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ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

Friday, Sept. 4 games:

- Tahoka at Seagraves
- New Home at Lbk Roosevelt
- Whiteface at Wilson
- Garden City at O'Donnell

Last Week's Scoreboard:

Tahoka 32-14 Plains
New Home 51-0 Compass Aca.
Rule 42-41 Wilson
O'Donnell 60-36 Gordon



Where are they now?

Where are Tahoka High School exes, and what are they doing now? Send us a few sentences by Sept. 14 about any Tahoka ex, and tell us what year they graduated and where they are now, what job they have, etc., and we will publish in our Sept. 24 issue just prior to Tahoka's Homecoming. Share the good news!

Email to: LynnCoNews@poka.com or share on our facebook page

COVID UPDATE:

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

Aug 31 UPDATE:

Lynn County total cases: 81
(5 new cases during past week)
8 Active - 69 Recovered - 4 Deaths

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug 25	93	65	
Aug 26	92	64	
Aug 27	95	68	
Aug 28	97	68	
Aug 29	103	70	
Aug 30	98	67	
Aug 31	91	69	0.20"

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

Total Precip for Jan:	0.58"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.48"
Total Precip for Mar:	2.56"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.02"
Total Precip for May:	2.58"
Total Precip for June:	2.32"
Total Precip for July:	0.46"
Total Precip for Aug:	0.75"
Total Precip. for 2020:	9.75"

Man comes at police officer with hammer, arrested on multiple charges here Sunday

by JUANELL JONES

A 25-year-old male was arrested in Tahoka early Sunday morning on several charges, including two counts of felony aggravated assault on a police officer, after he reportedly came at a Tahoka Police Officer with a hammer in his hand.

Police were called to the 2000 block of South 6th Street at 5 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, for a report of a fight in progress between a male and female. Upon arrival, the officer was told that the couple had left the scene on foot and were heading towards the apartments in the 1800 block of South 7th. Tahoka Police Chief Jeff Parker told *The News* that when the officer located the couple outside of the apartment complex, the male reportedly came aggressively towards the male po-

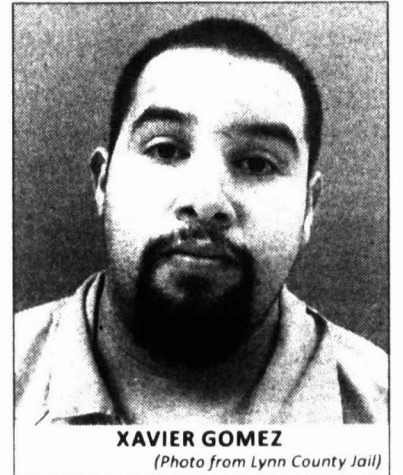
lice officer with a hammer in hand.

"Fortunately, the officer was able to get the subject in custody without the use of any lethal or non-lethal force, safely making the arrest," said Chief Parker. According to the Chief, the officer was not struck with the hammer.

The 25-year-old, identified as Xavier Gomez, was arrested on two felony counts of aggravated assault on a police officer, and public intoxication, as well as two criminal mischief charges after it

was discovered that he was reportedly responsible for damaging two different vehicles at the apartment complex, reportedly breaking windows and causing some damage inside as well.

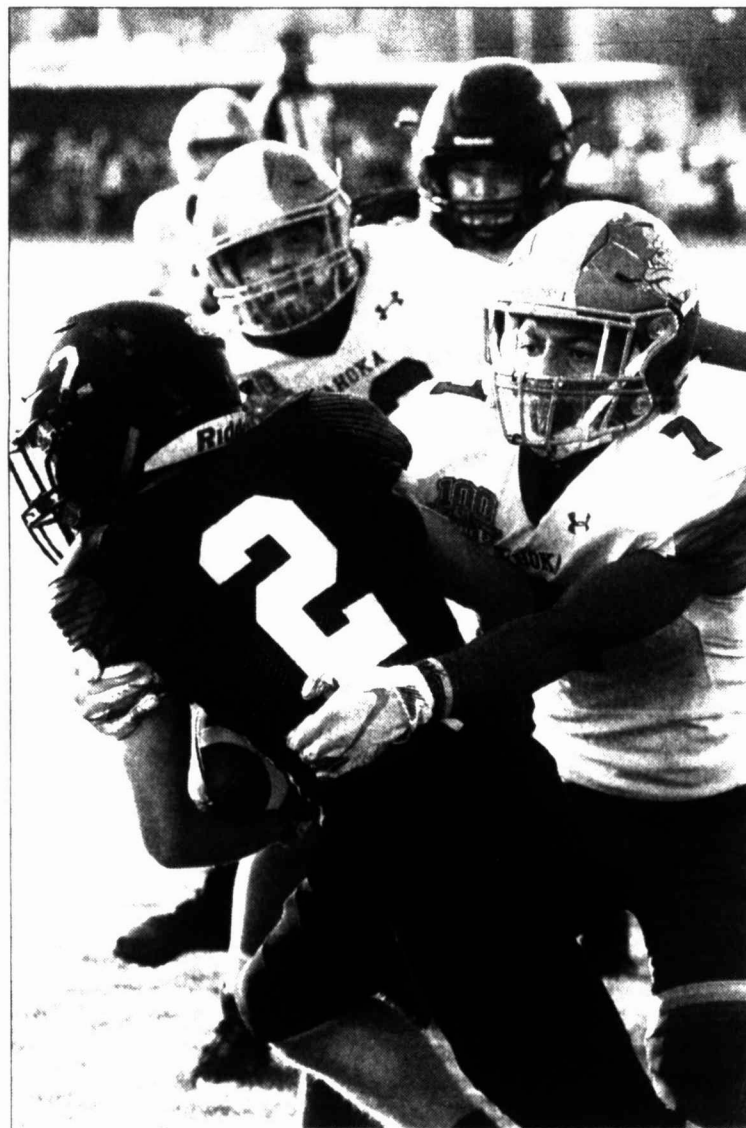
A felony charge of criminal mischief is also pending, said Chief Parker, for what was reported as "destroying an apartment" inside the apartment in which the man lived, with the charges awaiting additional information from the Tahoka Housing Authority which owns the apartment complex. Another felony charge for assault is also pending, for allegedly assaulting his girlfriend. The Police Chief also said that Gomez has pending charges from Lubbock County for



XAVIER GOMEZ
(Photo from Lynn County Jail)

domestic assault and possession of narcotics, as well as charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle from Oklahoma.

(See POLICE REPORT, page 3)



Stop right here ... Ezequiel Luna (7) stops a Plains ball-carrier in Bulldog action Friday night, with Kaidance Rodriguez right behind and ready to assist. Tahoka won their season opener 32-14. The Dogs are on the road again this week, at Seagraves, with the first home game set for Sept. 11 with Roosevelt.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Tahoka City Council proposes lowering tax rate by 2-cents

Tahoka City Council is proposing a tax cut of 2-cents for 2021, according to information published in this week's edition of *The News*. The council is proposing a tax rate of \$0.727030 per \$100 of property value, and will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 8 in the Community Room at 1804 Avenue J to hear public comment. Last year's tax rate was \$0.747030.

