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Are you ready for some **FOOTBALL**



Football season opens Friday for county schools

Crosbyton at Tahoka

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at 561-5566

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Questions/comments on city issues welcome

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug. 19	96	69	
Aug. 20	95	71	
Aug. 21	91	68	
Aug. 22	96	68	
Aug. 23	96	70	
Aug. 24	96	70	
Aug. 25	95	66	
Precipitation for Aug:			1.06"
Precipitation for July:			3.46"
Precipitation for June:			2.03"
Precipitation for May:			1.39"
Total Precipitation Apr:			0.91"
Total Precipitation Mar:			0.35"
Total Precipitation Feb:			0.64"
Total Precipitation Jan:			0.03"
Total Precipitation To Date:			9.87"

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New traffic, criminal laws set to go into effect Sept. 1:

New seatbelt laws affect all vehicle passengers

The Texas Department of Public Safety released information this week about new traffic and criminal laws that go into effect on Sept. 1. Following is information about a portion of the new laws passed, including new seatbelt laws requiring everyone in the vehicle to buckle up (front seat and back seat), new requirements about



Buckle up in backseat

child passenger safety seats, and new laws prohibiting use of cell phones in school zones. HB 2730 is the DPS's Sunset Legislation, and many of the DPS-related bills this session were included in HB 2730.

Seatbelts

HB 537 requires all occupants of a vehicle, no matter their age, to be secured by a safety belt, no matter where they are seated in the vehicle; changes the definition of a passenger vehicle to include a passenger van designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers including the driver; removes the current exemption for third-party Medicaid transportation provisions regarding the use of child passenger safety seats; and prohibits a motorcycle operator from carrying a passenger

under the age of 5 unless the child is seated in a sidecar attached to the motorcycle.

Lynn County DPS Officer Quinton Kingham told *The News* that DPS officers will begin issuing warnings when the new seatbelt law goes into effect, to remind Texas drivers and passengers that there is a new law requiring all passengers to buckle up, regardless of where they are seated in a vehicle, but that tickets for this offense cannot be issued until June 1, 2010.

"There is a usually a 90-day grace period for enforcing new laws, but this new seatbelt law is a big change for Texas, so we will be issuing warnings for a longer period of time. Tickets for violating this new law will not be issued until June 1, 2010," said Kingham.

Kingham also explained that while drivers of licensed farm vehicles are exempt from wearing seatbelts while conducting farm-related business, any passengers in their vehicle are not exempt and must wear a seatbelt.

The same grace period (until June 2010) will be extended for an amendment to an existing statute about child passenger safety seats that will require any child younger than 8 years old and shorter than 4'9" tall to be in an approved child passenger safety seat.

"Not only parents, but grandparents or caregivers who may be picking up children in this category must be aware of this new law requiring child passenger safety seats for children under 8 who don't meet the height requirement," said Kingham.

