



**Brotherly love ...** More than 100 motorcyclists circled into the Lynn County Law Enforcement Center on Sunday, during the Sheriff Abe Vega Memorial Ride, sponsored by the La Placa Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Lubbock Chapter. See more pictures on page 5. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

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## ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

**Friday, Aug. 28:**

- Tahoka at Plains
- Compass Acad. at New Home
- Rule at Wilson
- O'Donnell vs Gordon at Aspermont

## COVID UPDATE:

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

**Aug 24 UPDATE:**  
Lynn County total cases: 76  
(2 new cases during past week)  
4 Active - 69 Recovered - 3 Deaths

## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug 18	93	63	
Aug 19	96	69	
Aug 20	93	65	
Aug 21	96	66	
Aug 22	96	66	
Aug 23	94	67	
Aug 24	93	65	

(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:	0.55"
Total Precip. for 2020:	9.55"

## Commissioners enact burn ban, consolidate voting boxes here

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:30 Monday morning at the Lynn County Courthouse, approving a burn ban, consolidating voting boxes for the upcoming general election, and presenting a plaque of appreciation to retiring Sheriff's Deputy Jerry Dee Franklin.

Commissioners voted to combine voting precincts for the November 3 General Election to four locations in the county, at the Tahoka Life Enrichment Center, Wilson Green Museum, O'Donnell Community Center, and New Home Community Center on election day.

Joint election agreements were approved between Lynn County

(See COMMISSIONERS, page 8)



**Thank you for your service ...** Jerry Dee Franklin (holding plaque) was presented a plaque of appreciation for his 27 years of service to Lynn County through the Lynn County Sheriff's Office, at the Lynn County Commissioners Court session held Monday. Pictured with Franklin are, from left, Commissioner Don Blair, County Judge Mike Braddock, and commissioners Larry Durham, Matt Woodley and John Hawthorne. See more on Franklin inside this edition.

## Nine candidates vying for three seats on NHISD Board

The New Home Independent School District Board of Trustees election will be held on Nov. 3 in conjunction with the general election, with nine candidates filing for three seats on the board.

Candidates on the ballot include Andy Beck, Kevin Bass, Martin Gill, Kara Jones, Joshua Lane, Brad McMinn, Jason Reyes, Theresa West, and Shaun Wied.

New Home ISD has made an

agreement with Lynn County to handle the early voting in conjunction with early voting for the Nov. 3 General Election. Early Voting will be conducted Oct.

13-30 at the Lynn County Clerk's Office on the first floor of the Lynn County Courthouse, during regu-



lar business hours on Monday-Friday. Two 12-hour early voting days will be held, on Oct. 13 and on Oct. 30, from 7-7.

A New Home ISD bond election was originally anticipated to be held during this election period as well, but due to the Covid-19 Pandemic issues the bond

election has been postponed until a later date, possibly May 2021. The bond would be primarily to build a new elementary campus and for a football field and track facility.

"We opened school this year with 581 students, which is up from the 537 that we ended with last year," said Supt. Shane Fiedler. "We have 98% of our students attending classes on-campus," he added.

## Sheriff Mason unopposed on November ballot

Lynn County Sheriff Wanda Mason, who was recently appointed as the Republican nominee for the post in the Nov. 3 General Election, will apparently be unopposed on the ballot.

According to Susan Tipton, elections official for Lynn County, as of Monday all filing deadlines had passed according to the Secretary of State's November Election Calendar, and no one else filed for Lynn County Sheriff under any other parties or as write-in candidate.

With the filing deadlines expired, Sheriff Mason is the only official candidate on the ballot for the post of Lynn County Sheriff.

## Did you know?

• Allodoxophobia is the fear of opinions.



**I'll take the flyover ...** Tahoka's Thomas Sullivan is the ball-carrier taking a flying leap over a Sudan Hornet in last Friday's scrimmage, with the Bulldog coaching staff observing in the background. The Dogs travel to Plains for their season opener on Friday, with kickoff at 7 p.m. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Did you know?

“ Clinomania is the excessive desire to lay in bed all day. ”  
Get up, go outside, and take a walk, people!

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## Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

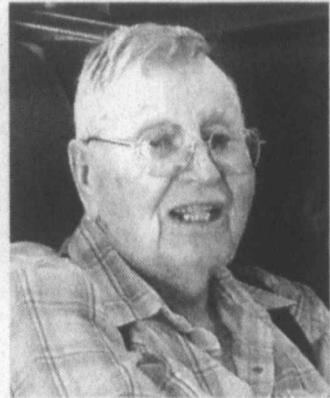
August 31-Sept. 4

**Monday:** Cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, melon medley  
**Tuesday:** Chicken fajitas, fajita veg., corn, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail  
**Wednesday:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, spinach, pea salad, fruit  
**Thursday:** Tilapia, corn, coleslaw, cherry crisp  
**Friday:** Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Italian veg., broccoli, Autumn Jell-O

## Lynn County Hospital COVID-19 Hotline

answered 24-hours-a-day by LCHD healthcare providers  
**Please call if you think you have symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, shortness of breath or persistent pressure in chest**

# Obituaries



**Melvin E. Eaker**  
Melvin "Doc" Edgar Eaker, 89, of Katy, formerly of Uvalde, died on Aug. 3, 2020, in Katy. Eaker was born on Aug. 1, 1931, in Plains, Kansas, to Willie Bell (Lazenby) and Melvin Eaker. As one of four boys, he attended O'Donnell High School before graduating from Uvalde High School in 1948 and attending Tarleton State College. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean conflict.

Eaker was a custom harvester for 60 years and was inducted into the United States Custom Harvesters Hall of Fame in 2000. Eaker and his crew cut grain from central Texas to the Canadian border and returned to the South Plains to cut the fall crops of milo and sunflowers. He also helped establish the Custom Harvesters Scholarship Fund along with his then wife, Shirley.

According to the family, Eaker had a great work ethic, a desire to listen and share stories over coffee, and was quick with a smile and affirmation. The family also said he was a gentleman with a great sense of humor that will be missed. He is survived by wife, Elaine Eaker of Katy; two daughters, Lynette Eaker of Hurst and Charla Hatfield and husband, Cliff, of Sinton; son, Gordon Eaker of Uvalde; two step-daughters, Kay Woods and husband, Ted, and Lynda Baker and husband, Rick, all of Houston; step-son, V.L. Morris of Houston; brother, Harold of Uvalde; three grandchildren, Carlee Olson and husband, Ryan, and Cooper Hatfield

and wife, Nina, all of Corpus Christi, and Alex Perez and husband, Carlos, of San Diego, California; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by both parents; two previous wives, Shirley Eaker and Frances Eaker; and two brothers, Kenneth Eaker and Jimmy Eaker.

As per his wishes, Eaker is to be cremated and have his ashes scattered in a wheat field. Due to current health and safety concerns, the memorial services for Eaker in Uvalde and O'Donnell will take place at a later date.

Donations in his honor may be made to the U.S. Custom Harvesters Scholarship Fund at US Customer Harvesters, Inc., c/o Eaker, PO Box 148, Turon, Kansas 67583. (PAID)



**Hazel Marie Meeks Lovell**  
Hazel Marie Meeks Lovell, 89, of Midland, passed away on August 17, 2020. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland, TX. Hazel was born to C.W. (Claudie) and Jennie Mae Meeks in Tahoka, TX on November 21, 1930. She met B.J. (Billy) Lovell while he was working in the oilfields around Tahoka. They married August 25, 1949 and enjoyed 71 years together until his death May 6, 2020. Mimaw loved cooking for family and friends, and playing dominoes

and cards. Hazel was a long-time member of Dellwood Baptist Church in Midland.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and siblings: Othell Meeks, Winnell Dodson, Darnell Bailey, Claudie Junior Meeks, and Earlene Meeks. She is also preceded in death by her son, Jim Lovell; daughter, Janice Lorene Lovell and one great grandchild.

