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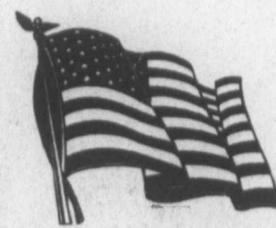
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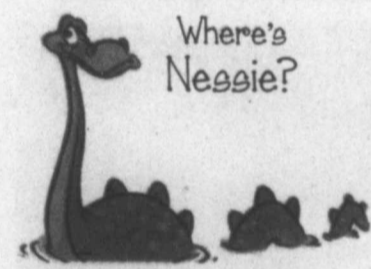
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Did you know?



• **National Mutt Day is Saturday, July 31.** Don't have a mutt? Check out a nearby animal shelter or SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), and adopt a new furry friend – save a life and get rewarded in canine kisses!

Did you know?



In 2009, Scottish scientists searching for the Loch Ness Monster found 100,000 golf balls instead. The modern legend of the Loch Ness Monster was born when a sighting made local news on May 2, 1933. The newspaper Inverness Courier related an account of a local couple who claimed to have seen "an enormous animal rolling and plunging on the surface" of Loch Ness, a large, deep, freshwater loch in the Scottish Highlands. The story of the "monster" (a moniker chosen by the Courier editor) became a media phenomenon, with London newspapers sending correspondents to Scotland and a circus offering a 20,000 pound sterling reward for capture of the beast. Over time, the alleged "monster" affectionately became nicknamed "Nessie."

WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 20	84	61	
July 21	86	61	
July 22	90	66	
July 23	92	67	
July 24	97	70	
July 25	97	71	
July 26	97	67	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 6 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	1.23"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.15"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.10"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.51"
Total Precip for May:	6.75"
Total Precip for Jun:	2.39"
Total Precip for July:	3.63"
Total Precip. for 2021:	14.76"

TISD grading format to change to nine-weeks instead of six; Board approves new extracurricular student handbook

by JUANELL JONES

The Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees met in two separate sessions during the past week, approving teacher contracts and a change in grading format during their regular session July 20, and approving two student handbooks – one a new handbook for all extracurricular students – at a special meeting held July 26.

Tahoka Independent School District Board will change its grading format from a six-weeks format to a nine-weeks format, according to information presented at the July 20 meeting of the Board of Trustees. According to TISD Superintendent Torrey Price, the decision was made after polling the TISD teaching staff across all grade levels, and the consensus was that the nine-weeks format allows for more teaching time to get the subject matter across to students. For the upcoming 2021-22 school year, each semester will have two nine-weeks sessions/testing instead of three six-weeks sessions with testing, for all campuses in the school district.

In other business, TISD trustees approved a teaching contract for Jesse Cannon as a new high school math teacher, and approved renewing a contract with Lynn County Hospital District's Sport Medicine Service for an athletic trainer for

the school.

During the public forum portion of the meeting, Amber Holdridge addressed the board regarding the possibility of adding volleyball as another sport at Tahoka ISD.

Supt. Price updated the Board on the results of a survey that parents, community and staff took part in regarding priorities for using Esser III grant funds that the school district is expected to receive. According to the superintendent, the survey showed that the major items that were considered essential included Tutoring, After School Programs, Reliable Transportation, and Summer School.

Some discussion was held regarding moving the administrative offices for the Four County Shared Services from the Harvick Building to the district-owned church building (formerly the Church of Christ), following some renovation work there. This building will also serve the district for other activities and events as needed. The Board discussed allowing a deadline of Oct. 1 for the Cross Roads Church ministry to move out of the building.

Supt. Price told the board that representatives from Lee Lewis Construction have told him that the work will be completed at the new sports complex by the first of August. Other renovations being made

