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## Did you know?

• The age of the Universe is estimated to be 13.7 billion years. The oldest stars in the Milky Way, found in globular clusters, are 13.6 billion years old.

## ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

### Friday, Oct. 2 games:

- Tahoka (open date)
- New Home at Ralls
- Wilson at Cotton Center
- O'Donnell (open date)

### Last Week's Scoreboard:

Ropes 22-0 Tahoka  
New Home 46-12 Roscoe  
Hermleigh 54-0 Wilson  
O'Donnell 62-36 Spur

## COVID UPDATE:

The South Plains Public Health District provided the following information of COVID-19 cases in Lynn County

### Sept 25 UPDATE:

Lynn County total cases: 99  
(6 new cases during past week)  
9 Active - 86 Recovered - 4 Death

Gaines County total cases: 343  
44 Active - 292 Recovered - 7 Deaths

Dawson County total cases: 433  
126 Active - 303 Recovered - 4 Deaths

Terry County total cases: 242  
23 Active - 216 Recovered - 3 Deaths

Yoakum County total cases: 224  
30 Active - 190 Recovered - 4 Deaths

## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Sept 22	84	51	
Sept 23	85	55	
Sept 24	90	54	
Sept 25	99	64	
Sept 26	95	65	
Sept 27	97	55	
Sept 28	69	43	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 7 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	0.58"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.48"
Total Precip for Mar:	2.56"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.02"
Total Precip for May:	2.58"
Total Precip for June:	2.32"
Total Precip for July:	0.46"
Total Precip for Aug:	0.75"
Total Precip for Sept:	0.24"
Total Precip. for 2020:	9.99"



DISTRICT CLERK COURTNEY ODOM

## Courtney Odom appointed District Clerk for Lynn County

by JUANELL JONES

The Honorable Reed A. Filley, District Judge for the 106th Judicial District, has appointed Courtney Odom of Tahoka as the new District Clerk for Lynn County, effective Oct. 1. She is filling the position previously held by District Clerk Sandra Laws, who retired at the end of September.

Odom has been the Deputy District Clerk for Lynn County for the past two years, working with Laws in the District Clerk's Office at the Lynn County Courthouse. Prior to the deputy clerk position, Odom performed various other duties for the county.

She moved to Tahoka in June of 2013, and has a daughter, Bristol, who is a first grader at Tahoka Elementary. Odom is involved in the Tahoka Elementary PTO, where she also serves as treasurer.

"When I had the opportunity to apply for the clerk's position, I took

it and thankfully was given the chance to take the position. I hope to be able to serve the wonderful residents of Lynn County for many years to come," she told *The News*.

Her appointment will serve through the remaining two years of the current four-year term, with the position to be on the ballot in the November 2022 election.

A district clerk serves as clerk and custodian of all records for the District Courts, indexes and secures all court records, collects filing fees, and handles funds held in litigation and money awarded to minors. Additional duties include coordinating the jury panel selection process, processing passport applications, and managing court registry funds.

Lynn County is one of four counties in the 106th Judicial District, which also includes Dawson, Gaines and Garza counties.

## Wilson man killed in US 84 accident on Sunday

by JUANELL JONES

Ricky Kyle Cross, 63, of Wilson was pronounced deceased at the scene of a two-vehicle accident on US 84 in Lubbock County Sunday night, Sept. 27. He was the driver of a 2019 Nissan Frontier pickup that collided with a 2016 GMC Sierra pickup at the intersection of US 84 and CR 3100 at 8:38 p.m. Lorena Meza, 40, of Muleshoe, was the driver of the Sierra. According to a preliminary report by the Texas Dept. of Public Safety, the Nissan was traveling south on CR 3100 when it approached the intersection with US 84, colliding with the GMC Sierra that was traveling southeast on US 84. All occupants of the Sierra, including two adults and two minors, were transported to Covenant Medical Center by EMS.

Four accidents occurred in

Lynn County during the past week, one involving a deer, and one involving a horse.

At 8:51 a.m. last Tuesday, Sept. 22, a pickup collided with a tractor on US 87 southbound lanes about 10 miles north of Tahoka. Lynn County EMS, Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept., DPS, and Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the scene, but no other information was available.

Last Tuesday night, at 8:26 p.m., a caller to the Lynn County SO reported that his vehicle had struck a deer on FM 179 near the curves near CR 30. He said his vehicle was inoperable but that he did not require EMS assistance, and that he would call his insurance company to send a wrecker to tow the vehicle. No driver information was available.

Last Thursday, Sept. 24, at 9:12

p.m. a caller reported there was an accident with a horse north of CR 2 on FM 1730. The vehicle, a 2003 grey Chevy, was registered to Harlice and Brenda Dorman of Lubbock. Lynn County EMS, DPS and LCSO units responded to the scene, but no one was transported for medical treatment.

Friday afternoon about 4:20 p.m. the LCSO monitoring center received a vehicle crash report at 1750 CR 13, but was unable to make contact with the owner of the vehicle. Deputies responding to the scene reported the vehicle was on fire. EMS transferred one person from the scene to a Lubbock hospital. No vehicle or driver information was available from LCSO call sheet reports.

Two grass fires were reported last week. New Home Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to a fire in

a field 4 miles west of New Home just after 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25, and requested a LCSO deputy at the scene due to what was reported as a "combative individual attempting to ignite the fire after being advised of the county burn ban in effect."

Another fire, in the median on US 87 at CR 1 on Sunday night about 7 p.m., caused numerous calls to the LCSO, including calls from Lubbock County SO that reported they were receiving calls of a traffic jam due to people stopping and trying to put out the fire. LCSO responded to the scene, and New Home VFD and Wilson VFD were paged to the location.

Several reports of theft were in the call sheets last week. On Sept. 23, a caller told officers that about two months ago he had a blowout on his fifth wheel camper and had

(See SHERIFF'S REPORT, page 8)

## Tahoka High School 2020 Homecoming



THS Homecoming King ... Jaden Rodriguez, flanked by two THS Cheerleaders, was named the Tahoka High School Homecoming King at the Homecoming pep rally held on the grounds of the Lynn County Courthouse on Friday.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



THS Homecoming Queen ... Karlie Swinford, escorted by her father, was crowned 2020 Homecoming Queen for Tahoka High School. She is the daughter of Chad and Lea Swinford.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Did you know?

Brand-new custom cars have nothing on used classics; the sale of a 1963 Ferrari GTO for \$70 million is supposedly the highest price ever paid for a car.



