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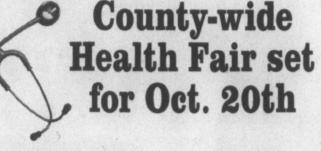
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This week's games: Post at Tahoka New Home at Smyer O'Donnell (open) Southland at Wilson

Last week's Scoreboard: New Deal 40-2 Tahoka New Home 42-7 Seagraves Loraine 50-42 O'Donnell Wilson (open)

Did you know? ... about the Brain



ynn County Healthcare System is sponsoring a County-wide Adult Health Fair in Tahoka next Thursday, Oct. 20.

The adult health fair is free and open to all citizens, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street (enter through west entrance).

Free health screening for vision and blood pressure will be offered, and flu shots will available at a cost of \$25 (or free with Medicare card).

Other health-related information will be provided by a variety of organizations, including the Headstart program, parenting information, insurance information, grief counseling, Catholic charities, Germ Blast, 211 Texas, fitness information, WIC program, child safety, Southwest Parkinson's Society, diabetes care, victim's assistance, Covid information, and more.

LCHS has also sponsored

health fairs for youth in all Lynn County school districts, which provided information about 9-1-1, fire safety, EMS, demonstrations by the Lynn County Sheriff's Office K-9 team Deputy Dalton Erb and Dodger, and other helpful information.

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Did you know?

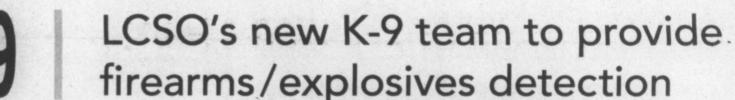
· What easy activity lowers the levels of stress hormones and strengthens our immune system?

Answer: Laugh! · How many muscles does our body use to balance itself while standing still? Answer: 300

· Which blood type is known or considered as the universal donor? Answer: O negative

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Leaping Leopard! ... New Home's Jackson Raines (2) makes a flying leap for the catch over the head of a Seagraves player in the 42-7 win over Seagraves in their district opener. (Photo submitted by Emily Brown)



Did you know blinking could serve as mental rest, not eye lubrication?

The intuitive reason why humans blink so much, 15 to 20 times per minute, is for eye lubrication. But research suggests that it's actually to give our brains a break. Although these breaks . only last for a few seconds, they could be giving the brain a chance to go idle and recharge.

Did you know why we yawn?

The most popular, but likely wrong, theory is that yawning increases levels of oxygen to the brain. A more plausible theory: Yawning cools the brain down. A study conducted on mice found that as mice sucked in air, their jaws stretched-this increases blood flow to the brain. This combination of cooler air intake when yawning mixed with the blood flowing to the brain is thought to eventually cool the brain down.

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Deputy Amason is bringing his own dog, a 5-year-old Dutch-Shepherd named Kova who has had years of specialized training, with him to the LCSO force. However, additional funding is needed to purchase some of the special equipment to allow the team to provide the K-9 services to the department. Lynn County Sheriff Wanda

Mason is asking for community donations of approximately \$6,000 to help fund the special equipment needed for the K-9 team.

"Firearms and explosives K-9s are widely considered the most effective and adaptive method for explosives detection and are proven

Fundraiser to benefit local K-9 program

Sunday, Oct. 16, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (or til sold out) at Crusher's 40-Weight Coffee Shop 1906 Main St • Tahoka

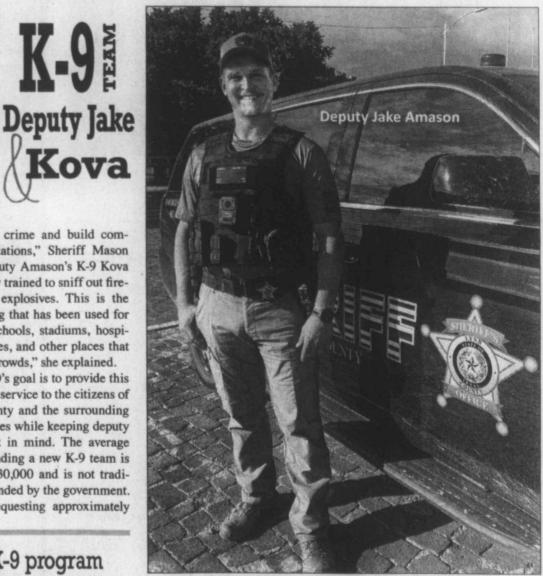
Pulled pork sandwich meal - \$10/person **Dine-in or Carryout**

