



Festival Queen ...

Hadleigh Scott, a freshman at New Home High School, was crowned the 2022 Harvest Festival Queen during ceremonies held at Saturday's festival at the courthouse square in Tahoka. She is the daughter of Crystal Scott and Justin Scott.

Festival Princess ...

Zoey Gonzales of Tahoka was crowned the 2022 Harvest Festival Princess. She is the daughter of Abigail Gonzales and Louis Gonzales.

(Photos by Lanae Gwin)



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Did you know?

• The heart of a shrimp is located in its head.



This week's games:

Tahoka at Ropes
New Home at Roscoe
O'Donnell at Nazareth
Robert Lee at Wilson

Last week's Scoreboard:

Tahoka 52-25 Crosbyton
New Home 28-14 Floydada
O'Donnell 54-0 Lbk Titans
San Jac. Acad. 46-0 Wilson

WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

| Date | High | Low | Precip. |
|---------|------|-----|---------|
| Sept 13 | 87 | 60 | |
| Sept 14 | 91 | 64 | 0.36" |
| Sept 15 | 86 | 62 | |
| Sept 16 | 93 | 65 | |
| Sept 17 | 92 | 66 | |
| Sept 18 | 92 | 65 | |
| Sept 19 | 91 | 64 | |

(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 2022: | 8.74" |

Good deed causes mystery here; police issue 13 citations for underage drinking

by JUANELL JONES

Underage drinking, a good deed that caused a mystery, and three traffic accidents were in law enforcement reports for the past week.

Police issued more than a dozen citations for minors in possession of alcohol, after an anonymous caller reported loud music from a party with underage drinking. Police were alerted at midnight Saturday, Sept. 17 that a party was underway at a residence in the area of N. 2nd and Ave. O, allegedly involving young adults drinking alcoholic beverages. Police responding to the residence reportedly found more than a dozen young adults under the age of 21 with access to alcoholic drinks, without any adult supervision from the homeowner.

"Our officers issued 13 citations to 13 individuals for Minor In Possession of Alcohol, and we will be presenting a case against the homeowner for furnishing the alcohol to the minors," Police Chief Jeff Parker told *The News* this week.

A good neighbor in the 1600 block of S. 5th who decided to drive his riding lawnmower to his neighbor's lawn to mow their grass after mowing his own yard last Friday ran out of gas while mowing the other yard, and left his lawnmower in the neighbor's back yard while

he went to get gas. The neighbor, apparently unaware that the other neighbor was doing a good deed by mowing the lawn, discovered the riding lawnmower in the back yard and called police at 1:20 p.m. to report that someone had abandoned

the mower in their yard. The mystery of the abandoned mower was solved when the officer located the owner of the mower, who explained what had happened.

Two accidents occurred in Tahoka, one a two-vehicle smashup at an intersection, and one involving a vehicle backing into another in a parking lot, were in reports.

At 6:05 p.m. Sept. 12, a 2016 Dodge Charger driven by Phillip

DeLeon Jr. reportedly failed to yield right of way at the intersection of the US 87 East access road and Lockwood to an oncoming 2015 Volkswagen Jetta driven by Michael Allen Breedlove. Lynn County EMS was called to the scene of the accident, but reportedly did not transport anyone for medical treatment.

At 9:30 p.m. Sept. 19, a Buick

(See POLICE REPORT, page 3)



Collision ... A 2016 Dodge Charger driven by Phillip DeLeon Jr. collided with a 2015 Volkswagen Jetta driven by Michael Allen Breedlove, at the intersection of the US 87 East access road and Lockwood last Monday. No injuries were reported. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

It's 2022 HOMECOMING season!



Tahoka Homecoming Queen ... Tahoka High School senior Zole Garvin was crowned 2022 Homecoming Queen during ceremonies at Tahoka's Homecoming game on Friday. She is the daughter of Daniel and Tiffanie Garvin. (TISD photo by Lanae Gwin)



New Home King and Queen ... Addie Stewart was crowned the 2022 New Home High School Homecoming Queen and Brady Brown was chosen as Homecoming King, during the Homecoming game held on Friday evening.



DID YOU KNOW?

“ On September 8, 2022, Queen Elizabeth II, the oldest living and longest-reigning British monarch, died at the age of 96 at Balmoral Castle in Scotland. During World War II, then an 18-year-old princess, she trained in London as a mechanic and military truck driver. ”