She is survived by her children, Mike Lovell (Cynthia), Danny Lovell (Marva); daughter-in-law, Chris Lovell and sister-in-law, Jean Meeks. She is also survived by grandchildren, Ryan Lovell (Hillary), Amber Lovell, Danna Botros (Jonathan), Dustin Lovell (Amanda), Angela Mercuri (Nick), nine great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to John F. Younger Alzheimer's Care Center, 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas 79707, or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com. (PAID)



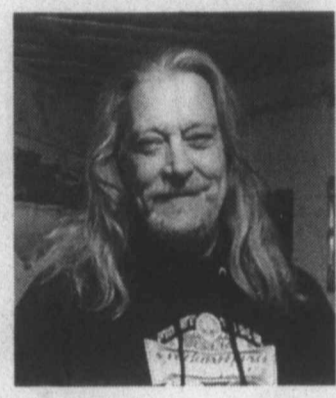
**Glenda (Ward) Meadows**  
Glenda (Ward) Meadows, 84, of Slaton, passed away Friday, August 14, 2020. Graveside services were held on Monday August 24, 2020 at Englewood Cemetery in Slaton, under the direction

of Englands Funeral Service of Slaton.

Glenda was born March 21, 1936 in her grandmother's house in Lubbock to Glen and Melba Ward. She graduated from Wilson High School. She sold Avon with her mother until she married Gale Meadows and they moved to Petersburg. They moved to the Slaton Care Center in Slaton in 2009. Glenda enjoyed bingo and crafts and visiting with her friends and the wonderful staff.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and her husband of 46 years.

Glenda is survived by her sister, Deana Wood of Panhandle; her brother, Mike Ward and his wife, Gaye of Lubbock; her nephew, Linc Wood of Panhandle; three grand nephews; and several cousins. (PAID)



**Richard "Rick" Schwartz**  
Richard "Rick" Schwartz, 61, of Tahoka, Texas passed away on August 22, 2020 at home surrounded by family after a brief battle with cancer.

Richard was born in Pueblo, Colorado to Robert Schwartz and Shirley Hall. Richard Schwartz proudly served our country as a U.S. Army Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division. He went on to marry Diana Marie Wallace in 1982 in Lubbock, Texas. He became a wonderful father to her three children before they had two of their own. Richard worked for Duke Insulation, Gale Insulation and Melton Insulation before becoming an owner of his own business of 20 years, Contractors Insulation, doing much of his work in Midland.

Richard provided jobs for many of Tahoka's citizens and employed many school teens in the summer months. He made his love for NASCAR and LSU known everywhere he went. He enjoyed fishing with his family and teaching his grandkids the ropes. Richard was loved, respected, and appreciated by very many people.

Richard was preceded in death by both parents, Robert Schwartz and Shirley Hall, a sister Pam Pyves, and a son Gabriel Herrera. Richard leaves behind his wife of over 38 years he loved dearly, Diana Schwartz; his children, Ricky Schwartz of Indiana, Patricia and Mike Perry of Oklahoma, Joshua Schwartz and Cecelia Quintero, Dawnisa Schwartz, formerly of Tahoka, and Lola Herrera, who worked with him the past 20 years, all of Lubbock, and his dog Ranger. Grandchildren, Jacob Gaitan, Jeremy (Julia) Gaitan, Julia (Nathan) Gazaway, Jessica (Jordan) Nunes, David (Ashley) Perry, Kayla (Tracy) Youngblood, Ashley Perry, and Emily Perry, all of Oklahoma, Lewis Smith, Devin Smith, Shay Smith, Caleb Solis, Kayne Schwartz, Joshlynn Schwartz, and his 'Pal' Dominic Flores, all of Lubbock; his siblings, Mike (Ellen) Schwartz, Vickie (Kurt) Dorton, Daryl Schwartz, of Indiana, and Pat Wilson of Texas; 11 nieces and nephews and 21 great-grandchildren he adored.

Following his wishes from 2001, his body was donated to Texas Tech Health Science Center. (PAID)



**Lura Mae Howell Wallis**  
Lura Mae Howell Wallis was born July 2, 1932 in Wauchula, Florida to Paul and Idella Howell. She departed from this life on August 16, 2020 surrounded by her loving family.

She lived in Kerrville for the past 38 years. She grew up in Tahoka and later moved to Lubbock where she met and married Herman Wallis in 1972. They were happily married for 33 years until his death in 2004. She was a strong Christian and member of the Church of Christ. She delighted in singing and competitively sang for many years with A Sweet Adeline Quartet. Her real passion next to singing was quilting. She had made and hand quilted hundreds of quilts that are warming the hearts and beds of family and friends throughout the country. She was a talented artist and has many beautiful paintings that grace the walls of her family and friends homes. She touched the hearts of all those who knew her and loved her. She had a kind spirit and thoughtful way and a gentle spirit. She worked as an accountant and bookkeeper and retired at the age of 65.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Herman Wallis; her parents, Paul and Idella Howell; sister Carolyn Smith and son, Kent Wallis. She is survived by and was the very best mom to her children, David Hancock of Arkansas; Carla Pebsworth; Carey Hancock; Donna Terry; Scott Hancock; Gina Sweat; Kathy Leedy and Kim Wallis all of Kerrville, TX; grandson, Jay Pebsworth and wife Josie of Bangs, TX; great grandson, Hunter Blessingame of Bangs, TX; great granddaughter, Jordan Blessingame of Dallas, TX; nephew, Garland Smith of Louisiana and a host of friends and family.

A memorial service is pending at this time. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Texas Boys Ranch or Cal Farley Children's Home. Arrangements are under the direction and personal care of the professionals at Kerrville Funeral Home. (PAID)

## Letters to the Editor

**Be a Bulldog Supporter**  
Attention: Parents, Family & Friends,  
Tahoka Sports Radio is offering a "Bulldog Supporter" ad for all parents, family and friends of your Bulldog or Lady Bulldog this year. This will run at least once per every contest that is broadcasted this year. Not only will we do football and boys/girls district basketball, but we will now be broadcasting home softball and baseball games. This is a one-time fee of \$50. Example: "Larry & Linda Bird, John & Susan Jones and George and Pam Johnson would like to wish the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs a great year and we are behind you all the way". Please contact Lanae Gwin, Drew Stone or Lea Swinford to get your spot!  
Thanks,  
Drew Stone  
Tahoka Athletic Booster Club

## Please visit these Lynn County Churches

**Wilson First Baptist Church**  
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333  
PASTOR: BILLY PARMER  
Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm  
Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday  
6:30 pm Wednesdays  
Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages  
• Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth

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

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

**First Baptist Church**  
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373  
(806) 628-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org  
PASTOR CLIFF HOLDRIDGE  
Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am  
SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday  
Activities For All Ages -  
Call For Complete Schedule

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

**Every Word**  
In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.  
~ Romans 8:26-27

When we are to weak in our flesh to know how or what to pray, we can count on the Holy Spirit to show us the way. What a relief! When the words don't seem to come out right or our supplications feel empty, we can submit to the Holy Spirit to intercede for us with prayers beyond mere words.

God hears his children. And he hears his Spirit in a language that only the holy can utter. Believe that God hears your prayers. The Holy Spirit in you will never run out of things to say to the Father. Cry out, however you can, and know that he hears every word.  
God, thank you for listening to my every word. Holy Spirit, thank you for talking to the Father when I can't get the words out. I choose to believe that my words matter to you.  
~Amen

Do you need a church home? Please visit one of the churches listed on this page. May the peace and love of God, in Christ, be with you.

