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**Sunday morning fire  
damages warehouse,  
fills offices with smoke**



Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and Woodrow Fire Departments responded to a fire at the Poka Lambro Cooperative, Inc. headquarters Sunday morning, at their facilities located approximately 11 miles north of Tahoka on U.S. Hwy. 87. The fire started in the warehouse attached to the back side of the brick office building. No one was injured, but the offices are closed this week during cleanup.

(LCN PHOTOS by Juanell Jones)

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## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 17	94	68	0.07"
June 18	92	69	
June 19	90	67	
June 20	84	65	
June 21	80	66	0.09"
June 22	91	65	
June 23	84	61	0.32"
Total Precip for Jan:			0.00"
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Total Precip for Mar:			0.06"
Total Precip for Apr:			0.03"
Total Precip for May:			3.95"
Total Precip for June:			3.71"
Total Precip. for 2014:			8.23"

## Armed robber cleans out safe at Thriftway store early Friday

by JUANELL JONES

An armed and masked robber held an employee at gunpoint at Tahoka Thriftway grocery store early Friday morning, getting away with an undisclosed amount of money after forcing employee Felix Calvillo to open the store safe. The unidentified male was heavysset and wearing a black t-shirt and blue jeans, with a bandana tied over his face and a red baseball cap pulled low over his forehead, according to video captured by Thriftway's security cameras. The baseball cap had a capital "T" on the bill, possibly a Texas Rangers or Texas Tech cap.

Lynn County Crime Line and Thriftway are offering a \$3000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the robber, according to store owner Steve Sanders. Call The Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 806-561-4505 or Tahoka Police Dept. at 806-561-5255 to report any information.

"I know there is somebody out there that knows who this guy is, and we are offering a substantial reward for this information," Sanders told *The News*. "It's not so much about the money, but if he gets away with this he will do it again, and the next time

somebody may get hurt, or worse. I am so thankful that Felix wasn't hurt," he added.

Sanders was visibly shaken on Friday morning after Calvillo called him to the store, and law enforcement had been notified. Thriftway did open for business, however, at 7:30 a.m. for their customers.

"The bread truck had made a delivery, and just left the parking lot, when Felix arrived. The robber had apparently been hiding nearby to the east of the store property, and came running up when he saw Felix arrive to unlock the front door. He was out of breath

from running to get to Felix before he could get in the building and lock the doors behind him," Sanders said.

"On the video it looks like he has a ponytail sticking out from his cap in back, but it is actually the ends of a bandana that was tied over his face," Sanders added.

Calvillo was the sole employee on the premises as he arrived at the store at 6 a.m. Friday to prepare for the store's 7:30 a.m. opening. As he was approaching the front glass doors to enter the store, a man holding a gun approached from behind, showed Calvillo his gun, and said, "This is a

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robbery."  
He instructed Calvillo to hurry and open the door, and said to take him to the store's safe, where he forced him at gunpoint to open the safe and empty the contents into a paper Thriftway grocery sack.

"I had trouble getting the safe open, and he was getting very angry," Calvillo said, adding that the robber held the gun over his head as he was attempting to open the safe.

As soon as the robber had the money from the safe, he left the store without saying anything further to Calvillo. There were no vehicles in the store's parking lot, and the robber left on foot, presumably to where he had hidden a vehicle for his getaway. Video cameras show him hurrying east from the front doors of Thriftway, down their front