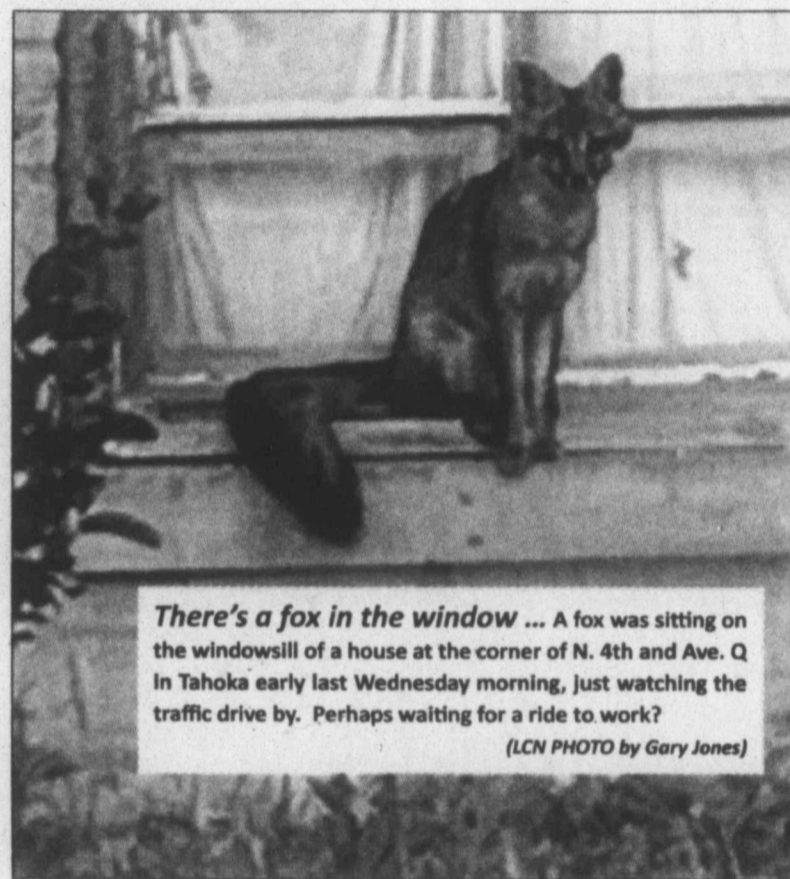
at the high school campus are expected to be completed by the first day of school, on Aug. 17.

New Student Handbooks approved at Special Meeting

The Board called a Special Meeting for Monday, July 26, at 6

p.m. in a Zoom session, to discuss and take action on the 2021 Tahoka Student Handbook and a new Extra-Curricular Handbook, and to address House Bill 547 allowing homeschool students to compete

(See TISD STUDENT HANDBOOKS, page 4)



There's a fox in the window ... A fox was sitting on the windowsill of a house at the corner of N. 4th and Ave. Q in Tahoka early last Wednesday morning, just watching the traffic drive by. Perhaps waiting for a ride to work?

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Man calls police to report missing t-shirt, ends up arrested on outstanding warrant

by JUANELL JONES

One call to police from a man reporting a missing t-shirt resulted in his arrest, after an officer conducted a check on the individual.

Tahoka Police received a phone call at 5:20 a.m. last Thursday from a residence in the 1800 block of South 6th, from a man who was calling police to report a missing t-shirt. The man was arrested on an outstanding warrant after an officer responded to the location, and a routine background check revealed the warrant.

Police made another arrest after responding to a domestic disturbance in the 2100 block of S. 11th at 8:12 p.m. July 24. One male was arrested on charges of domestic assault.

Only one traffic accident was reported to law enforcement agencies here during the past week, and other calls were mostly routine.

A Chrysler 200 struck a hog on FM 400 at 7:20 a.m. July 24, near CR 14. Sonya Rosas was the driver. No injuries were reported.

In New Home, a caller reported having trouble with a pitbull dog in the 100 block of South Main on July 21, and said that the dog was aggressive and taunting her dog. A deputy located a black pitbull and followed it to a residence on South 3rd Street, where he spoke to the dog's owners. He reportedly recommended that if the pitbull gets out again that it should be put down as a dangerous animal.

At 2 a.m. July 27, a report of

shots fired was heard in the 2100 block of South 3rd in Tahoka, but police responding to the area was unable to locate a source.

On July 21, a caller reported that her son was barbecuing and had caught a tree on fire at a rural residence on US 87, but then she called back and said that her son had put out the fire, and the fire department was not needed.

O'Donnell Fire Dept. was called out for a dumpster on fire on the 300 block of 4th Street in O'Donnell on July 26.

A loose horse was reported at the intersection of FM 211 and FM 1054 on July 24, with a caller reporting that a couple of cars had almost struck the horse as it ran alongside the road. A deputy re-

sponding to the area, however, was unable to locate the horse.

Livestock on the roadway was reported on July 19 about 8 miles north of Tahoka on US 87. A caller to the Lynn County Sheriff's Office reported a black cow on the east side of the road outside the fence. A deputy responding to the scene put the cow back inside the fence, and notified the owner.

Numerous other calls to the LCSO and Tahoka Police Dept. throughout the week were for suspicious persons/vehicles, reckless drivers, illegal dumping, loud music, assisting motorists, welfare concerns, domestic disturbances, civil matters, and several false alarms from businesses and residences.