**Wilson St. John Lutheran Church**  
13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573  
Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.  
TONDA FREITAG, PLM

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

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

**New Home United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Madoc Thomas  
(806) 470-2939  
emt@madocthomas.com  
350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383  
(806) 924-7549  
Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

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

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

## Hanging up his badge ... Jerry Dee Franklin retiring after 28 years in law enforcement

by JUANELL JONES

**A** lifelong Lynn County citizen and a lawman down to his core, Jerry Dee Franklin is hanging up his badge to retire after 28 years in law enforcement, with all but a few months of that career spent here in Lynn County and including a 12-year stint as the Lynn County Sheriff. He has long been a true servant to the citizens, and was genuinely honored to be a defender, guardian and protector for the people and property of Lynn County. His time of service in law enforcement was a dream of his from the time he was a young man, and he has served honorably in his profession.

Officially, he is retiring on Aug. 31, 2020. Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock and Commissioners Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham presented Franklin with a plaque at Monday morning's commissioner meeting in honor of Franklin's 27-1/2 years of service to Lynn County and its citizens through the Lynn County Sheriff's Office.

Franklin will be honored with a retirement reception Saturday, Aug. 29, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (come and go) at the Tahoka Community Building at 1804 Ave. J (behind City Hall).

Jerry Dee was born and raised in Lynn County, and has lived here all his life about 14 miles northwest of O'Donnell in the Wells Community. He graduated from O'Donnell High School in 1971 and attended Angelo State University majoring in Agricultural Sciences. His schooling was interrupted when Uncle Sam called his draft number during the Vietnam War era. So, in 1971, he joined the Texas Army National Guard, 3rd Battalion of the 112th Armored Division, Company B.

He did his basic training and "AIT" specialty training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. His tank crew won an award for the highest scoring tank crew in marksmanship in AIT training. According to his family, Jerry Dee has always been an expert marksman with any weapon. He served as a (M 60 A1) Tank Crewman for six

years with the Ballinger Guard Unit, Ballinger, Tx, and spent summer camps at Fort Hood, Texas. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant on Nov. 11, 1977.

He left school and came back home to start farming in the Wells Community. He married Nancy Barron in 1973 and took care of his family on the farm, working beside his wife and four children, Misty, Kristy, Richie, and Tyler.

In 1992 he decided to quit farming to pursue his lifelong dream of a career in law enforcement. He went to Jack Miller, Lynn County Sheriff at that time, and asked him for a job. Jack said, "Can you start tomorrow?" and his career in law enforcement became a reality.

Franklin started working first as a jailer at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO), and then moved up to Jail Administrator. He expressed a desire to go to the Law Enforcement Academy and Sheriff Miller sponsored him. He attended the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) Law Enforcement Academy and graduated in 1993, earning his Peace Officer's license. He soon became a deputy with the LCSO and Elton Childress was his main PTO along with Robbie Roberson, Jim Bingham, and Jake Diggs.

He served as a deputy and investigator for Sheriff Charlie Smith and then for Sheriff Jake Diggs as Chief Deputy for about six years. He ran for Lynn County Sheriff after Jake Diggs and won the

election, but had to wait nine months between the election and being sworn in as sheriff. His career also included working for Sheriff Jon Key at the Gaines County Sheriff's Office during that time. He says he treasured this time that he worked for Sheriff Key and with Deputy Charlie Shaw at Gaines County.

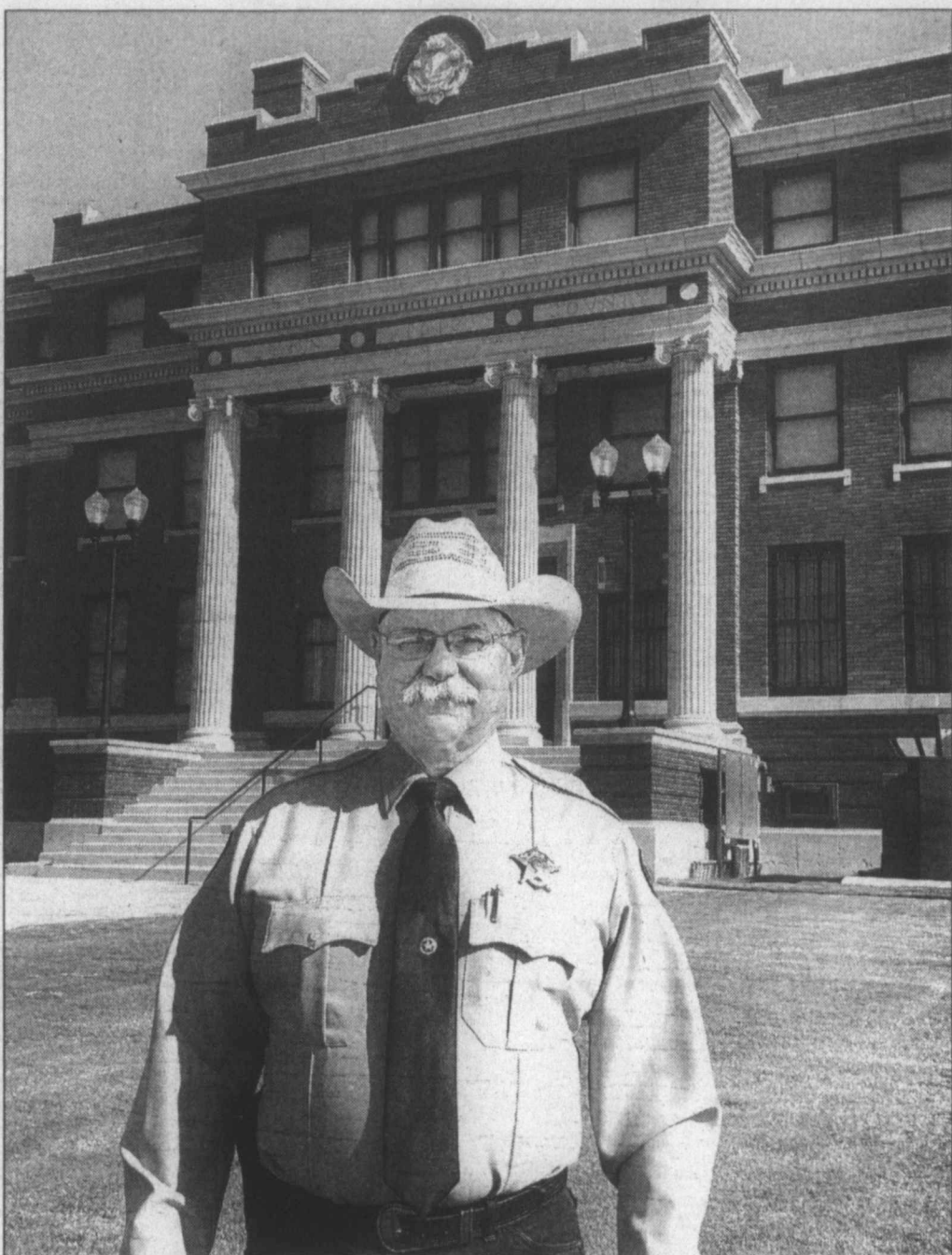
"They were great mentors who taught me so much about being a good law enforcement officer and how to lead as sheriff with strong character, patience, fairness, and resilience," said Franklin.

Franklin served three consecutive terms (12 years) as Lynn County Sheriff, from January 2005 to December 2017. He then decided not to run for sheriff again, and has worked as a deputy for LCSO since 2017.

