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Did you know?

- Comedian Steve Martin may be Disneyland's most famous alum. His first job was selling guidebooks and magic tricks at several shops around the park. Other celebrities include John Lasseter, the director of Toy Story, who started as a street sweeper in Tomorrowland; Michelle Pfeiffer, who masqueraded as Alice in the '70s; and President Nixon's press secretary Ron Ziegler, who was a Jungle Cruise skipper.
- The most expensive ride built at Disney World is **Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge** (cost: \$1 billion). It's one of the most realistic immersive attractions at the park and a favorite for Star Wars enthusiasts.



This week's games:

Tahoka (OPEN)
New Home (OPEN)
O'Donnell at Klondike
Wilson at Cotton Center

Last week's Scoreboard:

Tahoka 22-17 Ropes
New Home 60-32 Roscoe
Nazareth 45-0 O'Donnell
Robert Lee 50-0 Wilson

WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Sept 20	91	63	
Sept 21	92	64	
Sept 22	87	61	
Sept 23	89	58	
Sept 24	92	61	
Sept 25	89	62	
Sept 26	84	59	

(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"

Speeding vehicle collides with three others on US 87 near O'Donnell

by JUANELL JONES

A 4-vehicle accident on US 87 just north of O'Donnell had multiple emergency response agencies and law enforcement officers responding to the scene, at 7:33 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24.

A caller to 9-1-1 reported that a vehicle had been speeding and swerving all over the road, and then crossed all four lanes and the median on US 87, colliding with three other vehicles. Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSSO) units, DPS, Lynn County and Dawson County EMS units, O'Donnell Fire Dept., TxDOT, and Aerocare air ambulance all responded to the scene. An unspecified number of patients was reportedly transferred to Lub-

bock and Lynn County hospitals, and a male driver was arrested on charges of Driving While Intoxicated and transported to Lynn County Jail. Officers determined that the man also had a warrant out of Williamson County for DWI, according to LCSSO call sheet reports. All vehicles were towed from the scene.

LCSSO received multiple calls reporting another accident at 8:12 p.m. Sept. 25, on US 84 between

Slaton and Southland. Slaton and Lynn County EMS, LCSSO, and DPS all responded to the accident, but no other details were available.

Theft of a bobcat welder was reported taken from the New Home Coop Gin yard, sometime between March and Sept. 22, at the gin located on FM 211.

The DPS helicopter was called to assist LCSSO in a search for a missing woman last Thursday evening, when a caller at 8:51 p.m. reported that her 72-year-old mother who suffers from dementia had wandered off and had been missing for the past hour from a residence in the 1200 block of Merrem Ave. in Wilson. The family had

reportedly checked several places where the woman might have walked, but were unable to locate her. Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. and Lynn County EMS also assisted with the search. The DPS helicopter launched with thermal and the female was located at 13th and Dreyer Ave. in Wilson. She refused transport by EMS, and was returned to family members.

At 7:39 a.m. Monday, Sept. 26, a caller reported to LCSSO that a woman was running down Main Street near the New Home school campus, and was apparently trying to stop vehicles. Deputies located the female, and she was released to

(See POLICE REPORT, page 6)

The Wilson MUSTANGS

College courses, new facilities, are being offered at Wilson ISD

by JUANELL JONES

Wilson Independent School District, a Class 1A school in the Lynn County city of Wilson (population approximately 500), may be small but it has big progressive ideas, and is currently undergoing a massive renovation of its high school campus. The renovation project is a lofty goal for the school to achieve, but it doesn't come close to the lofty goals the school district has for its students. All Wilson High School students have an opportunity to participate in the Wilson Early College Program - concurrently with their high school curriculum classes - where they can earn up to 60 hours of college credit, all at no cost to the students or parents.

It's a construction zone at Wilson Independent School District these days, as Phase 2 of the bond project continues this year with the complete remodeling of the high school campus.

Wilson High School classrooms moved last year to temporary facilities at the former Wilson Bank location (this building was donated to the school when the bank closed), and high school students have continued to have classes there this year. But students can hopefully return to brand new classrooms on the Wilson High School campus for the second semester of classes beginning in January of 2023, as the work is anticipated to be completed by then.

The remodel is part of a \$7.6 million bond that voters approved in November 2019. The scope of the project included four phases, with phase 1 the addition of a new vocational technology building, which has been completed. Phase 2 is the most extensive renovation, which is a complete renovation of the high school campus, that is currently underway. Phase 3 involves remodeling the school cafeteria facilities, and phase 4 is a remodel of the school gymnasium, including new locker facilities and concession area, as well as adding air conditioning to the gym.

The high school renovation involved completely gutting the high school building to have all new electrical/plumbing/HVAC, walls, flooring, windows, restrooms, and all new classrooms. The former auditorium area is being renovated into a new science lab and four additional classrooms, a media room, and more restrooms.

When the remodel is completed, not only will the high school students return to campus, but the additional classrooms will allow

the middle school students to move into the new facilities as well.

The main entry to the high school will be moved to where the WISD central office entry is now located. The WISD administrative offices and board room will relocate to the former middle school facilities.

Wilson ISD contracted with BGR Architects for the design, and Tinert Construction is the project manager.

The Wilson Elementary campus was remodeled about five years ago, but the current project also includes a new elementary playground on that campus as well.

Not only is the WISD Board of Trustees proactive in improving school facilities, but their first

(See WILSON COLLEGIATE HS, page 6)



Renovation underway ...
A massive renovation is underway at Wilson High School, with interior demolition down to the studs. Pictured here is one of the classroom areas at the campus.