to combat crime and build community relations," Sheriff Mason said. "Deputy Amason's K-9 Kova is specially trained to sniff out firearms and explosives. This is the kind of dog that has been used for years at schools, stadiums, hospitals, parades, and other places that draw big crowds," she explained.

"LCSO's goal is to provide this significant service to the citizens of Lynn County and the surrounding communities while keeping deputy safety first in mind. The average cost of funding a new K-9 team is \$20,000-\$30,000 and is not traditionally funded by the government. We are requesting approximately

by JUANELL JONES

here's a new dog in town - and he's got skills. Deputy Jake Amason and his K-9 partner, Kova, are new to the Lynn County Sheriff's Office. K-9 team Jake and Kova add another dimension of expertise and crime-solving/prevention tools to local law enforcement that provides a valuable proficiency for detecting firearms and explosives. They are the second K-9 team to join the LCSO, providing the explosives detection, along with narcotics detection provided by Deputy Dalton Erb and K-9 Dodger, who joined the force earlier this year.



\$6,000 for the remaining items needed, including a transport cage, harness, heat alert system for the vehicle, safety strobe, a collapsible crate, and other smaller equipment," she said.

It is the objective of the LCSO

to seek assistance from the community to raise these funds to properly equip the new K-9 team. An initial fundraiser has already been set in place, with a benefit meal scheduled for this Sunday, Oct. 16 (See NEW K-9 TEAM, page 3)





A dog's sense of smell is legendary, but did you know that his nose has as many as 300 million receptors? In comparison, a human nose has about 5 million. 2 October 13, 2022 The Lynn County News

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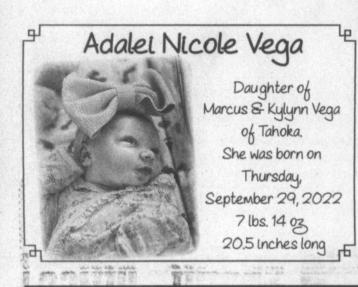
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Did you know?

 The Amazon Forest is the largest natural rainforest in the world. At 2.7 million square miles, it covers 40% of South America.

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



LCH department heads have active shooter training here

by JUANELL JONES

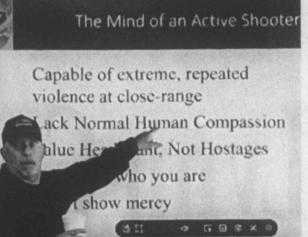
led by Tahoka Police Chief intruder occurrence. Jeff Parker here Tuesday morning. The training was held at the LCH Barb Cook Learning Center at LCH facilities, with staff approximately 30 members attending.

three-hour The session provided relevant including information facts and circumstances about other active shooting incidents, the mindset of active shooters and how it can be a stranger or a co-worker or other known person who for reasons that could be unknown becomes an active shooter, and other information.

Be Kind

Chief Parker took the Lynn County Healthcare staff through preparedness System departmental heads and possible response participated in an active scenarios in case of an shooter training session active shooter or violent

Officials at LCHS said that the training session was deemed important in order to help formulate policies and protocols for Lynn County Healthcare facilities.



