller reported that he had a trailer, generator, batteries, drills and other tools taken from their business in Lubbock. He said he had reported the thefts and uploaded some videos of the theft, and then received a tip from a crime watcher's website of a possible location of the vehicle involved in the theft. He said they drove down and located the vehicle on FM 211 in Lynn County. A deputy met with the complainant and took a report.

An abandoned white pickup was found in the middle of CR 14 west of FM 400, after a caller reported the vehicle at 9:46 a.m. Oct. 23. The vehicle was reportedly blocking the road, and a deputy had the vehicle towed.

A caller at 10 a.m. Oct.

18 reported an old house was on fire at CR 38 and FM 1054 and did not see anyone near the house. O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. was dispatched to the location, and reported back to LCSO that it was a control burn.

A vehicle was reported to be on fire on US 84 at the Lubbock/Lynn County line at 5:44 p.m. Oct. 20. A caller reported that an orange big rig was parked on the side of the road on US 84, with a lot of smoke coming from it. A deputy located and checked on the vehicle, but no fire departments were notified, according to call sheet reports.

A missing person from Lubbock County was thought to be in Lynn County, when a woman called at 9:12 p.m. Oct. 20 and said her 85-year-old husband had called her and said he was at a convenience store in Tahoka at 7:15 p.m. and was on his way home. She said he had not yet come home and no one was answering his phone. Several agencies were involved in the lookout for the vehicle, including LCSO and Tahoka Police Dept. At 3:41 a.m. one of the daughters of the man called and said their father had been located in Lubbock and all was okay.

LCSO received a call from Women's Protective Services at 12:35 a.m. Oct. 21 reporting that they had received a call from a female in Wilson who said her boyfriend was being abusive, that he had reportedly drug her by her feet and kicked her. WPS said that while speaking to the female the line disconnected. Deputies arriving at the location were told that the male had left prior to their arrival, and the female refused to press charges or make a statement, according to call sheet reports.

An animal bite was reported at 11:56 a.m. Oct. 23 in Wilson. A caller to LCSO said that his wife had been bitten on the leg by a small black dog in the 1300 block of Dickson Ave. while they were going to church. The caller told LCSO that the bite had barely broken the skin, but he wanted to report it. He said he had spoken to the dog's owner and they had put the dog inside their residence.

Tahoka Police were called to a convenience store parking lot at 3 a.m. Oct. 22 for a report of a suspicious vehicle, which reportedly had two females sitting inside the vehicle for a long time. An officer responding to the location found two females under the age of 21 in the vehicle. One female was issued a citation for under-age possession of tobacco products, and one was issued a citation for curfew violation and under-age possession of tobacco products.

Other calls during the week were for domestic disturbances, welfare concerns, assisting EMS, harassment, unwanted persons, a 9-1-1 hangup, and residential alarms.

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Oct. 31-Nov. 4

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Wednesday: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, mixed squash, fruit cup

Thursday: Baked fish scandinavia, red potatoes w/ skin on, coleslaw w/ apple, peach shortcake

Friday: Sloppy Joe on bun, country potato salad, carrots & zucchini, creamy fruit square

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EMS Ceremonies ...

(Continued from page 1)

policy until 1983, when training and certification requirements had to be met.

Mrs. Tomlinson remembers that it was she and Billy Tom, Susan Tipton, Gustene Bairrington and her daughter of O'Donnell, and a couple of others from Lubbock, who took the first EMT classes offered here through South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG), in order to become certified EMTs.

She says that she and her husband, who were recent empty-nesters after their children had left home, decided that they were ready for a new challenge.

"We took the classes here, and as I remember it the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary paid for our fees. We took the classes here, and then we had to go to Lubbock on our own to complete our hands-on training with their EMS service.

It was pretty stressful, actually," recalls Mrs. Tomlinson.

"Billy Tom wasn't shy at all, he just jumped right in there and did what he thought should be done," said Jolene with a laugh. "He had great people skills, and could talk to anybody," she added.

In the early days, she said the EMS did not have their own pagers or radios, but used their own phones. Eventually, the hospital provided radios to the EMS. There were so few people on the volunteer service, she says, that they were pretty much on call all the time.

"It was pretty much just scoop and go back then, we weren't certified to do IVs or anything like that," says Mrs. Tomlinson.