Council members voted 3-0 in favor of proposing the 72-cent tax rate, with councilmen Ray D. Box, Ronny Jolly and Ryan Curry voting in favor. Councilman Shiloh Bradcock was absent from the meeting, and the fifth council seat is currently vacant.

The proposed rate is higher than the "no new revenue" tax rate of \$0.632729, which is the rate that would raise the same amount of property tax revenue from the same properties as the previous tax year. The 63-cent rate is due to an increase in appraised property values within the city, which has increased significantly in some properties from last year.

Despite being 2-cents lower than the previous year's tax rate, the 72-cent proposed tax rate is also higher than the voter-approval tax rate of 65-cents (\$0.654874), which means that citizens, if they so choose, could petition for an

election to reject the proposed tax rate and reduce it to the 65-cent figure. If such an election is triggered by petition, that election would be held in May of 2021. If a majority of voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate would be reduced to \$0.654874 at that time, and the city would be required to refund any overpayments made by taxpayers.

This is the first time in many years (if ever) that the Tahoka City Council has proposed a tax rate that could trigger an election. City Administrator Jerry Webster said that the council is asking for the 72-cent tax rate to fund a proposed balanced budget.

"In the past, cities were allowed an increase up to 8% before reaching the rate for voter-approval," explained City Administrator Jerry Webster to *The News*. "However, this year the legislature has lowered that to only 3.5%, and even though we are proposing a lower tax rate than last year, this rate is above that 3.5% level," he said.

Webster said he anticipates that Tahoka Mayor John Baker may compose a letter to city residents that explains the council's position in proposing the 72-cent tax rate.

The council will vote to approve the tax rate and budget after the Sept. 8 public hearing.

Fourth COVID-related death reported here

by JUANELL JONES

Billy Mack Miller, 74, a longtime Tahoka resident and community leader, has died from COVID-19 complications. He is the fourth person in Lynn County who has succumbed from complications of the disease since the pandemic began here. Miller died Sunday, Aug. 30.

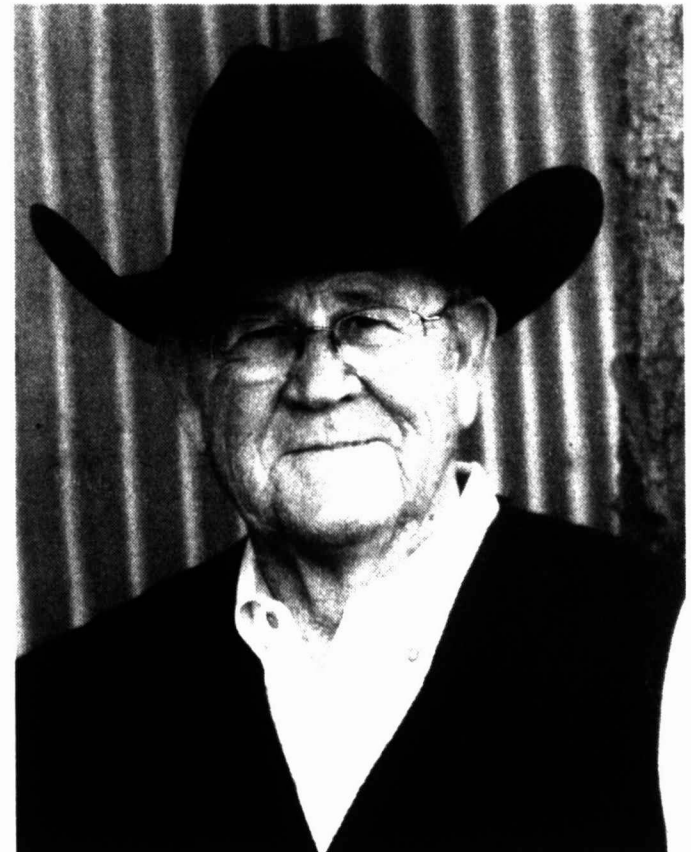
An outdoors celebration of life memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 1212 CR 24 (Cemetery RD.) The memorial will be available for parking and radio listening for those that choose to remain in their vehicles.

Miller was the Executive Director for the Tahoka Housing Authority before he retired on June 1, 2020, and served as President for the Texas Housing Association.

He was a longtime leader and volunteer in the Lynn County Stock Show Association, and was actively

involved for many years with youth in 4-H and FFA. He dedicated many hours to the Lynn County Stock Show and served on the board, and was instrumental in establishing the sale in 1977. He was well-known for his auctioneering talent, and served 43 years as a volunteer auctioneer for the Lynn County Stock Show, and also volunteered his auctioneering services for many years for the Lynn County Hospital District's annual auction and benefit fundraiser.

A more complete obituary is printed inside this edition.



BILL MILLER



Did you know?

“Strategic incompetence” is the art of avoiding certain tasks by pretending you don't know how to do them.

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Senior Citizens Menu

September 7-11

Monday: Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday: Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, cauliflower, salad, apple crisp

Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, stewed okra, corn, pumpkin square

Thursday: Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, watermelon

Friday: Jambalaya, carrots, black eyed peas, cornbread, lazy cake

Today's Prayer

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:4

Obituaries



Billy Mack Miller

Billy Mack Miller, 74 of Tahoka went to be with his Heavenly father and be reunited with the love of his life, Arnetta Sunday, August 30, 2020. He was born December 21, 1945 to Jack and Nema Miller in Tahoka.

Billy graduated from Tahoka High School. He married his high school sweetheart, Arnetta Joyce Wood on June 26, 1964 in Tahoka. Billy was a dedicated resident of Lynn County. He worked for the City of Tahoka Water Department in his early years. Billy was also a farmer and longtime employee for Lyntegar Electric CO-OP. He worked as a successful salesman at Creative Awards, where he found his second family. Billy was also the Executive Director for the Tahoka Housing Authority before he retired on June 1, 2020. During this time he served as President for the Texas Housing Association. He was passionate about livestock and spent some of his best days at the Big Spring Cattle Auction. Billy served as a leader for 4-H and FFA for many years. He was very active with the youth; he had a love for kids showing pigs. Billy raised and sold show pigs nationwide. He made an impact on his family and youth all over. Billy dedicated many hours to the Lynn County Stock Show and served on the board. He helped establish the sale in

1977 and served as a talented Auctioneer for 43 years for the Lynn County Stock show. Billy was a member of the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department. He used his many talents and volunteered countless hours to raise funds for many organizations for not only his own community but others as well. Some of those skills also included partnering with his brother Roger in Miller Brothers Cattle Company. Billy was a loving husband, father, brother and papa. Of all the jobs and titles that Billy had, his favorite was being a Papa. He was a friend, mentor, dad and papa to many. Billy was a longtime member of First Baptist Church. He will be deeply missed by all that knew him.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Arnetta on August 17, 2019; and his parents.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Marci Gandy and husband Roddy, Sharla Askew and husband Ty; siblings, Roger Miller; grandchildren, Brady Askew and wife Shea, Cassidy Allison and husband Taylor, Jynna Bass and husband Justin; great-grandchildren, Jentry Askew, Paislee Allison, Summitt Askew, Sterlee Allison, Barrett Bass, and baby Bass on the way.

The funeral home will be open for viewing from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at Combest Family Funeral Homes. An outdoors celebration of life memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 1212 CR 24 (Cemetery RD.) The memorial will be available for parking and radio listening for those that choose to remain in their vehicles.