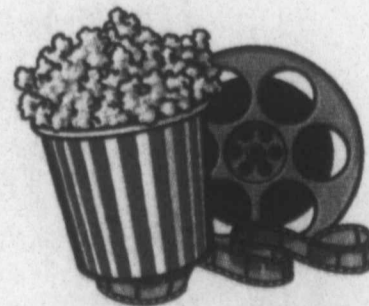


Friday night fun: Outdoor Movie at the Park!

Area citizens are invited to a family fun night, "Movie At The Park," in Tahoka on Friday, July 30. Sponsored by the Lynn County Harvest Festival, the movie "Sandlot" will be shown outdoors on the back side of the fire station wall facing the Tahoka Mini Park starting at dark, around 8:30 p.m.

Admission to the movie is free, but bring some cash because the Harvest Festival Committee will be selling homemade ice cream, popcorn, and drinks, with all funds to go to the Harvest Festival to help put on this year's event.

Bring blankets or lawn chairs for seating. The park is located at N. 1st and Ave. J.



Concessions available!



DID YOU KNOW?



If you thought the Olympics gold medals were made entirely out of gold, it's actually not the case. The gold medals only have six grams of gold plating on it, and the rest is pure silver.



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- Wednesday:** BBQ Beef, smothered potatoes, pinto beans, apricots
- Thursday:** Beef and bean chile verde, white rice, tossed salad, cantaloupe
- Friday:** Baked chicken breast, baked potato, peas, chocolate pudding, pineapple tidbits

Obituaries

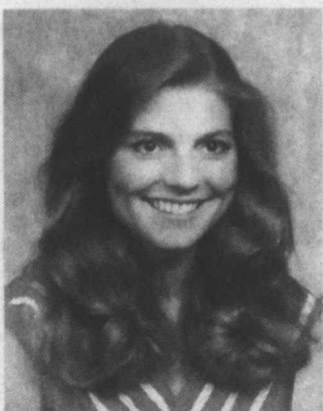


Randy G. Leos
Services for Randy G. Leos, 53, of Stephenville, formerly of Tahoka, were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 24, 2021, at Lacy Funeral Home with Felix Gutierrez officiating. He passed away July 19, 2021 after a lengthy illness.

Randy was born in Seguin, Texas on December 14, 1967, to Jesus C. Leos and Sara Garcia Gonzales. He was a graduate of Comanche High School, and was a machinist for an oil field company in Stephenville.

Randy was preceded in death by his father, Jesus Cardenas Leos; and brother, Sammy David Garcia Leos.

Survivors include his mother and step-father, Sara and John Gonzales of Tahoka; siblings, Estella Garcia Leos, of Weatherford, TX, Sylvia Garcia Leos Trevino, of Comanche, TX, Nora Garcia Leos Flores, of Laredo, TX, Valentino Garcia Leos and wife Malissa, of Mathis, TX, Ralph Garcia Leos, of Abilene, TX, Santiago Garcia Leos, of Brownwood, TX, and Noe Garcia Leos, of Laredo, TX; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



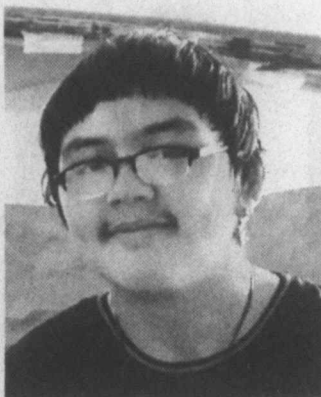
Robin Taylor Veretto Gauna

Robin Gay Taylor Veretto Gauna, 60, of Lubbock was born June 29, 1961 in Dallas, TX. She graduated from Tahoka High School. She then went to Baylor and later got her Bachelor's Degree from Texas Tech. She traveled abroad, once going to Jerusalem. She married Rene Gauna 11-11-11 in Wolforth. Robin loved to dance and would go every chance she had. Robin went to be with the Lord Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

Her parents: Riley Albert Taylor & Lula Jo Brandon-Taylor, her sister, Lana Jo Taylor-Craig all preceded her in death.

Those left to cherish her memories are her husband: Rene Gauna, four children: Riley, Jacob, Cassidy, and Alana; two grandchildren: Amelia Charlene and Zane; her brother-in-law, Joe Craig and his wife Kellie; and her sister: Peggy.