Their very first EMS run was a very difficult one.

"Our very first run was a SIDS baby, and that was so

very hard," Jolene remembers. "Afterwards, Billy Tom was sitting on the ambulance bumper in the hospital parking lot, and we were all pretty shook up. Dr. (Richard) Wright came out and had a talk with Billy. He told him he was going to have to find a way to get over it if he wanted to help people. And he was right," she recalled.

Billy Tom and Jolene served 13 years as volunteers on the EMS, and were strong supporters of the organization.

Barb Cook began her volunteer service with the EMS as a driver, in 1983. After serving as a driver and helping with the ambulance runs, she was ready to take the certification training, and she earned her EMT certification in 1986.

"I am not sure why she started with the EMS," recalls Barb's daughter, Kathy (Cook) Long. "I know that Billy Tom and Jolene were trying to find people to volunteer. I remember that he pretty much challenged/dared her to give it a try, but that is all any of us really remember. She did love working on the ambulance service and helping people. Up until this point she had not had a job since before she married."

Barb was a dedicated volunteer, and passionate about helping people. After a few years, she took over as head of the EMS volunteer service.

"I don't remember what year she became the head of the EMS but she did this for several years prior to her death," her daughter remembers.

Since 1983, the Lynn County EMS has grown into an exceptionally well-qualified emergency service here, and one upon which Lynn County residents strongly rely. There are many who have served the organization well throughout the years, but it took the determination and willingness of those first brave few who took the training and dedicated their services to this community for the organization to gain its momentum and carry on the tradition of service.

It is with great gratitude that county citizens should give thanks to all who have served, and continue to serve, on the Lynn County EMS.



EMS in early days ... This photo shows the Lynn County EMS in what is believed to be the early 90s, which includes both Billy and Jolene Tomlinson, and Barb Cook. Pictured are, in back from left, Gordon Tomlinson, Todd Henry, Brenda Norwood, Steve Sanders, Jonama (Cox) Allen, Dee Dee Pridmore, Donna Raindl, and Billy Tomlinson; and seated in front, Jolene Tomlinson, Rhonda McNeely, Kathy (Cook) Long, Barb Cook, and Ginger Henry.

Salmonella outbreak, stomach bug illnesses cause alarming numbers of sick people here

by JUANEL JONES

An alarming number of people suffering with intestinal issues has been reported as seeking medical attention from Lynn County Healthcare ER and clinics during the past week, with at least 50 people being treated or admitted to Lynn County Healthcare facilities with symptoms of nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, stomach cramps and other issues related to a possible stomach bug, or possibly salmonella infections.

When the cases started to add up, with an influx of people of all ages identified with the same symptoms, healthcare workers here began testing for Salmonella infections. Test results have proven positive in at least 30 cases, according to Dr. Melanie Richburg, CEO of Lynn County Healthcare System.

Salmonella, or salmonellosis, is an infection with Salmonella bacteria that causes fever, diarrhea and other stomach (gastrointestinal) issues. It is the most common form of bacterial food poisoning in the U.S. Many kinds of food have caused salmonella outbreaks, including peanut butter, packaged meats, poultry/eggs, frozen food and produce. The most common

way to get salmonella is from undercooked food or improper food preparation.

It is contagious, and people can get salmonella from touching surfaces that animals and people who are infected with Salmonella bacteria may have touched.

"My best advice to people, is wash your hands, wash your hands, wash your hands!" says Dr. Richburg. "We've had more than 50 people, youth and adults of all ages, treated or admitted to our facilities during the past week. It is beginning to slow down this week, but this isn't normal [to have so many people presenting with the same symptoms]. We have not positively identified a source for a Salmonella infection," she added, noting that she has been reporting to the state Health Department on the issue.

"It is the state Health Department that has the authority to decide whether to issue a public alert in such cases," she said.

Healthcare staff have asked patients many questions about where or what they have eaten, but Dr. Richburg said that the incubation period for salmonella can be up to three days, which makes it harder to determine

a source. As of yet, no source has been found that relates to all cases seen, although once the initial cases came in the infection could have easily been spread.

"It can easily be spread if the people who are infected do not properly wash their hands after going to the bathroom, especially in places like schools," said Dr. Richburg.