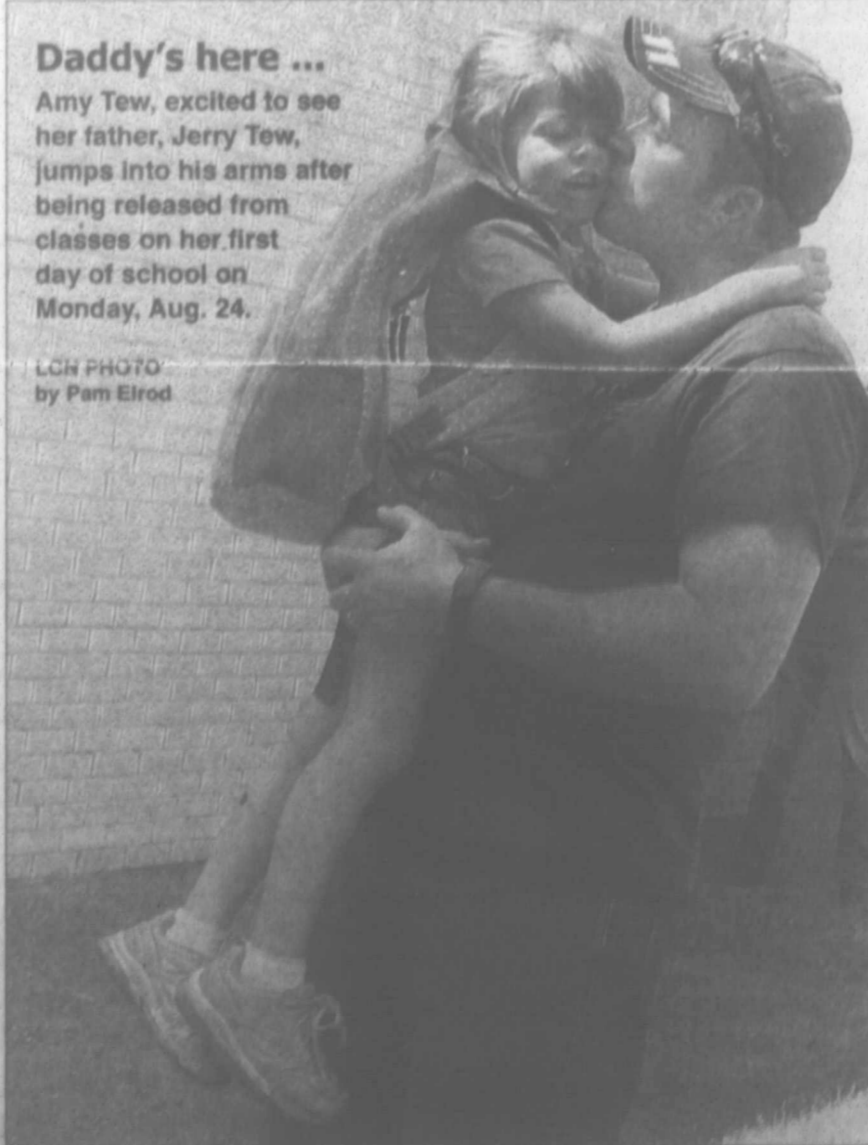
SB 61 amends the existing statute regarding child passenger safety seats that requires any child younger than 8 years of age be restrained in an approved child passenger safety seat unless the child is at least 4 feet, 9 inches in height. The fine is no more

(See New Traffic Laws, page 5)

Don't talk on cell phones in school zones

"If it is a posted school zone, DPS officers can give tickets to drivers of any age using a cell phone (unless it is a hands-free device) if they are using the phone while driving inside a posted school zone." (see story continued inside)

-- DPS Officer Quinton Kingham, Lynn County



Daddy's here ...

Amy Tew, excited to see her father, Jerry Tew, jumps into his arms after being released from classes on her first day of school on Monday, Aug. 24.

LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod



Guardrail wins ... Both doors on the driver's side of this Jeep vehicle were torn off when the driver, a resident of Chihuahua, Mexico, sideswiped a guardrail at the south Tahoka overpass of U.S. 87 and S. Loop 472 Monday afternoon. The driver suffered injuries sufficient to send him to the hospital, but a woman passenger in the vehicle was not injured. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

Traffic accident injures resident of Mexico

A man who told officers he was a resident of Chihuahua, Mexico, was injured Monday afternoon when the Jeep vehicle he was driving sideswiped a guardrail at the south Tahoka overpass of U.S. 87 and S. Loop 472.

The collision ripped the driver's side doors off, witnesses said. A woman passenger in the vehicle was not injured, but the man was taken by EMS ambulance to Lynn County Hospital, where he was treated for undetermined injuries and later transferred to a Lubbock hospital. A state trooper who investigated the accident was not immediately available to give any further details of the accident.

Tahoka Police this week took a report from Justin Johnson of Lubbock, who said he was wiring a house under construction on Lockwood St. in

Tahoka, and that someone had entered the house in the last 10 days and stole about 470 feet of electrical wiring which already had been installed. No estimate of the value of the wire was given.

Lynn County jail held 41 inmates early this week, including nine for Lubbock and three for Gaines County. Two of the seven latest arrests were for immigration authorities and on charges of failure to identify giving false information. Two others were held for application to revoke probations, one on conviction of possession of methamphetamine and the other for evading arrest. Others were held on child support charges, possession of marijuana and resisting arrest and possessing fraudulent identification information.

woodwork
by dalton



MY COMPUTER has some screen savers with pictures which start showing for several seconds and then it goes to the next picture, whenever nothing is being done on the computer for several minutes. Like when I sit staring at it in a semi-catatonic state for awhile when trying to come up with a new column.

The pictures which scroll across the screen on those occasions are mostly beautiful scenery, like rivers, trees, the Grand Canyon, waterfalls and so forth. None of the pictures of scenes were taken in Lynn County, although there is one picture of our two dogs made when they were pups. (Puppies are cuter than grown dogs, just like babies are cuter than grownups).