New classroom ... Wilson ISD students are pictured in a classroom in the new Vocational Technology (VoTech) building which is a recent new addition to the WISD campus.



DID YOU KNOW?

September 29 is National Coffee Day, so enjoy that extra cup of coffee!
September 30 is National Orange Shirt Day, according to the National Day Calendar. No, we don't know why.

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Obituaries



Virginia Ann (Gable) Hyles

Virginia Ann (Gable) Hyles, 84, of Dallas (formerly of San Angelo), Tx passed away on Thursday, September 22, 2022 in Dallas, Tx.

Virginia was born on December 4, 1937 in Tahoka, Tx to Minnie Ruth and Irvin William Gable. Virginia's father passed away when she was 4 years old, her mother (Ruth) remarried R.W. Haley, where she was raised and lived on the farm in Tahoka, Tx. She attended school in Tahoka, graduating in 1956 where she was active in basketball and cheerleading. Virginia married Charles Lewis Hyles on May 27, 1956 in Tahoka, Tx. He preceded her in death on November 14, 2009. They lived in several different areas while Charles was in the military. They settled and raised their daughters in Levelland and San Angelo, Tx. In later years they lived in the Dallas area where they managed a storage facility complex. They eventually returned to San Angelo for retirement.

Mrs. Hyles is preceded in death by her husband, Charles Lewis Hyles; her parents, Irvin William Gable and Minnie Ruth, and R.W. Haley; and brother Ron Haley.

Virginia is survived by her daughters, Pam Tarr and husband John, Kim Cooper, Amy Robinson and husband, JR; sister-in-law, Martha; four grandchildren, Amber (Tarr) Delach and husband Derek, Stephen Tarr and wife Julie, Sean Cooper and Emma Robinson; and three great-grandchildren, Aizlee Tarr, Kannon Tarr and Whitley Delach.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, September 27, from 6 to 8 pm at Combest Family Funeral Home, 1821 Main, in Tahoka. A private family graveside service was held on Wednesday, September 28, at the Tahoka Cemetery. To register or send condolences online, please visit www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the charity of your choice.



Did you know? ... Gordon T. Smith, a graduate of the THS Class of 1956, is a retired Minister of Pastoral Care, living in Horseshoe Bay, and still teaches a Sunday adult Bible class at the Riverbend Church in Austin. Since the pandemic the class he teaches on Sundays is a "hybrid" (in person and zoom) class. Last Sunday he had 29 in person and on the screen behind him are 31 virtually on zoom. "As you can see some are holding a copy of the Lynn County News (I still read a few "Did you know" tidbits from your paper to the class," said Smith. "When we have class discussions the zoom segment of the class can interact with the in-person group. In the virtual group I have class members who attend each week from the Austin area as well as people from around the country (Carmel, Orlando, San Angelo, Lubbock, Salado, Shallowater, Arlington). We have some former Tahokaites who attend each week: Jay Gurley, Perry Filppin, Nedra Roberts Young, Sue Williams Willhoit, and Linda Williams Landrum," said Smith.



Tahoka City Council approves budget, 72-cent tax rate

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka City Council met in a brief special session Monday night at 6 p.m., to conduct a public hearing on the 2022-23 city budget and adopt the budget and officially adopt the property tax rate for the upcoming year.

No citizens commented during the hearing on the budget, and council members voted unanimously to adopt the budget as presented. Projected expenditures in the Sanitation/Water/General Funds totaled \$3,776,656, with a projected revenue of \$3,776,656 funding the balanced budget.

The council also approved the adoption and ordinance levying ad valorem taxes at the rate of \$0.727030 for \$100 of property value, which is the same tax rate as the previous year.

Councilmen Shiloh Braddock led the meeting as Mayor Pro-Tem, due to the absence of Mayor John Baker from the meeting. All other council members were present including Nathan Garcia, Stephen Overstreet, Joe Craig and Samantha Henderson, as well as City Administrator Julie Arrington and other city officials.

Sr. Citizens LUNCH MENU

October 3-7

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 tender strips, mashed potatoes, mixed squash, fruit cup
Tuesday: Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges w/ whipped topping
Wednesday: Baked chicken & dumplings, peas, tossed salad, winter fruit cup
Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, stewed okra, corn, pumpkin square
Friday: BBQ Beef w/ sauce, smothered potatoes, pinto beans, apricots

Did you know?

• Bubble Wrap was originally intended to be used as 3D wallpaper.

Happy 77th Birthday Brother!

We love you! The Chapa Family

Where in the world is **The Lynn County News?**



Fort Story, VA ... Tonya Elrod, retired Army Veteran, is pictured here with her Lynn County News at Fort Story Army Base in Virginia. Fort Story is the Army's only training facility for logistics-over-the-shore operations to train troops on amphibious equipment and to practice the transfer of military cargo from ship to shore. In 1946 the mission shifted once more to transportation, and Fort Story became a training ground for Logistics-Over-The-Shore (LOTS) and Army amphibious operations. The News is 1705 miles from home.

Did you know?

• Mount Rushmore almost featured the heads of famous American West heroes, like Buffalo Bill Cody, but the lead sculptor argued that the subjects should be more recognizable.

TISD Board approves routine business agenda

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session Tuesday, Sept. 20, approving mostly routine business agenda items, including teacher pay for Covid absences, school safety protocols, and staff development days.

