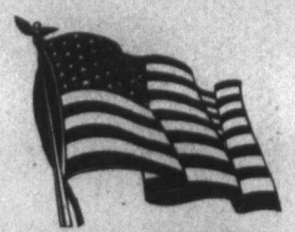




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End Zone Scores

(Last week's games)
★★★
Hale Center 38 - 36 Tahoka
Ira 56 - 33 O'Donnell
New Home 48 - 12 Ropesville
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Vote Early Voting starts Monday

Early Voting for the Nov. 3 Constitutional Amendment Election begins Monday, Oct. 19 and continues through Oct. 30 at the Lynn County Courthouse. Voters may mark their choices on the ballot regarding seven propositions.

Early voting is conducted during regular business hours (8 a.m.-12 noon, 1-5 p.m.) in the election room on the first floor of the courthouse. Bring voter registration cards and a photo ID.

See explanations about the amendment propositions elsewhere in this issue of *The News*.

What's this Word?

plausible
Pronunciation: (plā'zu-bul)
adj. having an appearance of truth or reason; credible; believable.
Which would be a plausible reason for being late to school?
a) You were abducted by aliens.
b) The bus came late.
c) Your mother suggested you stay home and watch TV a little longer.
(answer: b)

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Oct 6	71	49	
Oct 7	81	49	
Oct 8	83	59	0.92"
Oct 9	68	59	0.12"
Oct 10	71	57	
Oct 11	75	59	
Oct 12	90	60	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 8 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	1.70"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.89"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.53"
Total Precip for Apr:	2.10"
Total Precip for May:	12.83"
Total Precip for June:	1.62"
Total Precip for July:	2.45"
Total Precip for Aug:	1.51"
Total Precip for Sept:	1.24"
Total Precip for Oct:	1.30"
Total Precip. for 2015:	25.13"



QB sack attack ... Tahoka's Hadley Reynolds (15) grabs a leg and Kevin White (50) is in hot pursuit for a quarterback sack on Hale Center's DJ Dunn (12), during action at home last Friday. The Dogs led all the way, but a last-second TD put Hale Center as the victors, 38-36. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Community volunteers sought to read to elementary students

Tahoka Elementary is looking for community volunteers to read aloud to students during class time, with different age groups and 20-minute time slots at various times of the day available for volunteers to choose.

"Community readers are a great asset to our classroom dynamic," said a school representative. "We value you as a volunteer, and appreciate your dedication to the children as a supportive helper, role model, and guide! We understand that your schedule may be hectic so you may choose from a list of available read-aloud times for the time and day that works best for you."

These time slots are available: Pre-K - 9:30-9:50; Kindergarten - 12:40-1:00; 1st grade - 2:30-3:30 (20 minute slots); 2nd grade - 9:10-9:30; and 3rd thru 5th grade, 20 minute slots from 2:05-3:35.

Anyone interested in volunteering to read to students may call the elementary office at 561-4350.



TAX STATEMENTS ON THEIR WAY All taxpayers with homestead exemptions to get extra \$10,000 exemption ... probably

by JUANELL JONES

Want to get an extra \$10,000 exemption on your home's value for your school ad valorem taxes? Then you need to vote YES for Proposition 1 on the upcoming Nov. 3 Constitutional Amendment ballot.

The Texas Legislature is apparently so sure that voters will approve the amendment, that they instructed tax appraisal districts throughout the state to go ahead and figure the additional \$10,000 exemption into the 2015 ad valorem tax statements, according to information from the Lynn County Appraisal District this week.

"All taxpayers with homestead exemptions are receiving an additional \$10,000 exemption for school tax purposes, on their 2015 tax statements that we are sending out this week," said Marquita Scott, Chief Appraiser at Lynn County Appraisal District.

"Please look on the back side of your pink tax statement for information printed in a gray box, located above the 5-year tax history. This information explains that your tax bill has already been lowered to include the additional exemption, and how much that dollar figure amounts to -

Arson, more burglaries investigated this week

by JUANELL JONES

A house fire in Tahoka on Sunday afternoon is being investigated as an arson, and Tahoka Police also had another stolen vehicle and three burglaries reported during the past week.