He has worked for LCSO for a total of 27-1/2 years, and for Gaines County SO for nine months. During these years of service, he has served on numerous committees for the SPAG Law Enforcement Academy, has been a firearms instructor for the SPAG Academy, and a Director for the Caprock Peace Officers Association. He holds a Master Peace Officer Certification and has his Firearms Instructor Certification.

Franklin says he has loved being in law enforcement and helping others.

His philosophy is that one should judge people by their character, their actions, and reactions. "There are good people and bad people, no matter their race, nationality



**Proud to have served ...** Jerry Dee Franklin stands in front of the Lynn County Courthouse this week for perhaps one of the last times in full dress uniform as a Lynn County Sheriff's Deputy. He is retiring at the end of August, after serving the citizens of Lynn County as a law officer for the past 27-1/2 years, 12 of them as Sheriff. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

or skin color," he said.

Franklin's wife, Nancy, said that Jerry Dee has always been there for the people — night or day, rain, snow or shine, holiday dinner or not, and would help everyone without a second thought, without prejudices or predetermined notions.

"He wasn't judgmental when dealing with people and has always had a way of talking to people with dignity and encouragement even though they may have messed up. He tried to help them find a way to make things right in the future. He tried to give people hope and show them trust," said Nancy.

During his years as Sheriff, Franklin says that he had a great staff and most of them were faithful and loyal, with very little turnover of employees. Some of them had worked together with him for most of his law enforcement career, including Jim Bingham, Louis Vasquez, and the late Abraham Vega, to name a few.

As Sheriff he took his position seriously and was a man of authority, but he also displayed a good sense of humor and enjoyed being around people. He has made many friends during his career, not only from Lynn County but also in the surrounding counties, and across the state of Texas. He has enjoyed working with all


the other law enforcement agencies such as DPS, Texas Rangers, Auto Theft Task Force, Tahoka Police Dept., and other sheriff's office personnel from other counties.

"I will truly miss the people I worked with and met throughout my career," Franklin said this week. "It is with mixed emotions that I have decided to retire from law enforcement. I will always remember and cherish

the time I have spent with Lynn County and Gaines County Sheriff's Offices and serving the people. It has been a pleasure!"


"Now, it is time to retire and start fishing again, tending to our cattle, and enjoying time with family and friends. I am looking forward to the coming years and taking life a little easier. Thanks for all the friendships and memories," added Franklin.

You are invited to a  
**Retirement Reception**  
honoring  
**Jerry Dee Franklin**  
for his 27-1/2 years of service in Law Enforcement  
serving the citizens of Lynn County and the State of Texas.



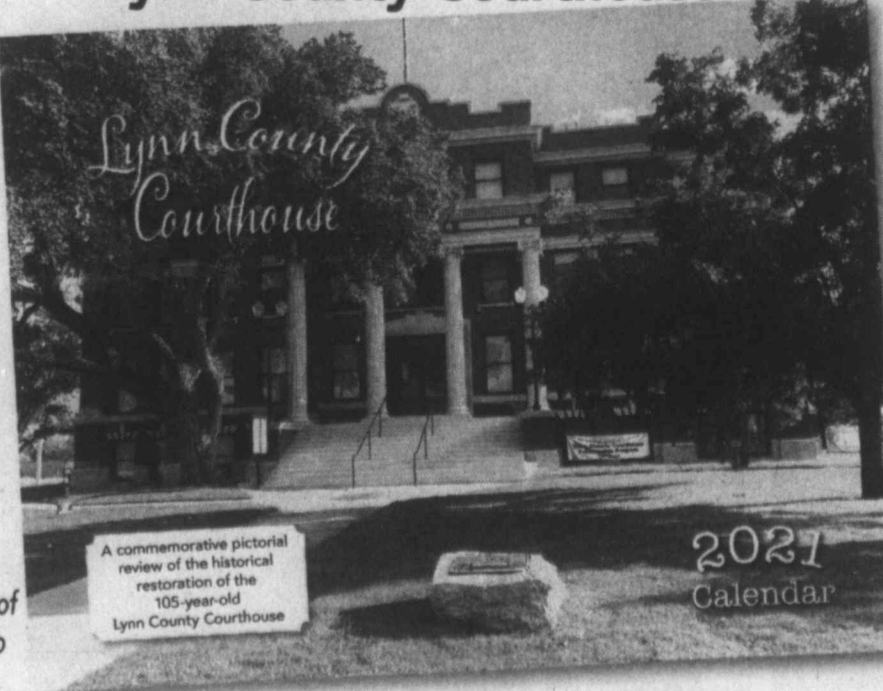
**Saturday, August 29, 2020**  
**6:00-8:00 p.m. (come and go)**  
**Tahoka Community Building**  
1804 Avenue J (behind City Hall) • Tahoka, Tx

Please observe social distancing and wearing of face masks.



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**ELECT**  
**Wanda Mason**  
— for Lynn County —  
**SHERIFF**

- ★ Appointed by Lynn County Commissioners as Interim Sheriff of Lynn County
- ★ Retired from 17 years as a DPS Trooper with Texas Dept. of Public Safety (15 years serving Lynn County area)
- ★ Well-known with local, area, and state law enforcement agencies

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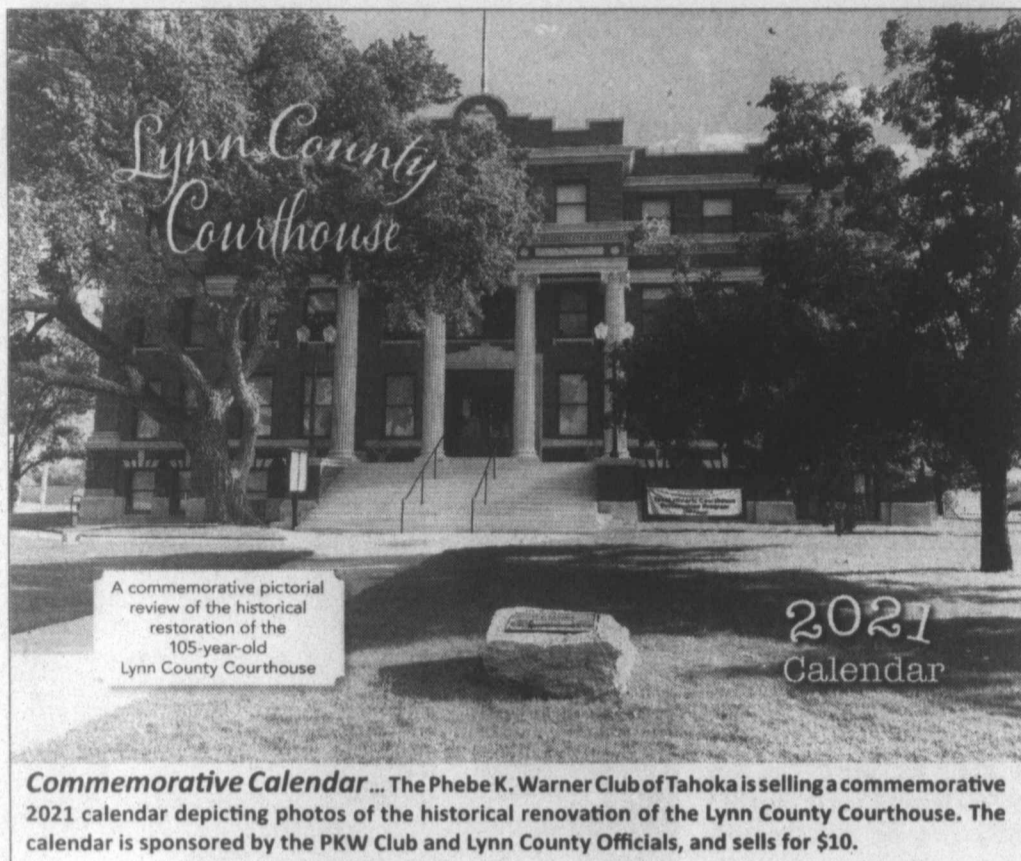
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**Area News ...**