If you have an active shooter ... **Tahoka Police Chief Jeff Parker told Lynn County Healthcare System** department heads that they should be aware that an active shooter thinks differently and can lack human compassion, as part of an active shooter training held at the LCH **Barb Cook Learning** Center here. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

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Active shooter training ... Tahoka Police Chief Jeff Parker and his staff presented an Active Shooter Training session for Lynn County Healthcare System department heads, in a three-hour session held at the LCH Barb Cook Learning Center here (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones) **Tuesday morning**

New start dates for Medicare Part B coverage is coming in 2023

By Rosalie Alviar

Social Security Regional Public Affairs Specialist

Changes are coming next year for when Medicare Part B coverage starts. What is not changing:

If you are eligible at age 65, your Initial Enrollment Period (IEP):

· Begins three months before your 65th birthday. · Includes the month of your

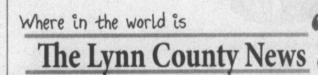
65th birthday. · Ends three months after

your 65th birthday. If you are automatically

enrolled in Medicare Part B or if you sign up during the first three months of your IEP, your coverage will start the month you're first eligible. If you sign up the month you turn 65, your coverage will start the first day of the following month. This won't change with the new rule.

What is changing:

Starting January 1, 2023, your Medicare Part B coverage starts the first day of the month after you sign up if you sign up during the last three months of your IEP.



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Before this change, if you signed up during the last three months of your IEP, your Medicare Part B coverage started two to three months after you enrolled.

If you don't sign up for Medicare Part B during your IEP, you have another chance each year during the General Enrollment Period (GEP). The GEP lasts from January 1 through March 31. Starting January 1, 2023, your coverage starts the first day of the month after you sign up. You can learn more about these updates on the Medicare webpage at www.ssa.gov/ medicare.

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Times Square ... On a recent trip to New York, Olga and Cruz Rivas went to Times Square and brought along their Lynn County News. The News is 1,819 miles from home.

Senior Citizens Menu October 17-21

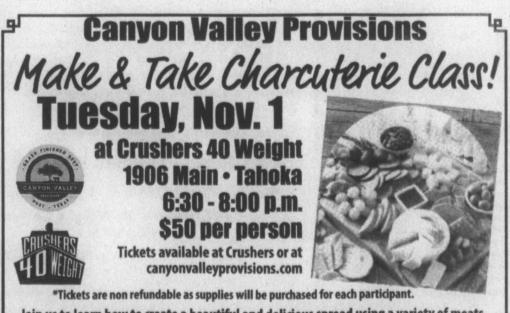
Monday: Roast turkey, bread dressing, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, pineapple tidbits

Tuesday: King ranch casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, brownie

Wednesday: Beef goulash, navy beans, broccoli, oatmeal raisin cookie

Thursday: Baked ham w/ pineapple, lima beans, chuck wagon corn, chocolate chip cookie

Friday: BBQ Chicken thigh, mashed potatoes, carrot raisin salad, baked apple



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Leopard moves ... New Home's Brady Brown (4) carries the ball among a bunch of Seagraves Eagles in the district opener at New Home Friday night. The New Home Leopards won 42-7. New Home JV won their game 55-8 over Lamesa. (Photo submitted by Emily Brown)



Fast Cat ... New Deal's Dallas Summer (18) runs around the left end, with Tahoka's Ruben Arguello (14) in hot pursuit, in district action here Friday night. It was the first District game for both teams. The Lions won 40-2. Next up for Tahoka is Post at Bulldog stadium this (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones) week.

Everyone is Invited to Attend th

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New K-9 Team joins LCSO

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at Crusher's 40-Weight Coffee for \$10/person.

located at 1906 Main Street in Tahoka. Owners Michael and Tammi Angeley are providing the venue and will also supply homemade french fries, while Allen Elrod has volunteered to prepare the pulled pork sandwiches. Red Raider Wrecker is providing bottled water for the meal. Thrivent Financial, a company which supplements is providing funding for a portion of the cost of the food, with the remaining costs being donated, which means all proceeds will benefit the K-9 Kova fund.

Community donations will also be accepted. To contribute by mail, send a check to Lynn County Sheriff's Office, noting that it is for the LCSO-K9 fund, 810 Lockwood St., Tahoka, TX 79373.

Deputy Amason plans explosives detection. to bring Kova to the benefit, to meet the community and show off some of his skills.

"I've had Kova since he was eight weeks old, and told The News. "We've been through years of training together, and I love working with him," he added.