Teacher pay for Covid days was discussed, with the Board approving paying teachers three total Covid days for the 2022-23 school year, with stipulations including a doctor's confirmation; and approved a change making Jan. 4 a staff development day on the school calendar.

Superintendent Torrey Price informed trustees on other ways of obtaining their necessary Board Training hours, and also presented information regarding the school safety protocols. TISD has a Safety Team that has had meetings and will continue to have training along with the Lynn County Sheriff's Department, Tahoka Police, Lynn County EMS and hospital staff, and other law enforcement and disaster services. Supt. Price said that changes will be forthcoming on identifying staff and other changes regarding safety protocols on campuses, with the goal of providing safety for all students and staff.

The Board was informed that Oct. 14 will be a half day to allow for teachers to have time to meet with parents.

The Board also reviewed and approved a waiver for the

FAFSA testing. Administrative reports were presented by campus principals and the special education director.

Elementary Principal Donnie Scott reported enrollment of 304 students at Tahoka Elementary, and an average of 50 students are attending the after-school program.

Middle School Principal Kelly Keith reported 120 students enrolled in middle school, and said that UIL signups have begun. A middle school dance is also being planned.

High School Principal Cory Barnes reported 173 students enrolled at Tahoka High School, with attendance at 95%. School pictures have been done, and letter jackets for the spring sports have been handed out. The junior class will host the prom at Spirit Ranch on April 22. He also reported that five students will compete in the All Region Jazz Band, which is the most ever to compete.

Special Education Director Brandi Parker reported that special ed students will participate in a Special Olympics field day on Oct. 4, as well as the Buddy Walk on Oct. 15 at Lubbock Cooper.

Board President Clay Taylor led the meeting, with trustees Drew Stone, Carol Miller, Lea Swinford, Jon Luna and Slate May present. Trustee Tamesha McClendon was absent from the meeting.



I'm Batman! ... Last week was Batman week for Storytime at the City/County Library. Susanne Baker read two Batman themed books, then the children colored Batman themed color pages, and all got Batman masks to play with. Storytime is held every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

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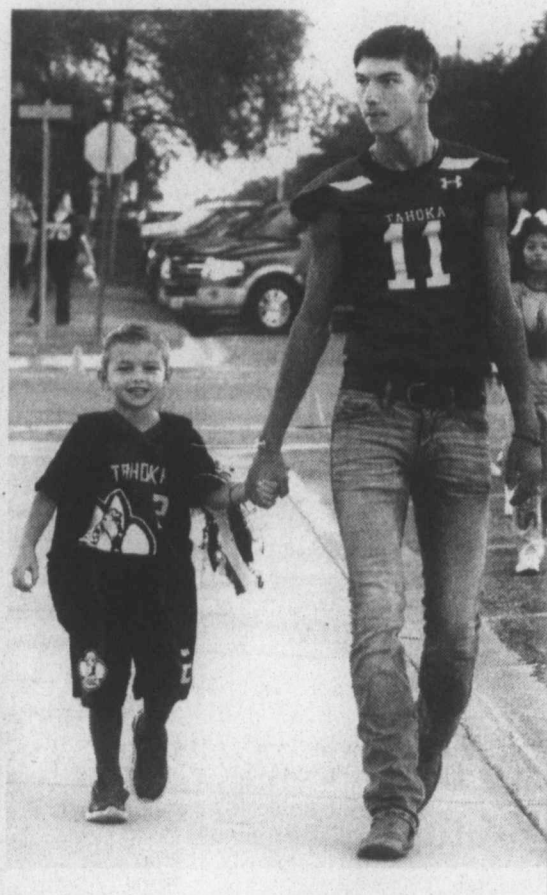
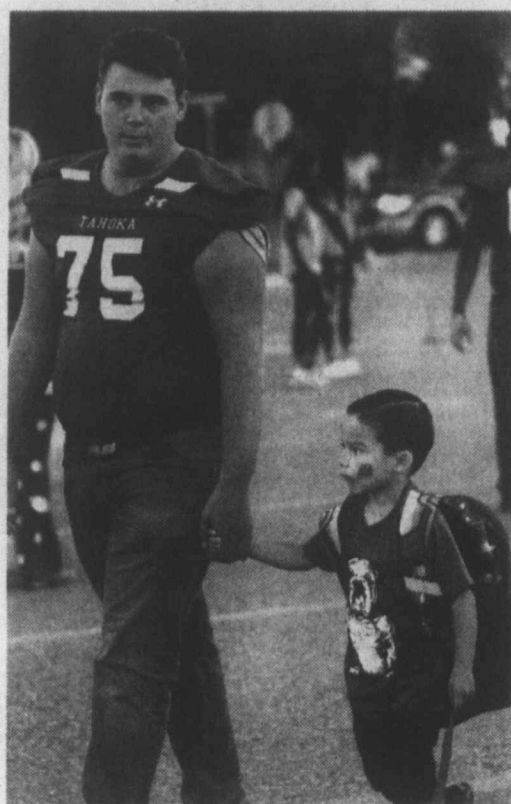
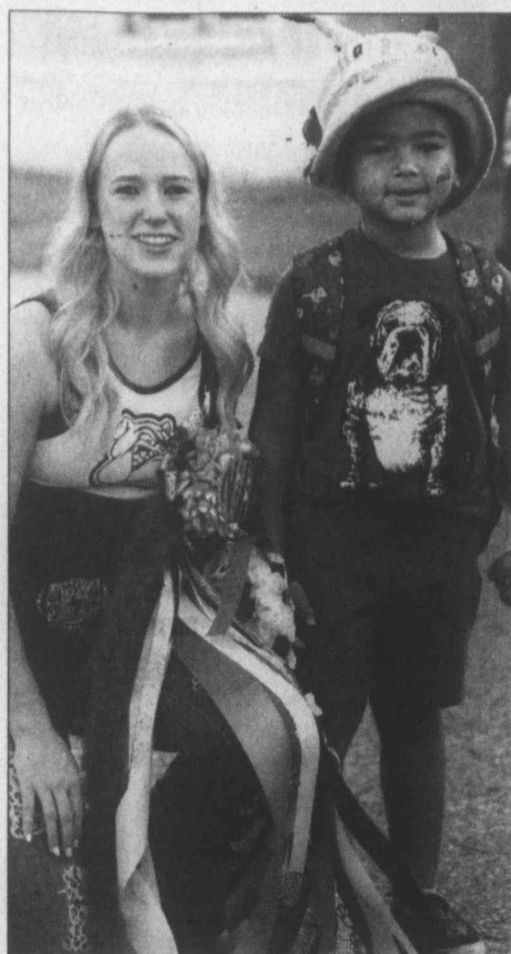
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We are the Bulldogs!