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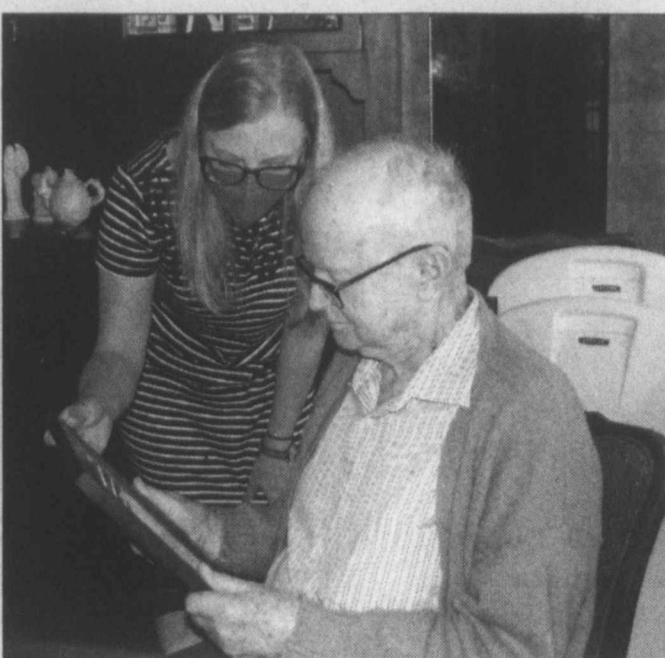
Trinidad Garza Apolinar

Memorial mass for Trinidad Garza Apolinar, 65, of Post was held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Tahoka with Father John Rathinam officiating. Burial was in Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka. A rosary was held on Monday, Sept. 19, 2022 at her home in Post. Services were under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home, Post.

She was born in Athens, Texas on April 12, 1957 to Santos B. and Gloria (Moya) Garza. She was a homemaker and a member of the Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two grandsons: Fernando Gonzalez and Juan Antonio Herrera.

Survivors include one son, Victoriano and Virginia Herrera of Tahoka; four daughters, San Juanita Gonzalez of Big Spring, Ermalinda Aguilar of Lubbock, Merry and Enrique Damian of Lubbock and Regina and Miguel Herrera de Rodriguez of Dallas; three brothers: Vince Garza of New Home, Romero Garza of Pampa, Raul Garza of Tahoka; one sister, Martina Garza of Pampa; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



60 year pin ... Milton (Milt) Draper was honored Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 at Lynnwood Assisted Living with a 60 year pin and certificate, by Master Pete Piatak. Milt's daughter, Susan Draper (pictured) was presented a white rose by Brother Leighton Knox. Several lodge members were present and cake and punch was served for the occasion.

Wilson VFD sets Fish Fry fundraiser event

The Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. has scheduled their 8th Annual Fish Fry and Raffle for Sunday, Sept. 25.

The fundraiser will be from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Wilson ISD Cafeteria, 1411 Green Ave. in Wilson.

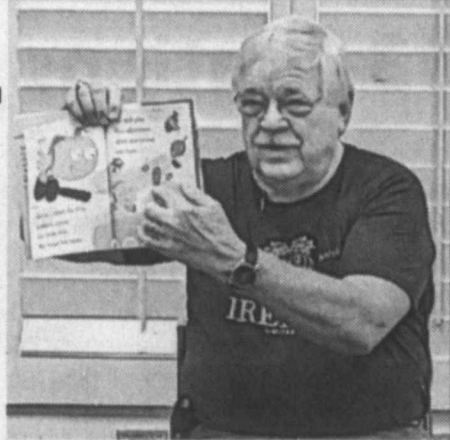
Adult plates will be \$10, and child plates are \$5. They will serve fried catfish with

all the fixings, dessert and drink.

A special gun raffle is also offered, with details and purchase available at the dinner. Raffle tickets are \$20 each with only 1,000 available.

All proceeds will benefit the Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept.

Rocking the Tide ... Carroll Rhodes read School of Fish Rocking the Tide and Nerdy Babies Dinosaurs during storytime last Wednesday at the City/County Library. Storytime is held weekly on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.



Sr. Citizens LUNCH MENU

September 26-30
Join us for exercises on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 11 a.m. - Noon! The dining area is open to visitors! Come see us!
Monday: Chicken Fajitas, fajita vegetables, chuck wagon corn, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail
Tuesday: Sloppy Joe on bun, country potato salad, carrots & zucchini, creamy fruit square
Wednesday: Roast beef w/ brown gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced carrots, Waldorf salad, banana pudding
Thursday: Vegetable beef stew, tossed salad w/ dressing, orange pineapple cup, diet pumpkin custard
Friday: BBQ Chicken breast filet, baked potato w/ sour cream, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges

Did you know?

- China owns nearly all of the pandas in the world, even the ones you see at zoos. They rent them out for about \$1 million a year.

Did you know?

- High heeled shoes were originally created for men.
- The word "orange" was first used to describe the fruit, not the color.
- Up to 12 million Dum Dums are made every single day.
- Whether measuring by size (0.17 sq mi) or population (1,000), Vatican City is the smallest country in the world.

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

New Home Church of Christ
324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7579
MINISTER: MIKE HEATWOLE
Bible Class - 9:00 am
Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 am
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 6:30 pm

Embracing Weakness
Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.
~ James 4:10
Do you ever find yourself suddenly aware of your own glaring weaknesses? Aware that, if left up to your own good works, you wouldn't stand a chance of attaining salvation? We should find great comfort in the fact that we are nothing without salvation in Christ Jesus.