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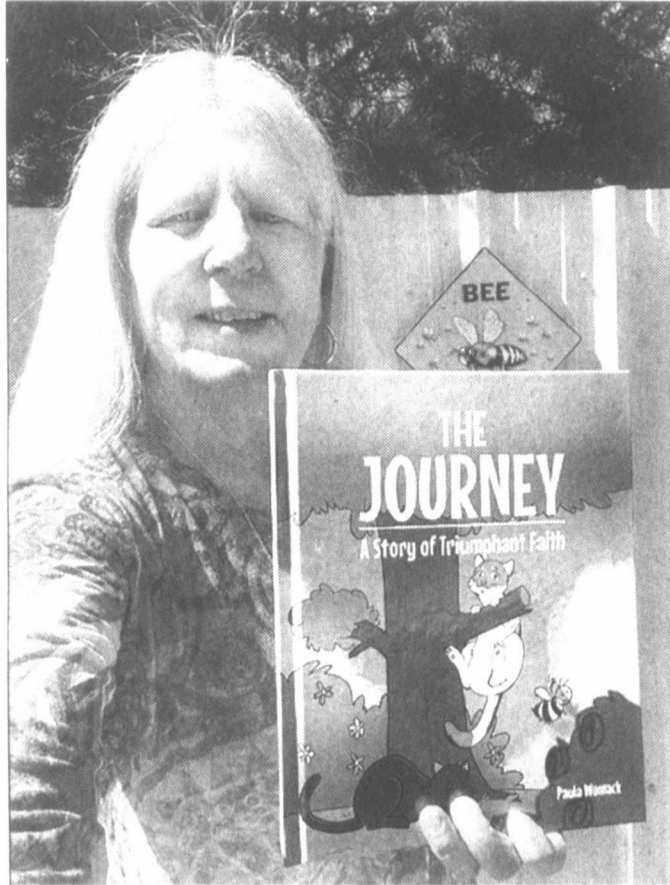
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**Book author ...** Paula Womack holds a copy of her children's book, "The Journey - A Story of Triumphant Faith," which was recently published.

*Gist of the story is about having faith in God's love ...*

**Lynn County woman pens children's book about cats**

by JUANELL JONES

**I**t's a children's story about cats – and so much more. Paula Womack says that while her children's book is a story about cats, that the larger scope is about hope, faith, and believing that God cares for us. She believes that the message of hope is especially needed in these trying times.

Womack, a Lynn County resident, wrote the original story as a class assignment when she was in college years ago. It's been on her mind ever since, and she presented it to a publishing company, where the book finally came to fruition. Last Thursday, she received a hardback copy of her book, "The Journey – A Story of Triumphant Faith," and she is delighted.

"I love God and I love animals. I have always loved animals and I believe they help reflect God and Jesus in

so many ways," Womack told *The News*. She said that the cats in the story are based on actual cats that she rescued when she lived in Austin.

"When I was in college I had to write a short story for class, and so I wrote this story then. My professor was so encouraging and she told me that 'this is the best children's story I have ever had submitted in my class.' She had been a professor for many years, and it meant a lot to me (yes, I got an A+) that she was so encouraging and she even

shared it with some children. It's been on my mind ever since then, and I really wanted to bring it to life," she said.

Womack says the book presents a way for anyone to be able to learn about hope and faith.

"To look at it, this is a children's story about cats – but it's really about God and faith, and hope. It's been in my heart for it to be published. It talks about God's love but I think it gives hope to people whose animals are missing, and on a bigger scope I hope that it gives hope to children, especially those who may be in foster care, for better things to come. It's a story about leaving home, and how things started turning in not such a good way, but then shows the hope in believing that God will take care of you and that things can get better.

"Really, it speaks to ways that reaffirm our faith in God. It's about God and my love of all of God's creatures," said Womack.

Paula and her family have lived in Lynn County since March of 2007, in a rural location north of Tahoka. Paula is a Registered Nurse who is semi-retired. She is also a beekeeper, and has assisted local beekeepers in relocating bees, and they have llamas and other animals on their property.

A page in the book describes the author in this way: "Paula is a lover of God, animals, nature, and, of course, her family. She lives in West Texas with her husband, son, dogs, cats, donkeys, llamas, chickens, and several beehives. She also cares for all the wild critters that come around. Her friends, family, and even complete strangers are subject to her passion for all God's creatures."

The publishers, Covenant Books Inc., created the illustrations for the book, and designed the front cover which depicts two cats, one in a tree, with a bee buzzing around some flowers. Womack says she asked them to put a bee on the cover, since she is a beekeeper.

"The Journey – A Story of Triumphant Faith" will be available in hardback, paperback, and digital versions from Amazon, and Barnes & Noble, according to Womack.



**Cash winner! ...** Mrs. Diane McLaurin was selected by Texas Tech Federal Credit Union to receive one of their Classroom Cash Giveaways, and was presented last week with a check for \$500. Mrs. McLaurin is an English teacher at Tahoka High School.

**City of O'Donnell cancels city election**

The City of O'Donnell issued an Order of Cancellation for their city election, which was scheduled to have been held on Nov. 3 in conjunction with the general election. According to Mayor Kim Parker, city officials ordered the cancellation after two of the five candidates for three seats on the council withdrew their names from the ballot, thereby negating the need for an election.

Mayor Parker was unopposed in her bid for another term as mayor, and will be declared re-elected. The new council members to be declared elected include Gustene Bairrington, Trent Hancock, and Joseph Luera (incumbent). Incumbent Jessie Perez and candidate Joe Renteria Jr., both of whom had filed earlier for a place on the ballot, withdrew from the election.

**Fundraiser meal set Sunday to benefit Todd Brown**

A chicken and fish fry fundraiser meal will be held Sunday, Oct. 4 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (carryout only) to benefit Todd Brown, son of Jerry and Sandra Brown of Tahoka, to help with medical expenses for a kidney transplant.

The meal of chicken or fish, cole slaw, fries and hush puppies will be \$10 per carryout plate, at the Tahoka Trinity Church, located at 1625 Lockwood Street. To pre-order, call Glenda Whitley at 806-470-6147, Betty Long at 806-786-4994, or Stephanie Garcez at 806-781-2928.

Donations may be made

for Brown to Tahoka Trinity Church, P.O. Box 1168, Tahoka TX 79373.

*Did you know?*

- In 1907, a woman was arrested on a beach in Boston for wearing a one-piece swimsuit.
- Erotomania is a psychological disorder where the sufferer has delusions that another person is in love with him or her.
- Harry Burnett Reese, the founder of Reese's chocolate, was a former shipping foreman and dairy farmer for Milton S. Hershey, the founder of Hershey's chocolate.
- Carrots have zero fat content.
- "Death by PowerPoint" is a term relating to the intense boredom of useless PowerPoint presentations.

*In Memoriam*  
**Dora Faye Moore**

It's been 12 long years Mama... We miss you and love you dearly.  
*Thinking of you always, Roosevelt Roosevelt Jr. & Sylvia Moore*

**Happy Birthday Dad!**  
AGE is merely the number of years the WORLD HAS BEEN enjoying YOU  
*90 years loved ... 90 years blessed*  
Bruce & Becky Franklin

**Join us for a Fundraiser to benefit Todd Brown**  
(son of Jerry & Sandra Brown)  
for medical expenses for a kidney transplant

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## Cross of Honor ceremony set here: M.L. Elliott, Confederate soldier, was first Lynn County Judge

Lynn County citizens are invited to a special ceremony at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Tahoka Cemetery, where the remains of Madison Leroy (M.L.) Elliott (1838-1905) are interred. The Col. Thomas S. Lubbock Camp 1352 of Lubbock, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will perform a Cross of Honor Dedication of Pvt. Elliott, who was a Confederate soldier.