Great game-day tradition ... Every Friday morning the Tahoka Elementary kids are greeted by the band, football players, cheerleaders and volleyball players, greeting them as they get out of their vehicles to come to school. "It is so fun to see the kids' faces when one of these athletes opens the door for them and walks them to their class. What a great way for our Bulldogs to start the day!" said a school spokesperson. These are pics from Homecoming morning. To see lots more great pictures of Tahoka ISD youth and activities, visit the Tahoka ISD facebook page to see hundreds of photos taken by Lanae Gwin.

(TISD PHOTOS by Lanae Gwin)



Close call ... Tahoka Bulldog, #8 Zane Garvin dodges his way past an unidentified Ropes Eagle as he works his way down the field. Tahoka defeated Ropes 22-17.

(TISD PHOTO by Lanae Gwin)

Bulldogs rope Eagles for victory in Ropesville

The Tahoka Bulldogs won their non-district game last Friday night against the Ropes Eagles in Ropesville by a score of 22-17. This week, the Dogs have an open date, but will be back on the field for their first district game on Oct. 7, hosting New Deal.

Ropes led the game most of the night until the Bulldogs scored with 35 seconds in the game. The Dogs then kicked off to the Eagles, and Ropes marched down to score what would have been the winning touchdown with mere seconds

left on the clock. Fortunately for the Bulldogs, a flag was thrown and the play was nullified. Time ran out for the Eagles, and the Bulldogs won their third game in a row.

The Bulldogs had 171 yards rushing for the night with Zane Garvin carrying most of the load for 147 yards. Brogan Stone completed 14 passes out of 19 attempts for 170 yards and one touchdown. Ruben Arguello had 5 catches for 77 yards. Total yards for the Bulldogs was 341 yards of offense.

On defense, Conner Barcheers shined for a total of 10 tackles.

The next game for the Bulldogs after a week off will be hosting the New Deal Lions in a district game on Oct. 7. The Lions enter the game with a 2-3 record, the Bulldogs are 3-2 for the season.



Area News News items from area newspapers

'Bobo' Mason pens second book

LAMESA – Lamesa basketball legend Jerry "Bobo" Mason heard so much positive feedback about his first book that he has now written a second one.

Mason's second book, "I Was Only Four Years Old: The Psyche of a Broken Sole" came out this summer. It is now available at the Dawson County Library.

"Having my book on the shelves there is a great way for me to get back to my roots and reconnect with people in that area," said Mason, a 1986 graduate of Lamesa High School.

Mason's first book, "Coach: The Mediator of Dreams and Destroyer of Generations," came out a couple of years ago.

Just like he did in his first book, Mason again has used many of his own personal experiences as high school all-American for the Golden Tomatoes then with the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

Mason was a two-time all-stater for the Golden Tors, then had a double-digit scoring average in his final three seasons at Texas Tech.

After hanging up his coaching whistle in October 2019 to deal with his mother's passing and to have more time to concentrate on writing his first book, Mason returned to coaching at Ennis, a Class 5A high school in the southeastern suburbs of Dallas.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Fireworks, cannon to support Seminole games

SEMINOLE – Amanda Reames and her brother, Jonathan Lentz, hope to show their support for the boys in black and gold by lighting up the night sky and using a little firepower.

The duo addressed the Gaines County Commissioner Court last Wednesday, about using Lytle Field on Friday nights to shoot off fireworks and a cannon during football games.

Reames, who had already received approval from City Manager Adam Niolet and Fire Chief D.A. Dagley, said they plan to show support for the team during halftime with a fireworks display. The explosion from the cannon will indicate, perhaps to the entire city, that the Indians had scored a touchdown. Fireworks would be supplied and ignited by Randy Jones.

-- from the Seminole Sentinel

TTU, USDA collaborate for new cotton classing office

LAMESA – Texas Tech University and the USDA has launched a first-of-its-kind cotton classing facility on Texas Tech's campus. Facilities like this measure and classify cotton by its specific physical attributes, enabling the cotton to be marketed by producers and giving precise information to consumers regarding the cotton fibers.

"This new cotton classing facility is an exciting collaboration between USDA and Texas Tech University," said Bruce Summers, administrator for the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Services.

The partnership will serve the U.S. cotton industry by grading almost 20 percent of the cotton produced in the country and, at the same time, offer internship and employment to Texas Tech students and others in the Lubbock area.