New Home United Methodist Church
Pastor Dillan Ford
(806) 577-1878
dillanf00@gmail.com
350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7549
Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

Draw First United Methodist Church
(established 1907)
P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351
Phone (806) 428-3357
PASTOR: REV. WESTON FENDERGRASS
Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

Thankfully, God made a way for us to be united with him, despite impatience, selfishness, anger, and pride. God deeply cares for us and patiently sustains us with steady, faithful, and adoring love. Amazingly, his love even goes beyond this to embrace and transform our weakness when we yield it to him. Weakness isn't something to be feared or hidden; weakness submitted to God allows the power of Christ to work in and through us.

First Baptist Church
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am
SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday
Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule

Wilson St. John Lutheran Church
13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573
Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.
TONDA FREITAG, PLM
Sunday School - 9:30 am • Sunday Worship - 10:45 am

God, knowing my weakness makes me more aware of my need for your strength. I humbly ask you to be strong where I am weak. Thank you that your transformative love is waiting to graciously restore me.. ~ Amen

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
6:30 pm Wednesdays:
Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages
• Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth

Tahoka Trinity Church
1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317
PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm
Youth - Sundays at 7 pm
For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317

Grassland Nazarene Church
2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656
Pastor Genell Knisley
(806) 201-0792
Sunday School - 10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am
Wednesday Prayer Service - 7:00 pm

First Methodist of Tahoka
1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503
email: functahoka@poka.com
Billy Everett, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
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Let the Children Come 7 am-6 pm
LICENSED CHILD CARE 806-561-4529 M-F

Sweet Street Baptist Church
1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-1306
Sunday School - 9:45 am
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)
Morning Worship - 10:50 am
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)
Wednesday Night - 6 pm
(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church
16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com
PASTOR: DAVID W. RODE
Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am
"Where Christ Serves People"

Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church
16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com
PASTOR: DAVID W. RODE
Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am
"Where Christ Serves People"

Tahoka City Council approves auditor, phone system upgrade

Tahoka City Council met in regular session on Monday, Sept. 12, approving a contract for financial auditing services for the city, a phone system upgrade, and conducting a public hearing on the adoption of the 2022 tax rate.

The council is keeping the current tax rate of \$0.727030 per \$100 of property value. One of the comments at the hearing reportedly praised the city's efforts to keep taxes from going higher.

The firm of Fullerton & Associates, PLLC was approved for the city's financial audit for fiscal year 2021 and FY 2022.

The council also gave approval for City Administrator Julie Arrington to enter into a contract with Spectrum to upgrade the city's phone systems to a Voice Over Internet Phone (VOIP) system.

Authorization was approved for the Tahoka Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) to provide funds to the city for a portion (one-fourth) of the cost of the financial software annual fee and implementation, not to exceed \$10,000. An EDC nomination to appoint Brek Young to the EDC board was approved, to fill a position vacated by the resignation of Monica Stephens.

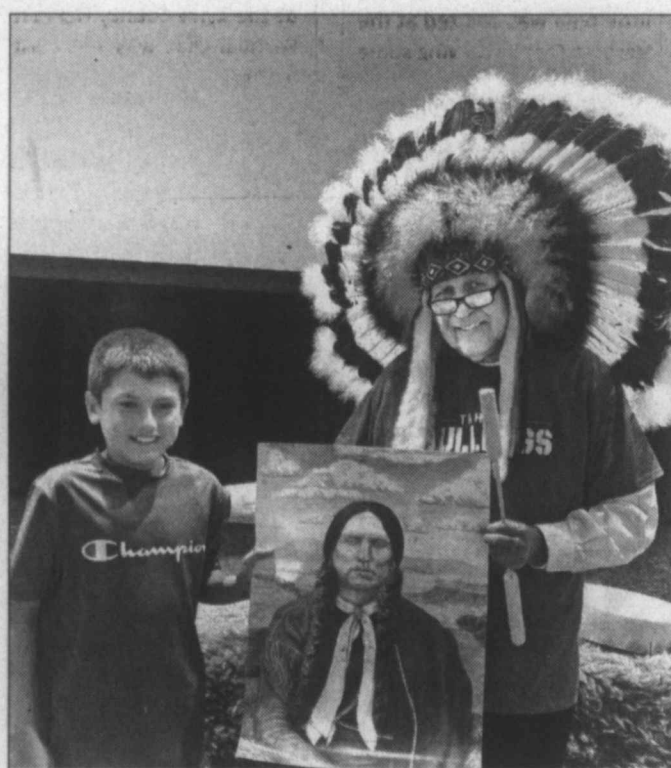
Some discussion was held on animal control issues, including limitations of accepting animals into the animal shelter due to the small size of the current shelter, and the difficulties of handling the stray animal population here. Information was shared on a new coalition being formed by several cities to pay for services of animal control through a central animal

control organization that would include a large central shelter, and smaller shelters throughout the coalition areas which would hold animals locally for a few days before sending them on to the larger shelter. Several cities are reportedly interested in comprising such a coalition, which is still formulating, and the cost/services of such are reportedly something of which City of Tahoka officials are interested. The coalition and shelters are still in the planning stages, however, and may be at least a year before such services become available.