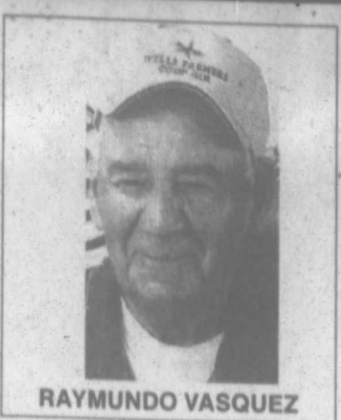
One nice picture among the screen savers shows Butchart Gardens on Vancouver Island near Victoria, BC. We actually have been there, years ago, and the place is neat to see with all those beautiful flowers. Don't ask me what any of the flowers are, because I don't know one flower from another. (Sort of like the redneck who said his favorite flower was Gold Medal, in a 2-pound sack).

Another of the photos actually was made in West Texas. It's a picture of a tornado near an oil well location, shot a couple of years ago south of here, Midland or Odessa, or maybe Big Spring.

It's a scary picture of a huge funnel on the ground. I put it on the screen savers to remind me not to get too windy.

KNOTHOLES in the Woodwork: I don't know anybody over 12 years old who doesn't have a cell phone. I did hear of one guy who couldn't afford one, but didn't want everybody to know, so he just clipped his garage door opener to his belt when he went out in public ... There's a computer site called 'You Tube' where you can look at videos, and the other day I checked out a recommended one about a cat which played the piano. The cat really did climb up and use its front paws to hit the keys, but the tune left much to be desired (okay, maybe it was rap). The cat would hit a few notes, then stop, then hit some more. The music had lots of pauses in it.

OBITUARIES



RAYMUNDO VASQUEZ

Raymundo Vasquez

Rosary for Raymundo Vasquez, 76, of Tahoka was held at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, and Sunday, Aug. 23 at White Memorial Chapel in Tahoka. Mass services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, Aug. 24 at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka with Father Eduardo Teo officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of White Funeral Home in Tahoka.

Vasquez died on August 20, 2009.

He was born in Karnes City, Texas on April 13, 1933 to Joe and Dulcinea Vasquez. He retired from the First National Bank of Tahoka in 1994 as a janitor and then worked for the United States Postal Service as a part-time janitor. He was a lifelong resident of Tahoka. He married Arcilia Montemayor on September 5, 1955 in Lynn

County; she preceded him in death on January 17, 2006. He was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka.

He was preceded in death by his wife, one son, Jessie Vasquez in 1988; one daughter, Carmen Luna in 2003, and two sisters, Juanita Cantu and Adelina Molina.

Survivors include two daughters, Beatrice Gonzalez and husband Victor, and Pat Calvillo and husband Felix, all of Tahoka; one son, Luis Vasquez of Tahoka; one son-in-law, Alvaro Luna of Wichita Falls; two brothers, Natividad Vasquez of Goodland, KS and Juan Molina of Albuquerque, NM; two sisters, Maria Gutierrez and Virginia Lara, both of Tahoka; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Anna Louise McBride

Services for Anna Louise McBride, 76, of Lubbock were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 19 in the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel in Post with Rev. Grady Shytles officiating. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery in Post.

She died Tuesday, August 18, 2009 in Lubbock. She was born November 30, 1932 in Twitty, to Christopher Columbus and Elaine (Westmorland) Winters. She married James V. McBride on January 10, 1957 in Portales, NM. He preceded her in death on July 28, 2003. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Mary Alberta Fry, in January 1996.

She was a hairdresser in Lubbock for many years.

Survivors include one daughter, Tina Sims of Post; one son, Curtis McBride of Lubbock, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Palbearers were Tye Williamson, David James Sims, Christopher Sims, Gary Butler, Terry Vincent, Tommy Joe Fisher, and Bruce Ford.

Bulldogs to open season here Friday

With most of the size and experience of returnees from last season located in the line and in the linebacking corps, the 2009 edition of Tahoka varsity football team will open its season at home Friday night against the Crosbyton Chiefs.

New head coach John Cornelius said four of the nine returning starters from last year are linemen, and that he is counting on the bigger and more seasoned linemen to help both with the offense and defense until his younger players on offense get things going.