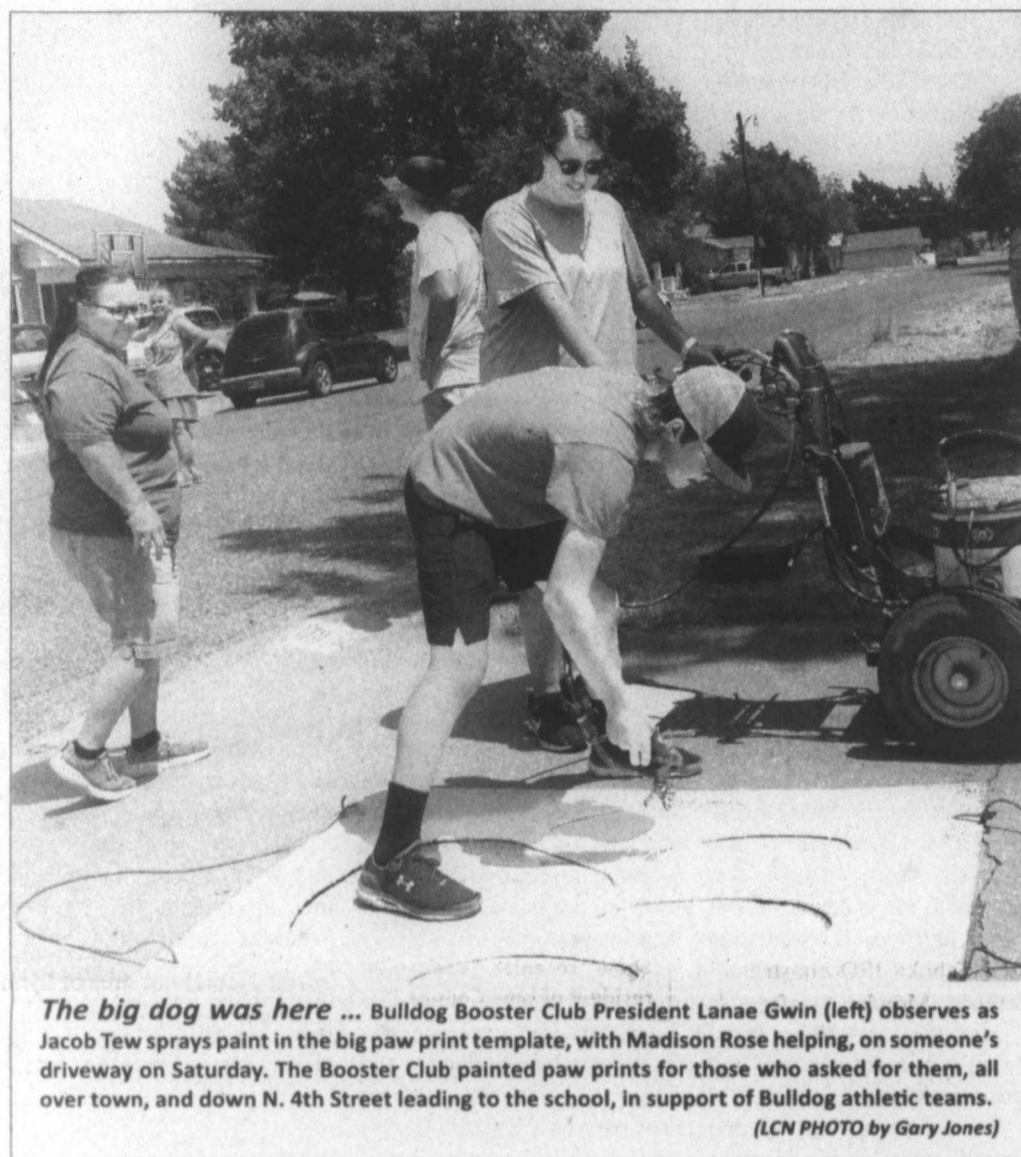
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**The big dog was here ...** Bulldog Booster Club President Lanae Gwin (left) observes as Jacob Tew sprays paint in the big paw print template, with Madison Rose helping, on someone's driveway on Saturday. The Booster Club painted paw prints for those who asked for them, all over town, and down N. 4th Street leading to the school, in support of Bulldog athletic teams. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

**Tractor Supply store to locate in former Walmart facility in Lamesa**

LAMESA – The board of the Lamesa Economic Alliance Project on Friday approved an incentive package for the Tractor Supply retail store set to locate in the former Walmart facility at the Pioneer Square Shopping Center in Lamesa.

Board members approved incentives including a job creation grant and a facade grant. The facade grant involves covering half the costs of a \$28,000 signage project. The \$120,000 job creation grant will be paid out in three stages, according to LEAP criteria, said Executive Director Lee Peterson.

Recruit efforts brought Tractor Supply to Lamesa, said Peterson. A \$1.3-million remodel of the facility is scheduled to begin Monday, and Tractor Supply hopes to open the Lamesa store sometime in October.

*- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter*

**First harvest cotton bale of season in Gaines County sets record**

LAMESA – Shortly after noon on Tuesday, Aug. 11, Gaines County had its first bale of cotton roll in at the gin.

At that time Seminole Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors member Kurt Brown officially certified the bale of cotton as the first of the crop year harvested in Gaines County.

According to Brown, this is the earliest bale on record and is the product of Dustin and Angel Nelson. The bale was grown on Nelson Farms and the NexGen2982 B3XF variety cotton had a weight of 2,520 pounds. It will be ginned at Five Points Gin, Inc.

*- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter*

**Water district holds steady with tax rate**

LAMESA – Although it will mean a 10 percent decrease in revenue, directors of the Mesa Underground Water Conservation voted last Wednesday to keep the district's tax rate unchanged at 1.4998 cents per \$100 of property value.

Due to a drop in taxable property values, District Manager Jacob Hernandez reported that the tax rate this year is expected to generate about \$149,000 in revenue. That is a drop of about \$20,000 from the \$169,000 in revenue generated by the same tax rate this past year.

Hernandez said the board opted to cut the budget and use reserve funds to avoid a tax increase while many people are facing economic challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new budget approved by the board on Wednesday projects spending at \$165,949, a decrease of almost \$10,000 from the past year's budget figure. With total revenue from taxes and other sources estimated at \$151,702, that leaves a budget deficit of \$14,247.

Hernandez reported the board anticipated that shortfall and decided to use reserve funds if needed to balance the budget.

*- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter*

*Did you know?*

- Foxes have whiskers on their legs. This helps them with their bearings, especially when it's dark outside.
- The call of a Kookaburra is used as the stock jungle sound effect in many movies and shows set in the jungles of Africa or South America, even though they are only in Australia and New Guinea.
- Deep snow can sometimes appear blue in color because the extra layers of snow create a filter for light.
- Volkswagen owns Bentley, Bugatti, Lamborghini, Audi, Ducati and Porsche.
- 28 is the atomic number of Nickel, and the atomic mass of Silicon.