Bryant Sears, Lynn County Emergency Management Coordinator, told *The News* that because of the unprecedented number of illnesses reported he had done some investigating as to possible causes of a salmonella outbreak, including getting test results from the city water supply.

The city water supply is tested daily, but according to Dr. Richburg those tests include testing for e-coli bacteria but do not include testing for salmonella.

"All tests of the city water supply have come back within the proper levels, and despite some reports of possible sources of food contamination, nothing has been substantiated. I don't really have anything to report except to say that nothing has proven to be found," Sears said.

Leopards shutout Plains 50-0 for third district win

The New Home Leopards secured their third district win against the Plains Cowboys last Friday, 50-0.

The Leopard of the Week, Jackson Raines, senior, had two receptions for 86 yards, two touchdowns, three tackles, and three interceptions for the game.

Also contributing to the 50-point shut out of the Cowboys was junior, Ashton Lucio, with one touchdown, junior, Logan Addison, with two touchdowns, and sophomore, Caleb Cook with three touchdowns.

The Leopards dominated

on offense with a total of 524 yards. Cook passed for 237 yards, Addison rushed for 72 yards, Lucio rushed for 85 yards, and senior, Brady Brown, with 52 yards.

Leading Leopard defense was senior, Braxton Beck, with nine tackles.

New Home seniors, Braxton Beck, Cole Peters, Brady Brown, Cameron McFadden, Brody Emert, Jackson Raines, and cheerleader, Keely Franco, were honored before the game.

The Leopards meet the Morton Indians in Morton, TX this Friday.



Leopards win ... New Home quarterback Caleb Cook looks to pass in the Leopards' 50-0 shutout over Plains last week. Cook passed for 237 yards in the game, and the Leopards dominated on offense with a total of 524 yards. (NHISD PHOTO)

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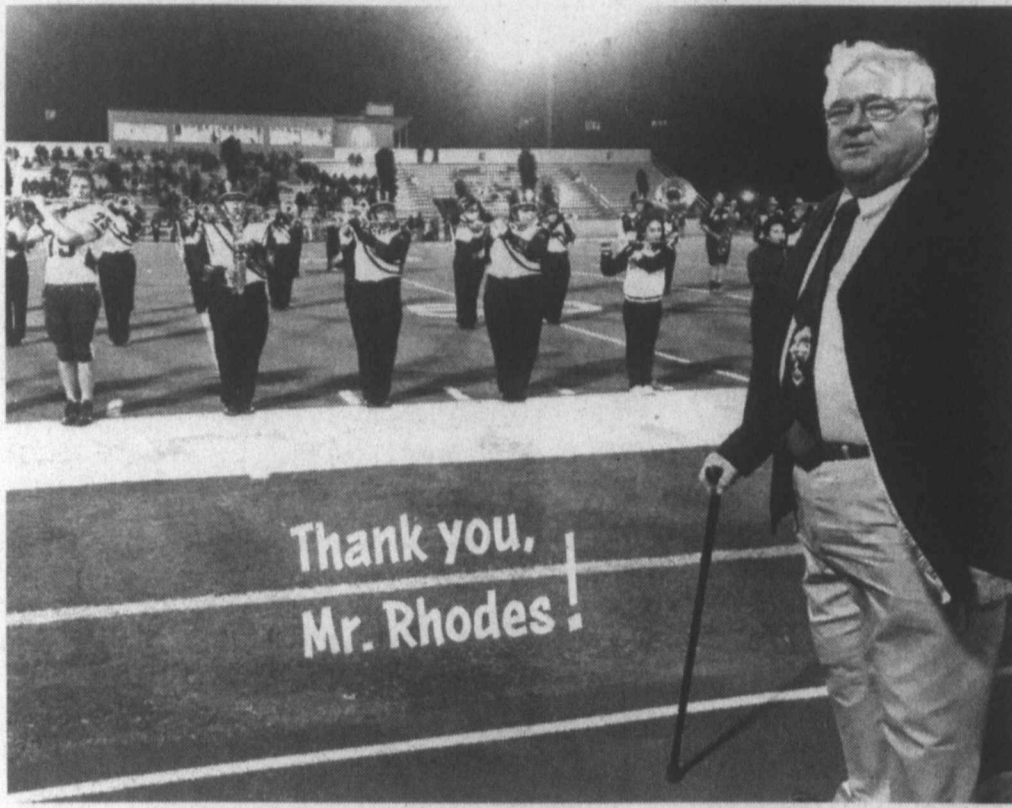
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Retired director to be honored at halftime Friday with naming of the Carroll Rhodes Band Hall