Memorial donations can be made in Billy's name to the First Baptist Church in Tahoka, P.O. Box 1547 or to the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 300. (PAID)

Famous quotes

Have great hopes and dare to go all out for them. Have great dreams and dare to live them. Have tremendous expectations and believe in them.

Norman Vincent Peale

When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.

Henry Ford

Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results.

Willie Nelson

All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make, the better.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Vega benefit ... Family members of the late Sheriff Abraham Vega are pictured here at the Sheriff Vega Memorial Ride benefit sponsored by the La Placa Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club (LEMC) Lubbock Chapter recently. Pictured from left is family friend Jon Luna, Abraham's wife, Rachel, son Marcus and wife Kylynn, and daughter Corijand husband Joe Saldana and their children.

Commissioners considering 2-cent tax cut for county property taxes

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session Monday morning at the Lynn County Courthouse, unanimously approving a motion to set a proposed tax rate that will lower the current county tax rate by 2-cents. The proposed rate is 73-cents per \$100 of property value, which will fund a proposed 2020-21 budget of \$3,656,919.

Last year's county tax rate was 75-cents per \$100 of property value, which was also a 2-cent decrease from the previous year's rate of 77-cents.

Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock told *The News* that the new property in the county was a big factor in proposing a lower tax rate.

"We had major new property come online for the county, and between the new property values (mostly in the New Home area) and wind energy values coming online, we have about \$11-million worth of new property values in our tax base," said Judge Braddock. "With that coming in we were able to consider a lower tax rate," he added.

"The proposed tax rate of 73-cents will bring a little more revenue than last year's revenue," said Braddock, "but still be below the 3.5 percent we are allowed."

"If we are able to hold to this budget, then we should have a surplus of about \$500,000," he added.

Both the proposed tax rate and proposed budget were

approved by unanimous vote of all four commissioners. Commissioners are expected to set the tax rate and approve the budget at one of their upcoming September meetings.

In other business, commissioners approved a contract renewal with Appriss Inc., which is a tracking program used by the county clerk, district clerk, and victim assistance offices to notify victims of a crime if a perpetrator involved in the case is released from the prison system back into the general public.

Judge Braddock led the meeting, with all commissioners present including Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham.

New Home Happenings

by Denise Sherrod

In town news this week, city secretary Teresa Olsen has masks and gloves available at City Hall, so just drop by and ask for them.

If you are thinking about building, renovating, otherwise doing something to your property, permits are required for those activities, as well as door-to-door sales and food trucks. Permits are a necessary part of a functioning city because they ensure that what is going on is above-board and safe for the inhabitants. Permits may be applied for at City Hall.

Many communities, small towns, and cities are delving into their archives to rediscover their own histories. How did these gatherings of citizens come to be? Who were the first people to say, "Let's make a town"? Which origin legends are true, and which are well, just legends?

We believe that New Home has a rich history as well. A folder of stories typed

on an actual typewriter, bundles of letters from children, and stash of past Lynn County News issues will be the sources for a series of short articles on New Home's past. These were compiled by Radene Turner, past city secretary of New Home.

A one-room school was built in the winter of 1907-08 and opened in February of 1908. Miss Dora Burdett was the first teacher. Shortly after the opening, the first church was organized and held services in the new school building. This church became New Home Baptist Church, called that because the area was the "new home" of most of its members. The church, officially organized on February 16, 1908, had 17 charter members.

The school was unofficially called the "Duce-of-Hearts"(sic) school because it was located on the former Duce-of-Hearts Ranch. It was also called the Minor School

since it located on the H.R. Minor farm, about a quarter mile south of the school's current location. The church presence influenced the school, which soon officially became New Home School. Families living in the community at that time included P.H. Renfro, S.L. Smith, J.H. Smith, J.I. Miller, H.R. Minor, and B.T. Sumner. Others living here were L.G. Depriest, Jack White, J.F. McManus, and the Hutto family.

I love thinking about these families coming together and deciding to create a community by building a school and organizing a church. We don't really have the opportunity to build new towns today; our job is to help those already established to thrive. It may not be quite as exciting as seeing a new town spring up, but it's every bit as important.

To submit items to New Home Happenings, email dtsherrod@gmail.com.

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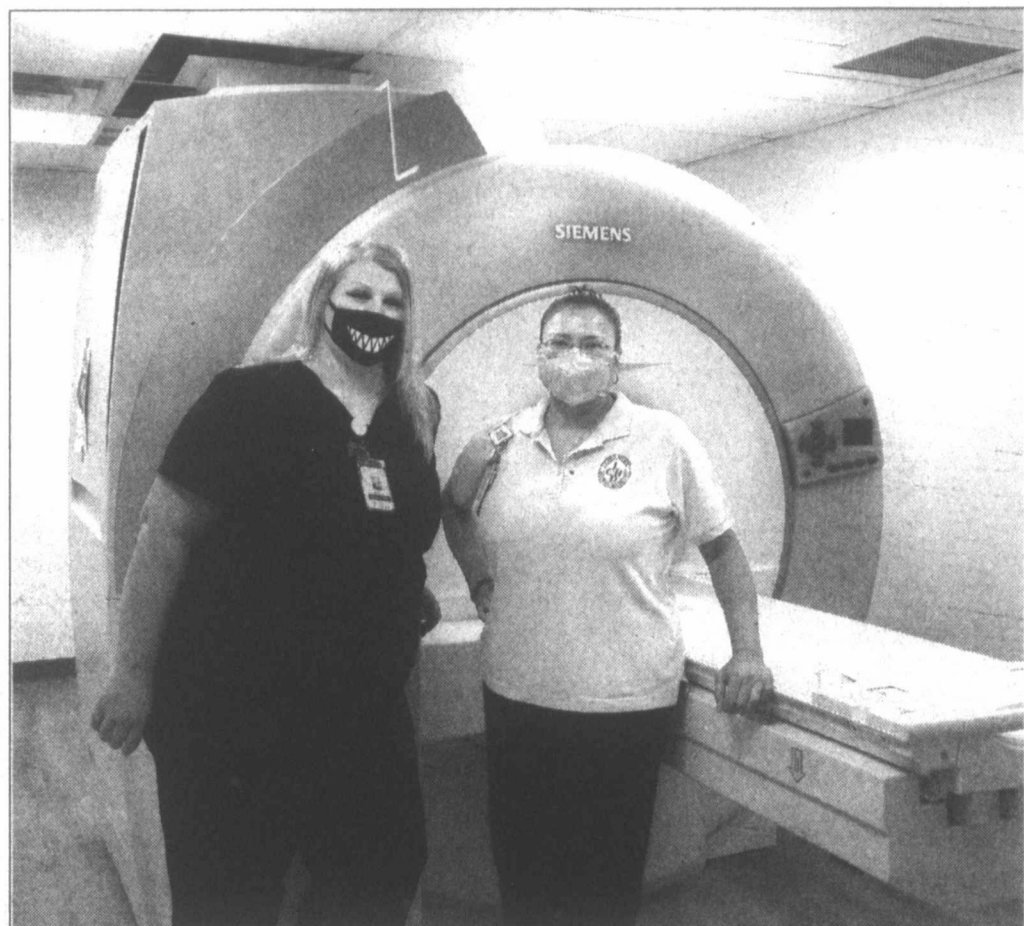
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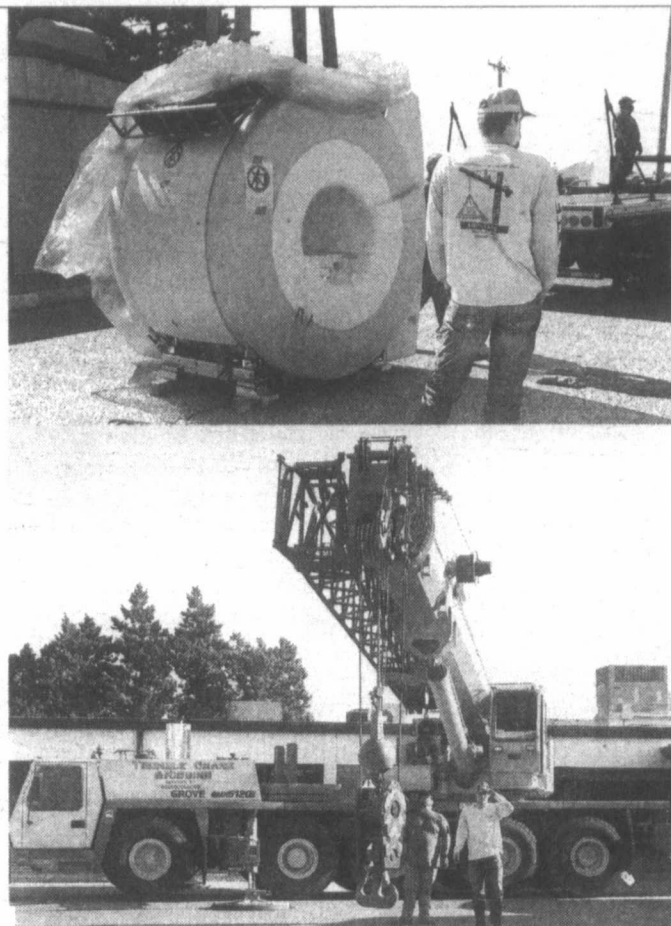
Have a safe Labor Day holiday!