Council members directed the city administrator to continue gathering information on the animal control coalition for future possibilities. In the meantime, the council recommended that animals in the Tahoka Animal Shelter be held no longer than 5 days before euthanization, to have more timely Facebook postings for adopting animals from the shelter, and to aggressively enforce the city ordinance regarding dogs at large, including issuing more tickets to owners of loose dogs.

Departmental reports were given, and the council approved an ordinance approving the negotiated settlement between the cities (including Tahoka) served by Xcel Energy regarding the company's 2022 Rate Review Mechanism.

Mayor John Baker led the meeting, with all council members present including Joe Craig, Nathan Garcia, Shiloh Braddock, Samantha Henderson and Stephen Overstreet, as well as other city officials.



About Quannah Parker ... Ron Parker (right), the great-grandson of Chief Quannah Parker, spoke to the Tahoka Middle School students last week, and gave away posters, books and a talking stick. He is pictured here giving a Quannah Parker poster to one of the students. He also showed students his headdress and let a few of them play his drum while he sang Native songs. Quannah Parker was the last chief of the Quahada Comanche Indians.
(TISD Facebook photo by Lanae Gwin)

Area News

Former O'Donnell coach inducted into Hall of Fame

LAMESA - Former O'Donnell ISD coach Kevin Ray was recently inducted into the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Ray had seven six-man coaching jobs, including his final two seasons in Texas with the O'Donnell Eagles in 2017 and 2018.

"There's always been something about those smaller communities, and I fell in love with six-man football so much that I ended up making a pretty good career at it," Ray said.

Ray attributes most of his success to the coaches and players he's had along the way.

"That's one of the best things about our coaches' association; there's always such a good group of guys who are willing to share ideas with each other," he added.

One of Ray's highlights of his career was coaching the Trinidad Trojans to the 1998 state championship. He also coached at Milford, Grandfalls-Royalty, Aspermont, and Rankin.

After coaching 32 years in the Lone Star State, Ray is entering his fifth year at Yukon, Oklahoma where he coaches that Class 6A high school's defensive linemen.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Approves upgrade

Organization that... smaller shelters... the coalition areas... hold animals... few days before... on to the... Several cities... interested in... such a coalition... still formulating... services of such... something of... Tahoka officials... The coalition... are still in the... stages, however... at least a year... services become... members directed... administrator... gathering... on the animal... tion for future... in the meantime... commended that... Tahoka Animal... no longer than... euthanization... timely Facebook... adopting animals... shelter, and to... nforce the city... arding dogs at... g issuing more... ners of loose

Letter to the Editor ...

Harvest Festival takes many to succeed!

Thank you to everyone who came to the 47th Annual Lynn County Harvest Festival! We couldn't have done this without the help of so many people!

To our sponsors - Thank you so much for your support and your generous contributions!

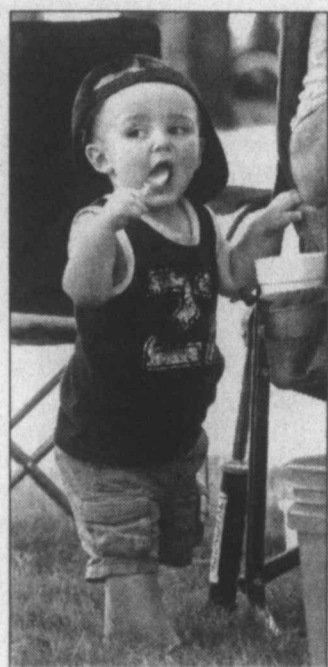
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We'd like to recognize some key people that helped during the Harvest Festival: Judge Mike Braddock and Shiloh Braddock, City of Tahoka, Sheriff's Office / Police Department, First Baptist Church Tahoka, Barry Pittman, Mike Rivas, Allen Henderson, Frank Rodriguez, Lee Lehman, Tahoka Student Council (Katie Scoggin, Keelie Chrestman, and Nataly Taylor), Pete Vallejo, Paislee Allison, and Claire Reglin, Scott Dimak and Melanie Richburg.

To our committee - Thank you for your dedication to making the Harvest Festival a success! If you would be interested in joining the Lynn County Harvest Festival Committee, message us on Facebook (@lynncountyharvestfestival).

Lynn County Harvest Festival Committee



Good ice cream ... This little fella was spotted at the Harvest Festival having some ice cream.