"We welcome everyone to attend and take part in this dedication," says Commander Michael Walker of Tahoka. "All individuals are welcome to come and see an American Veteran of the Civil War honored for his service in the Confederate States of America."

Walker says the ceremony will include a salute by cannons.



**MADISON LEROY ELLIOTT**  
19 MAR. 1838 - 4 APRIL 1905

Madison Leroy Elliott was born to William Dudley Elliott and Margaret Jane Lewis Elliott on March 19, 1838 in Nodaway County Missouri. He and his family came to Texas in 1846 settling in Rusk County. He had five siblings: Elizabeth, Mary, C.C., Joseph, and Margaret.

Madison married Francis Emmaline Morris on October 16, 1856 at Nacogdoches, Texas. They settled in Kemp, Kaufman County in Texas.

He was recruited into the Confederate Army on March 10, 1861 with about 850 men and officers. He became a member of the Texas 20th Cavalry (Texas Volunteers) Bass Regiment Company C as a Private at Bass, Texas.

They were later dismounted. They served with the Cooper and Gano Brigade in Trans Mississippi where they confronted the Federals in Indian Territory. He remained in the Confederate Army until he was mustered out at Houston, Texas. He was able to make it back home in May of 1865.

He and Emmaline had nine children: Emma, Margaret, Susan, John Elliott, William, Mary, James, Joseph, and Maude. In 1900 he, his son, James, and brother, Joe, drove a herd of horses and cattle to Lubbock County and settled eleven miles west in the Carlisle vicinity. M.L. and his son, James, came to Lynn County and filed on six sections of land in western Lynn. M.L. and Emmaline moved from Kemp to Shackelford County and lived there 18 years, engaged in farming.

He had already moved to Lynn when the county was organized. Lynn County's organization election was held on April 7, 1903 and Tahoka was designated the county seat and the first officers were elected.

Judge George R. Bean of Lubbock swore in the first Lynn County officials, including M.L. Elliott as county judge and superintendent of public instruction. Elliott served until December 1, 1904. Judge Elliott drove his buggy every weekday to serve as county judge. His farm eventually became the C.T. Tankersley place.

As superintendent of public instruction, Judge Elliott was instrumental in establishing the school. Lynn District No. 1 was the first school, first in 1902 for the entire county, then in 1903 for the north half. Ultimately at least ten other school districts were carved from it.

It is said that M.L. came and ate his midday meal with the children and brought them some of the finest watermelons he raised. Historical records indicate that they "all thought he was one of the kindest old gentlemen they ever knew."

He was an influential Democrat in politics and a de-



**THS Homecoming Court ...** The 2020 Tahoka High School Homecoming Court included, in back from left, Molly Broun, Ragan Whitley, Marisol Morin, Rylee Vega, Karlie Swinford (Queen), and in front, Kaycee Swinford and Marisol Perez.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

vout member of the Christian church. Madison Leroy Elliott died on April 4, 1905 and was interred in the Tahoka Cemetery. He was preceded in death by his father, William Dudley Elliott; sister Elizabeth; sister, Margaret; and his son, William.

### Genealogical Society invites others to join in online meetings

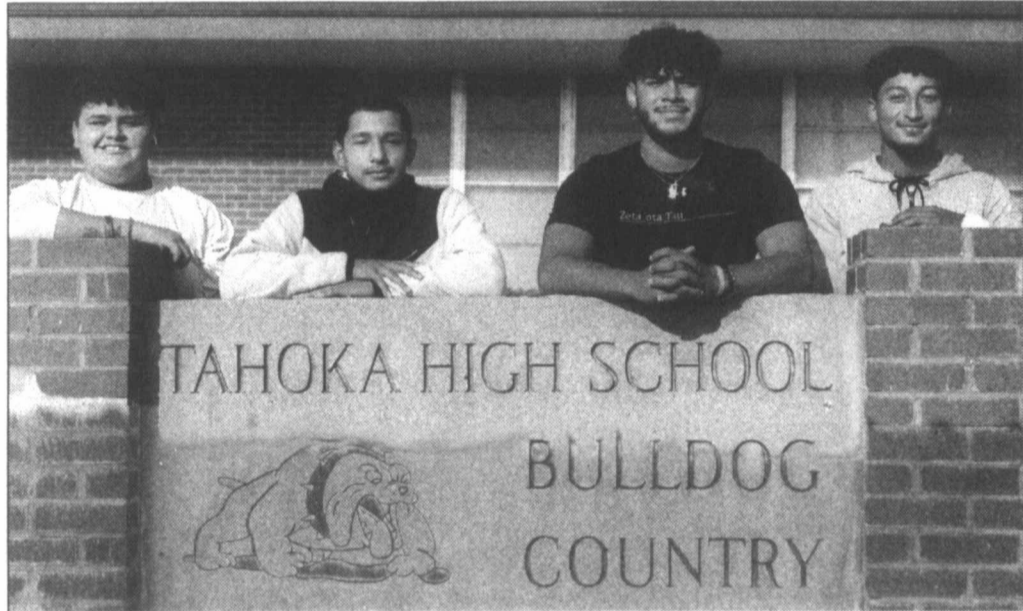
"Are you interested in your family history? Whether a beginner or you have been researching for years, please join us!" invites a representative of the South Plains Genealogical Society.

"Yes, we are meeting - online. If you are interested in viewing our meetings from the safety and comfort of your home, contact us as soon as possible at: spgsnews@gmail.com. We will personally walk you through the steps and take you through a trial run before our next meeting. Non-members are always welcome," said the representative.

The next meeting of the SPGS is Saturday, October 10th at 10 a.m. Henry Ray Lozada, President of SPGS, will present 'The First Declaration of Independence in Texas in 1813'.

### Did you know?

• The swan has over 25,000 feathers on its body.



**THS King candidates ...** Jaden Rodriguez, Jonathan Renteria, Soul Moore, and Ezequiel Luna were the Tahoka High School Homecoming King candidates for 2020. Jaden Rodriguez was named King.

### Did you know?

• Although the saltwater crocodile has the highest recorded bite force in any animal, the muscles to open its mouth are weak. Its mouth can be shut with a couple layers of duct tape.

- The only 15-letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable.
- January 10th is "Peculiar People Day" - a day to celebrate those of us who are a little quirky, weird or eccentric.
- Giraffe hearts pump twice as hard as a cow's heart, in order

- to get blood to its brain.
- The television was invented only two years after the invention of sliced bread.
- Hershey's Kisses are named that after the kissing sound the deposited chocolate makes as it falls from the machine on the conveyor belt.