Neiko Garcia is expected to quarterback the veer option offense, and running backs will include Jac Calvillo, Ridge Hall and Kyrin Lawson.

Cornelius said the linebackers, including Calvillo, Hall, Jamie Bingham and Seth Hawthorne, should be a strong asset.



THS Coaching Staff ... Leading the Tahoka Bulldogs football program this year are, from left, AD/Head Coach John Cornelius, James Garrett, Brandon Lee, Dustin Fought, Jordan Criswell, Troy Hinds, and Manager D.J. Tillman, and in front, Manager Dane Rivas, and Coach Joe Martinez. Tahoka is hosting Crosbyton in the season opener this Friday, with kickoff at 7:30 p.m. at Kelley Field. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)



Wait here ... Teaching assistant Gloria DeLeon has the Kindergarten students line up before they are released to family members after the first day of school. As a safety precaution, students must show teachers and assistants the designated person who is picking them up after school. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

ATTENTION ALL LYNN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

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Blood drive set here Aug. 31

Mix 100 and United Blood Services (UBS) invite all donors to be part of the Labor of Love Blood Drive on August 31 thru Sept. 5. Participants can donate every day in the blood draw center at 48th and University in Lubbock.

UBS will be in Tahoka Monday, Aug. 31, at the Life Enrichment Center from 2-7 p.m. Each donor will receive a 13th Annual Labor of Love t-shirt, and will be registered to win a \$500 shopping spree.

Care TO BE Aware. HEALTH NEWS FROM LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT by Julia Allen

Swine Flu

We have been hearing a lot about the H1N1 swine flu lately. The CDC has recently released some guidelines for helping prevent the spread of this flu. Here are some of the highlights from those new recommendations.

Recommendations for Students: The key guideline is for students with flu-like illness to avoid other people until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or more, or signs of fever, without use of fever-reducing medicines. That means not going to classes, not going out to meals, not socializing in person, and avoiding close contact such as kissing, sharing eating or drinking utensils, or having other contact that would make it easy for the HINI virus to spread.

For college students CDC recommends that if they have roommates, the sick person should stay at least 6 feet away from people they live with and wear a surgical mask if close contact can't be avoided, and that shared bathrooms be avoided or cleaned frequently. To make that easier, the CDC suggests enlisting a friend to help out as a swine flu "buddy" who can bring in food, class notes, and other necessities.

Donors must be 16 years of age and in good health.

Wilson SCHOOL MENU

August 31- September 4 BREAKFAST. Monday: Blueberry Muffin Tuesday: Cinnamon Roll Wednesday: Burrito

New Home SCHOOL MENU

August 31- September 4 BREAKFAST. Monday: Assorted Muffins Tuesday: Pancake Pup Wednesday: Cinnamon French toast

Wilson LUNCH

Monday: Chicken fajitas, flour tortillas, corn, fruit, chocolate pudding. Tuesday: Pig in a blanket, pinto beans, baked beans, pineapple orange salad. Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, strawberry shortcake. Thursday: Meat & bean chulupas, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, applesauce. Friday: Sub sandwiches, trimming, baby carrots w/ ranch, brownie

Look Who's 30! WE LOVE YOU -- Lauren, McKinley Mom, Dad, Jordan Ian, J'Lynn and Conley Gram and Pop

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Commissioners 2009-10 budget County Commission Monday morning at 9:45 a.m., following hearings held in the room, one for hearings on a pro-recession (even though being considered, the tax rate is a tax increase bearing in more funds effective tax rate), and public comments nation of reinstatement for tax abatement few people attendants, and some made the reinvestment gular meeting that mmissioners approved budget of n anticipated extend \$4,132,644 in revenue, which get in the black by g fee on civil cases irt was approved, bills were paid, rs discussed vassues for the em-book but took no ting that the issue nsidered again at ting after gaining ation. A burn ban on the agenda for but commission-ike any action on untly Judge H.G. aided at the meet-ur commissioners ding Mike Brad-Blair, Keith Wiedmonds.