by JUANELL JONES

His name may not be up in lights – but it will be in really tall letters on the building for everyone to see. It is a fitting accolade for longtime Tahoka High School Band Director Carroll Rhodes, who is being honored by Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees with the official naming of the THS band hall as the Carroll Rhodes Band Hall, in recognition of his many years leading the Tahoka band program into a success story that few other schools can claim.

School officials will be making the announcement on naming the band hall after Tahoka's longtime director during halftime ceremonies of the last home game this Friday, on Oct. 28. Rhodes will be on the field, with the 3D Band – his biggest fans – standing behind him, as the ceremonies are conducted.

From this point on, the Tahoka ISD band students will see the name of Carroll Rhodes on the band hall building, as they come and go from their musical training, as a remembrance of a longtime great director who dedicated almost three decades of

his life to the Tahoka band program. Rhodes stepped down from a 27-year successful program here at the end of the 2021-22 school year in May, for a long-deserved retirement. He cheerfully, joyfully, and enthusiastically led the young musicians of Tahoka into their own success stories, as together they established an outstanding band program that has been recognized throughout the South Plains as a consistently award-winning musical band.

Rhodes led Tahoka ISD bands to 20 consecutive Sweepstakes awards and numerous other accolades. He also ended with a 24-consecutive-year record of Tahoka bands earning I's in Concert, 23 consecutive years of I's in Sightreading, and 20 consecutive years of I's in UIL Marching Contest. No other previous band director for Tahoka can claim such accomplishments here.

He will be proud to know that this year the Tahoka 3D Band is continuing their outstanding musical talents, as just recently the band, under the leadership of Cristalina Burse, earned their 21st consecutive UIL Marching Contest superior rating.

Burse was Rhodes' right-hand assistant for several years, and a former 3D band member herself under Rhodes' tutelage, so she is well-qualified and anticipating to carry on the outstanding traditions of the 3D Band.

"Mr. Rhodes has put Tahoka ISD on the map. This is a no-brainer for our school, for the district to honor him with naming the band hall after him," said Torrey Price, Tahoka ISD Superintendent. "He is known throughout the state – it's just remarkable what he has accomplished here. There's a saying from [the movie] The Sandlot, that 'There are heroes and there are legends. Heroes get remembered but legends never die.' Mr. Rhodes may be a hero to some, but he is a legend here and he will be remembered for many, many years. To accomplish what he has done is second to none. He has touched the lives of generations of families here. By putting his name on the band hall building, he will be here forever," said Supt. Price.

The superintendent noted that the letters for the building are being made here by the welding department, with students cutting out the letters and powder-coating them, and the maintenance department will mount the letters on the building.

With cotton production down, some gins won't operate this season

by JUANELL JONES

With much of Lynn County's cotton production lost to a severe drought this growing season, the outlook is bleak for the area gins that count on the cotton harvest for their operating seasons.

At least two area gins will not even start up operations this year, according to information from gin officials reached by *The News* staff.

Farmers Coop Association #1 in Tahoka and, Wes-Tex Coop Gin in O'Donnell do not plan to start up, with most of their regular customers unable to produce any cotton this

season. Wes-Tex Coop Gin's plant in Slaton is reportedly operating but not from the local harvest. Instead, they are offering custom ginning for other locations.

"Farmers Coop Gin in Tahoka will be working with Wells Farmers Coop Gin for this year's crop," said Bryan Reynolds, manager. "Due to the extremely limited number of acres that survived the drought, it is in the best interest for us to team up and work together this year. Wells Farmers Coop Gin will gin the cotton and Farmers Coop Gin Tahoka will haul the cottonseed and bales," he explained.

New Home Coop Gin is currently operating, and reported their first bale was produced on Oct. 19 from Lynn County producer Gregg Armes.

Woolam Gin in O'Donnell will begin operating either sometime in November, or after the first freeze, according to gin officials.

Wells Coop Gin and Garlyn Coop Gin officials told *The News* that they plan to begin operations later as well.