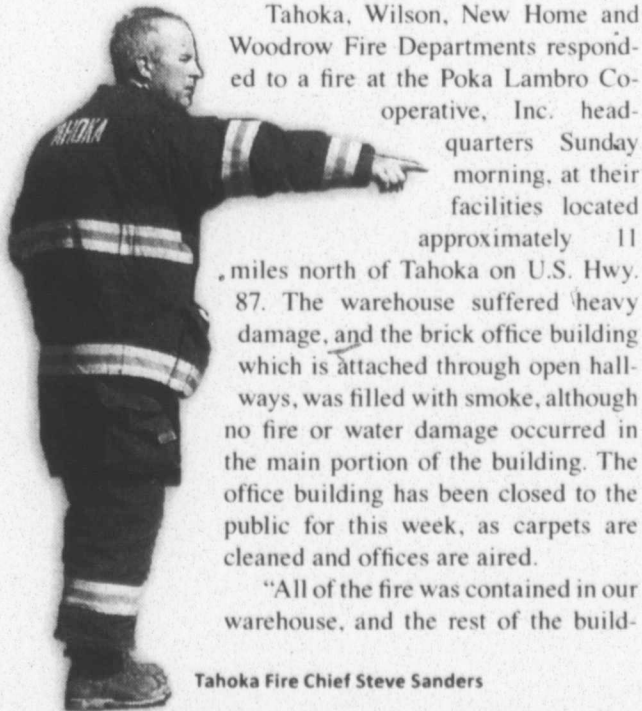
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"I know there is somebody out there that knows who this guy is, and we are offering a substantial reward. — STEVE SANDERS, THRIFTWAY"

Offices closed this week to public:

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Tahoka Fire Chief Steve Sanders

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"All of the fire was contained in our warehouse, and the rest of the building only had smoke damage," said Amy Preston, Public Affairs Manager for Poka Lambro. "The main office is closed to the public this week as the building is cleaned, but all of our phone numbers are being forwarded and are working. Nothing that affects our customers or networks has been damaged, including phone service, internet service or security service," she added.

It appears that Poka Lambro's security service actually gets the credit for triggering the alarm to give an alert that something was amiss in the building. Although it is not a fire alarm system, the security system does have motion detector sensors, and it may have been the dense smoke accumulating in the warehouse that set off the



Helping hand - A fireman assists another in replacing an oxygen tank



Words of Inspiration:

"Remember, no one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

— ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

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**Obituaries**



**Meguila Gomez**

Services for Meguila Gomez, 75, of Tahoka, were held at 10:00 am Monday, June 23, 2014 at St. Jude Catholic Church. Interment was at Draw Cemetery in Draw under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home. She died on Thursday, June 19, at Lynn County Hospital.

She was born March 22, 1939 in Lampasas to Julio and Seferina Moreno. She married Jacobo Gomez in 1964 in Tahoka. She was a homemaker and enjoyed volunteering for the community.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jacobo, (August 17, 1980); and two sons, David Guzman in 1992, and Felix Deleon in 2009.

Survivors include two sons, Ernesto Esteban Gomez of O'Donnell, Michael Anthony Artiga of Tahoka; two daughters, Mechelle Montez of Tahoka, Silvia Deleon of Grand Prairie; one brother, Ray Delacruz of Merkel; eleven sisters, Inez Gutierrez of O'Donnell, Josie

Jio of Cedar Hill, Eloisa Sustita of Lubbock, Maria Adams and Juanita Sanchez, Shelia Garcia, all of Arlington, Lydia Gutierrez of Tahoka, Alvina Torrez of Rollette, Angelita Reyes of Irving, Julia Gonzales of Mansville, and Paula Cruz of Merkel; seventeen grandchildren; and seventeen great-grandchildren.



**Elbert Roberts**

A memorial service for Elbert Roberts was held at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 14 at Sweet Street Baptist Church in Tahoka. Elbert passed away Monday, June 9, 2014 in Lubbock.

He was born March 11, 1938 in Grassland, to the late Floyd (Dolly) and Estelle Roberts. He married Lafon Tate on June 29, 2007.

He is survived by his wife, Lafon of Lubbock; daughter, Brenda Pierce and husband Jewel of New Deal; stepson Jerry Parks of Lubbock; stepdaughter, Ladeana Lenning and husband Tim of Lubbock; granddaughter Jandi Tyson and husband Trent of Canyon; grandson, Cade Pierce and wife Camille of Keller; step granddaughters, Amanda Lenning of Lubbock, Maryssa Lenning of Dallas, Taysha Lenning of Lubbock; four great grandchildren; sister Margie Craig Whitaker and husband Buck of Lubbock; one nephew and one niece.