The family will greet friends from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm Friday, July 30, 2021 at Wilsons' Funeral Directors Chapel in Wolforth. Services will be at noon on Saturday, July 31, 2021 in the same chapel with Pastor Gary Delay of Transformation Church-Lubbock officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock under the care of Wilsons' Funeral Directors of Wolforth. To send online condolences, go to www.wilsonsfuneraldirectors.com



Tristen Jaden Rosas

Funeral services for Tristen Jaden Rosas, 15, of O'Donnell, TX, will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 29, 2021 at the First Baptist Church of O'Donnell, TX, with Pastor Taylor Wood officiating. Burial committal will follow at the O'Donnell Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Gonzales Funeral Home of Lamesa. Viewing was held at the First Baptist Church of O'Donnell on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., with a family visitation hour from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Tristen Jaden passed away on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 in San Antonio, TX. He was born on September 3, 2005 in Lubbock, TX.

Tristen Jaden was preceded in death by his mother, Irene Belmont; his grandfather, Luis Rosas.

Tristen Jaden is survived by his father, Epi Rosas and his step-mother, Michelle Rosas of O'Donnell, TX.; his brother, Sergio Vasquez; and his sister, Gabby Belmont, both of San Antonio, TX.; his step-brothers, Carlos Velasquez and wife, Gabby and his niece, Zayden of O'Donnell, TX.; and Michael Gutierrez and wife Tiffany, and children;

his step-sisters, Destiny Velasquez and husband, Ben, and his niece, Royalty-Faith, Desiree Velasquez, and Delaney Velasquez, all of O'Donnell, TX.; his grandmother, Juanita Rosas of O'Donnell, TX.; his grandparents, Sara and Daniel Nava of San Antonio, TX.; numerous relatives and friends.

To send condolences online please visit us at www.gonzalesfuneralhome.net



Odessa Paynes

Odessa Paynes was born to the union of Jurline and Jim Payne on September 24, 1943, in Ellis County, Texas. She passed away peacefully at Midland Memorial Hospital on July 19, 2021, after a lengthy illness.

Odessa was the ninth of ten children. She was reared in Ellis County before moving to Tahoka, Texas, where she attended public schools. She met and married Eugene Paynes on December 5, 1963. To this union, two children were born, Kimberly Nanette and Yvette Shanta'. Odessa helped to nurture and raise her nieces and nephews - Barbara, Helen, Sandra, Lynia, Uylonda, Jimmy, Joseph, Clifford, Earnest and great-nephew Chris.

She was a homemaker for many years before obtaining employment at Lynn County Hospital as a nurse's aide. She was well known for her cooking skills and was instrumental in catering for private parties. She later opened Mama's Kitchen and served many meals to the Tahoka community.

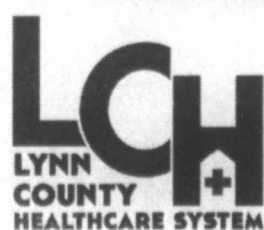
She was a devoted Christian and loved the Lord. She was a faithful member of Loving Chapel COGIC for many years under the leadership of Elder James Scott in which she served as Church Secretary for several years. After the passing of Elder Scott, Supt. Johnnie Evans was her pastor for several years. She later moved to Midland, Texas, to be closer to her family. She joined Alexander Temple COGIC under the leadership of Supt. Edgar Lee Blackmon. Later, Pastor Tommy T. Hudson became her Pastor. She was a very faithful member until her health began to decline.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Eugene Paynes; her parents, Jurline and Jim Payne; her brothers Elmo Payne, Joseph Payne, Ciscero King and Johnny Payne; her sisters, Lila Mae Payne, Myrtle White, Martha Moore and Annie Mae Washington.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her daughters, Kimberly Walker of Houston, TX, Yvette Rabb (Danny) of Haslet, TX; two grandchildren N'Kia Wynne of San Antonio, TX and Cameron Hurd of Haslet, TX; three great-grandchildren, Kamari Shanta', Kason Szavion and Khree De'Shae of San Antonio, TX; and one sister, Amy Williams of Dallas, TX. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

A visitation was held from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, July 23, 2021; at Combest Family Funeral Homes in Tahoka. A celebration of life service was held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, July 24, 2021, at First United Methodist Church in Tahoka with burial following at Nevels Memorial Cemetery.