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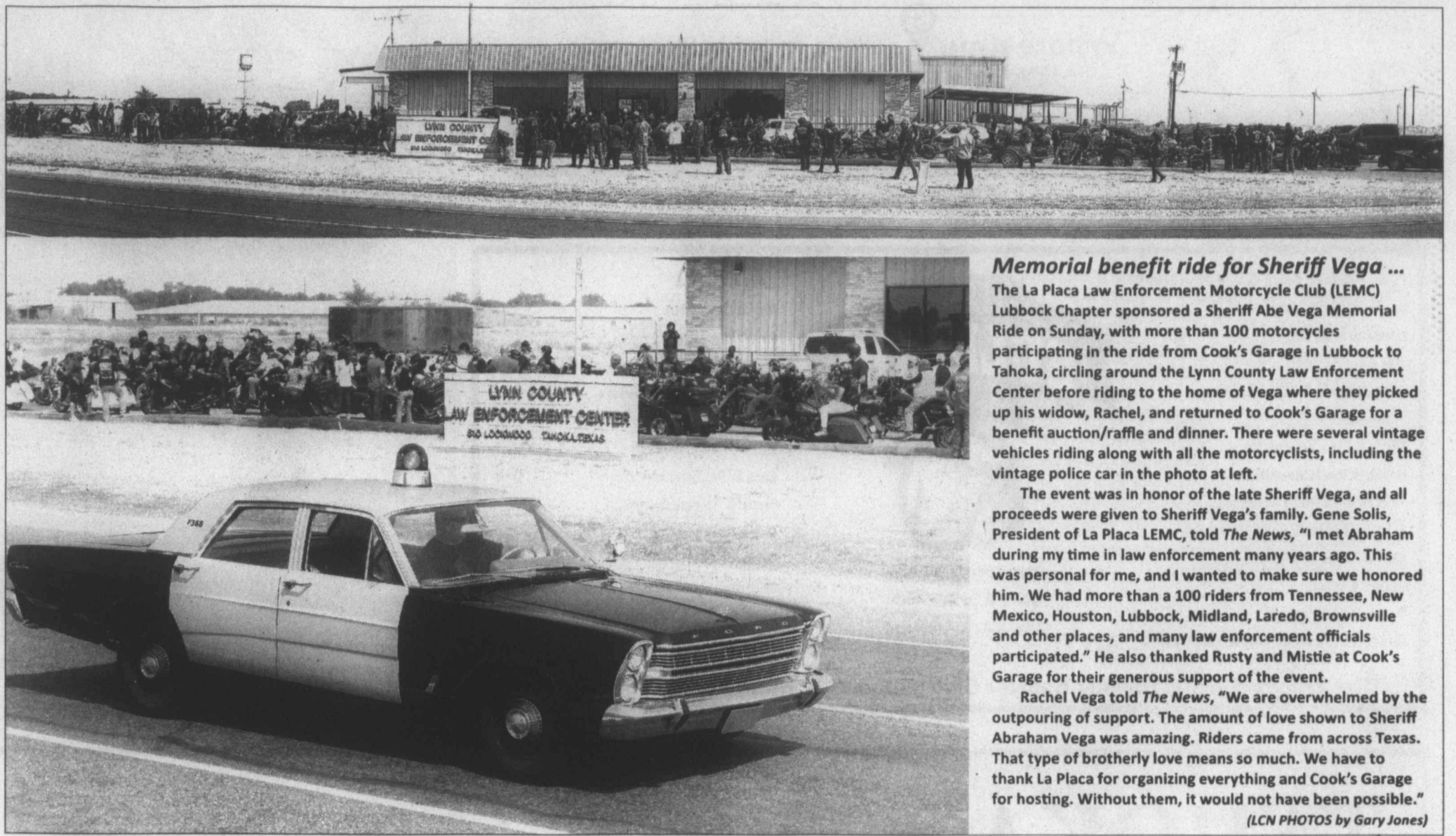
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Memorial benefit ride for Sheriff Vega ...

The La Placa Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club (LEMCC) Lubbock Chapter sponsored a Sheriff Abe Vega Memorial Ride on Sunday, with more than 100 motorcycles participating in the ride from Cook's Garage in Lubbock to Tahoka, circling around the Lynn County Law Enforcement Center before riding to the home of Vega where they picked up his widow, Rachel, and returned to Cook's Garage for a benefit auction/raffle and dinner. There were several vintage vehicles riding along with all the motorcyclists, including the vintage police car in the photo at left.

The event was in honor of the late Sheriff Vega, and all proceeds were given to Sheriff Vega's family. Gene Solis, President of La Placa LEMCC, told *The News*, "I met Abraham during my time in law enforcement many years ago. This was personal for me, and I wanted to make sure we honored him. We had more than a 100 riders from Tennessee, New Mexico, Houston, Lubbock, Midland, Laredo, Brownsville and other places, and many law enforcement officials participated." He also thanked Rusty and Mistie at Cook's Garage for their generous support of the event.

Rachel Vega told *The News*, "We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of support. The amount of love shown to Sheriff Abraham Vega was amazing. Riders came from across Texas. That type of brotherly love means so much. We have to thank La Placa for organizing everything and Cook's Garage for hosting. Without them, it would not have been possible."

(LCN PHOTOS by Gary Jones)

## Vehicle strikes deer mid-morning on US 87

by JUANELL JONES

A collision with a deer on US 87 between Tahoka and O'Donnell at mid-morning last Wednesday caused some damage to an SUV, but the female driver reported no injuries. The accident occurred at 10:36 a.m. approximately 4 miles north of O'Donnell.

Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to reports of two grass fires on FM 400 Monday afternoon at 3:45 p.m., with one reported near CR BB and FM 400, and a second grass fire a little further north of the first fire.

O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. was called to the scene of a hay trailer reported to be on fire on FM 179 and CR 39 Wednesday night at about 8:15 p.m.

Sheriff's deputies responded to several requests

for welfare concerns, a gas drive-off at an O'Donnell convenience store, assisting motorists, domestic disputes, a report of identity theft, and a report of trespassing at the Lubbock Shooting Complex at 8 p.m. last Wednesday. Officers responding to the shooting complex were unable to locate any trespassers.

Tahoka Police also responded to several domestic disputes, a complaint of loud music, a complaint of receiving harassment messages, loose dogs, and a report of gunshots heard in the southwest portion of town at 11 p.m. Sunday night, but were unable to locate a source.

Last Thursday at 7:30 p.m., a resident in the 2000 block of Lockwood reported that someone unknown had driven over a water faucet on his property and broken the spigot.

A driver at 3:15 a.m. Sunday reportedly struck a building on the northwest corner of Lockwood and Main Street while attempting to turn at the intersection, and then left the scene. Police

located the vehicle and the driver was issued several citations.

Police were asked to deliver a final paycheck to an employee who had been fired from his job Monday afternoon, as the employer was concerned about a possible altercation with the former employee.

Police were notified that a vehicle was seen leaving the Tahoka ISD construction area Monday afternoon with cinderblocks loaded in it, and the caller was concerned about a possible theft. However, police determined that the vehicle belonged to an employee at the construction site and had proper authorization to have the cinderblocks.

Lynn County Jail held 32 inmates during the week, including 1 for Garza County, 1 for Floyd, 10 for Dawson, and 20 for Lynn County. Recent arrests included one on a Garza County warrant for aggravated sexual assault with deadly weapon, one for parole violation, and one for possession of drugs.

### Did you know?

- The whole Harry Potter series contains 199 chapters, 4,224 pages and 1,090,739 words and has been made into 19 hours and 39 minutes of film.
- The distance from your wrist to your elbow is the same length as your foot.
- Manatees can get frostbite in water below 68 degrees Fahrenheit (20°C). Their fat is not designed to insulate them from the cold.
- In the original Psycho movie, the blood in the famous shower scene was actually chocolate syrup.

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*Cathy Jewell*

**Vocalist of the Year ...**  
Cathy Jewell was awarded the 2019 Pure Country Female Vocalist of the Year at the 24th Annual Academy of Western Artists Awards Show recently. She is a resident of Lynn County.