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LCHD gets new MRI ...

Special delivery of Lynn County Hospital District's new MRI unit used the services of a crane to lift the new unit over the hospital roof and lower it down through a hole in the ceiling of the new MRI Suite at LCHD on Monday. The unit is pictured on the ground in the top right photo, with the crane pictured in the photo below. Inside the new MRI Suite (left), Nicole Hudson and Dianna Silvas stand in front of the new MRI. LCHD's new MRI features a larger "hole" area for patients, which could help lower some patients' anxiety if they suffer from claustrophobia, according to hospital officials. The MRI is available for local health providers, as well as for providers from other facilities who can order this service done in Tahoka.



LCHD gets new MRI machine, now offering full-time availability

by JUANELL JONES
Lynn County Hospital District this week installed a new state-of-the-art MRI machine in their new MRI Suite, to have the capability to offer MRI services on a full-time daily basis.

A large crane lifted the "brains" of the new MRI unit above the hospital and through a hole in the ceiling for installation on Monday, into the newly-prepared MRI suite.

The new MRI here features a much larger "hole" that a patient has to be guided

into in order to take the images.

"For many people, the small space in which they have to lay, and be perfectly still, is very anxiety provoking, and this new MRI has a larger space for patients," said Dr. Melanie Richburg, Chief Executive Officer at LCHD. "We are excited to offer this

to all the residents of Lynn County."

In the past, LCHD employed the services of a mobile MRI unit that was available on a limited basis. That service is no longer available, and LCHD officials decided to put in a new MRI Suite to offer this service full time.

Providers from other facilities can order this service done in Tahoka as well.

"This MRI will be used by all the providers LCHD has on staff, but can also be used to perform MRI on patients that may be seeing a specialist in Lubbock. Just ask for your request to be sent to LCHD and we will see that your ordering provider gets the report and, if needed, the images," said Dr. Richburg.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is a specialized test that a doctor can use to

diagnose and monitor different conditions, and can look at things that are going on within the body, specifically the tissues, ligaments, tendons and nerves.

"An MRI is a specialized magnet in conjunction with radio waves that can take very high definition pictures. It uses this combination to

take very specialized pictures inside or of a specific body part or region. One of the best things about MRI is that it does not use radiation to take the images like the traditional x-ray and ct scan," explained Dr. Richburg.

For more information, contact Lynn County Hospital District at 806-998-4533.

Police report ...

(Continued from page 1)

Two vehicle accidents occurred in the county during the past week, including a one-vehicle rollover and a collision with a deer.

A woman called the Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 7:57 a.m. last Wednesday, Aug. 26, reporting that her Kia had struck a deer on US 87 northbound lane about 6 miles south of Tahoka. No injuries were reported.

A caller at 11:48 p.m. last Thursday, Aug. 27, reported seeing a blue pickup that had rolled over on FM 211 and CR DD. The caller told officers that the vehicle was unoccupied but the engine was still hot and the radio was on. DPS and Sheriff's Officers arrived on the scene, and the vehicle was towed.

Two thefts were reported during the week. A caller at 11:53 a.m. Aug. 28 reported that someone had broken into his garage on CR 3 and had stolen a utility trailer with all his tools, and had ripped the

garage door open. The owner had reportedly been out of town and discovered the theft upon returning home. In another incident, a theft was reported at 11 a.m. Aug. 29 that sometime during the night someone had stolen a red and black 2019 Polaris 60-ft trailer and a black Polaris 4-wheeler from ranchland property on FM 1730 where they were working for J Ferg Foam Insulation, south of New Home.

Several callers to the Sheriff's Office reported a brush fire last Monday night, Aug. 24, about 8 p.m. south of FM 211 on the west side of US 87. New Home Fire Dept. and a Sheriff's Deputy responded to the scene.

A caller complained that two vehicles were drag racing in the Wilson area, just after midnight on Aug. 30. A deputy responding to the scene was unable to locate the vehicles, but stayed in the area to patrol.

Sheriff's deputies re-

sponded to several other calls during the week, including motorist assists, suspicious persons/vehicles, and a complaint of someone hacking a phone.

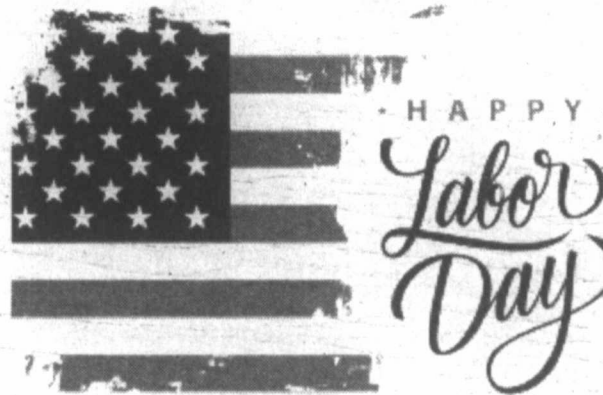
Tahoka Police responded to the 2100 block of South 3rd at 5 p.m. Aug. 28, for a report that someone had tried to gain entry to a house, damaging a back door, but no entry was gained.