"Texas Tech is a world leader in cotton research, and this facility provides many opportunities for our faculty and students to advance the work that is of critical importance to this region," said Texas Tech President Lawrence Schovanec.

The 30,000-square-foot facility, located two miles northwest of the Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources' central campus buildings, is equipped with the latest automated technology and represents the first cotton classing facility located on the campus of an institution of higher learning.

The cotton classification complex is expected to provide students and researchers with enhanced education and research opportunities in developing fiber measurement technology, automation and robotics, fiber phenomics, prototyping and calibration, and for testing of new instruments and technology.

It has the capacity to process more than 50,000 cotton samples per day and is among the largest cotton classing facilities in the nation.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

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Capital Farm Credit
Jason Gandy
Shaun Wied

Farmers Co-op Association
No. 1

Lynn County Farm Bureau

Christmas for Kids donations now being accepted

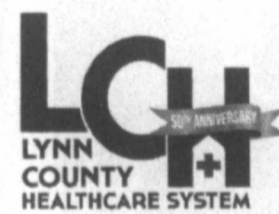
Donations for Christmas for Kids in Lynn County are now being accepted at the Lynn County Tax Assessors Office, located at 1521 Ave J, in Tahoka. Please give donations to Sheri Stone or Donna Willis and specify that it is for Christmas for Kids.

Sign-ups will begin soon and will be published in the Lynn County News.

For questions or more information contact Sheri Stone at 806-759-3833 Or Donna Willis at 806-773-0605.

Genealogical Society Meeting set Oct 8

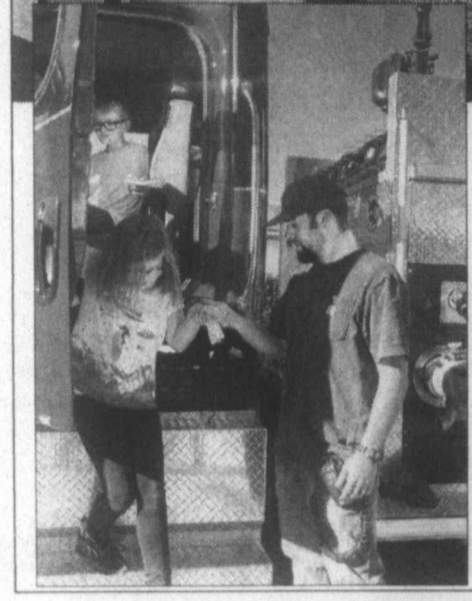
The South Plains Genealogical Society will meet on Saturday, October 8th from 10 a.m. until noon at Mahon Library's Community Room in Lubbock. This meeting is free and open to the public. Ray Lozada will be presenting Juan Vasquez Coronado (his 20th great grandfather), the quest for the Seven Cities of Gold, and the "Lady in Blue".



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We love firemen and their trucks! ... Tahoka Volunteer Firemen, Stephen Overstreet and Luke Hawthorne, came to Tahoka ISD's after-school TCLAS program last week to visit with students, and to show them what to do if their smoke alarm in their house goes off. They gave some really good information about fires and what children should do if they are in one. School officials expressed their appreciation to TVFD for their kindness and support of the youth.
(TISD PHOTOS by Lanae Gwin)

HF raffle ticket winners named

Lynn County Harvest Festival drawings were held for the Queen and Princess ticket sales, with the following winners announced at the Sept. 17 Harvest Festival.

Queen Ticket Drawings: \$250 each - Scott McAllister, Ronnie Wilkins, Xavier Elizondo, Hope Campbell.

Princess Ticket Drawings: \$100 each - Abby Gonzales, Kennedy Filley, Judy Carter, Leighton Knox, Lanae Gwin, Allen Henderson, Brian Alvarado, Barbara Amador, Archie Smith, Melissa McCleskey.

IF YOU CAN BELIEVE IT THE MIND CAN ACHIEVE IT.
"RONNIE LOTT"

Commissioners approve SWAT donations, accept \$13,560 in unclaimed dividends

by **JUANELL JONES**
Lynn County Commissioners met in routine session here Monday morning, approving joint election agreements with other entities, approving a salary for the county auditor, accepting unclaimed dividends, and accepting donations for the Lynn County Sheriff's Office SWAT program.

A donation of \$2100 was accepted for the SWAT team, reportedly contributed from several donors. The funds are used for equipment/training for the LCSO SWAT program.

Joint Election Agreements to share election officials/procedures were approved with O'Donnell and New Home ISD's for school trustee elections, and with High Plains Water District for director elections, in conjunction with the November general election.

Commissioners approved a salary of \$26,119 for services of a County Auditor, currently provided by Brenda Wilson, CPA.

Capital Credits in the amount of \$13,560.88 was accepted from the Texas Comptroller's office for unclaimed dividends from electric cooperatives. These funds may be used for purposes under certain criteria, but county officials have not yet considered their options for the funds. In the past, commissioners have donated such funds to non-profit organizations in the county such as the City/County Library for child literacy programs.