STORK REPORT

De Fuentes Beckham and Bryan tahoka, announce their daughter, Zoeyes, born on Sunday, 2009 at UMC in weighed 7 lbs and was 20-1/2 inches a big sister, Alex-

Ant Grove MENU

rove kitchen will ch and dinner on nning next week, y, from 11:00- is their usual Saturday' times, open enu: Fried chick-f, chicken fried squash, candied potatoes, green

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Get To Know Your BULLDOGS:

#1 - JOELL LOWDERMILK

Favorite food: quesadillas • Favorite movie: *Gone with the Wind* • Favorite pastime: sleeping • Favorite place you've traveled: San Antonio • Nickname: Pedro • What would you do with a million dollars? Buy nice cars • Favorite college team: Texas Tech • Favorite NFL team: Dallas Cowboys • Favorite NFL player: Roy Williams • Who would you like to have dinner with? Jessica Simpson

#2 - JASON NEWDIGER

Favorite food: Mexican • Favorite movie: *Superbad* • Favorite pastime: sleeping • Favorite video game: Call of Duty 4 • Favorite place you've traveled: New York • Hidden talent: getting chicks • Nickname: Digger • What would you do with a million dollars? Spend it in a heartbeat • Favorite college team: Texas Tech • Favorite college football player: Barron Batch • Favorite NFL team & player: Dallas Cowboys / Marion Barber • Who would you like to have dinner with? Halle Barry

#4 - KYRON LAWSON

Favorite food: Soul food • Favorite movie: *Friday* • Favorite pastime: music • Favorite video game: Madden • Favorite place you've traveled: Fort Worth • Favorite line from movie: "Sometimes you win some, sometimes you lose some; but you live to fight another day!" • What would you do with a million dollars? Give 10% to God and help my family. Invest in a family barber-shop. • Favorite college football player & team: Barron Batch, Texas Tech • Favorite NFL player & team: Adrian Peterson, Minnesota Vikings • Who would you like to have dinner with? Beyoncé

Tahoka vs Crosbyton

Friday, Aug. 28th • HERE at 7:30 p.m.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Lubbock Home School at Wilson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	El Paso Franklin at Lubbock Coronado	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Sundown at Post	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Denver City at Lamesa	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brownfield at Shallowater	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Seminole at Idalou	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	TIEBREAKER (PICK SCORE)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cedar Hill at DeSoto	<input type="checkbox"/>

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New traffic laws...

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than \$25 for a first offense and \$250 for a second offense. The law also creates a new court cost for conviction of an offense under this section to be collected and used by TxDOT to buy safety seats for low income families. The law becomes effective on Sept. 1, 2009, but tickets for this offense cannot be issued until June 1, 2010. Police officers are allowed to issue a warning before that date.

Call phones while driving in school zones
HB 55 makes it illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used. Cities or counties wanting to enforce this law must post a sign at the beginning of each school zone to inform drivers that using a wireless communication device is prohibited and the operator is subject to a fine. It is a defense to prosecution if the operator was making an emergency call.

There is some confusion about whether local, county or state law enforcement will enforce this new cell phone law. DPS officer Kingham told *The News* that while there must be signage posted for city and county law enforcement officers to enforce the new law, that state DPS officers may enforce the law regardless of whether new signage is posted.

"If it is a posted school zone, DPS officers can give tickets to drivers of any age using a cell phone (unless it is a hands-free device) if they are using the phone while driving inside a posted school zone," said Kingham. "It is our understanding that city and county law officers may not enforce this law unless the city or county posts signs within the school zone stating that using a wireless communication device is prohibited," he explained.

Tahoka City Administrator Jerry Webster said the signage issue has not yet been discussed with the city council, as to whether the city will post signs in local school zones. Tahoka Police Chief Doyle Lee told *The News*, however, that he would prefer to enforce the new law and will ask city officials to consider posting the signs, which



Win this big-screen TV ... Kent Elliott, owner of Fenton Insurance Co. in Tahoka, is sponsoring the grand prize giveaway of a big-screen TV in The Lynn County News' annual football contest. All entries in the contest, whether a weekly contest winner or not, are entered in the grand prize drawing at the end of football season. This year Elliott is giving away a new JVC 32-inch flat screen HDTV with built-in DVD player. (LCN PHOTO)

would allow city law enforcement officers to enforce the cell phone law in school zones in Tahoka.

The same requirements will be considered in other school zones in the county, in O'Donnell, New Home and Wilson, but even if city officials choose not to post signs prohibiting cell phone usage in school zones, DPS officers can still enforce the new law.

Other Driving Laws
HB 2730 increases the penalties for driving while intoxicated with a child passenger by adding an automatic driver license suspension period for first-time offenders and an increased suspension period for repeat offenders. The driver license reinstatement fee for completing an education program will rise from \$50 to \$100. Closes a loophole so a person who commits an offense as a minor cannot circumvent the driver license penalty if the person turns 21 before their court date.