Memorials may be sent to the Grassland Cemetery, c/o Terry Laws, 1995 CR HH, Post, TX 79356 or Gentiva Hospice Foundation, 7801 Mesquite Bend Dr., Ste. 105, Irving, TX 75063. (PAID)

**Justice of Peace office to move to weigh station**

The Lynn County Pct. 1 Justice of Peace office, currently located on the west side of the courthouse square in the county annex building, will be moved to another location in several weeks. Lynn County Commissioners approved moving the office to the county-owned Weigh Station building on Hwy. 380, in action taken Monday morning during their regular session. DPS will continue to use the weigh station scales at the site, with the JP office housed inside the building.

The move will provide more space and address privacy issues for business conducted in the office of JP Nancy Guilliams. Currently, the JP office shares space with the Tax Assessor/Collector's office, and the move will provide more space as well for the tax office. According to Tax Assessor Donna Willis, her office may need additional space in the near future for offering driver's license renewals through her office.

Commissioners approved concrete work for the entry area at the weigh station, accepting a bid from Clay Laws at a cost of \$1,700 for the project. It will be several weeks before the move can be completed, with concrete work and electrical/computer issues to be completed first.

In other business, commissioners accepted a bid from Premier Metalwerks for \$10,840 to furnish and install new downspouts on the courthouse building. Monthly bills were approved, but commissioners tabled an agenda item to consider a request from Texas Plains Trail for funding from the county.

In conjunction with several other Texas counties, Lynn commissioners moved to adopt a resolution urging the Texas legislature to provide appropriate funding for returning Texas veterans that may suffer the residual after-effects of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The resolution notes that TBI and PTSD are the

by Dalton **Woodwork**

by Dalton Wood



**A**S A LOYAL fan of the Dallas Cowboys, even when they occasionally play like a junior high B team, I never expected to be defending the Washington Redskins, a strong rival to Dallas in the same conference. But all this baloney about forcing the Redskins to change their name generates some sympathy for the DC team.

The U.S. Patent Office cancelled six trademarks for Washington's team, saying that the name "Redskins" is a racial slur. This added fuel to a controversy most recently stirred by a woman who filed suit to get the name changed, with support from several Indian tribes and organizations that consider "Redskins" offensive.

(I remember they were pretty offensive in the first half of a game in Dallas recently when RG III passed or ran for what seemed like about 19 touchdowns).

Despite all the support of the Indian groups, polls of people who say they are Indians suggest only about 10 per cent of them find the name Redskins offensive. They don't think it's a big deal, and don't agree with Suzan Harjo, the woman who filed the lawsuit, saying the trademark is "disparaging to Native Americans and perpetuates a centuries-old stereotype of Native Americans as 'blood-thirsty savages'."

Over in New Mexico, a Navajo Nation educator, Tommy Yazzie, said, "We just don't think that (the Redskins name) is an issue. There are more important things like busing our kids to school, water settlement, land, and air quality. Those are issues we can take sides on."

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell sort of supported a name change by saying, "If we are offending one person, we need to be listening."

That was sort of a dumb thing to say, since anything anybody does is bound to offend someone. I once heard from someone who was offended by something I wrote. Okay, actually more than once.

Anyway, there are many more important things to worry about than the name of some sports team. If you want my opinion on this whole Redskins issue, I'd have to say, "Ugh."

"signature wounds" of Iraq and Afghanistan, that are often long lasting and life threatening, and urges the state government to provide funding for treatment, noting that neither the VA, Military Medicine, nor Medicare currently reimburse medical practitioners for their efforts to help these veterans.

**Jail holding 42**

Lynn County jail was holding 42 inmates as of Tuesday, following a week in which only three persons were added to the jail population. Twenty of those held were for Ector County, six for Dawson County and one for Andrews County.

Charges leading to arrests last week included possession of marijuana under 2 ounces in a drug-free zone, and possession of a controlled substance.