Police and the Tahoka Fire Dept. responded to a 9-1-1 call reporting a house fire at 1001 Ave. D just after 4 p.m. Sunday, where smoke was observed coming from the roof but no flames were visible from the outside (according to the police report). The fire, which apparently started in the kitchen area, was extinguished. Police contacted the State Fire Marshal's office and are investigating the case as an arson. No damage estimate on the home was available, but police contacted the Red Cross to provide assistance to the family.

Another vehicle was reported stolen in Tahoka during the past week, this time from the 1100 block of Ave. F last Wednesday night. The owner of the vehicle, Erminia Honesto, called police to report her green 2001 GMC Yukon had been taken without consent, at 10:48 p.m. on Oct. 7. The owner gave police a suspect's name in the case, which continues under investigation.

Three burglary cases, one an attempted burglary of a building, were being investigated by Tahoka Police.

Last Tuesday, Casey Marie Morales told police someone had forced entry into the back door of her home at 2029 Main St., taking a 40-inch Sharp Aquos TV, a Playstation 3 and two games, sometime during the day.

In the 2100 block of N. 1st Street, a homeowner reported she had observed an unknown suspect exiting her storage shed around 11 p.m. last Wednesday, and said the suspect may

County Health Fair set next Wednesday

Lynn County Hospital District will sponsor a county-wide Adult Health Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Lynn County Hospital. All area citizens are invited to participate. Free testing will be available for bone density, blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol, and vision, and flu shots will be offered for \$20 (or bring Medicare card).

A pharmacy representative will be available for those who would like to have explanations about their current medications clarified.

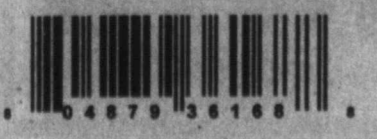
The United Blood Services mobile unit will be on site for a blood drive from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The mobile mammogram unit will also be on site for mammograms.

WANTED Ghost Stories or Creative Photos

LCN wants ghostly tales or fun Halloween photos for our third annual Ghost Edition - Oct. 29th!

Got a ghost story? Or want to make one up? Or create a fun Halloween photo? Send it by email (LynnCoNews@poka.com), by Oct. 26, for our third annual special spine-tingling "ghost edition" of The Lynn County News on Oct. 29.

Scare us. We dare you!



Now that's **funny!** " I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realize I should have been more specific. " - LILY TOMLIN

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Obituaries



R. C. Curtis, Sr.

Services for R. C. Curtis Sr., 85, of Post were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 10, 2015 at the Post Church of Christ with Rev. Arthur Kelly of Pleasant Home Baptist Church officiating. Burial was at Terrace Cemetery. He died on Thursday, October 1, in Lubbock.

He was born on December 9, 1929 in Shiner, to John and Theola (Price) Curtis. He married Johnnie Lamkin on Dec. 20, 1947 in Shiner. She preceded him in death on March 8, 2006. R. C. worked in the oilfield for many years until his retirement.

Survivors include seven sons: Mac Arthur Porter of San Angelo, R. C. Curtis Jr. of Post, T. C. Curtis of College Station, Ray Curtis of Tahoka, Charles Curtis, Tony Curtis, and Bobby Curtis, all of Post; five daughters, Barbara Fields of Clovis, NM, Johnnie Pastram of San Antonio, Sandra Moore of Post, Sylvia Moore of Lubbock and Mary Clark of Austin; 46 grandchildren and a number of great, great-great grandchildren.



Joel Wayne Dotson

Joel Wayne Dotson, 53, of Tahoka passed away on Wednesday, October 7, 2015. He was born June 13, 1962 in Lamesa. He was

the owner and operator of J. Dotson Trucking. Joel was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Joel was preceded in death by one brother, Erik Zavala.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Jennifer Dotson and Janet Dotson, both of Ft. Worth, and Garth Dotson and wife LaShay of Portales, NM; mother, Virginia Zavala and husband Edward of Tahoka; brother, Shi Dotson of Tahoka; fiancée, Melissa Reese of Lubbock; four grandchildren, Kameron, Kyriah, and Kendall Williams and Aspen Dotson; aunt, Jackie Stephens of Tahoka; uncle, Don Stephens of Brownwood; and several nieces, nephews, and special friend, Jesse Sanchez.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, October 12, 2015 at Combest Family Funeral Homes with interment to follow at Tahoka Cemetery.