Vehicle inspection
SB 589 requires that a vehicle equipment safety compliance label be placed on a windshield, side or rear window stating that the window tinting complies with the appropriate provisions of the Transportation Code. Failing to place

the required label on the vehicle could lead to a \$1,000 fine.

"For those who get their windows tinted after this law is passed, the company who provides the tinting should place a sticker with their name on it on the window," said DPS Officer Kingham. "For those who already have window tinting, annual testing of the legality of the tinting should be conducted by those inspecting vehicles for their annual state inspection sticker. If the tinting is not legal, they should not be issued a valid inspection sticker - if it is legal, then the valid inspection sticker should be proof of that," added Kingham. DPS officers, however, may test any vehicle that has window tinting that looks darker than allowed by law.

Driver license

HB 2730 requires that all applicants under the age of 18 take the driving skills exam to receive a driver license. The law also requires that a provisional driver license (under 18) or instruction permit expire on an individual's 18th birthday, removes the requirement that a provisional driver license or instruction permit be renewed annually and increases the fee for those licenses from \$5 to \$15. It also extends the current phase-two restrictions for holders of a graduated driver license from 6 months to 1 year. These restrictions include limited night driving, prohibited use of wireless communication devices and a limited number of passengers.

Reading Logs due at City-County Library

Summer is winding down and kids are back in school; that means the City-County Library's annual summer reading program is coming to an end. Children who participated in the four week program are reminded that their reading logs are due back at the library by Monday, Aug. 31.

"We had a very successful program this year, with 250 participants" said library director Claudia Guin. "If you've been reading this summer and have maintained your reading log, please get it turned in by Monday. We have lots of prizes left to give away."

For more information call the library at 561-4050.



THS grad earns degree ... Kammie Williams, a 2003 graduate of Tahoka High School, received her Bachelors Degree in Social Work on August 15, 2009 from Prairie View A&M University. She plans to attend the University of Houston to earn her Master's degree. She is the daughter of Jerry and Mary Williams of Fort Worth and Jimmy and Wanda Wilson of Tahoka. She is the granddaughter of Ollie Brown of Tahoka.

Crime

HB 558 allows minors to be charged with public intoxication.

SB 554 makes it illegal to own or possess dog-fighting equipment and establishes that such equipment and property where dogs are found to be engaged in dog fighting is contraband and is subject to forfeiture. The law also makes dog-fighting subject to the elevated penalties authorized in the Texas Penal Code, Section 71.02(a), in an effort to deter organized criminal activity.

Enter the Lynn County News Football Contest for a chance to win a big-screen TV! See page 4

YOUTH FOOTBALL SIGN-UPS

6:00 p.m. MONDAY, August 31st at the Life Enrichment Center

COST:
1st-2nd Grades - Flag Football, \$45 each
3rd-6th Grades - Tackle Football, \$75 each (INCLUDES EQUIPMENT)

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10 2 BEEF & BEAN BURRITOS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.69



08/20/2009

Xcel generosity ... Steve Deaton (left), representing Xcel Energy, presents a \$750 donation to Tahoka Fire Chief Steve Sanders for the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department. Xcel also donated \$500 this week to the Lynn County Historical Commission for use in their programs. The Historical Commission takes an active role in preserving the history of Lynn County, including promoting the restoration project of the Lynn County Courthouse.

National Cowboy Symposium set in September

The twenty-first National Cowboy Symposium & Celebration will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Sept. 10-13. The NCSC schedule includes headline musical entertainers The Flying J Wranglers, R.W.Hampton, The Gillette Brothers and Johnny Western, and Annie and Amy Smith.

The event starts Thursday evening Sept. 10 with the 2009 American Cowboy Culture Awards presented by The American Cowboy Culture Association, Inc. Tickets are \$25 per plate.

On Friday and Saturday, Sept. 11-12, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., there will be Exhibits and Sale of Western Items in the Exhibit Hall and Pedestrian Mall inside the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

During the Symposium, the headliners will be joined by many other performers, poetry and storytelling, western writers/authors panels, film and movie seminars, horse handling demonstrations, a parade, a full blown Indian Pow-Wow, chuck wagon cook-off, and exhibits of western artworks and merchandise.