Shop in Tahoka, with a pulled Plainview, and was a patrol of services are needed these pork sandwich meal offered officer with the Plainview days, but it is better to have it Police Department. He also The meal will be served has a military background, needed." beginning at 11 a.m., until serving five years in the sold out. Dine-in or carryout U.S. Army in Special Ops. relationship with Kova, and plates will be available, He worked two years with a at Crusher's Coffee Shop private contractor providing fireworks/explosives detection with Kova, working schools and other venues, as well as Texas Tech University games.

He said the opportunity to work at Lynn County Sheriff's Office was not only good timing, but that he had been building relationships with Lynn County citizens through Castle Firearms Training fundraisers, Center, which is a gun range and training facility in Lynn County.

"I love it here," Amason said with enthusiasm. "I love the size of the community, I like that everybody seems to crate (\$850), K9 patrol harness know each other. It kind of (\$360), K9 safety strobe reminds me of the old west," (\$200), and other smaller he said with a smile.

Deputy Amason will LCSO SWAT team, as well providing the fireworks/

Their services could be a additional training and safety major asset to the school equipment not currently services are required.

"With the schools the from Sheriff Mason. we've been training together small sizes they are here in weekly since then," Amason Lynn County, Kova could any continuing or additional run a detection through it in donations throughout the 15 minutes - much quicker year for the LCSO K-9 teams, than a person could conduct should citizens desire to a search," Amason said. "It is contribute.

Amason grew up in unfortunate that these kinds available when or if it may be

He enjoys a good treats him as a pet while offduty.

"My mother rescued Collies, so I've been around dogs my whole life, and even showed dogs when I was a kid. A relationship with a dog is one that cannot be replicated, it's just a special bond. I really enjoy the work that Kova and I do together," said Amason.

The specialized equipment that is needed for equipping the new K-9 team at LCSO includes a transport insert designed to fit the LCSO vehicles (\$2,700), K9 deployment and heat system w/pager (\$1,350), a collapsible equipment, totaling \$5,800.

Should more funds be also be a member of the contributed than what is currently needed for the K9 as patrolling with Kova and fund, the remaining funds will remain designated for the K9 program, to be used for districts in the county, if such provided by county funding, according to information

The LCSO will appreciate







PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in Lynn County:

(a los votantes registrados de High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 en el Condado de Lynn):

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open for early voting from October 24, 2022 through November 4, 2022, for voting in a general election to elect one (1) director for the Board of Directors of the District.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán para la votación adelantada desde el 24 de octubre de 2022 hasta el 4 de noviembre de 2022, para votar en la Elección General para elegir un (1) director para la Junta Directiva del Distrito

During early voting, a voter may vote at the location listed below Durante Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en el sitio de votación nombrado abajo.)

| Early Voting | Lynn County Clerk's Office | 1501 Main Street |
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| Votación Electoral Temprana | Oficina de la Secretaria del Condado de Lynn | 1501 Main Street |

Hours of operation will be Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Lynn County Clerk P.O. Box 937 Tahoka, Texas 79373 Telephone: 806-561-4750 Fax: 806-561-4988 Karen.Strickland@co.lynn.tx.us Website: https://www.co.lynn.tx.us/page/lynn.Elections

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 28, 2022.

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el 28 de octubre de 2022.)

On Election Day, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 8, 2022, voters must vote in the precinct where registered to vote. (El Dia de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en el precinto donde están inscritos para votar.)

| Precinct 1, 5, 6, 9, & 12 | Life Enrichment Center | 1717 Main Street, Tahoka |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Precinto 1, 5, 6, 9, & 12 | Centro de enriquecimiento de vida | 1717 calle principal |
| Precinct 2 | Green Museum | 1601 10th Street, Wilson |
| Precinto 2 | Museo Verde | Calle 10 1601, Wilson |
| Precinct 3 | O'Donnell Community Center | 100 Nassua, O'Donnell |
| Precinto 3 | Centro Comunitario O'Donnell | 100 Nassua, O'Donnell |
| Precinct 4 | New Home Community Center | 109 W. Broadway, New Home |
| Precinto 4 | Centro Comunitario de Casas Nuevas | 109 oeste de Broadway, New Home |

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New Home FFA member Chloe Jo Clem exhibited the **Champion Southdown at** the 2022 State Fair of Texas.