Talented ... Claire Reglin was part of the musical local talent during the day at the Lynn County Harvest Festival that was held last Saturday.



Pretty little princesses ... The Lynn County Harvest festival was held last Saturday. The princess candidates are from left, 2021 Princess Saydi Henderson, Sloan Reglin, Arabela Kleth, Kinley Filley, Gracelynn Ivy, Jasmine Sepeda, 2022 Princess Zoey Gonzales, Rubi Segovia, Hayzen Hall, Leia Moreno and Abry Rodriguez.

Police report ...

(Continued from page 1)

Enclave driven by Lucina Olveda reportedly backed into a 2017 Chevy Silverado driven by Josea Gonzales in a convenience store parking lot at Lockwood and Ave. L. No injuries were reported.

Another accident occurred in the county at CR F and FM 211. A caller at 7:44 a.m. Sept. 19 reported that a red Jeep had wrecked into a parked tractor, with injuries involved. Lynn County EMS, Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO), New Home Volunteer Fire Department, and DPS all responded to the scene of the accident. EMS reportedly transported one patient to a Lubbock hospital for treatment of unknown injuries.

A man reported some paperwork had apparently been taken from his truck while he was inside a convenience store in Tahoka, reported at 7 p.m. Sept. 14.

A convenience store employee called police at 11:23 a.m. Sept. 17 to report a customer making possible threatening remarks, when the customer and the employee reportedly had an argumentative exchange of words while the customer was requesting to purchase cigarettes.

Deputies took a report of assault at 10:07 a.m. Sept. 13, from a woman who said that a man who had been doing a painting job for them at a location on Nora Road pushed her, causing her to hit a wall. According to the LCSO call sheet, the woman said the painter had quit the job but was back at the residence and was picking up the paint. When she tried to stop him from leaving with the paint, he allegedly pushed her, and she told the officer that the individual had left after yelling at her.

Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. was called to a structure fire at 2:34 p.m. Sept. 13, where a shed was on fire about a mile north of Draw on FM 1054. The TVFD extinguished the fire.

Three bulls were reported missing from property located a quarter mile west of the Sheriff's Office, at 10:54 a.m. Sept. 14. A yellow and white spotted steer was reported missing from property on FM 1054, at 12:35 p.m. Sept. 17.

An attempted burglary was reported at 4:31 p.m. Sept. 17 at a location in the 1500 block of Gouger Ave. in Wilson. The caller reported someone had tried to break into his shed during the night. He reported there was damage to the door, but nothing was apparently taken from the shed, and he said that a hose and trash cans had been moved. A close patrol was placed on the property.

Also in Wilson, a caller at 4:10 p.m. Sept. 15 said that an unknown Hispanic female was at her residence in the 1200 block of 12th Street and refused to leave. Deputies responding to the scene requested EMS, and the female was released to EMS for transport.

In New Home Friday evening, a caller reported a suspicious person, reporting that a male individual was going door to door asking people if he could clean their house, and seemed to be acting strangely. Deputies were unable to locate a suspect.

Two arrests were made after traffic stops on US 87. A deputy conducted a traffic stop on US 87 and FM 211 at 12:04 a.m. Sept. 13. After conducting a vehicle search and checking the occupants of the vehicle, the officer discovered that a male had warrants out of Randall and Polk County. He was arrested after the warrants were confirmed active, and transported to



I want that oreo! ... The Minute to Win it game at the Lynn County Harvest Festival was quite a treat! This young lady had to place an oreo on her forehead and get it to her mouth without dropping it within one minute to win some cash!

Lynn County Jail for Theft of Property and Possession of a Controlled Substance.

The male driver of a vehicle was arrested on charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance, after a traffic stop on US 87 and CR 19 at 6:41 p.m. Sept. 16.

After the Harvest Festival street dance on the courthouse square here Saturday night, police received a call at 10 p.m. reporting that a male person who appeared intoxicated was having a verbal

dispute with a female at the courthouse square. Officers were unable to locate anyone matching the description.

A report of hearing a possible gunshot in the area near South 7th and Ave. M, possibly from the baseball field area, was called in to police at 10 p.m. Sept. 16, but officers were unable to locate a source.

Other calls during the week were for suspicious persons/vehicles, reckless drivers, assisting EMS, and civil matters.

Area News

News items from area newspapers

Crop failure among worst in 70 years

LAMESA - While heavy rains created some localized flooding issues recently, the severe drought during the past year is continuing to have a major impact here and across the entire area. More than 81 percent of the cotton acreage in Dawson County already has been failed out, Arla Jeffcoat with the FSA office in Lamesa said Thursday morning.

Out of 379,787 acres of cotton planted in Dawson County this year, Jeffcoat said, 307,809 of those acres have been reported to FSA as abandoned.

Jeffcoat said her figures show only the acres that local farmers have reported to FSA. Additional acreage has certainly been failed out for crop insurance purposes and not yet reported to FSA by producers.