Please celebrate the life of Joel by visiting www.combest-familyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)



4-H plants tree ... Lynn County 4-Hers are pictured with Lynn County Commissioner Larry Durham and Steve Odorizzi with the Texas Forest Service, during a tree-planting project on the Lynn County Courthouse lawn. A Bur Oak tree was planted on Saturday, Oct. 10. The tree was donated by Texas Forest Service. The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program conducts one day of service as a thank you to the communities that support 4-H throughout the year. This year, the program is helping celebrate 100 years of Texas A&M Forest Service conserving forests, trees and natural resources, and protecting property and citizens of Texas.



Great Principals ... During the Oct 8th school board meeting, Tahoka ISD Superintendent Dr. George McFarland (left) presented the Gov. Greg Abbott, October Principal recognition award, to all three of the Tahoka ISD Principals - from left: Middle School Principal Jeff Fleener, High School Principal Jeff Perez, and Elementary Principal Christa Ritchey.

Senior Citizen's Menu

Oct. 19-23

Monday: Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, cauliflower, salad, country apple crisp
Tuesday: Smothered pork chop, southwest potatoes, squash casserole, carrot/raisin salad, peaches

Wednesday: Baked chicken breast, Au gratin potatoes, peas & carrots, Waldorf salad, bananas
Thursday: Vegetable beef stew, zucchini squash, salad, apricots
Friday: Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, watermelon

County extends bank depository contract 2 years

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners met in routine session Monday morning at the Lynn County Courthouse, with County Judge Mike Braddock presiding and all four commissioners present, as well as other county officials.

Commissioners approved extending the county depository contract with First Bank and Trust for an additional two years, to end in May 2017. The county is currently under a four-year contract with FB&T for the county depository, and is allowed to extend the contract one time for a 2-year period without taking bids.

A contract for data process-

ing services was approved with Local Government Solutions, L.P., and monthly bills were approved. Monthly finance reports dating from Sept. 2014 through Aug. 2015 were approved.

County Tax Assessor Donna Willis told commissioners that she had discovered where a \$9,000 discrepancy in funds (not missing, but origin unknown) in that office had originated, saying that after researching she found that the issue dated back to 2007 regarding payments made to the county for credit card fees. Since 2007, she said, every time a customer paid for services at the tax assessor's office with a credit card, an additional \$3 fee was collected from the credit card user by the credit card company for the service. The total fees collected weekly had been reported to the tax office each week in a manner that seemed to indicate the office should pay that amount to county coffers in order to then be paid to the credit card company. However, Willis said, the fees had already been collected by the credit card company at the time the credit card was used, and for years the tax office has actually been overpaying the fees back to the county, which was why the figures did not add up. The question about the origination of the overages had been noted by county auditors.

"When I took this office," Willis told commissioners, "I asked three times for an audit to be conducted, but was told it wasn't necessary. I would just like to respectfully recommend to you, that whenever there is a change in elected officials in any office, I don't care if it was your mama that was there, I recommend you get an audit for that office!" she added.

Council hears presentation for smart meters

Tahoka City Council met in regular session Monday night, and heard the first of several presentations about options for smart meters for the city water system. The presentation was by HD Waterworks Supply, and City Administrator Jerry Webster told The News that he expects the council to hear presentations from at least three or more other companies before making a decision on which option to choose. With the funding approved for replacing waterlines in the city, one of the requirements is that the city replace all water meters with smart meters.

In other business, the council approved the lease/purchase of a 2008 Caterpillar 623G Scraper, and authorized Webster to finalize the details on the purchase. Monthly bills were approved, and departmental reports were presented. Barbara Jaquess, representing the Caring Hearts organization, presented a report on the volunteer group's ongoing work at the city cemetery.

Mayor John Baker led the session, with council members Amy Preston, Jeff Martin, and Ray Box present. Councilmen Rudy Fuentes and Johnny Rosas were absent.