Late night house fire here is under investigation by State Fire Marshal

by JUANELL JONES

responded to a structural fire Public Intoxication. The cause at 1 a.m. Oct. 8, at a house of the fire was undetermined. Department of Transportation office is investigating the fire. facility on the US 87 access road in Tahoka.

The structure Lynn County Sheriff's Office, 1st Street accidentally Lynn County EMS arrived on Spruiell was the driver of a

rescribed by Secretary of State

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ections 4.004, 83.010, 85.007 Texas Election Code

Multiple agencies here near the scene, on charges of reported.

A two-vehicle accident occurred in Tahoka at 2:45

detained an individual at or occurred, but no injuries were

Aaron Hernandez, 23, was the driver of a 2019 gray located just north of the Texas The State Fire Marshal's Dodge Charger that struck a guardrail underneath the US 380 overpass in Tahoka about 4:45 a.m. Oct. 8. Reports was p.m. Oct. 4, when two drivers indicate that the vehicle was reportedly fully engulfed backing out of opposing headed northbound on US in flames when Tahoka driveways at the same time 87 when a possible flat tire Volunteer Fire Department, in the 1900 block of South caused the vehicle to swerve across lanes and cross the Tahoka Police, DPS, and bumped into each other. Patty median, striking the inner guardrail and then going scene. According to reports, 2006 Chevrolet Suburban, back across the highway to no one was injured and the and Melissa Charon was the right before stopping. house was reportedly vacant, the driver of a 2019 Toyota Lynn County Sheriff's Office but Tahoka Police reportedly Camry. Some minor damage received a call at 4:40 a.m.



House destroyed ... This house, located just north of the TxDOT facility on the US 87 access road in Tahoka and reportedly vacant, was destroyed in a fire about 1 a.m. Oct. 8. The State Fire Marshal is investigating the fire. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

with a caller reporting a male standing in the southbound lanes of US 87 jumping up and

down and waving his arms, apparently trying to flag down a ride. When officers arrived at the scene, the vehicle was and transported the woman to abandoned and the driver had left the scene. The following friend's house, but the house morning, LCSO received a was vacant. The deputy then call from a woman in Lamesa took the woman to a location who inquired about the in Slaton until she could be vehicle, saying that her son picked up. had had a flat tire the previous night. No citations were 1800 block of N. 1st at 4 p.m. reportedly issued.

Tahoka Police assisted Lynn County EMS in transporting a youth apparently having a seizure at driveway. the Tahoka High School gym at 9 a.m. Oct. 6.

but that nothing appeared to be medically wrong with her. A deputy met the ambulance an address she provided as a

Police responded to the Oct. 8 in response to a dispute reported between neighbors, reportedly over a dog tearing up paper in the neighbor's

At 6 p.m. Oct. 9, Tahoka Police stopped a white SUV

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ite: If ABBM is faxed or emailed or if an FPCA is faxed; the original application must be received within 4 business days.

ABBM se envía por fax o correo electrónico o si se envía por fax una FPCA; La solicitud original debe ser recibida dentro de los 4 días biles.)

sued this the 22nd day of August, 2022. mitido el 22 de Agosto, de 2022.)

AT 9 44 M O'CLOCK Mike Braddock County Judge, Lynn County) AUG 2 2 2022 (Juez del Condado de Garza) Karen Strickland; County Clerk Kanan Strakland

A female reported to New Home.

torn up his fence on property to the driver. on FM 211, and said that it had before as well.

School Resource Officer and assisting motorists. reported that had to break juveniles at the school, at 11:50 a.m. Oct. 4.

a filed a report with officers.