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MR. AND MRS. BILLY MILLER

**Couple celebrates 50th anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Miller are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary today (Thursday). Miller and the former Arnetta Wood were married June 26, 1964 at Sweet Street Baptist Church in Tahoka, by Rev. James Efrid.

The couple has two daughters, Marci Gandy (Roddy) and Sharla Askew (Ty) all of Tahoka. They have three grandchildren, Brady (Shea) Askew, Cassidy (Taylor) Allison and Jynna Askew. They also have two great-granddaughters, Jentry Askew and Paislee Allison.

**LCSO reminds citizens to use care in setting fireworks**

Lynn County Sheriff's Office issued a reminder this week to county citizens to use care when setting off fireworks in rural areas of the county, to consider safety issues with nearby property. Fireworks may not be set off inside city limits, according to city ordinances, but fireworks may be set off in the country.

Last year, fireworks started a fire in a wheat field, burning a considerable amount of wheat before firemen could control the fire, and causing property loss to the land owner.

"We urge you to consider the safety of the area where you are setting off fireworks, especially to choose locations where there is no dry brush or other flammable materials. Also, please clean up the debris left by fireworks containers, and carry out whatever you bring in - don't leave a mess on the side of the road," said a sheriff's official.



**We are the Champions...** The Tahoka Lady Bulldog Softball (summer league) team, sponsored by Quick Stripe Paving, won the Championship in a tournament that was held last weekend in Tahoka. The team played a "pool" game Friday against Lubbock High, prior to the tournament on Saturday. The Lady Bulldogs defeated Floydada 12-0 in a no-hitter pitched by Laura Henderson, the first round and won against the Titans by 2 points in round 2. For the championship, the Lady Bulldogs won the final game against Estacado with a score of 4-3. Pictured back row from left are David Ayala, Jimmie Bingham (Coaches), Olivia Hammonds, Kaitlyn Adams, Alyssa Pesina, Amanda Hill, Alexis Moore, Laura Henderson, Paul Henderson (Coach), and M'Lin Hill. Front row, Raley Moore, Marisol Morin, Taylor Morin, Caley Bingham, Miranda DeLeon, Serena Ayala, Kara Larpenter, Andrea Garza and Sarah Fleenor.

**O'Donnell St. Pius X Jamaica is Sunday**

The O'Donnell St. Pius X Catholic Church, located at 3025 CR P, will have their 2014 Annual Jamaica this Sunday, June 29 from 12 noon-8:00 p.m. Magic 93.7 radio station will co-host the event. The Tejano music group "Stampede" will be the headliner band performing most of the day, along with other groups from around the South Plains.

"Please bring a lawn chair and enjoy all the special performances throughout the day," stated a representative. A variety of food booths will be open selling hamburger, fajitas, brisket burritos, tripsas, corn on the cob, funnel cakes, snow cones, and much more.

Tickets are required to purchase food items, drinks, or play games, and may be purchased at the cashier booth. A train ride and other games will be available for children. Jamaica raffle tickets will be also sold and the drawing will be held later in the day. Need not be present to win.



CORI VEGA

**Vega earns degree from Angelo State**

Cori Vega received her Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Angelo State University during the 2014 spring commencement exercises held May 10 in San Angelo. She also made the Dean's List for the 2014 spring semester.

Cori is the daughter of Lisha and Abraham Vega of Tahoka. She will be a teacher/coach at Tahoka ISD for the 2014-15 school year.

**Tahoka ISD teacher presents at statewide math and science meeting**

Dr. Tammy Shepherd, physics and chemistry teacher from Tahoka High School, presented at the Texas Regional Collaborative for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching 20th Annual Meeting which was held at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin this June. Each year the meeting hosts over 500 math and science educators who represent regions from all across the state.

The TRC is an award-winning statewide network of P-16 partnerships (Regional Collaborative) that provide sustained and high intensity professional development to P-12 teachers of science and mathematics across the state. The TRC programs equip teachers with the knowledge and skills to engage students in meaningful science and mathematics learning experiences. Activities are designed to improve students' scientific, mathematical and technological literacy, and inspire them to pursue science and engineering related careers.