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Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am
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PASTOR: Rev. James Miller
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm

Wilson First Baptist Church
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333
PASTOR: BILLY FARMER
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday
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NEWS from the Library

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Veterans Day Tribute

Veterans Day is a day set aside to honor those who have given so much for our country. The City-County Library wanted to honor the veterans of Lynn County in a special way, by holding the 1st Veteran's Day Tribute Challenge. Lynn County students in grades 6-12 are to write a poem or a song honoring veterans that begins Oct. 19 and ends at 5 pm on Oct. 30. A prize of \$300 will be presented to the winner of the challenge on Nov. 6th. All entries must be turned in with name, address, phone number, grade and name of school, and can be brought in or mailed to the library, but do not put in the drop box. Rules can be picked up at the library. Real veterans will be judging the challenge. The winning tribute will be in The Lynn County News and the O'Donnell Index-Press.

For further information, drop by or call the library at 561-4050.

Book Sale

The City-County Library will be having the Fall Book Sale on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 22 - 23, from 9am to 6pm. Donations of "gently used" books would be greatly appreciated. Expect some great bargains!

"Yo ho ho and a package of gum"

Perhaps that is not an exact quote from a pirate, but this year it not only sounds different, it has new meaning. Lots of children up to and including 5th graders will have up to a "3 day treasure hunt". They will come to the City-County Library and pick up their loot bag and the treasure map that will lead them to the various businesses in Tahoka where they will pick up some loot (candy) during business hours. There are over 30 businesses on the treasure map, 30+ places for the "little pirates" to get more loot. This is a safe alternative to Trick or Treating that the library has organized for the children of Tahoka. The library wishes to express great appreciation to the businesses that have come on board for the children.

Job and Opportunities Board

The City-County Library has available space on our Job and Opportunities Board for posting jobs. If you are in need of hiring some-

one, you are welcome to post it at the library.

Veterans List Wanted

The City-County Library is in the process of compiling a list of names of veterans from the Lynn County area, which will, upon completion, be housed in the Tahoka Pioneer Museum. We are seeking the names of veterans past and present that were born here, raised here or chose to make this their home. We would like to have the name of the branch of the military in which they served. Sharing a piece of our history is a special thing, honoring those who gave us a future is even more precious. Please bring them to the library.

Flu Shot clinic set at Sr. Citizens Center Friday

Calvert Home Health Care will hold a flu shot clinic at the Lynn County Pioneer Senior Citizens Center, 1600 S. 3rd, on Friday, Oct. 16, from 10-12 noon.

There is no charge for persons who are on Medicare, but must present card at time of clinic. Private pay for the 3-Strain is \$20, and for the 4-Strain - \$30.

For more information call the center, 561-5264.

Ready for treasure hunt...

Ethan Calvillo is ready in his pirate gear for the City-County Library's "3-Day treasure hunt" for children up to 5th grade. Children may come to the Library to pick up their loot bag and the treasure map that will lead them to the various businesses in Tahoka where they will pick up some loot (candy) during business hours, Oct. 28-30.



Tahoka 3-D Band set for Region Marching Contest

This coming Saturday, Oct. 17, at 3:30 p.m. at Lubbock Lowery Field, the Tahoka 3-D Band will compete at the Region 16 UIL Marching Contest. It is open to the public (with admission fee) and all are encouraged to come support the Tahoka 3-D Band. All 2A bands earning a "1" will advance to Area the next Saturday, October 24, at Amarillo

Dick Blevins Stadium. The times will be announced later.

Last Saturday at Lubbock Lowery Field, the Tahoka 3-D Band competed at the Lubbock Westerner Marching Festival where in competition against 11 other 2A bands, they tied for 3rd place with Abernathy. New Deal was first and Sundown second.

This year's theme is "IMPACT!" which is about a meteor hitting the earth. According to director Carroll Rhodes, in order to compete against the mega 2A bands in this Region and Area, the Tahoka 3-D Band has had to step outside its tradition and comfort zone and "stretch the envelope."

"The 3-D Band Council came up with the idea, of which at first I was reluctant, but they convinced me and I am so glad they did," stated Rhodes. "In spite of being a dark theme, the 3-D Band from beginning to end offers hope through the symbolic playing of cuts from the familiar hymn "It Is Well with My Soul," he explained.

"Tahoka is noted for having the most people out supporting their band, so we encourage everyone to come out Saturday," said Rhodes.