## PVT MADISON LEROY ELLIOTT, CSA CROSS OF HONOR DEDICATION CITY OF TAHOKA CEMETERY • OCTOBER 3, 2020

**ALL CITIZENS OF LYNN COUNTY**

*The Col. Thomas S. Lubbock Camp 1352  
of Lubbock, Texas,*

*Sons of Confederate Veterans,  
cordially invites all interested*

*Citizens of Lynn County*

*to the Cross of Honor Dedication of*

**PVT. Madison Leroy Elliott, CSA,**

*at the City of Tahoka Cemetery on*

*3, October 2020 at 2:00 p.m.*

**We welcome everyone to attend and take part in this dedication.**

**AU individuals are welcome to come and see an American Veteran of the Civil War honored for his service in the Confederate States of America.**

**Anyone having questions may call:  
Commander Michael Walker at 806 777 2101 or  
LT Commander Rocky Sprott at 806 930 1651**

Compatriots who will attend this dedication need to arrive NLT 12 Noon to facilitate the lining up of the battalion for marching and the setting of the cannons. Directions to the City of Tahoka Cemetery is as follows:  
From the North on 127, Take the Hwy 380 exit, turn left onto the overpass, immediately over the overpass, turn right onto the East Access Road and travel to the stop sign, then turn Left and the cemetery is approximately a quarter mile on the left.  
From Post, before you get to the overpass, turn left, go to the stop sign, turn right and the cemetery is a quarter mile on the left  
From Lamesa, take the first exit for Tahoka. At the stop sign turn right, go a quarter mile and the cemetery is on the left.  
From Brownfield on Hwy 380, cross the overpass, turn right on the access road, go to the stop sign, turn left and the cemetery is a quarter mile on the left.

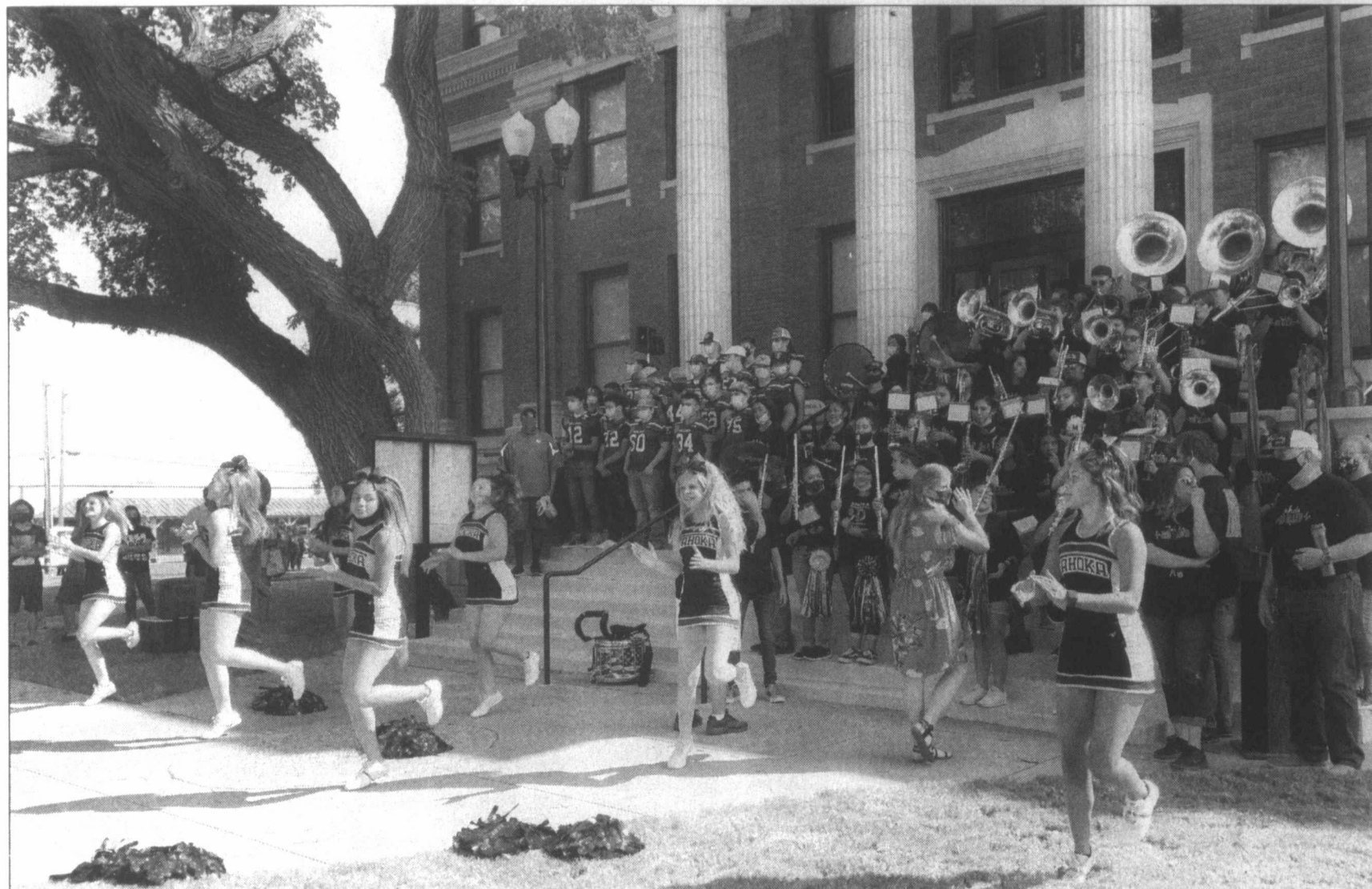
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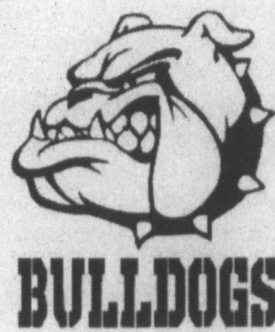
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**Let's go, Dogs! ...**  
The Tahoka 3-D Band and Bulldog football players stood on the steps of the Lynn County Courthouse, as THS Cheerleaders led the crowd in a homecoming pep rally after the homecoming parade on Friday.  
*(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)*



## Area News ...

News items from area newspapers

### HopeAlive 11 seeking to turn tragedy into messages of hope

BROWNFIELD – On January 2, tragedy struck a Terry County family when a vehicle accident claimed the life of eight-year-old Kolter Green.

Although tragedy strikes, life must go on, and sometimes it can go on by helping others. That is exactly what Megan Green, Kolter's mom, has set out to do.

A GoFundMe account was set up in Kolter's memory and many people have donated. Megan has been praying and asking God to show her how the money that was donated can be used. The Lord answered her prayers.

"This past month I was getting gas, got out of my car, and on the concrete right next to the gas pump was a message written in chalk that said, 'You are stronger than you think.' Before arriving, I had been thinking about Kolt and becoming teary-eyed.