"I think it's closer to 88-90 percent," Jeffcoat said of the abandonment figure, "but they just haven't come in yet."

Based on the current data, only 71,978 acres of cotton remain possible to be harvested this year. If abandonment reaches 90 percent, however, that would leave fewer than 40,000 acres left to harvest.

Only three times since 1952 has Dawson County's harvested acreage dipped below the 72,000 mark, according to long-time records - 45,000 acres harvested in 1953, 47,000 acres in 2013, and 64,500 acres harvested in 2011.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

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News items from area newspapers

Snyder Tiger football team honors one of its biggest fans

SNYDER - The Snyder Tigers will be wearing something special on their helmets this season.

Julius Rendon, a Snyder Primary School student, was tragically killed in a car accident on July 4. He was only in the third grade, and was a huge Tiger football fan.

"This sticker will be on every high school football helmet," said Head Coach Wes Wood. "It will help honor him and give him a part of every one of our Thursday and Friday night games this year; something that was a big dream of his. We also gave his family a Snyder Tiger #13 jersey in remembrance of him. Julius went by 'CJ' and CJ was taken from us far too soon. A simple sticker can never replace him, but it will help keep him in our Tiger Hearts forever."

-- from Snyder News

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or riding a camel

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Lynn County Farm Bureau



New Home Homecoming Court ... The New Home Leopards 2022 Homecoming Court is pictured here, at Friday night ceremonies at the homecoming game. Pictured from left are Junior Representatives - Nevin Mojica and CJ Lane, Senior King and Queen Candidates - Carley Smith, Kaden Gray, Addie Stewart (Homecoming Queen), Brady Brown (Homecoming King), Hunter Watkins, and Kenidi Tuttle, Sophomore Representatives - Colt Keys and Addisyn Burrow, Freshman Representatives - Riley Haislip and Keatyn Smith.

Where are they now?

Where are Tahoka High School exes, and what are they doing now?

These reports on THS exes arrived too late for **Where Are They Now** in last week's issue, but we are publishing them this week for our readers to enjoy.

Tresa Smith Reed: Raised in Tahoka until 9th grade then moved to Lubbock, but came back to Tahoka for visits often. My parents (Edna & Harold Smith) ran the grocery store and gas station, 6 mi east of Tahoka, '64 - '69. Lots of fond memories of Tahoka friends! I worked in the wedding industry making wedding cakes & decorating venues 20+ yrs. Sheriff's office/911 dispatch 8 years, EMT 8 years. My hubby and I volunteered at our church for years then we both went on staff for 18 years; he, in Facilities Management and I, in Tech Production and Worship teams. We both "semi" retired in 2020 and now run a Retreat Center at Lake Ivie for our Midland church, Stonegate Fellowship. But Tahoka will always be home to me!

The Flippin Kids are Checking In!

Perry Flippin, '62 is retired from a lifetime in the newspaper business and living in San Angelo with his wife Sharon. They were looking forward to the 60th reunion of his class at Homecoming this weekend.

Jack Flippin, '64 is also retired and living near Campbellsville, KY with his wife Susan. He is recovering from pancreatic cancer surgery July 5 and looking forward to working with his honeybees again.

Jean Moffatt, '65 lives in Seminole and continues to teach GED Prep at school and piano at home. She holds offices on the district, state, region, and national levels of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

Mark Flippin, '73 has retired from a career in insurance and lives in League City with his wife Laura. Their two children and four grandchildren live fairly close and they spend time with them and traveling when possible.

Perry and Jean hoped to see lots of friends last Friday!

Zoom meeting to focus on improving land's sustainability

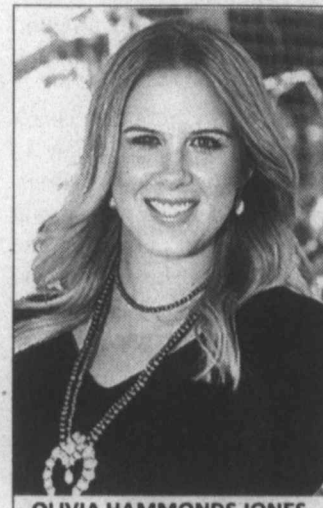
The Texas Coalition of Rural Landowners will be sponsoring a Zoom Workshop on Thursday, Sept. 22, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. CST, targeted at Historically Underserved Landowners. The workshop will be an introduction to new landowners on the steps they need to take in working with USDA agencies to obtain services to support land ownership. Join the Zoom Meeting at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81420662373?pwd=b3VldzJ0QXRFV2ZMUCiQhGKtWYhZz09>, or find the link online at nrcs.usda.gov.

Representatives from Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) will discuss programs designed to offer both technical and financial assistance to farmers and ranchers. Presenters include Floyd Nauls and Joshua Coleman.