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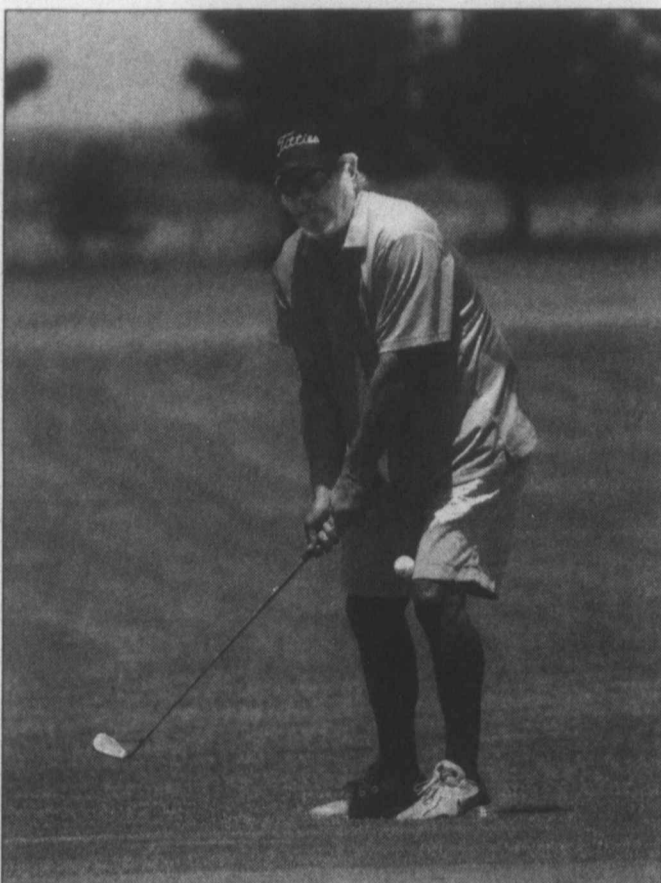
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Jolly, Martin duo win T-Bar Golf Tournament

The team of Monte Jolly and Jeff Martin claimed the Championship Flight top honors in the T-Bar Country Club Member-Guest golf tournament held last weekend. The duo shot a 63 and 59 for a total score of 122 to win first place. Ricky Moore and Holden Bradbury also scored 122, shooting 60-62 in the two-day event, to win second place in the championship flight, and close behind were the team

of Ryan Hitt and Brad Smith, shooting 63-60 for 123 and third place.

In the Second Flight, the team of Ricky Gandy and Jeff Atwall won first place, shooting 73-65 for 138. The team of Clyde Curry and Bill (no last name given) shot 70-70 for 140 to win second place, and the team of Danny Preston and Robbie Williams also shot 70-70 for 140, in third place.



There it goes ... Mickey Keith chips the ball on the #5 green, in the T-Bar Country Club Member-Guest Tournament held last weekend. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

4-H golf tournament set Saturday, August 7

The 23rd Annual Lynn County 4-H Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 7, 2021, at T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka. The tournament will be a 4-man scramble. The cost is \$120 per team and \$15 per cart. A light lunch and dinner will be provided for golfers. Tee off times will be 8:00 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Call T-Bar Country Club at (806) 998-5305 to get your team registered.

New Home Happenings by Denise Sherrod

The New Home Lady Leopards Blessing Box has lots of blessings inside it right now! As the weather returns to its seasonable blast furnace temps, some of that food may cook before it should. Please... if you or anyone you know needs some groceries, check the Blessing Box and take what you can use. The box is right in front of City Hall.

At laaaast... our potholes are repaired! The drive through town has become a lot less exciting, and I'm good with that. Thanks to the City for taking care of that and to the people who did the work. I watched as they prepared the streets for the repair job, and then, the next day a storm came through.

It's probably the first time in my adult life that I groaned as it rained. But the delay was just one day, and now we get to drive straight down the town

streets like normal people.

If you have items to submit to New Home Happenings, email dtsherrod@gmail.com by 10 a.m. each Tuesday.

BE Kind to one another

Tribute to Mac of Ashcraft Insurance



Blake, THANK YOU for sharing your devoted workaholic dog with us. No doubt like everyone else, I always left Ashcraft Insurance smiling with all my heart when Mac showed up for work. It can be no wonder that he insisted on donning his tie and showing up for work until the very end because he somehow knew his irrepressible joy and love must be shared. Thank you Blake, for your wisdom on that as well.

Please know your loss is shared by all of us privileged to have known Mac, the workaholic dog you just had to love. Rest in peace, Mac, job well done!

Connie Pirtle

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New TISD Student Handbooks ...

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in UIL sports if school districts allow it.

Two new staff hires were also approved at the special meeting, including hiring Tracy Kelley as a new IT Director, and Dusti Jo Hammonds as a new middle school math teacher.

Supt. Price told The News that the 2021 Tahoka Student Handbook is basically the TASB-approved handbook with a few modifications, and addresses guidelines for all students enrolled in TISD. This 92-page handbook is given to every student, and parents are required to provide a signature on a page indicating that they have seen/read the handbook.