"To pull up to that message, which I do believe was sent by God, was awe-inspiring," Megan said.

This was the moment that sparked the beginning of HopeAlive 11 to help change lives. The number 11 was Kolter's favorite sports number.

Megan said during a time where there is so much loneliness, confusion, anger, fear, and tragedy in the world, she wants to let Jesus's light shine. From Sept. 18 through Sept. 25, Megan wants everyone to write an inspirational message in the most unexpected place and watch God work his miracles!

—from the *Brownfield News*

### World record! Lamesans' daughter sets Guinness mark for most lip salves

LAMESA – Did you know there's pickle-flavored lip balm, another that smells like feet and a Chicken Poop brand that tastes like vanilla?

Chelsea Jerabek, 24, of Lubbock does.

The mental health caregiver at the Lubbock County Detention Center has been collecting lip balms since she was 11. Chelsea is the daughter of Lamesa High School Principal Jerry Jerabek.

What began as a way to connect with an aunt collecting PEZ dispensers, Jerabek began her collection with a Scooby-Doo lip balm.

"It just snowballed from there," Jerabek said.

She still has the Scooby-Doo balm, but minus its head.

Now her collection has grown to 1,800 different types. Her hobby recently earned her a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records for having the biggest collection of lip salves. The Guinness Book of World Records took the world title away from a British collector who had 722 in her collection, and handed it to Jerabek, after she submitted photographic evidence and a complete inventory in her application for the title.

—from the *Lamesa Press-Reporter*

### Gaines County Museum hosts exhibit on famed Chisum Trail

SEMINOLE –The Gaines County Museum in Seminole has announced that it is hosting the Texas Lakes Trail traveling exhibit on the historic Chisholm Trail.

Chisholm, Texas and the Texas Historical Commission have recently celebrated the 150th anniversary of this fabled trail, which took millions of longhorns north to railroads in Kansas.

The money from the sale of the longhorns brought Texas out of the financial disaster following the Civil War. The exhibit is composed of 34 panels.

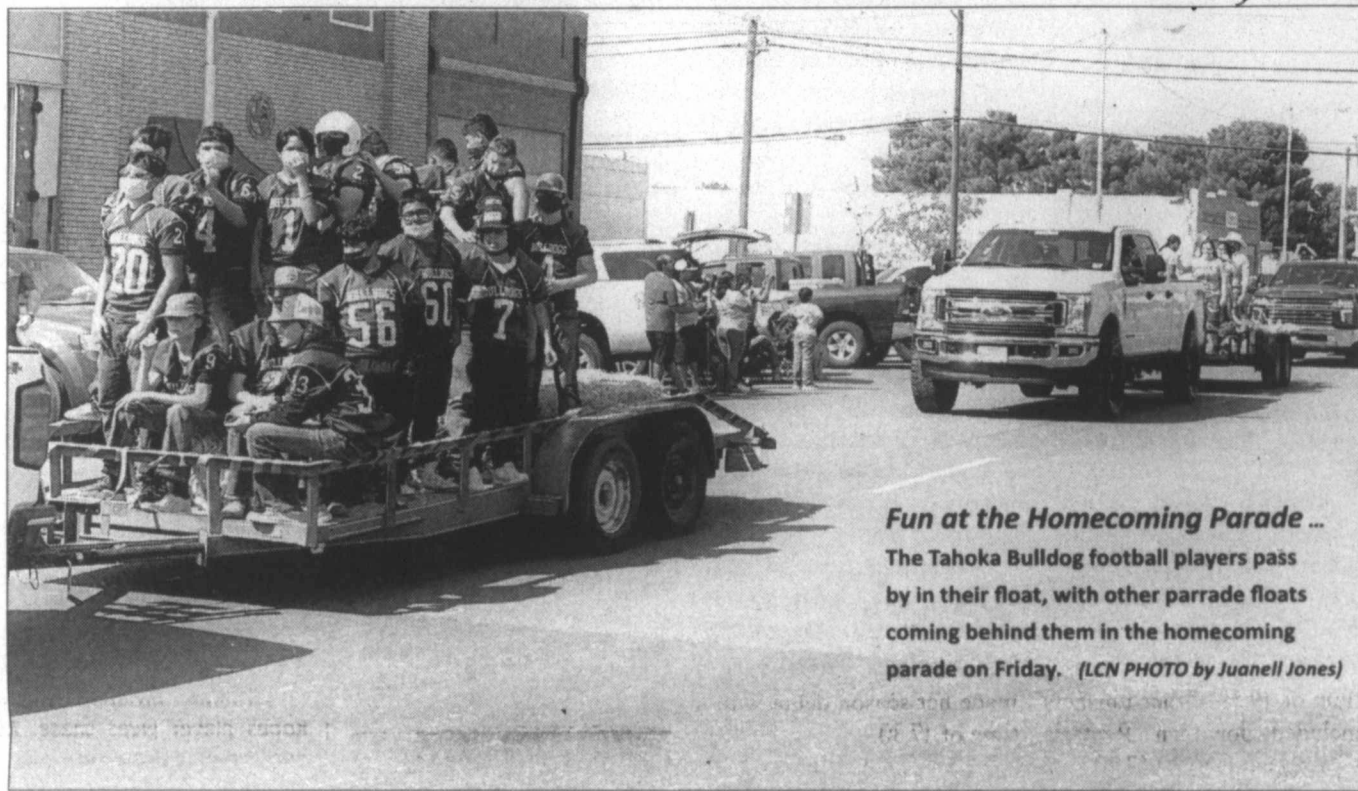
It will be on display at the Gaines County Museum, which is located at 700 Hobbs Highway in Seminole. The exhibit is available for public viewing thru Nov. 5. The museum is free to visitors and is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m.

—from the *Seminole Sentinel*

### High school football returning to Welch

LAMESA – After being off and on again as late as this past week, the Dawson Dragons are less than a week away from bringing high school football back to Welch.

"It's been a long and crooked road at times but right now we're as excited as anything about just seeing our high school guys back out there again," Dawson Coach John Hodges said.



**Fun at the Homecoming Parade ...**  
The Tahoka Bulldog football players pass by in their float, with other parrade floats coming behind them in the homecoming parade on Friday. *(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)*

Dawson's junior high football team kicked off its season (last) Thursday at Welch, getting shut out by the Wellman-Union Wildcats 46-0.

While there was only junior high football action last week, the Dragons will play their first high school football game at Welch in three years on Friday against Lubbock's Christ The King. The junior high game is at 5 p.m., with the varsity beginning around 7:30 p.m. It also will be the Dragons' homecoming night.