Police also responded to other calls, including a complaint of loud music, harassing phone calls, suspicious persons, welfare checks, domestic disputes, and assisting EMS.

Lynn County Jail held 34 inmates during the week, including 10 for Dawson County, 1 for Floyd, and 23 for Lynn County. Local charges included one for assault causes bodily injury to family member, and one for theft of property.

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• Coca-Cola was the first drink that was ever consumed in space.



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Nominations being accepted for Boll Weevil Board of Directors

The Texas Department of Agriculture will conduct a board election in the Southern High Plains Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, in order to select a representative to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

Any cotton grower having planted cotton in the year 2019 with the Southern High Plains Caprock Eradication Zone, which includes a portion of Lynn County is eligible to vote (see description of zone in the Notice of Election printed inside this edition of *The News*), and if he/she resides in the zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can

have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election.

Candidates may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Texas Dept. of Agriculture (see details in the election notice). The nomination form must be received by Sept. 20.

The board election will be held by mail-in-balloting. Ballots will be mailed to cotton growers Sept. 25. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than Oct. 20, 2020 in order to be valid.

For more details and information, read the Notice of Election by the Texas Department of Agriculture printed in this edition.



State Recordbook Winner... Braxton Beck, Lynn County 4-H member, won first place at the State 4-H Recordbook Contest. Braxton's recordbook was in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) category.



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QB pass ... Cason Resendez (#3) looks for a receiver, with Nathanial Castillo (25) and another unidentified Bulldog giving him some good blockage in Tahoka's 32-14 win over Plains Friday night. Tahoka will be on the road again this week at Seagraves, and then the first home game is Sept. 11, hosting Roosevelt.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

TEDC awarded grant to conduct a customized retail recruitment strategy

The Tahoka Economic Development Corporation has been selected to participate in the Retail Academy Program with the University of Texas San Antonio (USTA) and the USDA to develop a retail strategy plan.

After more than 30 communities applied, the USDA agreed to fully fund six communities' participation in the program, and the Tahoka EDC is one of those six. The final six of 30+ recipients were selected based on demographics such as population, unemployment, poverty rate and income.

"As businesses are working to bounce back from the economic distress of COVID-19, it is even more im-

portant to equip local leaders with the knowledge base and tool kit to recruit and support your retail and restaurant businesses," said David Partlow, Director of TEDC. "We are committed to supporting local businesses in the coming months by providing tools and resources to help."

The program needs three community leaders who will be utilizing the information provided through Retail Academy to attract new business to Tahoka. According to Partlow, this will be an intense 10-month training program. Participants will produce a 50+page Retail Study, Retail Prospect List, along with marketing flyers, aerial maps with retailers traffic counts, demo-

graphics, retail leakage and peer analysis.

Phase One curriculum will be six hours of educational course where those taking the course will be introduced to trends, pitch and process, Real Estate 101, Downtown Strategies, and Redevelopment.

"As a former planner in Austin, I know the importance of having a plan," said Partlow. "After we have completed this program, we will have a professional plan to attract retail and restaurant prospects," he concluded.

Any community leaders interested in more information may contact Partlow at 806-201-0237, or email him at director@tahoka.org.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

By the

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

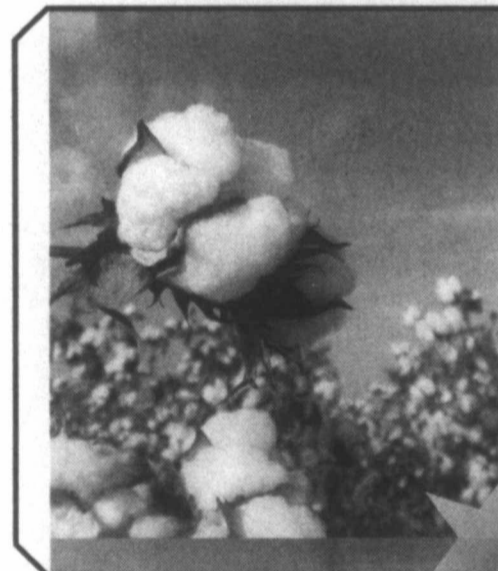
In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a board election in the Southern High Plains Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, in order to select a representative of the above-referenced zone to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The Southern High Plains/Caprock Eradication Zone consists of all of Cochran, Hockley, and Lubbock counties; that part of Terry County that is north of a line 1.25 miles south of the Hockley County line from FM 303 east to Highway 385 and all land north and east of a line with boundaries of County Road 230, County Road 525 also known as Cemetery Road, and County Road 280 to the Lynn County line; that part of Lynn County north and east of a line 5 miles north of Hwy 380 following County Road 18 that extends from the Terry County line east for 10 miles, then turns south to Hwy 380, and runs east to the intersection of FM 212 before turning south to the Borden County line; that part of Crosby County that is above the Caprock Escarpment, that part of Garza County that is above the Caprock Escarpment; and that part of Dickens County that is above the Caprock Escarpment

Any cotton grower having planted cotton in the year 2019 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and, if he or she resides in the Southern High Plains Caprock Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton intended to be commercial cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm or from an indemnity or other payment received from or related to the planting, growing, or failure of the cotton. Any person eligible to vote in the board member election that resides in the Southern High Plains Caprock Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters. **The nomination form must be received by the Department at its office located in Austin by September 20, 2020 and must provide the legal residence of the applicant.** A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.

The board election will be held by mail-in-balloting. Ballots will be mailed to cotton growers September 25, 2020. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than **October 20, 2020** in order to be valid.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact Patrick Dudley with the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, call (512) 787-9966 or by e-mail at Patrick.Dudley@TexasAgriculture.gov.



Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
will be held

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020

9 a.m.

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Halftime tunes ... The Tahoka High School 3-D Band performed at halftime of the season opener at Plains Friday night, under the direction of longtime band director Carroll Rhodes and assistant Cristal Burse. This year's band is comprised of approximately 60 students, with the numbers down significantly from last year, partly due to some students choosing virtual learning options which do not allow participation in UIL events. According to directors, the band only lost six seniors to graduation, but lost 20 members because of virtual learning. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Four local city/school ballots in Nov. election

Along with the upcoming Nov. 3 General Election ballot, there are four local city council and school board elections that postponed their May 2020 elections to coincide with the Nov. 3 election. A Tahoka City Council election, City of O'Donnell election, and New Home and Wilson ISD board of trustee elections are scheduled to be held, with early voting to also coincide with the general election early voting period from Oct. 13 through Oct. 30.

The City of O'Donnell may have the option to cancel their election that was planned for Nov. 3, due to unopposed candidates. Mayor Kimberly Parker is unopposed in her bid for re-election, and originally there were five candidates who had filed for three seats on the city council. However, according to a city official last week, two of those candidates have withdrawn from the race (Jessie R. Perez and Joe Renteria Jr.), leaving three candidates unopposed for the three council seats, including Gustene Bairrington, Joseph Luera, and Trent Hancock. The City Council may consider canceling the election at their Sept. 14 meeting.

Early Voting for the Wilson ISD trustee election will be held at the Wilson ISD central office. Early Voting for the City of Tahoka and New Home ISD elections will be held at the Lynn County Courthouse, at the Lynn County Clerk's Office.