Ready for a \$300 kick... Daniel Hernandez prepares to kick a field goal for a \$300 prize, prior to last Friday's home football game at Kelley Field in Tahoka. Daniel was chosen by Mary Contreras of Tahoka to try for the kick, after she had the winning game program to participate in the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce field goal kicking contest. Daniel was a good pick, as the ball hit the west goal post arm and fell in for the \$300 cash prize. TACC donors for the contest included Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, and Jolly Time Pizza. The prize goes back to \$100 for the next home game.

Local woman's research published in American Educational Research Journal

Dr. Cathy Box of Tahoka has been published in the October edition of the *American Educational Research Journal*. She authored an article entitled, "A Case Study of Teacher Personal Practice Assessment Theories and Complexities of Implementing Formative Assessment," which is the result of the research she began as part of her dissertation in the doctoral program at Texas Tech University. Her research focuses on the implementation of formative assessment in the classroom and its impact on learning.



DR. CATHY BOX

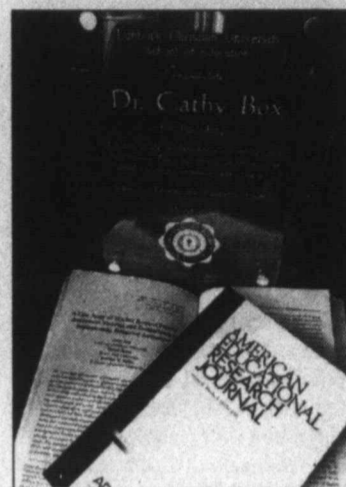
Dr. Box is an associate professor in the School of Education at Lubbock Christian University. She and her husband, Ray Box, are Tahoka residents. She also serves as the President of the Board of Trustees for Tahoka ISD.

The *American Educational Research Journal* publishes original empirical and theoretical studies and analyses in education that constitute significant contributions to the understanding and/or improvement of educational processes and outcomes.

Dr. David Boyer, Dean of the School of Education at Lubbock Christian University, told *The News* that Dr. Box is an exemplary member of the LCU staff.

"Dr. Cathy Box exemplifies the values of Lubbock Christian University. As a dedicated member of our faculty in the LCU School of Education she is engaged at every turn. Training educators, serving on the local Tahoka school board, actively leading in her church congregation, and yet still carving out time to achieve professional life goals such as this highly respected journal publication. We are proud of her and all that she represents," said Dr. Boyer.

Dr. Box completed a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction



with a specialization in math and science education from Texas Tech University in 2008 and a Master degree in Multidisciplinary Science from Texas Tech University in 2003. She is certified to teach grades 6-12 science, and she taught high school biology and middle school science in the Tahoka Independent School District before coming to Lubbock Christian University in 2008. She currently serves as an Assistant Professor in the Education Department at LCU. She is the Region 17 Director for the Science Teacher's Association of Texas (STAT) and also serves as an assessment consultant for area schools. Her area of specialization is formative assessment for



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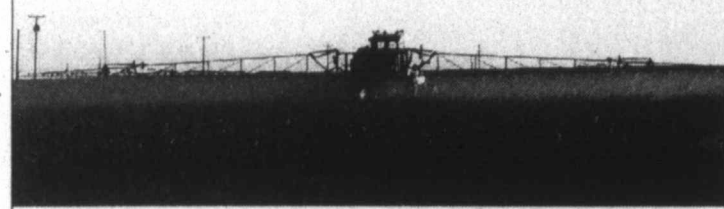
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(reported 10-13-15)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union.....	3,658
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	3,019
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	1,903
Wells Coop Gin.....	1,327
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.....	847
New Home Coop, Lakeview.....	391
Garilyn Gin.....	0
TOTAL BALES.....	11,145



Winner at State Fair ... Hagen R. Montgomery of O'Donnell FFA showed the Reserve Champion Lightweight Other Cross in the Youth Market Barrows division of the State Fair of Texas Livestock Show. Two other county youth (not pictured) also placed in the Youth Market Barrows division. Bradon Cook, Lynn Co. 4-H, had a 4th place, and Abby Franklin, O'Donnell FFA, had a 6th place.