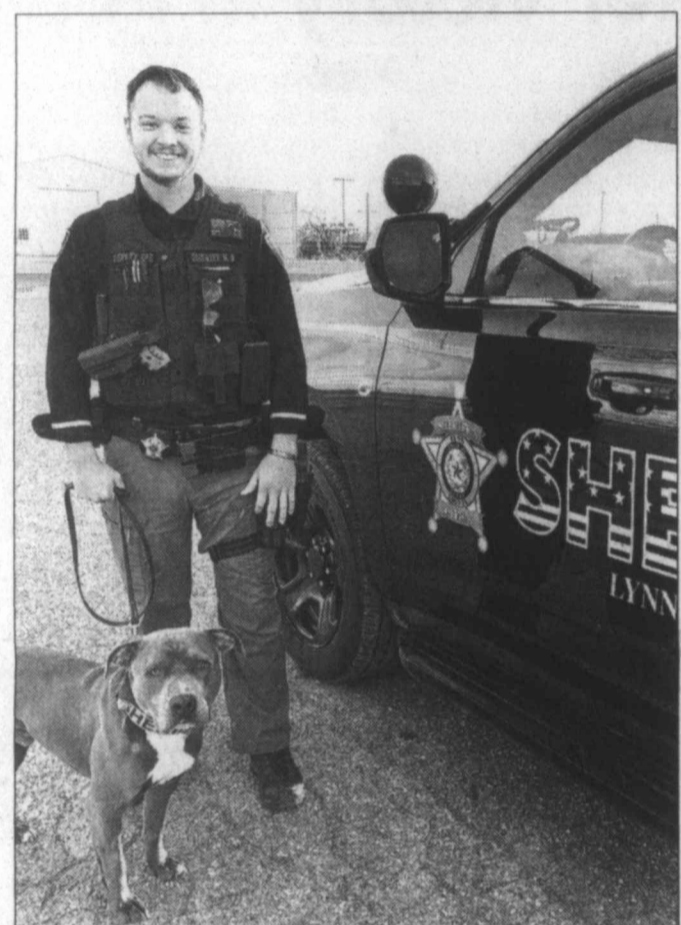
Sheriff Wanda Mason presented information to commissioners for consideration of whether to allow deputies who reside outside of the county to take their county vehicles

home, for several reasons including allowing for faster response to emergency situations in the county. The issue was discussed, but no action was taken at this time, and County Judge Mike Braddock told *The News* that he would appreciate any input from citizens who would like to voice their opinions on the issue. He also said that he is seeking input from other counties as to whether they have such policies.

Sheriff Mason presented a jail update, reporting 49 total inmates here, including 33 held for Lynn County, 12 for Bell, 3 for Dawson, and 1 for Floyd County.

Budget amendments and monthly bills were approved.

Judge Braddock led the meeting, with three of four commissioners present including Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, and Don Blair, with commissioner Larry Durham absent.



Making a difference ... The K9 team at Lynn County Sheriff's Office - Deputy Dalton Erb and Dodger - have executed approximately 73 deployments since the LCSO K9 program was implemented. Those deployments were for various agencies including DPS and surrounding counties, locating a variety of drugs during vehicle searches. One particular traffic stop was at CR 3 on US 87 near midnight. "After Dodger's deployment and positive alert, a search was conducted. During the search, 17 grams of methamphetamine were discovered under the center console," stated Deputy Erb. He added, "We are also always seeking donations to further improve the K9 program. We greatly appreciate the support of our community." To donate to the LCSO K9 program, contact the Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 806-561-4505, or email Deputy Erb at dalton.erb@co.lynn.tx.us for more information.

Got a storm shelter?
Register your location with the Lynn County Emergency Management Office (EMO).
This information will assist the emergency responders in a quicker response with rescue, medical services and recovery. If you wish to have your information on the list, please provide your address, phone, type of shelter and location on the property. Mail, email or call information to: Lynn County EMO, P.O. Box 1166, Tahoka, Texas 79373
Phone: 806-561-5244-or-email lynncountyemco@co.lynn.tx.us or stop by the office located at 1501 South 1st, Lynn County Courthouse, in Tahoka.

Texas Comptroller Visits PGCD, which hosts cloud seeding program

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar recently visited the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (PGCD) in Amarillo on the second stop of his Good for Texas Tour: Water Edition. The PGCD is home to one of five cloud seeding programs in Texas. Cloud seeding is a form of weather modification used to stimulate clouds to produce rain. This process is commonly referred to as precipitation enhancement.

available for future generations of Texas families and businesses. He is touring a handful of key water facilities across the state, focusing on water topics such as desalination, aquifers, cloud seeding, surface water, canal systems, groundwater, flood mitigation and water reuse.

"In the U.S., cloud seeding is increasingly accepted as an effective method of providing relief in drought-stricken states such as Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming," said Hegar, a member of the board of advisers for the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas, a critical financial assistance tool for high-cost projects.

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) estimates that implementing new water infrastructure will require \$80 billion in capital costs over the next 50 years, and \$47 billion of that is expected to come from state financial programs. This funding is essential. TWDB reports Texas' water demands are projected to increase by about 9 percent over the next 50 years, while its existing water supplies are estimated to decline by about 18 percent during that same time.

"To help supplement the Texas water supply, some areas of the state are using periodic cloud seeding attempts to increase rainfall. The PGCD conducts cloud seeding operations to augment groundwater recharge over the Ogallala Aquifer. This is a target area of nearly 4.1 million acres in the eastern sector of the Texas Panhandle, which allows access to cloud systems moving out of Oklahoma," said Hegar.

In cloud seeding, aircraft spray clouds with small particles such as silver iodide, which have structures like ice. The particles cause the moisture in the clouds to condense into water droplets until they are heavy enough to fall as rain.

Cloud seeding is not a major source of new water in Texas, but it is one of many water management strategies that help ensure water is available for future needs, according to Hegar. The 2022 State Water Plan recommends that cloud seeding provide about 5,000 acre-feet of water per year for irrigation users by 2070 - about 1 percent of the total recommended water strategy supplies in that year.