At Wilson ISD, there are three seats on the Board of Trustees up for election, including two three-year terms, and one two-year unexpired term. Four candidates are seeking the two three-year

LCHD proposes cut in tax rate

Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors is proposing a slightly lower tax rate of \$0.258253 per \$100 of property value for 2021, which is marginally lower than last year's tax rate of \$0.258800.

The proposed tax rate is about a penny lower than the "no-new-revenue" tax rate of \$0.263481, which is the rate that would collect the same amount of tax revenue from the same properties as last year according to information provided by the hospital district.

The tax rate proposal passed by a 7-0 unanimous vote of the LCHD Board of

Directors at their Aug. 27 board meeting. Directors include Edward Smith, Calloway Huffaker, Sharon Isham, Manuel DeLeon, Mary Gayle Raindl, Jana Bishop, and Connie Donald.

"We value the people of our community and we know that this is tough time for many right now, so we are glad to be able to propose a lower tax rate for 2021," said CEO Dr. Melanie Richburg.

A public meeting on the proposed tax rate will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 24 at the LCHD hospital meeting room, and then directors will vote to set the tax rate.



Big gain ... Jonathan Renteria (#11) catches a long pass for big yardage in Tahoka's season opener at Plains Friday night. Tahoka won 32-14, and will be on the road again this week at Seagraves. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Did you know?

- Drinking water and staying hydrated will help the fluids in your sinuses from becoming sticky, which causes more snoring.
- In feudal Japan, lords purposely built homes with squeaky floors as a defensive measure against ninjas.
- The word "peacock" does not actually apply to both the male and female birds. It's only the males that are called peacocks, while the females are called peahens. Together, the collective name for them is "peafowl".
- Bumblebees have hair on their eyes.
- The patterns on a giraffe are totally unique - no two giraffes are ever the same.
- Geomelophagia is someone who has the urge to eat raw potatoes.
- Drink green tea before bed to burn calories while sleeping. Green tea will also increase your metabolism.
- Allodophobia is the fear of opinions.
- The Earth is the only planet in our solar system not named after either a Greek or Roman God.
- Triton, one of Neptune's moons, is gradually getting closer to the planet it orbits.

A look back at ... Woodwork

ACCORDING to somebody's survey reported in daily newspapers recently, many wives say their dogs listen to them better than their husbands do. Probably a lot of women will say amen to that, and I really can't dispute it either.

On the other hand, I am reminded of something one of our daughters told me a few months ago. She heard of a sure way for a man to determine who loves him the most—his wife or his dog.

To find out, you lock your wife and your dog in the trunk of your car for an hour, then go let them out, and see which one is glad to see you.

THE GLUM GUY at Grassland says depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.

--from April 2010

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LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$.258253 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Lynn County Hospital District

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$.258253	per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$.263481	per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$.284852	per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Lynn County Hospital District from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Lynn County Hospital District may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Lynn County Hospital District is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON 09/24/2020 6pm at LCHD hospital meeting room

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Lynn County Hospital District is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the LCHD Board Members of Lynn County Hospital District at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (. \text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposed tax rate or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: Edward Smith, Calloway Huffaker, Sharon Isham, Manuel DeLeon, Mary Gayle Raindl, Jana Bishop, Connie Donald

AGAINST the proposal: _____

PRESENT and not voting: _____

ABSENT: _____

Wilson ISD Board sets \$1.32 property tax rate

The Wilson Independent School District Board of Trustees met in special session Aug. 25, approving the district's 2020-21 budget and setting a tax rate of \$1.32240 per \$100 of property value, which is a 26-cent increase from last year's tax rate of \$1.06.

The \$1.32 tax rate includes a Maintenance & Operating (M&O) tax rate of \$0.96300, which is actually a 10-cent decrease from last year's M&O rate of \$1.06. However, Wilson ISD voters approved a \$7.6 million bond last November, which created an Interest & Sinking Fund (I&S) tax rate of \$0.35940 to this year's tax rate, to repay bonded indebtedness.

The bond funds are being used for school improvements, including some new construction. New construction will

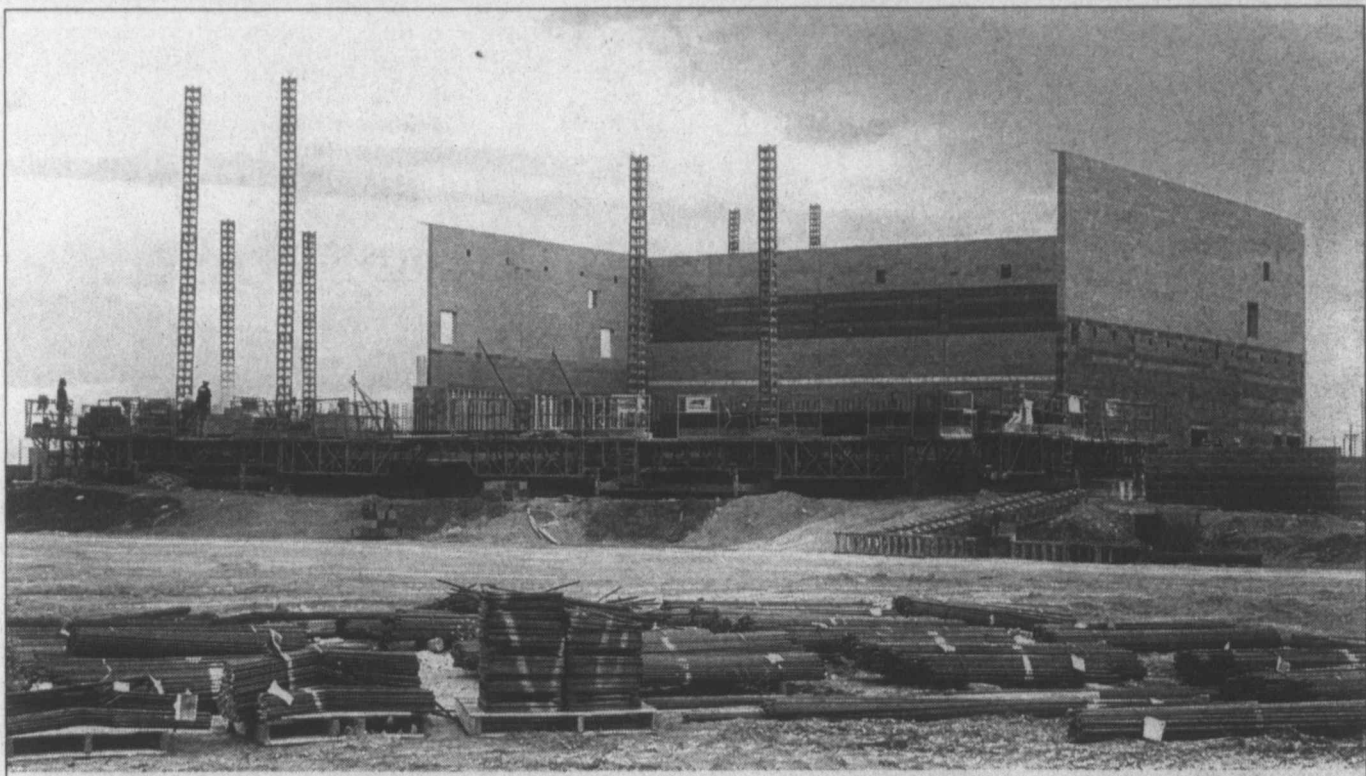
include a new ag facility, and the current school auditorium will be renovated into a new science facility. Other improvements include roofing, electrical, plumbing, installation of air conditioning for the gymnasium, security fencing, and additional security for entryways at school facilities.