Dr. Shepherd's session, titled "Limiting Reactants - Dimensional Analysis in a Cookie Recipe," showed how she was able to get her students excited about using a recipe for cookies to determine the amounts of material involved in a reaction. Identifying the limiting reactant will strengthen skills in dealing with moles, solution concentrations, and reaction stoichiometry, she said.

Dr. Shepherd earned 104 hours of professional development in science from the Re-



DR. TAMMY SHEPHERD

gion 17 collaborative. Her experiences included an intensive seven day physics institute and mentoring other teachers in her district and school.

"Opportunities to share with peers help to create a strong and supportive collaboration that ultimately benefits students. Bringing this back to Tahoka is an honor for me," Dr. Shepherd said.



**Rolling the hose ...** Kent Stone, II, a Tahoka Volunteer Fireman, works on emptying the water and rolling up the hose at the Poka Lambro fire which occurred on Sunday.

Life can't be counted in candles, or measured in years that have flown ... It's counted in kindnesses, close friends and loved ones. And in all the sweet blessings we've known.



The Antu children would like to thank all who joined in the 80th Birthday Celebration for their mother, Juanita, and to honor their father, Juan, for his love and devotion to the family.

A dinner was served to a large crowd as they were serenaded by Mariachi Amistad. The celebration continued with evening music and dancing.

Thank you for the gifts, flowers and friendships that make our lives so "special."

God Bless you all ~

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**Curb Addresses**

The Tahoka Dawgs Football Association (Youth Football) will be painting street addresses on curbs.

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**Board of Trustees ...** Members of the Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees are pictured here, with Dr. Cathy Box, Board President, seated center, Vice President Jimmie Bingham seated on the left, and Board Secretary Scott Dimak seated on the right. Standing from left are trustees Matt Woodley, Brenda Dotson, and Scotty Olivan. Not pictured is trustee Michael Duncan, who was unable to attend Monday night's meeting. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

## Rev. Billy Everett to lead Tahoka Methodist Church

Rev. Billy Everett, who has served Methodist churches in Dumas, Middlewell, Channing, Lamesa, Midland and Denver City, will begin serving as pastor of First United Methodist Church of Tahoka this Sunday. Rev. Everett and his wife Cheryl live in Lubbock, and will commute to the Tahoka church. He retired from the United Methodist Church in June 2013, but accepted the appointment to FUMC of Tahoka, effective this June 26.

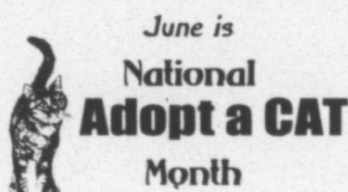
"It's not any church that I would have come out of retirement to serve, but when offered the opportunity to pastor the good folks at FUMC Tahoka I was happy to accept!" said Rev. Everett.

Everett was raised in Dumas, and graduated from West Texas State University. He served in the U.S. Army 1970-72, and was a small business owner in Dumas until called to the pastoral ministry in 1988.

He was ordained in 1995, and has served at several locations during his ministry.

"Cheryl and I have been involved with Kairos and Epiphany - ministries to incarcerated adults and youth," said the pastor. "I have also been active in the Walk to Emmaus ministry and have always supported and promoted ecumenical community events. I have a passion for mission outreach—local, regional and international - my last trip being to Haiti a little over a year ago," he added.

The Everetts live in Lubbock close to their daughter Shelby and son-in-law Chris Crews and three grandsons.



June is National Adopt a CAT Month

## Weevils can be used to control goathead weeds

There is a natural solution to controlling goathead weeds, instead of using weed killer, according to information provided this week by the Soil & Water Conservation District.