—from the *Lamesa Press-Reporter*

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**Rock-n-roll, baby!** ... Lynn County Hospital District had a fun rock-n-roll theme for their float in the Tahoka Homecoming Parade last Friday afternoon, rockin' to the tunes. Pictured here are LCHD employees Arthur Castaneda, Amador Padilla, and Jason Polk. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



**Parade time!** ... People gathered on Main Street as the Tahoka Homecoming Parade came by last Friday afternoon, ending at the courthouse square. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

### Tahoka CC teams compete, with two medalists at Smyer

The Tahoka Bulldogs competed in the Smyer Invitational on Saturday, September 19. All of the boys improved their times from the last outing, and two brought home medals. David Perez medaled with a 3rd place finish of 17.54.00, Jesus Liendo also medaled and set a new personal best with a time of 19.53. Other finishers included Jonathan Renteria with a time of 20.47.00 and Ethan Alvarado set a new personal best with a time of 20.49. John Calzoncit made his season debut with a time of 21.19.00

The Tahoka Girls all improved on their times from LCU Invitational and continued their streak of breaking personal records at the Smyer Invitational with

three new personal bests. Amy Tew finished in 4th place with a new personal best of 13.51.00, Lillian Morrissey finished in 6th place with a new personal best time of 14.14.00, and Katherine Stone set a new personal best of 18.15.00. Alyssa Elizondo finished 21st with a time of 17.15 and Alicia Hernandez made her season debut with a time of 17.30.

The Tahoka Junior High Lady Bulldogs competed in two cross-country meets over the past three weeks and finished very well in both. At the LCU invitational Tahoka Junior High finished 3rd out of 7 teams with 3 top 20 finishes. Kendra Garcez (15.26) finished in 3rd, Addison Braddock (16.11) in 12th, and Keeli Chrestman

(16.48) in 18th place. At the Smyer invitational the Junior High Lady Bulldogs showed great improvements with 5 top 20 finishes and new personal bests set by 5 of 8 runners. Kendra Garcez finished in 7th with a new personal best of 15.17. Natalie Stone (16.18), Gabby Stice (16.27), Keeli Chrestman (16.30), and Jadyn Woodley (16.31) finished in the top 20 and set new personal bests.

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**Friday:** Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, corn, mandarin oranges w/ whipped topping

### Ropes hands Dogs 22-0 loss at Tahoka Homecoming

It was a tough Homecoming night for the Tahoka Bulldogs last Friday, when the Ropes Eagles came to town and took control, winning 22-0 in the Dogs' second loss of the season. The Bulldogs are now 3-2 as they take a much-needed break this week with an open date, and gear up for their first district match with a powerhouse Floydada at the Whirlwinds' home turf on Oct. 9.

The Bulldogs had only 113 total yards offense against Ropes, including 56 yards passing and 57 yards rushing, while Ropes had 195 yards in offense, including 101 yards passing. Tahoka had four turnovers in the game, and made only six first downs for the night.

The Eagles scored a touchdown in the first quarter on a 12-yard run from RJ Medrano, with the extra PAT good, and Trevor Russell ran for an 8-yard TD run with a two-point conversion pass

making a 15-0 lead at the half. In the third, Zach Trull ran for a 1-yard TD and a PAT by Kaden Casarez made it 22-0 for Ropes.

Tahoka Head Coach Stephen Overstreet was disappointed in the end results, but believes his team can recover its momentum to face some tough district opponents in the second half of the season.

"Obviously, this was a night we would like to have back. I have been telling these guys that even in the first four games of the season we were very inconsistent in doing the little things right. We found a way to win those games but I kept preaching to them that it would catch up to us, and that's exactly what happened last Friday night.

"The good thing is those guys are young and have a huge upside. I think that some of them as the years keep going along could be some of the best linemen we've had

since I've been here. With that being said though we have to find that consistency factor that was missing," he added.

"The other things we must clean up are the turnovers and penalties that seem to get us at the most inopportune times. We start doing something good on offense or we get them to a long yardage situation on defense and we turn it over or get a penalty. Giving your opponent extra chances is never a good thing. Being able to control the clock and more importantly the tempo of the ball game is a huge factor in the outcome each week. We need to get back to being who we have been the last few years and that's a team that chews up the clock and moves the ball on offense and creates turnovers on defense.

"I'm still pumped about the upside and the future with this group. I just felt like they learned an unfun lesson last Friday night. This being the open week we are really doing things to help us get back to the basics. We will get a few guys back which help tremendously but being able to have some time to let our bodies heal and get our legs back under us has never been more crucial. We don't have much depth so these guys have been asked all year to play all three phases of the game all season long. That wears on you and you need some time to let your body catch back up.

"Overall I am proud of where we sit at this point in the season as we had the exact same record at this point last year. Just hope to see these guys rise up and reach the potential that I know they have. Unfortunately, that has to happen quickly as we open up on October 9th at Floydada in a gauntlet of a district. The next five games will be tough all the way around," said Overstreet.



**Looking for a receiver** ... Tahoka Bulldog Cason Resendez (3) scrambles around to the left looking for the big play, as a Ropes player gives chase. Ropes beat Tahoka 22-0 in the homecoming game here. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

A look back at ...  
**Woodwork**  
 (Reprinted from the past) Dalton Wood

**A** FEW MONTHS AGO somebody gave me some information about how I could go online and get a free credit check to see if anyone had messed up my records, and also there was something in there about how to avoid identity theft, like when somebody learns your credit card numbers and charges a zillion dollars worth of something you never received.

I remember putting the printed information about all that in a safe place, right after I tried part of it with not much luck. The place I put the papers is very safe, especially from me, because I have not found them since.

However, I did go online with my computer to try to see my free credit check. It wasn't free, so when I got to the point where they wanted my credit card number, I just quit looking. I didn't want them to have my credit card number anyway, because I had already been reading about identity theft.

I am reminded of the guy whose wife's credit card was stolen, and a few weeks later a friend was surprised to learn that the man had never reported the theft, canceled the card and applied for a new card. The guy explained that whoever stole it was using it a lot less than his wife did.

One thing I read recently advised that the next time you order checks, omit your first name and have only your initials and last name put on them. "If someone takes your check book they will not know if you sign your checks with just your initials or your first name, but your bank will know." (But what if you can't remember your name unless it is printed on the checks? . . . This also reminds me of something: Two elderly ladies were sitting on a park bench when one of them said hesitantly, "Listen, I know we have been friends for a long time. But I'm having a little memory problem. Could you tell me your name?" The other lady was silent for a minute, then she asked, "How soon do you need to know?")

Just last week I received a check for \$10 from Chase Bank offering me a program of "privacy guard" to protect me from identity theft. If I cash the check, I'm signed up for a year of the program at 12 bucks a month. No, thanks.

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## Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 4-10, focuses on cooking as leading cause of home fires

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA), the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 95 years, has announced "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen™" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week™, October 4-10, 2020. This year's focus on cooking fire safety is supported by findings from NFPA's newly released U.S. Home Cooking Fires report, which shows that cooking is the leading cause of U.S. home fires and home fire injuries; nearly half (49 percent) of all U.S. home fires are caused by cooking activities.

"Cooking continues to be a major contributor to the home fire problem," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of NFPA's Outreach and Advocacy division. "This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign works to better educate the public about where potential cooking haz-

ards exist, along with basic but critical ways to prevent them."