Tis the season ... It's cotton harvest time, and many area farmers are spraying defoliating chemicals to prepare for harvest. (LCN PHOTO)

Lynn County 4-H awards night honors members, volunteers

The 2014-2015 Lynn County 4-H awards night was held on Monday, October 5, the first night of National 4-H Week. During the evening, 73 members were recognized for completing 153 projects and competing in 85 district contests.

In special awards, four adults and businesses were honored for the work they have done in the Lynn County 4-H Program. Marla Cook was given the Outstanding Adult Leader Award. Mark Terry was recognized with the 4-H Alumni Award. Bryan Reynolds was honored with the Golden Clover Award. Doug Melcher, representing Terry County Tractor, Inc. was given the Friend of 4-H Award.

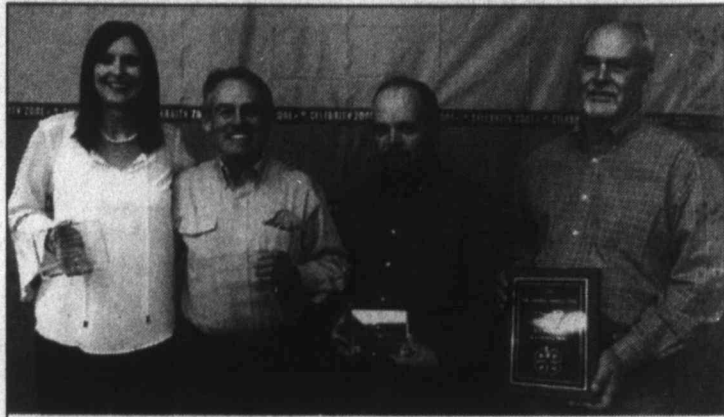
In Star Awards, Hayden Smith was presented with the Gold Star Award, the highest honor that can be received in the 4-H program. Brook Tyson earned her Silver Star and Laine Cook received her Bronze Star.

"I am so proud of all of our 4-H members, parents and volunteers," said Wendy Scott, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences. "2014-2015 was a great year for our program and that was evident by all of the persons honored on this special evening."

For more information on the Lynn County 4-H Program, please contact the office at 806.561.4562 or like us on Facebook at "Lynn County Extension and 4-H."



Star Awards... The 4-H awards banquet was held on Monday, Oct. 5. Pictured from left are Star Award winners Hayden Smith - Gold Star Award, the highest honor that can be received in the 4-H program; Brook Tyson - Silver Star; and Laine Cook received the Bronze Star.



Special 4-H awards... Lynn County 4-H held their 2014-15 awards night on Monday, Oct. 5, the first night of National 4-H Week. In special awards, four adults and businesses were honored for the work they have done in the Lynn County 4-H Program. Pictured from left are Marla Cook - Outstanding Adult Leader Award; Mark Terry - 4-H Alumni Award; Bryan Reynolds - Golden Clover Award; and Doug Melcher, representing Terry County Tractor, Inc. was given the Friend of 4-H Award.

Seven constitutional amendments to be considered in November 3 Election

There are seven constitutional amendments that voters may consider in the upcoming Nov. 3 Constitutional Amendment Election. Early Voting will be conducted Oct. 19-30 (in Lynn County, cast ballots at the courthouse). Following is an explanation of these amendments, from the website www.votetexas.gov.

Proposition 1 (SJR 1)
SJR 1 - Current law provides an exemption of \$15,000 from the ad valorem taxation for public school purposes of a residence homestead. The proposed amendment would increase this exemption to \$25,000, starting in the tax year beginning January 1, 2015. In order to reflect the increased exemption on the homestead of a person 65 years of age or older, or a disabled person, the proposed amendment would provide a reduction to the current limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes. The proposed amendment would protect school districts from all or part of the revenue loss by authorizing an appropriation of funds according to formulas set by the legislature. In addition, the proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision from reducing or repealing a homestead exemption adopted by the political subdivision. Finally, the proposed amendment would prohibit the imposition of a tax on the conveyance of real property, but would not prohibit the imposition of a business tax measured by business activity, a tax on the production of minerals, a tax on the issuance of title insurance, or a change in the rate of a tax in ex-

istence on January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$15,000 to \$25,000, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from reducing the amount of or repealing the exemption, and prohibiting the enactment of a law that imposes a transfer tax on a transaction that conveys fee simple title to real property."