A female was reported to be walking in the middle of the road on US 84 at 12:12 a.m. Oct. 9. A Lubbock EMS ambulance that was traveling on the highway reported to LCSO that a female was seen walking in the road and trying to jump in front of vehicles. The ambulance stopped to check on her, and reported to officers that she may have been "somewhat intoxicated"

that was reportedly seen LCSO on Oct. 4 that she had speeding on US 87, at the been sexually assaulted by an request of a DPS trooper ex-boyfriend at a residence in who had reported the vehicle and asked assistance with On Oct. 3, a caller reported stopping the vehicle. DPS that a county road grader had issued a citation for speeding

Other calls during the happened a couple of times week were for reports of reckless drivers, suspicious The New Home ISD persons, welfare concerns,

Tahoka Police Chief Jeff up a fight between two male Parker and other department members led a three-hour active shooter training at the . A New Home resident LCHS Barb Cook Learning reported that he was the victim Center Tuesday morning for of a phone scam on Oct. 4, and departmental heads of Lynn County Healthcare System.

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Joining the fight against cancer ... Tahoka's Bulldog Nation raised \$1165 for Rosa Morin to help with her fight against breast cancer, presenting Rosa and her family with a check at Friday night's Pink-Out ballgame. Tahoka cheerleaders organized the pink out and fundraising, and did a great job making the week about Breast Cancer Awareness instead of it being just about the color pink. (TISD PHOTO by Lanae Gwin)

Area News from area newspapers

Bus driver gets praise for actions during fire

LAMESA - Thanks to the quick actions of their bus driver, nine young students on their way home after school after a day of classes at the Sands school in Ackerly escaped safely when road about 4 and a half miles north of Ackerly. their school bus caught fire last Wednesday afternoon.

Henderson said of the bus driver.

"It started to smoke and she shut it down. She got herself all on fire," he said. and the kids off - so no harm," he said.

passengers, was completely destroyed.

Standing nearby as firefighters were wrapping up their work at the scene, Henderson said that the loss of the bus was response by both the Ackerly and Lamesa fire departments. inconsequential compared to the safety of the students.

"That's replaceable," he said of the bus. "The main thing is the kids are okay."

The driver, who has driven a school bus 8-9 years for Sands, already had dropped off some students and was continuing her route when the fire ignited.

The fire occurred about three miles east of FM 178 as the bus was headed west on County Road 21, an unpaved rural

Scott Ragle with the Ackerly Volunteer Fire Department "She did a great job," Sands Superintendent Wayne said the bus was fully engulfed in flames when they arrived.

"The fiberglass hood and the seats throughout the bus were

The Ackerly firefighters extinguished the blaze well before The bus, a 2008 model rated for carrying up to 48 Lamesa firefighters, who also were dispatched about 4:35 p.m., could get to the location.

> Henderson expressed appreciation Thursday for the -- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

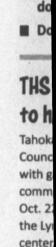


Welcome ... Tahoka High School Student Council is bringing back the tradition of gifting a basket of treats to the visiting team as a token of sportsmanship. Here, THS StuCo members are pictured with some of the New Deal Lions before Friday night's district football game. (TISD PHOTO by Lanae Gwin)



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David and Goliath ... Tahoka Bulldog Kaldance Rodriguez (25) tries to get around New Deal's Felipe Salazar during the first District game here Friday night. New Deal (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones) won the game 40-2.



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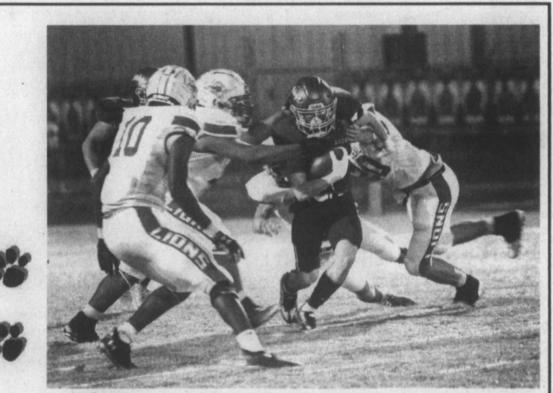
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Make way ... Zane Garvin, #8 for the Tahoka Bulldogs, finds a hole in the New Deal Lions defense for a gain. The Lions won the contest 40-2. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)





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