According to the report, approximately 173,000 cooking fires occur in homes each year, resulting in 550 civilian deaths, 4,820 reported civilian fire injuries, and more than \$1 billion in direct property damage.

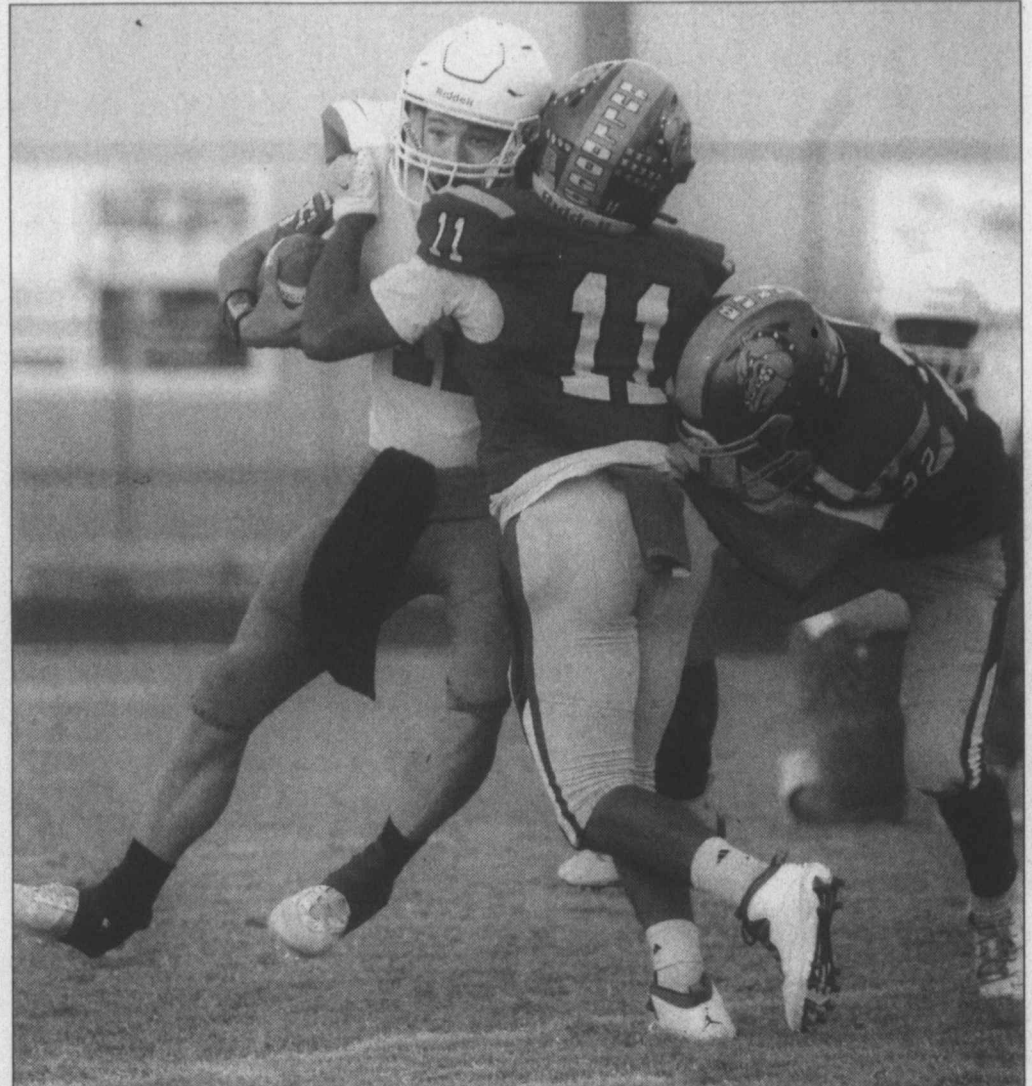
Unattended cooking is the leading cause of U.S. home cooking fires and associated fatalities. A survey conducted this year by the American Red Cross underscores the prevalence of this behavior, with nearly 70 percent of respondents saying they've left the kitchen while cooking on the stove; 55 percent of U.S. adults say they have walked away from their grill while cooking.

Carli notes that focusing on these and other cooking safety issues during Fire Prevention Week is particularly timely because of the pandemic. "As the public continues to

remain at home in response to COVID-19, cooking will continue to occur at increased levels, presenting a greater risk for associated fires. Fire Prevention Week serves as an ideal opportunity to share tips and guidelines for safely cooking at home."

Key messages around this year's campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen," include:

- Never leave cooking unattended; keep a close eye on what you're cooking.
- Remove anything that can catch fire, such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, and dish towels, well away from the stovetop and other cooking equipment.
- Be alert while cooking. If you are sleepy, taking medication that makes you drowsy, or under the influence of alcohol or other substances, avoid cooking.



Clipping the wings of an eagle ... Tahoka's #11 Jonathan Renteria and #22 Derrick Scott arrive at the same time to bring down a flying Eagle in action against Ropes here Friday night. Ropes won 22-0. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

### New Home Happenings

by Denise Sherrrod

The New Home City Council met in a special session on Thursday, September 17th, to vote on adopting the 2020 tax rate for the city. The council voted to adopt the new rate, .433278 cents per \$100 of taxable value of the property in New Home. It will take effect in October, the beginning of the new fiscal year. Two new city council members, Lisa Webb and Brad Emert, were also appointed to fill vacancies on the council.

The regular city council meeting was Tuesday, September 29th. A delegation from the Sanctuary City for the Unborn attended the meeting with a petition calling for New Home to declare itself a sanctuary city. The city council voted on that issue Tuesday night, and the results of that vote

will be in the October 6th edition of New Home Happenings.

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More from the archives, compiled by Radene Turner, former city secretary:

New Home Baptist Church was the only church in town from February of 1908 until 1935 when the Church of Christ established a congregation in the community. They built a church building in 1938 and added a parsonage in 1946. The Methodist Church was organized in September of 1940 and had forty charter members. Its sanctuary was built in 1941 with an education building added in 1948.

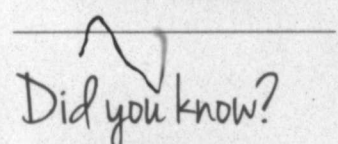
All three of these churches are still active and provide many opportunities for all people of all ages to worship, learn, and visit.

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- 50% of apartments in Los Angeles don't come with a fridge. This is legal, as fridges are considered an "amenity", and therefore landlords are not required to provide one.
- Norway has a 25 year statute of limitation on murder. This means if the murder happened more than 25 years ago, they cannot be charged.

## Waiver Still in Effect for CDLs

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding the public that the State of Disaster Declaration in response to COVID-19 remains in effect, and includes the waiver of expiration dates for commercial driver licenses (CDL).