The show is open to the public Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane (6th Street), Lubbock. Additional information on exhibiting, or tickets may be obtained from the show office at (806)798-7825, email at cowboy.symposium@suddenlink.net or the website at http://www.cowboy.org.



Eagle scrimmage ... The O'Donnell Eagles scrimmaged against the Garden City Bearcats on Friday, August 21. The Eagles will face Loop, Friday, at 7:30 p.m. in Loop for their first game of the season. (LCN.PHOTO by Vondell Elliott)

Tahoka ISD Board approves tax rate, budget for 2009-10

The Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, Aug. 24. The first order of business was to hold a public meeting on the proposed 2009-10 budget and tax rate. The proposed operating budget was \$5.8 million and the proposed tax rate per \$100 value was \$1.04, the maximum the district can levy without triggering a roll-back election. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information to interested taxpayers about the proposed budget and tax rate and give the public an opportunity to ask questions or provide input.

School officials explained that the proposed operating budget reflects a slight decrease in expenditures over last year's budget. However, school officials estimate that revenue from state foundation funds and local property taxes will still fall short of funding the proposed budget by approximately a quarter of a million dollars. The district's goal is to commit to a conservative spending approach and hopefully avoid dipping into its reserve funds during the 2009-10 school year.

However, on a positive note, the school district does qualify for an estimated \$500,000 in federal stimulus dollars during the upcoming school year. Although there are specific guidelines as to how the stimulus money may be spent, it is hoped that some of those funds can be used to offset budgeted expenditures and, therefore, possibly aid in balancing the budget.

Following the Budget and Tax Rate Hearing, the Board took action to approve the proposed budget and also approved an ordinance setting the tax rate at \$1.04 for the 2009-10 fiscal year, the same rate as last year.

In other action, the Board accepted two quote proposals, one from Walker and Solomon Agency for property, casualty, and fleet insurance and the other from Thriftway Grocery for milk. The teacher appraisal calendar was approved.

A school board policy revision was also approved which gives directives in regard to kindergarten promotion and retention. In prior policy there were clear directives for all elementary grades except kindergarten.

The Board also took official action to employ Kelly Fillingim, the last of 17 new staff members joining the school district this year. She will be teaching third grade. To assure that the school district is in compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, which initiated the third and final 70-cent increase to the minimum wage on July 24, it was necessary for the Board to increase non-certified substitute teacher pay. The daily rate of pay was set at \$60 for non-certified substitutes and \$70 for certified substitutes.

HB 3646, passed by the 81st Legislature and signed into law by the governor this summer, mandated a teacher pay raise for teachers. Due to the fact that teachers will receive a state mandated pay raise and the fact that non-instructional employees of the school district have not had a pay raise in several years, the Board approved a pay raise for all non-instructional employees of 2.63%, the average percentage equal to the teacher pay raise.

The Board reviewed input received from the staff and community regarding a profile of desired characteristics to consider during the selection process of a new superintendent for the school district, and agreed to schedule another town hall meeting in order to give community members another opportunity to give input to the Board. That meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 6:00 p.m. at the

Tahoka Housing Authority located at 1400 Avenue K. The Board also discussed the timeline for completing the search for a new Superintendent.

Interim Supt. Gary Harrell shared information with the Board about the possibility of Wind Tex Energy Company installing wind generators in the school district and the financial advantages the District might gain from entering into a tax abatement agreement with a wind energy company.

The Superintendent also gave a first-day enrollment report for the district. Currently, there are 603 students enrolled in the school district, up 19 students from the last day of school in May. It is also anticipated that several more students will enroll over the next few days.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 7:00 p.m.

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The residence of the Independent Executor is in Lubbock County, Texas and the post office address is:

CAROL GLEN FRENCH
2670 CR 8
Wilson, Texas 79381

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them to the above named Independent Executor of the Estate of Joan Hardwick French within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 17th day of August, 2009.

CAROL GLEN FRENCH
Independent Executor
/s/ Craig Brummett
Attorney for the Estate.

Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The COUNTY OF LYNN conducted public hearings on 8/24/2009 and 8/28/2009 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the County of Lynn from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 4.400000 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of .879310 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$2,569,335.49.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 0.861100 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,660,867.56.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 0.861100 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,682,687.57.

The County of Lynn is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 in the LYNN COUNTY BASEMENT COURT ROOM at 9:00 A.M.