"The student handbook is basically the same as it has been for years, with a few minor changes. However, the handbook is going to be more strictly enforced. We're setting these guidelines and we're going to be consistent with enforcing these guidelines," said the superintendent.

"One of the biggest things in the student handbook is that, for male students, Tahoka ISD will not allow facial piercings or facial hair of any kind, or earrings, no visible tattoos, no caps or hats worn inside the buildings, no hoods pulled up over the head inside the buildings, no bandanas. Hair length cannot extend below the collar of a t-shirt or below the bottom of the earlobe, and must be kept above eyebrows, and no ponytails or designs shaved into the hair," stated the superintendent.

The dress code also addresses extreme unnatural hair colors for girls, regulates lengths for shorts, and no visible tattoos or nose rings.

The Extra-Curricular Handbook is something that is new to Tahoka ISD this year, and it sets additional guidelines for any student involved in extracurricular activities, including sports, band, FFA, FCCLA and any other optional activities in which students may choose to participate. The new EC handbook is a 10-page document.

"With input from administrative staff and extra-curricular staff members, we have developed this new Extra-Curricular Handbook, and it is more in-depth in areas such as the dress code, hazing, drug testing, consequences for use of illegal drugs/vaping/tobacco usage, etc.," explained Supt. Price.

"It is a privilege for students to participate in

extracurricular activities, and this new handbook covers the guidelines that will be enforced for these students. We're going to set guidelines and we're going to enforce these guidelines," said Supt. Price.

The TISD Board of Trustees approved both the regular and extracurricular handbooks in unanimous action at the meeting.

Supt. Price said that both handbooks will be posted on the Tahoka ISD website as soon as possible.

The final agenda item regarded whether to allow homeschool students to compete in UIL sports, as House Bill 547 allows homeschool students to compete in UIL sports at the school district's discretion. The Board of Trustees voted unanimously not to allow home school students to participate in UIL sports at Tahoka ISD.

Texas Sales Tax Holiday is Aug. 6-8

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 6-8.

State law exempts sales tax on qualified items — such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks — priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. The date of the sales tax holiday and list of tax-exempt items are set by the Texas Legislature.

Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free are listed on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

During the annual sales tax holiday, qualifying items can be purchased tax free online or by telephone, mail, custom order or any other means (including in-store purchases) in most cases.

Where in the world is **The Lynn County News?** out on the farm!



"Farm life" with local farmer is birthday gift for teen visitor

For his 16th birthday, Mr. Shisui Torii came to intern at the farm with Lynn County ag producer Jack and Kelley Scott. His mother, Dr. Kazue Hashimoto-Torii, continued her work via teleconference meetings from a Lubbock hotel where she and her lab staff at Children's National Hospital gave a presentation of their research to find ways using "Tamapin" (one of the proteins found in the venom of a red scorpion) to alleviate autism, Alzheimer's, and/or schizophrenia.

Shisui helped beekeeper Jack with the bees and the Tahoka Mobile Pantry, and also drove the Scott's 1972 John Deere tractor. He aims to become a biomechanics engineer.

The Lynn County News traveled 9 and a half miles. Shisui Torii and his mother Dr. Kazue Hashimoto-Torii traveled 1,666 miles!