Puncture vine weevils are a natural predator to puncture vines, better known as goat heads. They eat puncture vines and only puncture vines. The adult female seed weevil deposits an egg in a small hole she chews in the green seed. The egg hatches and burrows its way inside and in the process eating the viable portion of the seed, so it cannot sprout a new plant.

The weevil larvae spends its entire larval stage inside the seed. The stem weevil works in the same manner only attacking the stem of the plant. Stem weevils inhibit the plant's ability to grow and spread.

For more information on the weevils or to order the weevils, call Helen Saldaña at 998-4507 Ext. 3 or come by the local SWCD office at 1602 S. 2nd in Tahoka.

## TISD trustee Vega resigns seat; Elementary Principal leaving

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday night to consider several staff resignations, including Elementary Principal Jason Powell, and offering contracts to seven new staff members, including a head boys basketball coach for the Tahoka Bulldogs. A board member also submitted a letter of resignation during the opening minutes of the meeting.

Trustee Abraham Vega resigned his seat on the Board of Trustees, ending a four-year stint on the board, to allow his daughter an opportunity to be hired as a new teacher. Trustees accepted his resignation and presented him with a small gift of appreciation, and then took action to appoint Scotty Olivan to fill the seat.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as a board member over the last four years and I am thankful for the opportunity that I was given to serve; however, as my daughter has applied for a teaching position with the district, I must resign to afford her the opportunity to succeed in her career. I wish you all of the best as you lead Tahoka ISD into the future. I am grateful to have been able to serve alongside each one of you," Vega said in his letter of resignation.

Board President Dr. Cathy Box stated, "What we know about Abraham is that during his time here he has been trustworthy, honest, and steadfast, and we are very sad to see him go." On behalf of the board, she presented him with a small canvassed art depicting a Bible verse.

Trustee Jimmie Bingham made the motion to appoint Olivan to the board, seconded by Matt Woodley, and the motion was approved in a unanimous decision by the board. Business Manager Terri Anderson conducted the Oath of Office for Olivan as a newly appointed trustee, and because Vega had been board secretary the board then elected trustee Scott Dimak as the new board secretary.

Six staff resignations were accepted by the board, including Elementary Principal Jason Powell, and his wife Nicole Powell, MS science/social studies; Stevi Huffaker, HS theater arts; Brandon Lee, PE/head boys basketball coach; Deborah Harr, 8th grade science teacher; and Rebecca Langley, first grade teacher.

Elementary Principal Jason Powell has served Tahoka ISD for the past two years, but is resigning to accept a position at Plains ISD. The Board reluctantly accepted his resignation, and will seek a replacement soon.

"Thank you for entrusting me for the past two years with this campus and these kids," Powell told the Board. "It is very hard for me to go, and I don't know if I will ever find another staff that will treat me the way our staff has here - they are great. This is tough for us, but we have done a lot of praying and feel this is what we are

meant to do. Thank you for letting me work here, it has been a wonderful two years," he added.

Dr. Box responded, on behalf of the board, "You have been wonderful, and we hate to lose you."

Trustees approved seven new contracts for teachers for the upcoming school year, including dual assignment contracts for Reggie Gibbs as head boys basketball coach and PE teacher, and Cori Vega as a middle school math teacher and head cross country coach. Vega is a first-year teacher, and a Tahoka alumnus.

Athletic Director Brandon Hopper told the Board that Coach Gibbs comes to the TISD boys basketball program with 13 years coaching experience, including eight years as a head coach, with six years in the playoffs with his teams advancing to the regional tournament three times and once to the state tournament. He is coming to Tahoka from a position at Belton High School.

Other new staff members include Amy Mock, Family and

Consumer Sciences; Angela McFarland, Technology and Gifted and Talented (elementary campus); Andrew Blazier, middle school math; Zack Kocurek, high school Theater Arts; and Darybell Cruz, Spanish teacher.