If your Texas CDL, driver license (DL), identification card (ID) or election identification certificate (EIC) expires on or after March 13, 2020, it is covered by the Disaster Declaration waiver, and will remain valid for 60 days after DPS issues public notice that normal operations have resumed. At this time, the 60-day notice has not been issued, and Texans still have time to conduct their renewal transactions. Customers are also able to download a copy of the Verification of Driver License Expiration Extension (PDF) notice to carry with them in their vehicle.

Additionally, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has extended its waiver for CDLs and commercial

learner's permits (CLP) validity period from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, in response to the President's declaration of a national emergency regarding COVID-19. This waiver is for commercial licenses or commercial permits that expired on or after March 1, 2020.

Texas DL offices are open and taking appointments statewide for CDL, DL, learner license or ID card transactions, as well as those needing to take a driving test. To further assist the public, many offices are now open on Saturdays through Dec. 19 (with the exception of Nov. 28 due to the Thanksgiving holiday) and are accepting appointments for renewals and replacements only of CDLs, DLs, and IDs. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To make an appointment, customers must use the appointment solution system. DPS implemented this new system in May, and all services are now conducted by appointment only. This is designed to reduce the amount of time Texans spend

waiting in line. Customers can now book appointments for a specific day and time, up to six months in advance, and show up 30 minutes or less before their scheduled appointment. Customers can check-in using the kiosk inside the office or from their mobile device.

A limited number of same day appointments will also be available at many DL offices. These appointments are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Customers who book these appointments can then leave the DL office until their designated appointment time. Additionally, in most offices, customers without an appointment may be offered the opportunity to be placed on a "standby" list. These customers are required to wait in the office and are assisted in the event of a cancellation or a no-show. The number of standby appointments is limited to ensure all customers who are placed on the list will be served by the end of the day.

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- Don't touch matches, lighters or candles. They are for **adult** use only.
- Do you have smoke **detectors** on every level of your home? Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- Do you know **two** or more ways out of the house?
- Never use elevators (**stairs** are much safer) if there is a fire.
- Smoke rises, so if there is a fire, stay low: **crawl** under the smoke.
- Have you picked a place to **meet** the rest of your family once you are all out of the house?
- Once you are out of the house, **stay out** of the house.

Can you fill in the missing letters to name fire fighting equipment?

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**Tew close ...** Alex Tew, #2 for the Bulldogs, flies over a Ropes runningback while #25 Nathanial Castillo and #7 Ezequiel Luna help, at the home field against Ropes on Friday.  
*(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)*

### Tahoka ISD gets donation from Mrs. Bush's Locker

Tahoka Elementary School is a recipient of a \$500 donation from Mrs. Bush's Locker, a local foundation created to support students with school supplies.

Southern Bush was an educator for over 40 years working as a High School Principal, Elementary Principal and as an educational consultant. She graduated in 1972 from Tahoka High School as Southern Wells. Southern passed away in January of this year after fighting pancreatic cancer. The family is hoping to continue the donation in hopes of starting a yearly tradition.

"Tahoka Elementary is grateful to the Bush family for the donation in memory of a such a wonderful educator," said a school representative.

### Did you know?

- If a snake has its head chopped off – that chopped-off head can still bite and unleash a huge amount of venom.
- Bill Gates house was designed using a Macintosh Computer.
- A baby spider is called a spiderling. On top of that, spiderlings are often born in groups of thousands!

### Commissioners set 73-cent tax rate for Lynn County property taxes

by **JUANELL JONES**

In a unanimous decision at Monday morning's Lynn County Commissioner meeting, commissioners set the

Lynn County property tax rate at 73-cents per \$100 of property value, which is a 2-cent decrease from last year's rate. Commissioners also approved

a budget for 2020-21, and approved salaries as proposed. No citizens attended the public hearing to comment on the tax rate or budget.

A joint election agreement between Lynn County and the City of Tahoka was approved, as was a joint election agreement between Lynn County and Dawson ISD, for the upcoming Nov. 3 elections. An interlocal cooperation agreement with SPAG to write a 2021/2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant for the community of Grassland was approved.

Commissioners designated the posting board on the north side of the courthouse for official postings of sales, probates and notices, and designated the north steps of the courthouse for sales of property. Commissioner meeting dates were approved to continue on the second and

fourth Monday of each month (unless changed due to holidays), and a holiday calendar was approved for 2021.

Senior commissioner Don Blair was appointed as Judge Pro-tem for Commissioners Court for 2021, and a contract for indigent defense for the 106th Judicial District was approved, with Lynn County's portion set at \$10,773.

Budget amendments and monthly bills were approved, and Sheriff Wanda Mason presented a departmental report.

County Judge Mike Braddock and Commissioners Don Blair, Larry Durham, Matt Woodley and John Hawthorne presented District Clerk Sandra Laws with a plaque of appreciation for her 28 years of service to the county, in recognition of her retirement on Sept. 30.

### Did you know?

- The closest living relatives of hippopotamuses are whales, dolphins and porpoises.
- The Great Wall of China is 3,728 miles long.
- The Latin name for banana is "musa sapientum" which translates to fruit of the wise men.
- The television Show, *Adventures of Superman* was copyright registered in August 1952.

### Sheriff's report ...

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left it on the side of US 87 south of Tahoka, but that when he went back to get it on Aug. 3 the camper was gone. He requested an officer report for insurance purposes.

A black shop trailer was reported stolen from property on FM 1317, taken sometime between 9 a.m. Sept. 22 and 3 p.m. Sept. 23. The trailer reportedly contained an orange toolbox, cutting torch, and a Miller welder.

Last Thursday, Sept. 24, a caller reported that sometime Wednesday night or early Thursday morning someone had stolen all four wheels off a green 1995 Chevy pickup that had been parked in the ditch on the east side of US 87, where it had been left the day before because he had a blowout on it.

LCSO responded to other calls during the week, including several motorist assists, domestic disturbances, an unwanted person, welfare checks, and reports of reckless drivers.

Tahoka Police responded to welfare checks, domestic disturbances, and one call from a woman who said she needed an officer at her residence in the 1400 block of Ave. N. When the officer arrived, the woman told the officer she needed help in punishing her children because they would not listen to her, according to reports from Tahoka PD this week. The officer explained to the woman that disciplining children was not a part of a police officer's duties.

In responding to a domestic disturbance in the 1300 block of Ave. F at 11:50 p.m. Sept. 23, police discovered that one of the males in the verbal argument had outstanding warrants from Lynn County, and he was arrested on those warrants.

Police were called to the 2400 block of N. 1st on Sept. 28 for a report of suspicious circumstances, where the owner showed the officer that someone unknown had broken off both hinges to one of the gates to the back yard and the gate was laying on the ground. Nothing was discovered missing, but officers put the location on a close patrol.



**Thank you for your service ...** Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock and Commissioners Don Blair, Larry Durham, Matt Woodley and John Hawthorne presented a plaque of appreciation to District Clerk Sandra Laws at Monday morning's commissioner meeting, in recognition of her retirement this week. She has served as district clerk here for 28 years.

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