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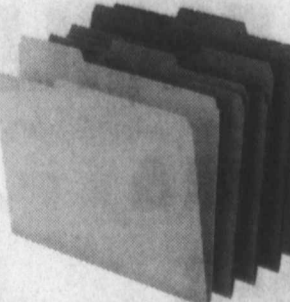
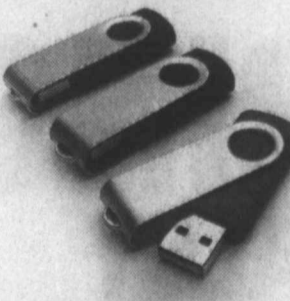
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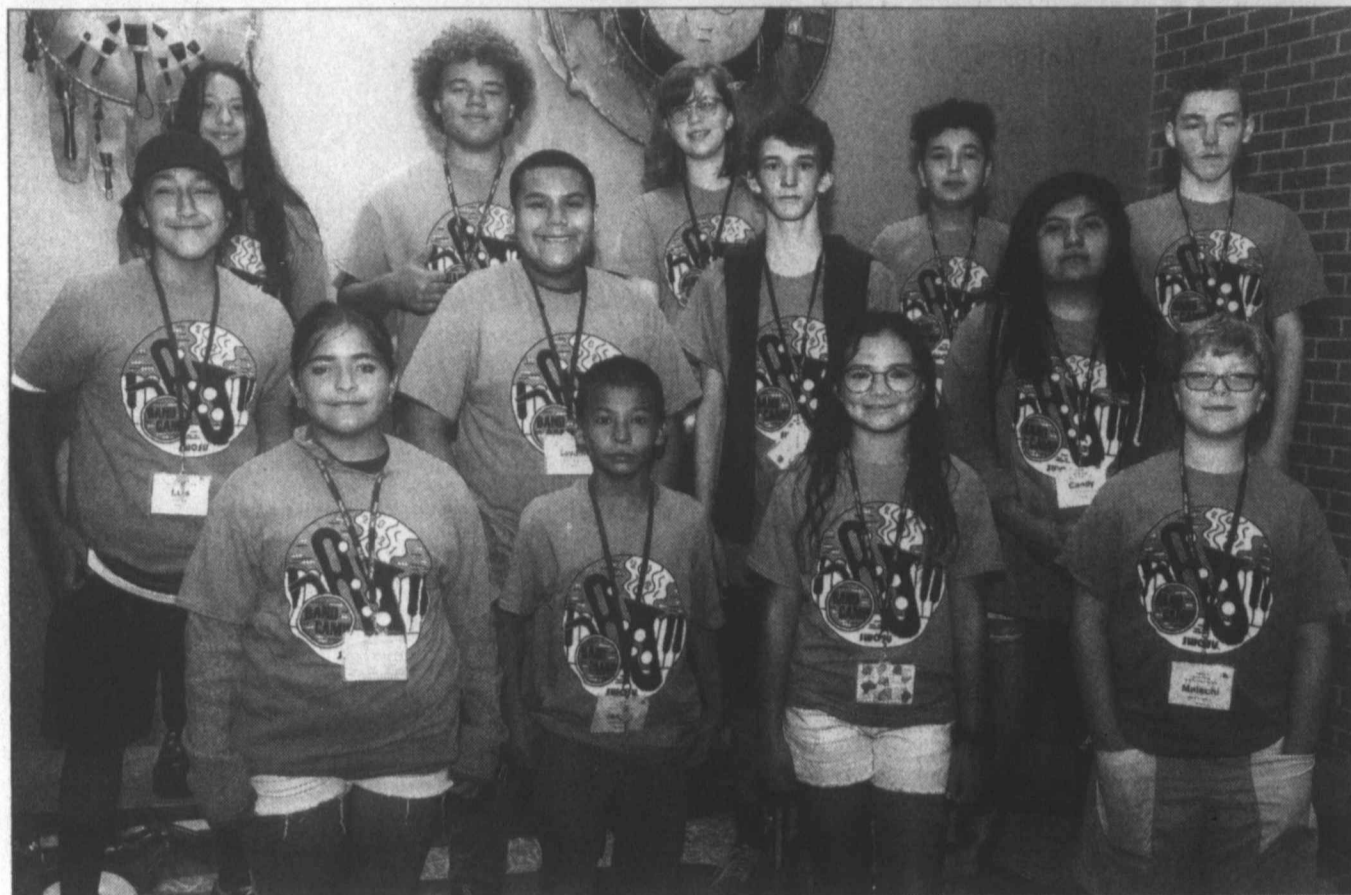
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Band Camp ... Southwestern Oklahoma State University's 66th annual band camp recently attracted nearly 500 students from three states to the Weatherford campus for Oklahoma's oldest and longest-running band camp. Camp director Marc Mueller said the students auditioned for placement in concert bands and participated in rehearsals as well as a variety of recreational activities. The six-day camp ended with a final concert featuring all of the bands. Among the students attending the camp from Tahoka, TX were (front from left): Alexandria Antu, Isaiah Solorzano, Aubrey Hadderton and Malachi Cannon. (Middle from left): Luis Duran, Xayden Pesina Prieto, Carson Henry and Candy Garcia. (Back from left): Micaela Sullivan, Amari Upshaw, Cara Cannon, Julian Villa and Brady Brigrance.

Summer band practice schedule starts Monday

The award-winning Tahoka 3-D Band commences another year of exciting music and unlimited possibilities with Summer Band starting this coming Monday, August 2. Directors Carroll Rhodes and Cristal Burse provided the following practice schedule:

Monday, August 2: 9 a.m.-12 noon, Marching Fundamentals for all incoming 8th graders & any new students; 6:15 p.m., upperclassmen instrument check out; 6:30-9:00 p.m., all bandmen, 8-12, rehearse inside & marching practice outside.