Floyd Nauls serves as Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Outreach Coordinator for the State of Texas. Mr. Nauls has been a District Conservationist for NRCS in Zone 4 for several years. Floyd is a graduate of George Washington University's -Emerging Leadership Development Program. He has provided technical and financial assistance through Farm Bill programs in East Texas

for over 27 years and serves as the Black Special Emphasis Program Manager for Texas. He is also active in supporting the Earth Team Volunteer Program and is a National Employee Development Center (NEDC) instructor where he trains staff on how to extend effective outreach to all USDA customers. Additionally, Floyd has been recognized several times for his contributions to the USDA and the customers served during his tenure. He has been awarded state recognition for his work with the Earth Team Volunteer Program (ETV).

Joshua Coleman is the Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Outreach Coordinator for Texas. Coleman has a B.S. and Masters' Degree from Alcorn State University, in Agricultural Economics. Before being appointed to his current position Mr. Coleman served as County Executive Director in Harris County and County Operations in Crockett, Texas. Mr. Coleman brings a wealth of professional experience working directly with farmers, ranchers, and limited resource audiences, delivering conservation, disaster, price support, and ad hoc agriculture programs. He also has experience implementing educational programs in the small family farm and financial management and family & consumer science areas. His educational and professional experience in agriculture has equipped him with strong critical thinking, problem-solving, and research and liaison skills necessary to support the agriculture industry.



OLIVIA HAMMONDS JONES

Former THS grad finishes Master Degree

Olivia Monea (Hammonds) Jones graduated from Texas A&M, College Station in December, 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Plant and Environmental Soil Science with Crops focus. She recently graduated with a Master of Science degree in Agriculture with a focus on Agribusiness and Economics from Murray State University, Kentucky, in August. She works as a Conservation Agronomist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) at the Lubbock Field Office.

She is the wife of Garrett Jones of Hondo, Texas and the daughter of Marty and Dina Hammonds of Tahoka. She graduated from Tahoka High School in 2017. She and her husband have recently moved back to Lynn County where he is now a partner of the family farm operation.

HPWD Board adopts ad valorem tax rate

On Sept. 13, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) Board of Directors approved a resolution setting the 2022 ad valorem tax rate at \$0.004686 per \$100 valuation for the operation and maintenance of the district.

The adopted 2022 tax rate of \$0.004686 is 8.5% less than the previous year's rate of \$0.0051 per \$100 valuation.

Property valued at \$100,000 will pay \$4.69 in annual taxes to HPWD under the approved rate, compared to \$5.10 in 2021. The HPWD 2023 fiscal year begins Oct. 1, 2022.

"The Board of Directors has lowered the tax rate yearly since 2014. At that time, the tax rate was \$0.008026 per \$100 valuation. It is our priority to have annual balanced budgets. This allows us to reduce the tax rate for the operation of the district while continuing to improve services for constituents in our 16-county service area," said Board President Lynn Tate of Amarillo.

Area News

Smith Unit looking for officers

LAMESA - Officials at the Preston E. Smith state prison unit in Lamesa are accepting applications for correctional officers to work at the unit.

Warden Bryan Williams will conduct interviews of applicants. Candidates must fill in applications, and bring their Driver's License or a state identification card, Social Security number, and high school diplomas or General Education Development (GED) documents.

Application deadline is Sept. 21. Applications are available online at www.tdcj.texas.gov. Applications are also available at the Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce and the Dawson County Public Library.

For more information, contact Sylvia Alvarado, uniformed recruiter at the Smith Prison Unit, at 806-752-2859.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

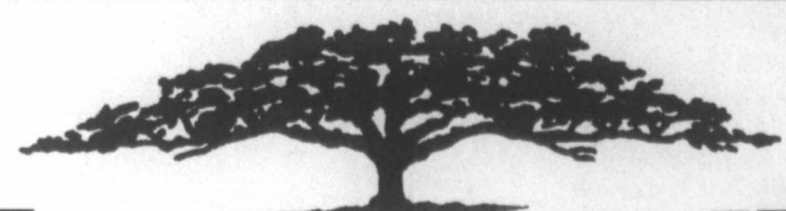
Deputy SRO Jayson Flores at OISD

O'DONNELL - O'Donnell ISD has a new fulltime School Resource Officer (SRO), Jayson Flores.

"Deputy Jay" started with OISD in early September; he is with the Lynn County Sheriff's Office and has been in law enforcement for nine years.

His focus will be on safety for students and staff, serving as a resource for both campuses, and building relationships between the department and O'Donnell community.


-- from the O'Donnell Index-Press



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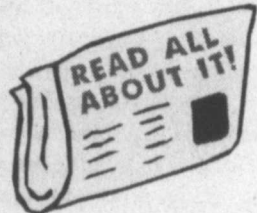
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Tahoka Homecoming Court ... The Tahoka High School Homecoming Court is pictured here, from left: Serenity Campbell, Grace Reglin, Miranda DeLeon, Nataly Taylor, 2022 Homecoming Queen Zoie Garvin, Kaycee Swinford, and Janelle DeLeon. (TISD PHOTO by Lanae Gwin)

Bulldogs claim big win for Homecoming crowd

The Tahoka Bulldogs were impressive in front of the Tahoka Homecoming crowd Friday night, finishing with a big 52-25 victory over Crosbyton.