Trustees also approved the 2020-21 budget of \$2,214,431.00.

Both the tax rate and budget were approved by unanimous vote of all seven trustees, according to information from school officials.

WISD Board of Trustees include Michael Viallreal (President), Desirea Earwood (Vice President)

Oscar Ortega Ortega (Secretary), Craig Wilke, JJ Pena, Brittanie Pickrell, and Pete Reimer.



It's a gymnasium ... Construction work continues this week at the North 5th Street site, with the building looking more like a gymnasium as three sides are up. Other work continues in the adjacent areas as well, where a new field house, baseball field, softball field, and football practice field are being built for Tahoka ISD. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Area News ...

News items from area newspapers

Spur Ranch Church making move to NRHC in Lubbock

BROWNFIELD - A special historic building will be moving from Brownfield around mid-September to the National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC) in Lubbock.

Spur Ranch Church (Good Shepherd Episcopal Church), located at 304 E. Lanny Ave. in Brownfield, is a one-room church built on Spur Ranch land in 1912, three years after the ranch platted land for the then-new settlement of Spur, Texas. Decades later, the church was relocated to Brownfield.

Now the NRHC will be able to add a frontier church to its 19-acre historic park. Donors have contributed more than \$100,000 to add the Spur Ranch Church as the 52nd structure in the historic park at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

- from the Brownfield News

Hospital again extends CEO contract; 100 people on hand for hospital board meeting

LAMESA - Letha Stokes got an extension as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Dawson County Hospital District with a re-vote by the district's board of directors last Thursday evening. Taking up the issue for the second time in about two months, board members voted 4-1 to extend Stokes' contract to January 2023.

With Stokes' contract and salary having become a major issue since board members extended it by a 5-0 vote in late June, around 100 people were hand for Thursday's regular hospital board meeting, and a group of 15-20 people were outside the hospital carrying protest signs before the meeting.

Due to COVID-19 distancing guidelines, only 10 seats were available to the public in the meeting room at Medical Arts Hospital. A speaker system allowed discussion inside the room to be heard by the rest of the crowd gathered in an adjacent hallway and the hospital's large lobby area.

Ten people addressed the board during a public comment period, which was held after an hour-and-a-half executive session for consultation with an attorney and a personnel discussion about Stokes. Most of the comments were urging board members not to extend Stokes' contract beyond its current term, but a trio of hospital administrators spoke in support of Stokes.

The hospital district's attorney, said he greatly disagrees with assertions that the board's action to renew Stokes' contract in June was illegal because of the wording on the agenda, but encouraged the board to put it back on the agenda for action again simply so that it would no longer be an issue.

Local attorney Carter Schildknecht and Nora Juarez Ortiz presented board members with signature pages to add to a petition presented last month asking the board to reconsider the contract extension granted Stokes in late June. Schildknecht said the additional petition pages included 937 signatures to add to the 721 previous signatures, for a total of 1,658 signatures.

The vote on Stokes' evaluation and contract extension did not come until the very end of the meeting, and was approved with a 4-1 vote. Casting the lone opposing vote was Mike Johnson, with Joe Cope, Kim Bairrington, Tyler Roberts and Lonny Ferguson in support.

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Did you know?

- "Finger Lickin' Good" had a bit of a mishap when translated to Chinese for their first KFC outlets in the country, the famous phrase became "eat your fingers off".
- Although many people think shaving causes the hair to grow back quicker, there is no scientific evidence for this.

Where are they now?

Where are Tahoka High School exes, and what are they doing now?

Share the good news about our Tahoka exes!

Send us a few sentences by Sept. 14 about any Tahoka ex, and tell us what year they graduated and where they are now, what job, etc., and we will publish in our Sept. 24 issue just prior to Tahoka's Homecoming. Share the good news!

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CITY OF TAHOKA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

This notice only applies only to a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit or municipality with a population of less than 30,000, regardless of whether it is a special taxing unit.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ 0.727030	per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$ 0.632729	per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$ 0.654874	per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$ 1.135376	per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Tahoka from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of Tahoka may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for City of Tahoka exceeds the voter-approval rate for City of Tahoka.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for City of Tahoka the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for City of Tahoka.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Tahoka is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 8, 2020 @ 5:30 PM at the Community Room, 1804 Avenue J.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If City of Tahoka adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the City of Tahoka may petition the City of Tahoka to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the City of Tahoka will be the voter-approval tax rate of the City of Tahoka.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: Ray D. Box, Ronny Jolly, Ryan Curry

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: John B. Baker

ABSENT: Shiloh Braddock

The 86th Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Tahoka last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Tahoka this year.

	2019	2020	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	2019 adopted tax rate \$0.747030	2020 proposed tax rate \$0.727030	-2.8%
Average homestead taxable value	2019 average taxable value of residence homestead \$56,869	2020 average taxable value of residence homestead \$63,993	+12.5%
Tax on average homestead	2019 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead \$424.83	2020 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead \$465.25	+9.5%
Total tax levy on all properties	2019 levy \$625,908	(2020 proposed rate x current total value)/100 \$708,671	+13.2%

(If the tax assessor for the taxing unit maintains an internet website)

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Tahoka at 806-561-5477 or lynnncad@poka.com or visit www.lynnncad.org for more information.