## Lynn County resident Cathy Jewell awarded AWA Pure Country Female Vocalist of Year

Cathy Jewell Long, a country musician who performs under the stage name of Cathy Jewell, was awarded the 2019 Pure Country Female Vocalist of the Year at the 24th Annual Academy of Western Artists Awards Show held August 13, 2020 in Fort Worth at the Radisson Hotel-Fossil Creek.

She was also a top 5 finalist for Pure Country Song Of The Year with "Always On A Mountain When I Fall."

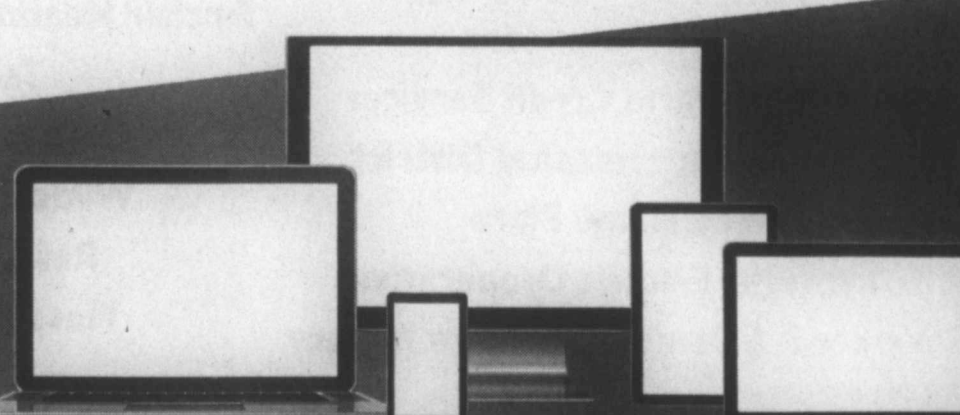
Cathy is also the reigning 2020 CMA of Texas Female Artist of the Year. She resides in the New Home area of Lynn County.

Cathy owns KSSL radio in Slaton, Texas (which was awarded the AWA Radio Station of the Year in 2017) and enjoys performing and writing songs. She has plans to release a new album by the end of this year.

The Academy of Western Artists, based in Gene Autry, Oklahoma, is an organization that honors individuals who have preserved and perpetuated the heritage of the American cowboy, through rodeo, music, poetry, campfire and chuckwagon cooking, and western and ranch clothing and gear.

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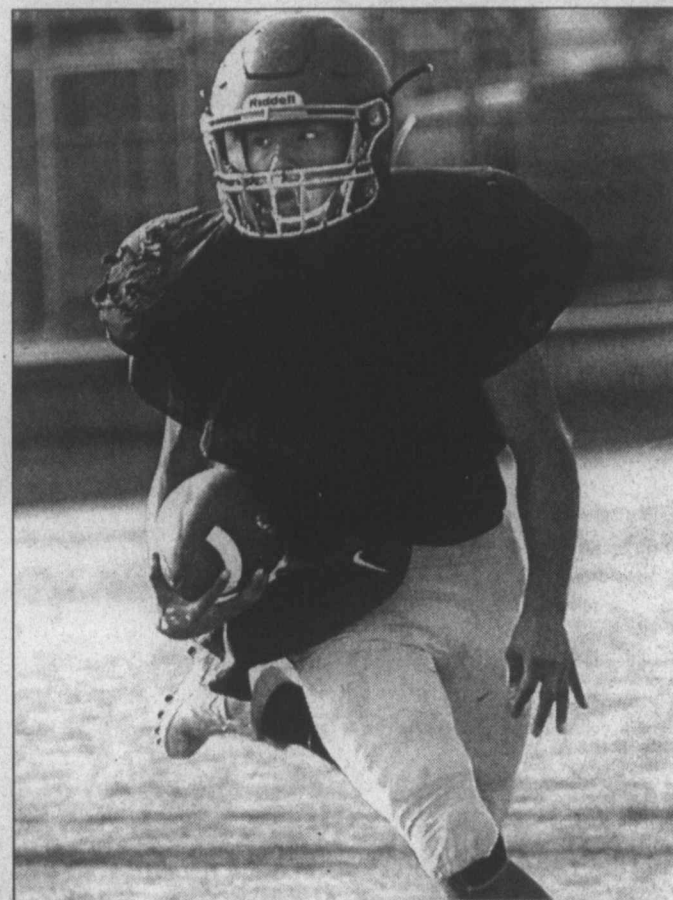
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Sweep to the left ... A Tahoka running back runs for a good gain in the Bulldogs-Hornets scrimmage. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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Bulldog Coaches... The Tahoka High School coaches for the 2020 Bulldog football squad are, from left: Lance Hogle, Kent Allison, Head Coach Stephen Overstreet, Kavin Comer, Lonnie Burnam, Josh Barnett, and assistant DJ Tillman.



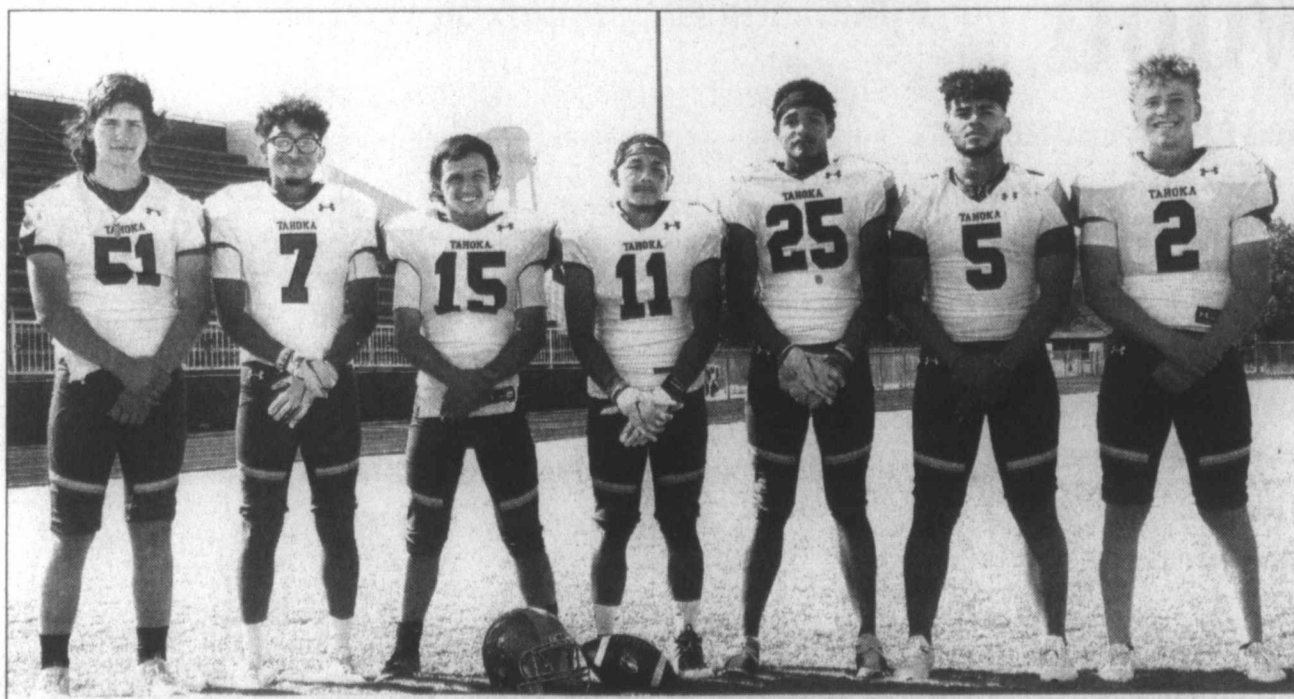
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GO BIG BLUE... Tahoka High School Seniors leading the Bulldogs for the 2020 Football Season are from left; Colton McCarty, Ezequiel Luna, Paxtyn Gwin, Jonathan Renteria, Nathan Castillo, Soul Moore and Alex Tew. The Bulldogs travel to Plains for the first game of the season. Go Bulldogs!