Proposition 2 (HJR 75)
HJR 75 - In 2011, voters approved a constitutional amendment to allow a surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran an exemption from ad valorem taxation from all or part of the market value on the disabled veteran's residence homestead, as long as the surviving spouse had not remarried. The amendment did not apply to surviving spouses of veterans who died before 2011. This amendment would extend the exemption in such cases. The proposed amendment would apply only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning

on or after January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran who died before the law authorizing a residence homestead exemption for such a veteran took effect."

Proposition 3 (SJR 52)
SJR 52 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the requirement for the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, and any other officers elected statewide to reside in Austin, Texas, the state capital. Under current law, these statewide elected officers are required to reside in the capital of the State of Texas while in office. This amendment would not apply to the residency requirement for the Governor.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment repealing the requirement that state officers elected by voters statewide reside in the state capital."

Proposition 4 (HJR 73)
HJR 73 proposes a constitutional amendment that would grant the legislature the authority to pass statutes to allow a professional sports team charitable foundation to conduct charitable raffles under the terms and conditions imposed by general law. The laws passed under this authority may provide that the professional sports team charitable foundation may use proceeds from such charitable raffles to pay reasonable advertising, promotional, and administrative expenses. Any law enacted by this provision only applies to entities defined as professional sports team charitable foundations on January 1, 2016. Additionally, any law enacted by this provision may only allow charitable raffles to be conducted at games hosted at the home venue of the professional sports team associated with a professional sports team charitable foundation.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles."

Proposition 5 (SJR 17)
SJR 17 proposes a constitutional amendment which would increase from 5,000 to 7,500 the maximum total population threshold of a county that is allowed to construct and maintain private roads as long as the county imposes a reasonable charge for the work.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize counties with a population of 7,500 or less to perform private road construction and maintenance on or after January 1, 2016."

Principals recognized by TISD Board

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session last Thursday, Oct. 8, with Dr. Cathy Box, Board President, leading the session. Trustees Brenda Dotson, Matt Woodley, Clay Taylor and Scott Dimak were present, and trustees Jim Bingham and Abraham Vega were absent from the meeting.

Dr. George McFarland, Superintendent, recognized campus principals in honor of National Principals Month in October, thanking elementary principal Christa Ritchey, middle school principal Jeff Fleenor, and high school principal Jeff Perez for their outstanding service to TISD.

The board heard reports from campus principals and Athletic Director Brandon Hopper. Principals recognized outstanding teachers for the month of September and the teachers recognized students they had selected as follows:

Principals recognized by TISD Board

Elementary - Teacher Tiya Wuensche and student Matthew Stone;

Middle School- Teacher Paige Rivas and student Laliana Morin;

High School- Teacher Kayla Overstreet and student Trinit Hamilton.

Representatives from Parkhill, Smith, and Cooper did a facilities presentation regarding building options for the board to consider in ongoing discussions about possible construction/remodeling options.

During the public forum, Jann Ford, Jerry Ford, and Autumn Franz addressed the board regarding the district's drug testing policy.

The board approved a resolution allowing 4-H activities through Garza County to be counted as extracurricular activities, with regard to student absences.

The next board meeting was set for November 12th at 6:30 pm.

LEGAL NOTICES

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The Court will hear the application at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of ten days from the date of service of this citation in the courthouse of Lynn County, Texas.
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Owls get last-second touchdown for heart-breaker loss for Bulldogs

by KENT ELLIOTT

The Tahoka Bulldogs lost a heart-breaking 38-36 decision to the Hale Center Owls Friday night. Owls quarterback D.J. Dunn passed for three touchdown passes, including the last one, a 6-yard TD pass to Trey Buxton, as time expired on the clock.

Tahoka jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter as Britt Lockaby scored in a one-yard run and then threw a 15-yard TD pass to Luke Fleenor. Hadley Reynolds added both extra points.

Hale Center countered with a 30-yard run by Zae Richards. Adrian Sifuentes added the point after try and Tahoka led 14-7 at the end of the first quarter.