Tuesday, August 3: 6:00 p.m., 8th Grade Marching Fundamentals; 6:30-9:00 p.m., rehearsal & marching for all.

Wednesday, August 4: 4-6:00 p.m., rehearse & marching for all.

Thursday, August 5: 4-6:00 p.m., rehearse & marching for all; 6-8:00 p.m., Swim Party at City Pool

Friday, August 6: 11:45 p.m., meet at Band Hall to play in stands in support of our Tahoka Bulldogs Football Team's Midnight Madness

Monday, August 9: 6:00 p.m., 8th Grade Marching Fundamentals; 6:30-9:00 p.m., rehearsal & marching for all.

Tuesday, August 10: 4-6:00 p.m., rehearse inside. HS football players excused to their practice.; 6:00 p.m., Lyntegar Annual Barbeque

Wednesday, August 11: 4-6:00 p.m., rehearse inside. HS football players excused to their practice.

Thursday, August 12: 6:00 p.m., OPEN HOUSE & MEET THE BULLDOGS

"We are excited about this year and the amazing possibilities the future holds for us. The theme for this year's entertaining marching show is Grimm Tales, featuring music portraying the stories of Hansel & Gretel, Rumpelstiltskin, and Red Riding Hood. There are several innovative things happening this year in the show which should help your 3-D Band be even more competitive in this advancing year," said Director Rhodes.

"Thanks to the support of the school board, the Tahoka 3-D Band will be wearing new striking uniforms, replacing the 10+ year old uniforms and familiar look for the past 20+ years," added Rhodes.

Where in the world is The Lynn County News?



In Africa ... Brent Raindl (THS class of 1997) and his family traveled to Ngomba, Zambia, Africa to visit Arise Christian School where they sponsor several children. Brent, Danielle, Whitman and Hamilton, who live in Dallas, stopped for a photo op with their Lynn County News during the trip. The News is 9,096 miles from home!

Texas Facts ...

- The Texas Capital, designed by Detroit architect Elijah E. Myers, was formally dedicated on May 16, 1888 in Austin.

- Palo Duro Canyon is the second largest canyon system in the United States, snaking through the Texas Panhandle for about 120 miles.

- Four types of carnivorous plants – pitcher plants, sundews, bladderworts, and butterworts – flourish in Big Thicket National Preserve in Kountze, Texas.

- McKinney Falls State Park in Austin is named after Thomas McKinney, an early Austin settler who built his home along Onion Creek on land that is now part of the park.

- During the Depression, the Civilian Conservation Corps created Tyler State Park's 64-acre spring fed lake, one of its most prominent features.

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Area News from area newspapers

New Covid-19 cases appear to be in clusters

LAMESA – The number of active COVID-19 cases may have risen a little in Dawson County, but the numbers don't mean the virus is back with a vengeance.

Dawson County went several weeks with few or no new cases of coronavirus. But after four new cases were confirmed here a little over a week ago, Dawson County had six active cases as of July 9.

"Well, we've seen it decline in most of our counties," said Zach Holbrooks, executive director of South Plains Public Health District (SPPHD). "Our case level is down. Our active cases are very low right now."

The district covers five counties and has clinics in four area cities, including Lamesa.

He said many of the new cases being seen in the district are in clusters.

"You might have five new cases in the county, but they are in one family," Holbrooks said. "We might have a bleep where we have five cases, but three or four are in the same household. But even five is still very low."

SPPHD previously reported new cases each day on its website. With the number of cases drastically diminishing, for the past several months it has posted those numbers once a week every Friday.

"If we see a resurgence, we'll report more often, but right now it's once a week," Holbrooks said. "We're not going to put out the same numbers every day."

Similarly, the district is shifting from having special clinics to people vaccinated against COVID to administering the vaccine as needed in its offices.

"We had several mass clinics in each of our counties and then we saw a large numbers not coming," Holbrooks said. "We just decided to have it available in our clinic at any time. Now we vaccinate people in our clinic, but just smaller numbers."

— from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Savage hired as Dragon coach

LAMESA – New Dawson Dragons head football coach and athletic director Corey Savage believes one of the first steps in building any successful program is building relationships.

"The Xs and Os are always a big part of it, but before that is just making sure your kids know that you love them and always have their back," Savage said of coaching.

Savage spent his first 12 years as a high school coach at Leonard, northeast of Dallas. He moved to west Texas and served for four years as the head girls basketball coach and AD at Lubbock Southern Christian, and then was away from the coaching profession for the past three and a half years.

He was hired at Welch a couple of weeks ago. This will be Savage's first six-man coaching job.

— from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

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