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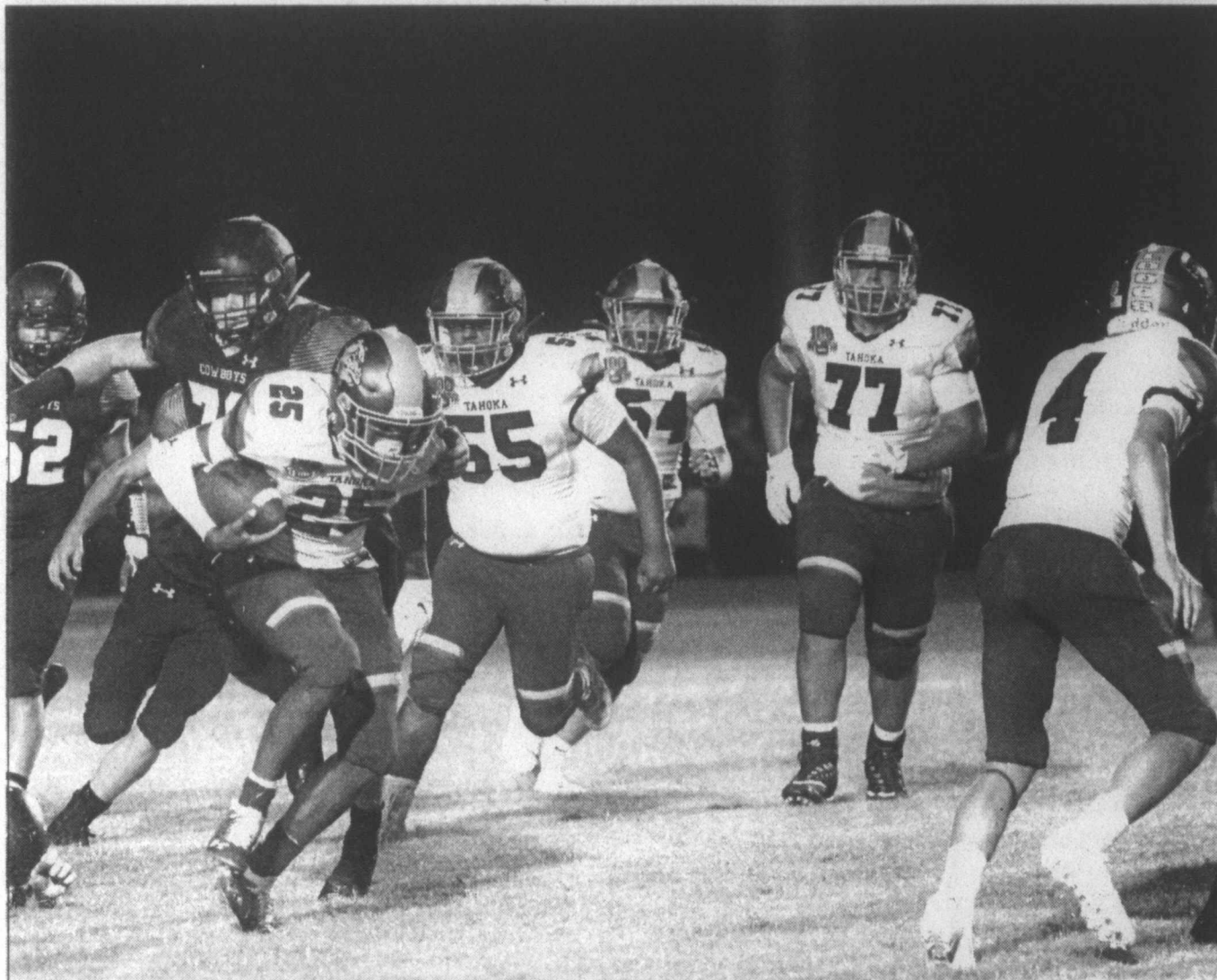
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Big Dog coming through ... Nathaniel Castillo (#25) breaks through the line for a Bulldog first down in Tahoka's season opener at Plains Friday night, with the Bulldogs taking a 32-14 win. Other Dogs here include Eric Camargo (55), Bryson Stone (54), Jon Dylan Rodriguez (77), and Hunter Garrison (4).

Bulldogs win season opener at Plains, on the road again Friday at Seagraves

The Tahoka Bulldogs won their season opener in Class 2A Division I action at Plains Friday night, with a roster that includes many new faces to this year's varsity squad. Tahoka won 32-14, and will be on the road again this Friday as they travel to Seagraves.

Plains scored first on a 1-yard run with a 2-point conversion to lead 8-0 in the first period, but Tahoka answered with a TD early in the second quarter on a pass interception by Ezequiel Luna, with Paxtyn Gwin adding the PAT. The Dogs scored another TD two minutes later on a 4-yard run by Hunter Garrison, a sophomore running back. Just before the half, Plains added another TD with a 29-yard pass completion, but a 2-point conversion attempt was no good. Tahoka trailed 13-14 at the half.

The Bulldog defense held the Cowboys scoreless in the second half, while Tahoka added three more touchdowns. Nathaniel Castillo ran for a 67-yard TD early in the third quarter, with a 2-point conversion attempt by Garrison no good. The Bulldogs scored two touchdowns in the final period, both on runs by Castillo, one for 15-yards, and one for 79-yards with just over two minutes left in the game. Gwin made good on one of two PAT attempts.

"I felt like we played really well after we settled in after

that first drive," said Head Coach Stephen Overstreet.

"Obviously several of our players had bright eyes and got to experience a memory of a lifetime for the first time on the varsity field, but once they settled in they played awesome. Zeke Luna did a heck of a job on the defensive side of the ball with two big picks. He really spurred us and got us rolling. Nate Castillo did an excellent job running the ball and our young O-Line held up really well," added Overstreet.

Tahoka had 370 yards on offense, including 68 yards passing and 302 rushing. Plains had 308 total offensive yards, with 154 yards passing and 154 rushing. Plains had four turnovers, while the Dogs had none.

"We saw lots of bright spots and obviously areas to improve on. We hit the road again this week to take on Seagraves - again a team we match up well with. Hope to see everyone in Seagraves Friday night as we take on the Eagles," said Coach Overstreet.



Football Trivia

1. What three NFL teams had lost four Super Bowls each, through 1996?
2. What former Chicago Bears star was known as "the Enforcer," "the Animal" and "Paddles"?
3. What were NFL players required to wear in games for the first time in 1943?
4. How many teams graced the NFL after the AFL officially joined the fold in 1970?

Answers:

1. Buffalo Bills, Denver Broncos, Minnesota Vikings.
2. Dick Butkus
3. Helmets
4. Twenty-six



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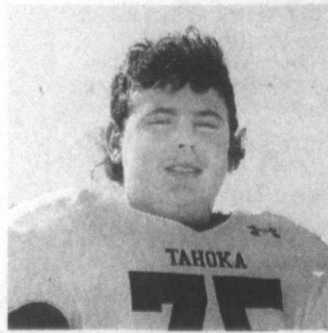
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Sept. 11	Roosevelt	Here	7:00
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Sept. 25	Ropes (H)	Here	7:00
Oct. 2	OPEN	Here	7:00
Oct. 9	Floydada*	There	7:00
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Nov. 6	Post*	Here	7:00

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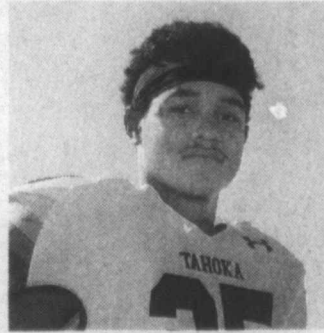
MEET THE BULLDOGS:



#55 Eric Camargo
 Favorite Pastime: Riding dirt bikes
 Favorite Movie: "Longest Yard"
 Favorite line from movie: "If it's good for you, it's good for me."
 Who would you like to have dinner with? Mark Walburg
 Where is the favorite place you have traveled? Florida



#75 Brock Case
 Nickname: Brocko Taco
 Favorite Pastime: Go Karts
 Favorite Quote: "The best way to predict the future is to create it"
 Favorite Movie: "The Fast & Furious"
 Who would you like to have dinner with? Patrick Mahomes



#25 Nathaniel Castillo
 Nickname: Nate
 Favorite Movie: "Radio"
 Favorite line from a Movie: "Do or do not... there is no try" - Yoda Star Wars
 Where is the favorite place you have traveled? Colorado
 Who would you like to have dinner with? Jesus

GAME TICKET REMINDER!

All Tahoka HOME and AWAY game tickets must be purchased in advance each week at the Tahoka ISD Business Office, 2129 N. Main. No tickets will be available at the gate.