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Pages from the Past ...

from past issues of The Lynn County News

Homemaking cottage opened

Tahoka High School Home-making Department moved early this week into the new brick "Cottage" - recognized as being one of the most modern and revolutionary buildings of its type in all of Texas.

Plans of the structure were drawn by Arnold Maeker of Lubbock, and Everton Nevill of Tahoka was the builder. Fully equipped, the building has cost about \$37,000 or approximately \$3,000 under the lowest bidder's estimate.

Located southeast of the High School at the corner of North second and Miller Streets, the building faces northwest. It covers 2,900 feet of floor space, is constructed of rose chip brick, has turquoise and aluminum trim, and resembles a private residence in appearance. Construction was begun about Sept. 1.

The building includes an entrance foyer, combination living and dining room, foods laboratory, pantries, clothing laboratory and storage space, a model bedroom, bath, rest rooms and central heating and cooling.

Living room of the rambling brick structure features modern blonde sectional furniture and end and coffee tables, with wrought iron dining chairs. Rose chip brick planter boxes add to the effectiveness of the scheme.

The foods laboratory has six kitchen units with three gas and three electric stoves. One kitchen unit is a demonstration unit with island surface unit near-by wall oven.

The sewing laboratory has blonde drop-leaf cutting tables and 96 tote drawers for individual students. There are seven new sewing machines.

The bedroom is also furnished in modern blonde furniture. The bedroom and living rooms are carpeted, and the rest of the building has in-laid tile floor coverings.

Mrs. Fred B. (Madeline) Hegi, teacher, says the draw draperies to cover the aluminum trim windows will be made by the girls of the department as a project.

An "open house" will probably be held in early April in the new building. -Feb. 12, 1954

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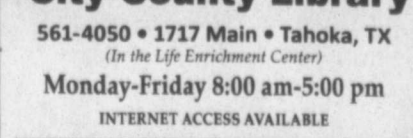
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New entrance ... A granite marker stands in front of the new main entrance to Wilson High School, where the WISD central office entry is currently located. The new entrance is part of the current renovation project underway at the high school campus.

Wilson Collegiate High School ...

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priority is meeting the educational needs of the students. A few years back, the Wilson Collegiate High School program was initiated, which provides college courses at no cost to the students.

Teachers in the Wilson Collegiate High School college classes are also college professors, according to information from school officials. The school covers the cost for students to obtain college credit while also earning their high school diplomas. In fact, the WISD Valedictorians in 2021 and 2020 had graduated from South Plains College before they graduated from high school – all at no cost to the students.

“The Wilson Early College Program is a whole school program, meaning all kids at some point will take college courses,” explains Wilson ISD Superintendent JP Portillo.

“We have two programs, one being the OnRamps program where we partner with the University of Texas in Austin, and the second is our dual-credit program where we work with South Plains College. We have teachers on campus who have the credentials to teach college level courses and have been hired by these two institutions to teach the courses in person

on our Wilson campus,” said Portillo.

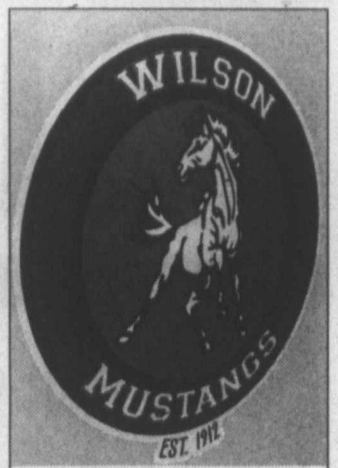
The students also have the ability to take additional courses through South Plains College on-line, and WISD has developed an early college center where the students can take these courses with tutors available if needed.

“We’ve developed a pathway that if the students follow it as designed, they will receive their Associate degree from South Plains College by their high school senior year and can begin college as juniors,” said Supt. Portillo.

“The last two years we have had a student graduate from South Plains College with their Associates degree before they graduated from Wilson High School. Those students went on to Texas Tech and were enrolled as juniors,” he added.

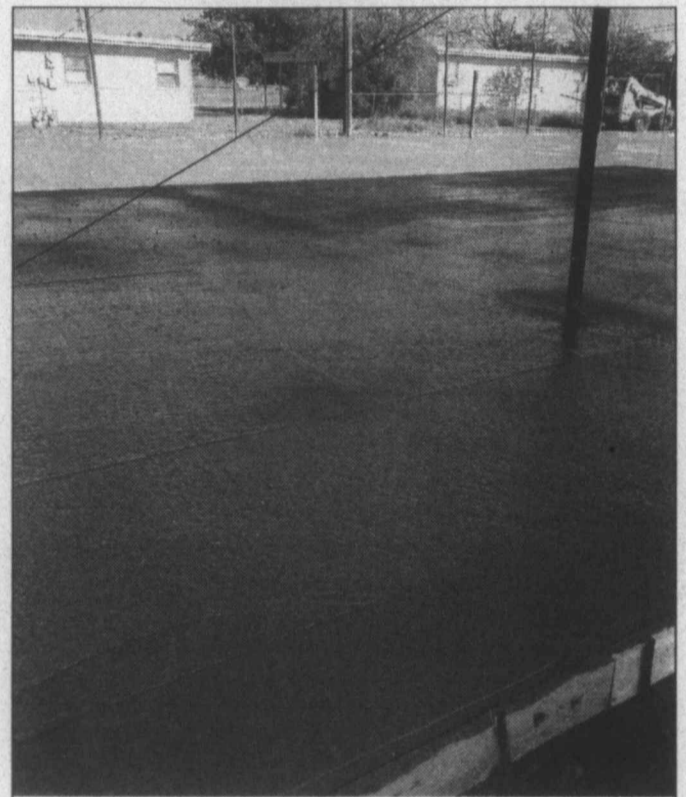
The best part: All collegiate courses and textbooks in the Wilson Early College Program are all free, provided by Wilson ISD at no cost to the students or parents.