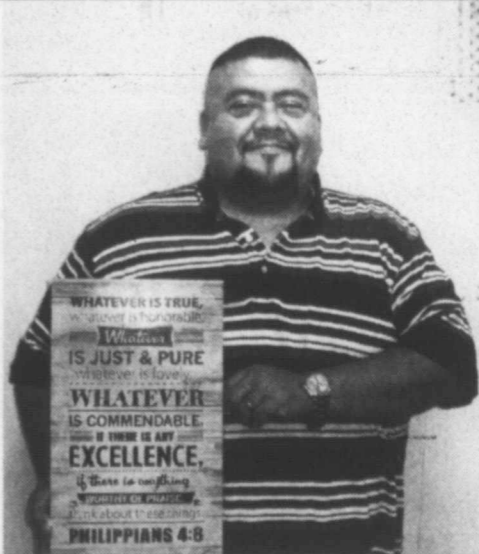
In other business, the Board approved a resolution designating a hazardous traffic zone that will allow school children who live within a 2-mile radius of TISD on the east side of U.S. 87 to qualify for school bus transportation; approved local dual credit courses; and approved a contract with Southwest Food Service for the school cafeteria service.

The Board of Trustees will meet in special session tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. to consider action to hire Dr. George McFarland as new superintendent, as Supt. Steve Burleson is retiring this year. Prior to the board meeting, a community reception will be held from 6-7 p.m. at the Harvick Building to invite the public to meet Dr. McFarland.



**New trustee ...** Scotty Olivan is sworn in to the Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees by Business Manager Terri Anderson, at the TISD Board of Trustees meeting on Monday. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

**In appreciation ...** Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees presented outgoing trustee Abraham Vega with canvassed art depicting a Bible verse, in appreciation for his four years of service on the board. Vega resigned his seat at the TISD Board of Trustees meeting on Monday. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



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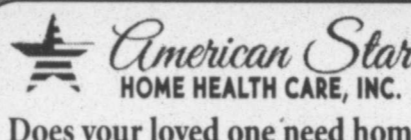
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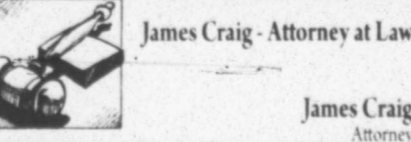
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## Poka Lambro fire ...

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motion detectors and triggered the security alarm to Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 9:19 a.m. When Deputy Albert Flores arrived to check out the security alarm, he discovered smoke rising from the warehouse and issued the fire alarm to notify the fire department.

Black smoke was billowing from the metal warehouse building attached on the back side of the brick office building when firefighters arrived at approximately 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

"Wilson VFD arrived just minutes before Tahoka VFD, and we could see smoke coming from the warehouse," said Steve Sanders, Tahoka VFD Fire Chief. "We had to get a forklift to open the bay doors, and the smoke was so thick that we could not see the interior to find the source of the fire," said Sanders.

Firemen determined that the fire was inside the north end of the metal building, and worked quickly to keep the fire from spreading to the main office, eventually extinguishing the fire. The Fire Chief reported that the warehouse building suffered extensive damage, and at least one vehicle was badly burned.

The fire is thought to have started due to a possible electrical issue with a vehicle that was parked in the warehouse, although the State Fire Marshall's office and/or insurance company representatives will make the official determination.

Poka Lambro officials said that damages are still being assessed at this time, and were unable to give any cost estimate of the damages as yet.

"We are extremely grateful for the Tahoka, New Home, Wilson and Woodrow Volunteer Fire Departments for their quick response and amazing work," commented David McEndree, CEO. "We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and skilled departments protecting our county," he added.

The warehouse contained maintenance equipment, as well as storage and several vehicles, some of which contained highly combustible materials. No one was inside the warehouse or



**Fighting fire ...**

Firefighters worked quickly to suppress the fire at Poka Lambro headquarters warehouse Sunday morning, swiftly unrolling fire hoses and using a forklift to lift up the bay doors on the warehouse. The smoke was so thick and black that they had trouble determining the actual location of the fire in the northern part of the warehouse.