Texas Star Gin, with operations in Wilson and Union, is currently custom ginning, but gin officials anticipate that some local harvest will be brought in, in late October.

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"It's all being done here, which I think makes it even more meaningful for those who had an actual hand in this project," said the superintendent.

He anticipates that the letters will be mounted on the band hall prior to Friday night's ceremonies.

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Pilot in trouble

A Brussels airline flight to Vienna was aborted because the pilot was attacked in the cockpit. The attacker was a passenger's cat.



Watch your step!

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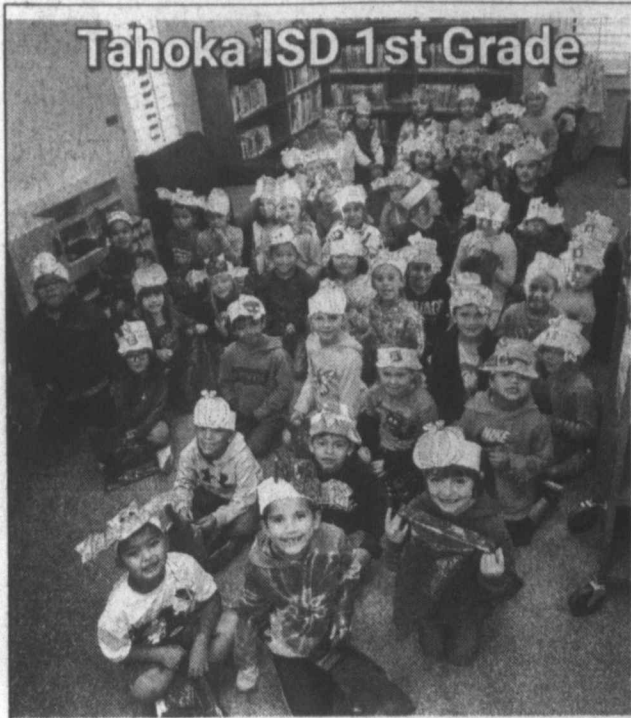
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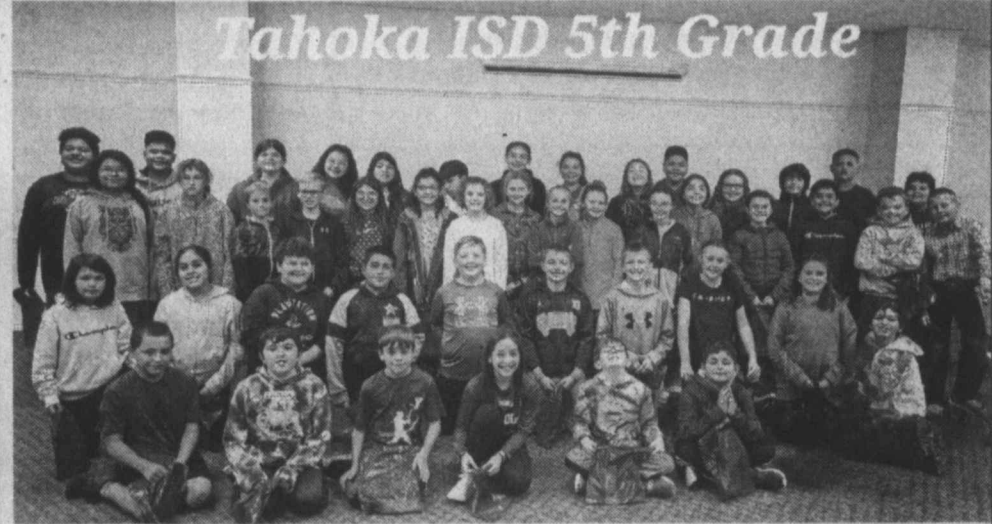


Tahoka ISD 4th Grade

Trick or Treat fun ... Pictured are some of the many children who participated in the City/County Library's Business Halloween trick or treating program. There were several school field trips participating in the program, including Wilson ISD and Tahoka ISD classes, as well as other children. Orsted Tahoka Wind Farm representatives also participated, with representatives at the library Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 3:30-5 p.m. as part of the Business Trick or Treating. A total of 318 children participated in the week-long event.



Tahoka 3rd Grade



Tahoka ISD 5th Grade



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