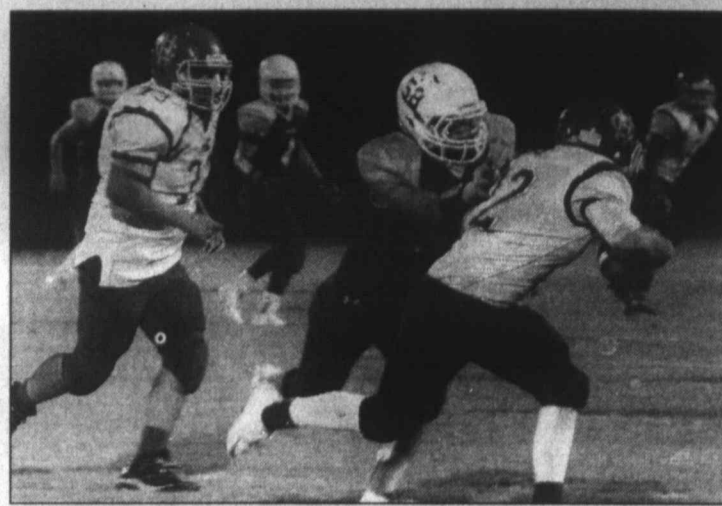
The Bulldogs increased their lead in the second quarter as

Lockaby scored in a 62-yard run and Fleenor added a one-yard touchdown run. Reynolds was successful in both extra point tries. The Owls answered with a Buxton touchdown catch of 91 yards. At the half, Tahoka led 28-14.

Things tightened up as the Owls scored two touchdowns as Jayden Harvey ran for two yards for one score and Dunn ran five yards for the other one. Both point after conversions failed. Tahoka's Fleenor ended the third quarter scoring with an 18-yard run and Lockaby ran for the 2-point conversion, leaving Tahoka 36-Hale Center 26 at the end of that quarter.

Dunn led a furious 4th quarter rally as he threw a five-yard

Whoa Nelly! ...
Tahoka's Justyn McCarty (58) brings down Hale Center quarterback DJ Dunn (12) for a sack in Friday night action. The Dogs travel to Floydada this week.
(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



touchdown pass to Josh Ramirez as well as the final touchdown to provide the winning margin.

With the loss, Tahoka's season record falls to 3-3 (0-1 in district). The Bulldogs will travel to Floydada this Friday night for a game against the Whirlwinds.

GAME AT A GLANCE

Tahoka	Hale Center
383	Total yards 407
11-17	Passing 19-32
128	Passing Yds 339
50-255	Rushing 25-68
15	First downs 17

TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

Cross Country results

The O'Donnell cross-country meet was held on Saturday, Oct. 10. Miranda Deleon ran for varsity girls and finished first for Tahoka, with a running time of 15:39. Other runners and times include:

Caitlynn Adams, 15:51; Natalie Stice, 16:29; Clarissa Lopez, 18:19.

In the JV division Marisa Rodriguez ran and finished in 20:59.

Middle school results were Natalie Carrasco coming in first for Tahoka, running 15:50. Other runners were Amia Liendo-17:07; Kenzie Parks-17:17; Avery Rodriguez-18:00; Faith Arce-18:03; and Azalia Rodriguez-18:32.

From City Hall

Landfill: The Type IV cell will be closed Oct. 16-25 for maintenance. Our compactor has been down for repairs and this has put us behind. The Type IV cell is the one used by the public for debris and construction materials. We will reopen the Type IV cell on October 26.

Neighborhood Watch Program: The Neighborhood Watch Program began in the late 1960's in New York. It involves everyone in the neighborhood watching out for any suspicious activity and reporting it to the police. The police can't be everywhere and need each and every citizen's help in fighting crime. If you are interested in starting a neighborhood watch group please contact Chief Reyna at 561-5255. He will assist in forming a watch group and instruct you about what to look for.

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Moving that line! ... A lot of Tahoka Bulldogs provide a hole for Luke Fleenor (24) for a 1-yard touchdown, in Friday's night's action against Hale Center. Other Tahoka players here include Bruce Burleson (1), Nick Garcia (11), Kevin White (50), Justyn McCarty (58), and John Quinonez (54). The Dogs lost a close one, 38-36.

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ALL entries entered in Grand Prize drawing!

(MUST have an original entry form - no copies accepted. May enter more than once.)

Put an "X" in the team's box you think will win. Pick a score for the tie-breaker game.

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