(LCN PHOTOS by Juanel Jones)

Poka Lambro offices when the fire occurred, and no injuries were reported, although Lynn County EMS was on site and treated at least half a dozen firemen suffering from the smoke and heat, providing them with oxygen and monitoring their vital signs.

## USDA authorizes emergency grazing of CRP for Lynn Co.

Lynn County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Rodney Schoppa announced that Lynn County was authorized for emergency grazing use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for fiscal year (FY) 2014.

Unlike previous years, counties are not automatically approved for CRP emergency grazing when they reach the D2 (severe drought) level on the U.S. Drought Monitor. If there is a need for emergency grazing, each local FSA Office must request approval from the Texas FSA State Committee. Currently, 59 counties have received emergency grazing approval. The 90-day emergency grazing period for these counties will end Sept. 11, 2014.

Based on a policy decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP acres grazed during fiscal year 2012 or 2013 will be considered eligible for emergency grazing if NRCS verifies, on a case-by-case basis, that the conservation cover will sustain grazing. FSA's fiscal year is from Oct. 1-Sept. 30.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency grazing of CRP must request approval before grazing eligible acreage and must obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes grazing provisions," said Schoppa. "Current provisions allow grazing on 100 percent of a field, up to the 75 percent stocking rate," he said.

There will be no CRP annual rental payment reduction for 2014 emergency grazing authorizations.

To take advantage of the emergency grazing provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage. The eligible CRP acreage is limited to acres located within the approved county.

Additionally, CRP land located within the Lesser Prairie Chicken Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool (CHAT) zones I, II and III will only be able to practice managed or routine grazing, managed harvesting, emergency haying or emergency grazing one out of every three years. This frequency regulation resets in 2014.

For more information and to request approval for emergency grazing use of CRP acres contact the Lynn County FSA office at 806-998-4501.

## Armed robbery at Thriftway ...

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walkway.

City law enforcement officials were contacted immediately, and the Lynn Co. Sheriff's Office and Texas Rangers have been called in as well, working cooperatively on the case. Lt. Hipolito Zuniga with the Tahoka Police Dept. told *The News* that the investigation is ongoing, and that anyone with information may contact the police department at 806-561-5255. No arrests had been made as of press time.

Several videos from different store cameras show the robber entering and leaving Thriftway. One of the videos may be viewed on The Lynn County News facebook page, and Sanders was expecting the video to be released to Lubbock television news stations early this week.

"After the Thriftway security video was released on facebook media, we have received a number of calls with possible names to investigate, and of

course we welcome all information," said Zuniga. "We believe he may have had a vehicle parked nearby, possibly on Ave. K between South 1st and Lockwood Street, and we are asking that if anyone was out and about in this area about 6 a.m. and noticed any vehicle parked or a man walking in the clothing described, to please contact us with this information," he added.

Among the cash stolen from the safe were also checks written to Thriftway, and Sanders said that he would be contacting Thriftway customers this week to ask those who had cashed a check or wrote a check for groceries on Thursday, June 19 to replace the checks written to Thriftway.

"There will be no stop-payment charges or any other fees to pay, but we have records of the checks that were written and will ask those customers to submit new checks to Thriftway," Sanders explained.

## New Home Exes 10-year reunion set

A 10-year reunion for New Home classes ranging from 1957 thru 1967 is set for Friday, July 25 at the Red Zone Café meeting room, located at 3602 Slide Road in Lubbock. Visiting and refreshments will be from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m., with a Dutch dinner (order from menu) at 6:00 p.m.

To RSVP to this event or for more information, please contact the following class members: Nick Ford 806-535-5462, Virginia Dulin 806-924-7218, or email the following: Georgia Timmons hgt5@valornet.com or Ronald Wyatt at jrwyatt@poka.com

## Tahoka Recycling Containers Relocated

The City of Tahoka recycling containers have been relocated to the city warehouse located at 1200 Lockwood Street (formerly the Boll Weevil Eradication facility). The containers will be located in the front and should be easily accessible from Lockwood Street. If you have any questions contact Tahoka City Hall at 561-4211.

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