According to information on the school website, all high school students at Wilson ISD are given an opportunity to participate and earn up to 60 hours of college credit hours. All accepted high school transfer students and homeschool students are also encouraged to apply for the program.



WISD logo ... The Wilson ISD logo, pictured on one of the walls of the campus, was designed by Wilson High School student AJ Zaragoza.

For more information on the Wilson Early College Program, contact Supt. Portillo at Wilson ISD, 806-628-6261.



Tennis court coming ... Wilson ISD broke ground for a new tennis court at the school campus recently, in preparation for offering a new tennis program this spring. Dillon Trevino will be the head coach and Ray Parmer will be the assistant coach. The new court is located by the bus barn.

Police report ...

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a male individual.

Tahoka Police responded to an area of South 2nd and Ave. L at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, when a caller reported two toddlers were outside and unsupervised by adults. Police located and notified the parents, and Children’s Protective Services were notified of the occurrence. The children were returned to their parents.

Police and LCSO units responded to the 1700 block of S. 3rd at 11 a.m. Sept. 22, in response to a caller reporting that her ex was at her home with a gun. When officers arrived, however, no weapon was discovered, and no shots

had been fired. According to police reports, the man had not committed any crime and was not wanted on any outstanding warrants. He was issued a criminal trespass from the location.

Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. extinguished a dumpster on fire behind a local convenience store at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 24.

Numerous other calls during the week were for welfare concerns, domestic disturbances, unwanted persons, stranded motorists, suspicious persons/vehicles, civil matters, a child custody dispute, credit card fraud, reports of loose dogs, and illegal dumping on CR M.

Area News from area newspapers

“Light Up Post” special event planned

POST – South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) recently announced the City of Post has been selected to be the SPAG Traveling Road Show City for 2022.

J. Rhett Parker said, “This means we are hosting all the cities to come to Post to see what we’ve got on Dec. 3, the weekend of the Annual Christmas Parade. So, to make this a ‘grand event’ we are looking for volunteers to help organize and put together the Light Up Post Special Event on Dec. 3.”

Plans include Christmas lights, a possible snow machine, a parade, merchant/vendor events, Taste-of-Post at the Silent Night Village, a Christmas Train, and possibly art projects and entertainment.

– from the Post Dispatch

Tarrant County approves \$18 million one-year contract for Dalby facility

POST – Tarrant County Commissioners approved an \$18 million one-year contract with Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility in Post last week. The Garza County Public Works Commission owns the facility and operates by Management & Training Corporation (MTC).

The contract was approved by a 3-2 vote of the commissioners to allocate \$18 million to house 432 inmates from the Tarrant County Jail.

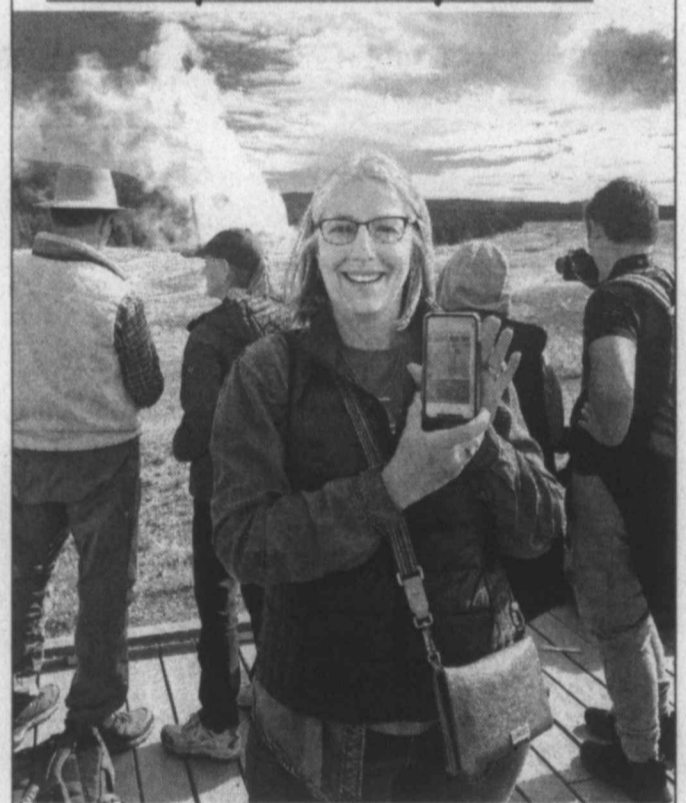
Harris County is also spending \$25 million to send 600 of its inmates to the facility here.

Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley told the commissioners this was the best option for the county since TDCJ is currently not accepting inmates due to staff shortages.

“We will send 432 inmates that have already been tried and sentenced and awaiting transfer to TDCJ, so there will not be back and forth travel,” Whitley said.

– from the Post Dispatch

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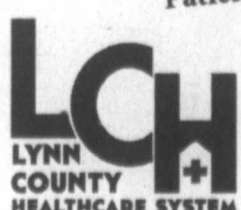
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