Crosbyton gained a slight lead, 13-12, during the first quarter, but the Dogs came on strong in the second quarter, racking up 27 points for a 39-13 lead at the half. Crosbyton answered with one touchdown in the third quarter, but the Bulldogs gained momentum in the fourth, adding another two TDs to Crosbyton's 1 TD, for the 52-25 win.

Quarterback Brogan

Stone completed 10 of 19 attempts for 181 yards passing, and threw 4 touchdown passes. Ruben Arguella caught 4 passes for 84 yards, including 2 TDs, Cason Resendez caught a TD pass and was the receiver on 3 catches for 68 yards, and Brycyn Mann received 3 catches for 29 yards, and a TD.

Zane Garvin was credited with two TDs, and had 20 rushes for 154 yards, and Resendez had 7 rushes for 65 yards, including a TD.

The Bulldogs had 233 yards rushing for the game, according to stats.

Area News from area newspapers

Rainfall cause of fish deaths

LAMESA — A weekend rainfall that hit Lamesa three weeks ago is to blame for the deaths of fish in the local Boys and Girls Club Lake, according to a report from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD).

The rain resulted in lower levels of dissolved oxygen levels in the water, according to Travis Tidwell, a TPWD fish biologist. Catfish, carp, trout and bass were found floating on the local lake's surface recently, and city officials had the water tested by TPWD to discover the reason for the fish die-off.

"When a heavy rain falls, the water churns and water temperatures mix. That lowers the dissolved oxygen levels and fish begin to die. The situation does not always kill the entire fish population.

"There is enough oxygen to sustain some of the fish population and there may be some places in the lake where fish can take refuge," Tidwell said.

The die-off is a common summer occurrence, according to Tidwell.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Commissioners approve tax rate, indigent defense contract in session here Monday

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners approved adopting the 2022-23 budget and ad valorem tax rate after conducting a public hearing, during their Sept. 19 meeting. The tax rate is 71-cents per \$100 of property value, which is a penny higher than the previous year's rate. Both actions were approved unanimously by all four commissioners.

Commissioners also approved the salaries, expenses and all other allowances for all elected county and precinct officers, as set in the budget. The 2022-23 budget includes expenditures of \$4,893,217 and revenue of \$4,919,546, which puts the budget in the black by a margin of \$26,329.

In other business, commissioners approved accepting a contract for indigent defense in District Court for fiscal year 2023, pending the County Judge's approval of any changes that may be submitted from the attorney providing the services. This year's contract includes the services of an attorney as well as an investigator. The salary for the attorney's services is usually shared by the four counties in the 106th Judicial District, including Lynn, Garza, Dawson and Gaines counties. However, Gaines County has chosen to withdraw from the shared contract and make their own provisions, so this year the contract is cost-shared between Lynn, Garza and Dawson counties. Lynn County's portion is \$35,325. Judge Braddock on Tuesday afternoon told *The News* that no changes were added to the contract, and that he had approved the contract for the county.

Commissioners approved several other items pertaining to annual directives, including

designating the official site for posting sales and other notices as the posting board on the north side of the courthouse, and on the county website; designating the steps on the north side of the courthouse as the location for property sales; designating the county courtroom on the first floor of the Lynn County Courthouse as the location for all commissioner meetings; and designating regular commissioners' court meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m., and two additional dates of Aug. 21 and Sept. 18, 2023 added as regular sessions.

The holiday calendar for 2023 for county employees was approved, and senior commissioners Don Blair was appointed to serve as Judge Pro-Tem in the absence of the county judge for commissioner's court for 2023.

An SRO (School Resource Officer) agreement between Lynn County Sheriff's Office and Wilson ISD was approved, to provide a Lynn County Deputy as an SRO, with Wilson ISD to pay the salary cost of \$61,064 and Lynn County to provide equipment and a vehicle.

Sheriff Wanda Mason presented a departmental report, noting that Lynn County Jail currently holds 48 inmates, including 32 for Lynn County, 12 for Bell, 3 for Dawson, and 1 for Floyd County.

Commissioners approved keeping the same rates for Sheriff and Constable Fees for 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m. County Judge Mike Braddock led the meeting, with all four commissioners present including John Hawthorne, Matt Woodley, Don Blair and Larry Durham, and other county officials.

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Leaders of the pack ... Players Steven Hernandez # 58 and Conner Barcheers #3 make way for Cason Resendez #2 against Crosbyton to score for the Bulldogs last Friday for Homecoming. Bulldogs defeated Crosbyton 52-25. (TISD photo by Lanae Gwin)

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