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## Commissioners set burn ban ...

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and New Home ISD, which will allow early voting for the New Home ISD Board of Trustee election to be held at the County Clerk's Office along with the early voting for the general election.

A burn ban for Lynn County was initiated by vote of the commissioners, for a 90-day period beginning immediately and ending Nov. 22, 2020.

Commissioners also renewed an agreement with University Medical Center for treatment of certain inmates under the custody of Lynn County, and approved payment of monthly bills.

Due to an inaccurate figure, Commissioners voted to recall and rescind action on the \$1,500 purchase of the Community Service Building taken on Aug. 10, and then took action to purchase the building at a cost of \$7,500.

County Judge Mike Braddock and commissioners John Hawthorne, Matt Woodley, Don Blair and Larry Durham presented a plaque to Deputy Sheriff Jerry Dee Franklin in honor of his 27-1/2 years of service to Lynn County, as he will retire on Aug. 31. They expressed their appreciation to Franklin for his dedication and service to the county.

A budget work session followed the agenda items, and the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.



Gotcha ... Zeke Luna (in the dark jersey at right) stops a Sudan ball-carrier in last Friday's scrimmage, as the Tahoka Bulldogs tested out plays for this week's season opener at Plains.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

## New Home ISD football tickets available at school front office

Football tickets for all home and away games for the New Home Leopards are being handled through the school's front office this year, to accommodate the seating limitations in place through UIL and Covid-19 Pandemic precautions. Stadium seating is limited to 50 percent capacity.

According to the information available on the New Home ISD website, New Home ISD is limited to 350 home spectators, and school officials are in contact with visiting schools to provide them with tickets and procedures each week for their fans.

"There is a set amount of seating on the visitors' side, and the school we are playing is in charge of how they want to distribute those tickets," NHISD Athletic Director Koby Abney told *The News* this week.

Football tickets will be distributed each week from the NHISD front office, with priority given to NHISD football players, cheerleaders and coaches from 7:45 a.m. Monday through 1 p.m. Tuesday, NHISD students on Tuesday from 1:00-3:45 p.m., and the general public from 7:45 a.m. Wednesday through the end of school on game day

or sell out.

Every person must have a ticket to get into an athletic contest. No walk-up tickets will be available, all must be picked up at the school.

"You will still pay at the gate at football games - your ticket will simply provide you the opportunity to get in the game," explained Abney.

Once all tickets have been distributed for that week's game, school officials will post a notice through all social media channels and the New Home App.

On the away games, the number of tickets available for visiting fans will be at the discretion of the host school based on their seating capacity, and New Home ISD will follow the same ticket distribution procedures as home games.

These procedures may be changed due to updated information and governmental guidance.

## Bulldogs scrimmage Sudan; season opener set in Plains

The Tahoka Bulldogs had the first and only scrimmage last Friday evening, hosting Sudan, as they tested out plays for the 2020 football season.

The season opener will be on the road, at Plains Friday night at 7 p.m. As a reminder, all Tahoka game tickets, whether home or away, must be purchased in advance at the Tahoka ISD Business Office in the Harvick Building at 2129 N. Main Street.

Head coach Stephen Overstreet said he was impressed with how the scrimmage went on Friday.

"I felt like we did some really good things, and obviously we have some things to clean up and iron out this week. Overall, I thought we played good for a first scrimmage. With us only getting to have the one, I was really impressed with how the kids executed. I felt like we took a step forward and it shows us what we need to work on this week heading to Plains," he said.

"Obviously with the youth and learning the speed of the game it took a bit to get adjusted. I felt like with the learning on the fly they responded well. We need to clean up the center to quarterback exchange which is something that just takes time and attention to detail. Before that's all said and done it will become second nature and not be anything to worry about.

"I felt like we did some good stuff on defense as well, just gave up a big play or two. Would like to see us get all 11 hats to the ball, keep our pad level lower, and wrap up bet-

ter, but again it's all stuff you expect from a scrimmage no matter the year," said Overstreet.

"I'm really looking forward to heading to Plains on Friday night, and want to remind everyone that kickoff is at 7 p.m. All games this year will be a 7 p.m. kickoff, so hope to see you out as much as we can.

"Plains will be a good first game for us the next few years. When you look at them they are very similar to us in a lot of ways, most notably the youth area. We feel like we match up well with them all the way across on all sides of the ball.

"The one thing that I would give them the leg up is this will be the second year of varsity football for a lot of their guys. They didn't have a JV last year so their guys got thrown to the fire ten times last year, so nerves won't be a factor for them as much as it will be for us. I have a team that will experience what it's like to run out under the Friday Night Lights for the first time this week. Anyone who has ever played will tell you that is a moment that they will never forget. The cool part for me is I can relate to them in more ways than one. I suited up for the first time as a Varsity player my sophomore year and ran onto the field as a visiting player in Plains as well. So hopefully I can help calm some of those nerves before kickoff to remind them that at 7 p.m. it's the same football they have played for years," Overstreet stated.

## Tax rate set at \$1.36 ...

### Tahoka ISD Board approves 2-cent tax cut in action Monday

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in special session Monday evening, with all six trustees unanimously approving lowering the TISD property tax rate by two cents, in action taken after the public hearing which no one attended during the earlier part of the meeting.

The Tahoka ISD total tax rate is \$1.3638, which includes a Maintenance and Operating (M&O) tax rate of \$1.0498 and an Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate of \$0.31400, per \$100 of property value.

The M&O rate is about a 2-cent decrease from last year's rate of \$1.06835. The I&S rate is slightly lower

than the previous year's rate of \$0.31540, to pay for the bonded indebtedness including the \$7.5 million bond for the current construction underway for a new gym, field house and other athletic facilities.

The tax rate will fund a 2020-21 balanced budget of \$7,994,030, which trustees also officially adopted in action at the meeting.

The members of the TISD Board of Trustees include Clay Taylor (President), Jon Luna, Blanda Watt, Drew Stone, Lea Swinford, and Slate May. The seventh trustee position is currently vacated, formerly held by Doug Green, who moved away from the district recently.

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The updated structure below:

LEVEL	2019-20	2020-21(NEW)	Details
Bulldog Supporter	-	\$50	Name mention at least one time (Parents, family or friends) per game
Bulldog Sponsor	\$1480	\$600	Minimum 2-30 second commercial during each sports broadcast
Play/Player of the game	\$1800	\$800	Sponsor of Play/Player of Game along with 2 commercials
Pre/Post Game	\$2360	\$1000	Sponsor of Pre-Game or Post-Game along with 2 commercials

We have had many listeners throughout the State of Texas as well as other states, such as California and South Carolina, these last few years. Those that broadcast our games try to make it both entertaining and informative as the game goes.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope you will become a part of [Tahokasportsradio.com](http://Tahokasportsradio.com)

To get your commercial spot or for any questions or concerns, please contact:

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Tahoka Athletic Booster Club



## Did you know? About Sports

- The average lifespan of a major league baseball: 7 pitches.
- Babe Ruth wore a cabbage leaf under his cap to keep his head cool. He changed it every two innings.
- The Olympic flag's colors are always red, black, blue, green, and yellow rings on a field of white. This is because at least one of those colors appears on the flag of every nation on the planet.

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