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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It is the policy of TISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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TISD will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Mr. Gary Harrell, at P.O. Box 1230, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 561-4105 and the Section 504 Coordinator, Mr. Gary Harrell, P.O. Box 1230, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 561-4105.

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TISD tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todas los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para informacion sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuniquese con el Coordinador del Titulo IX, Mr. Gary Harrell, P.O. Box 1230, Tahoka, TX. 79373, (806) 561-4105 o el Coordinador de la Seccion 504, Senior, P.O. Box 1230, Tahoka, TX. 79373, (806) 561-4105.

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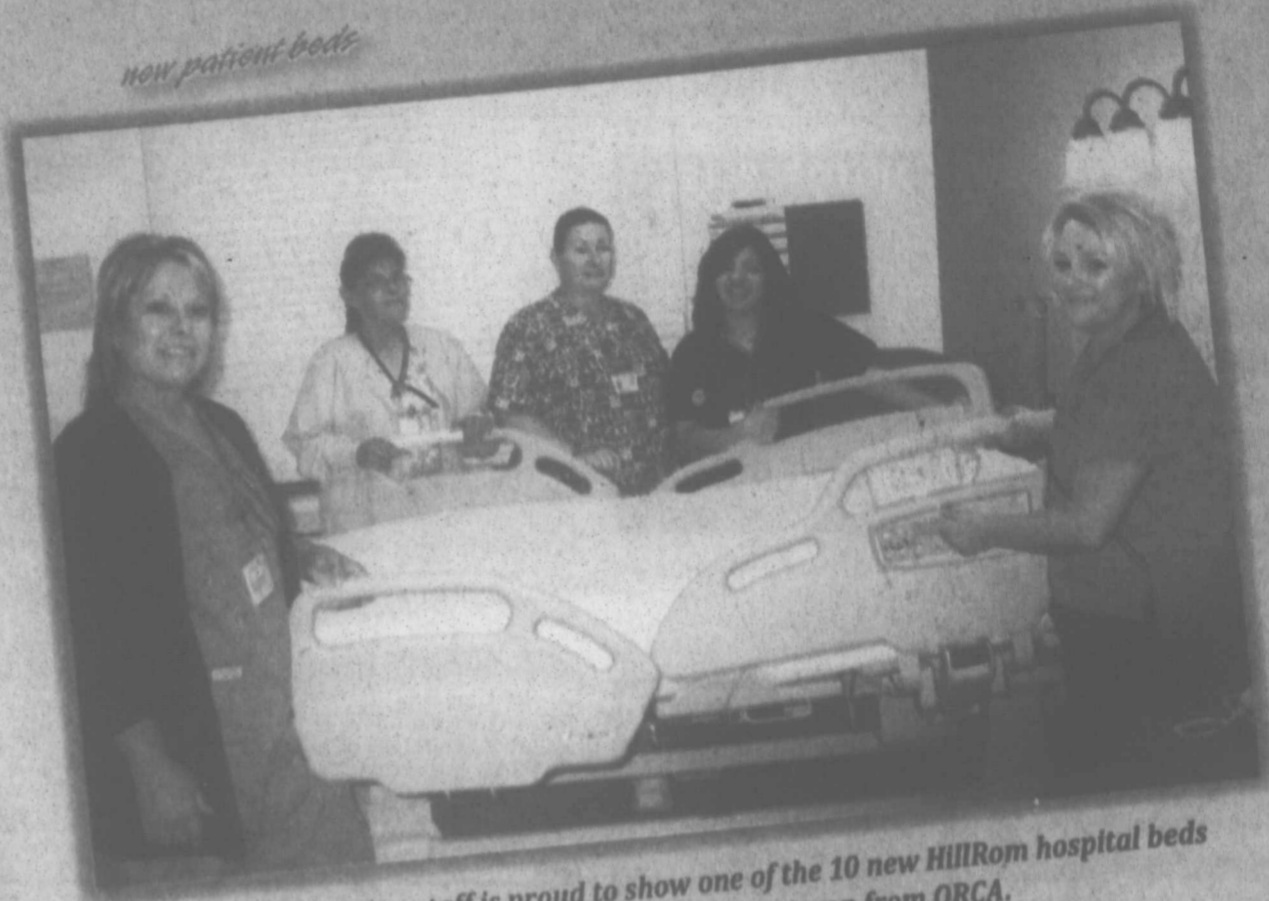
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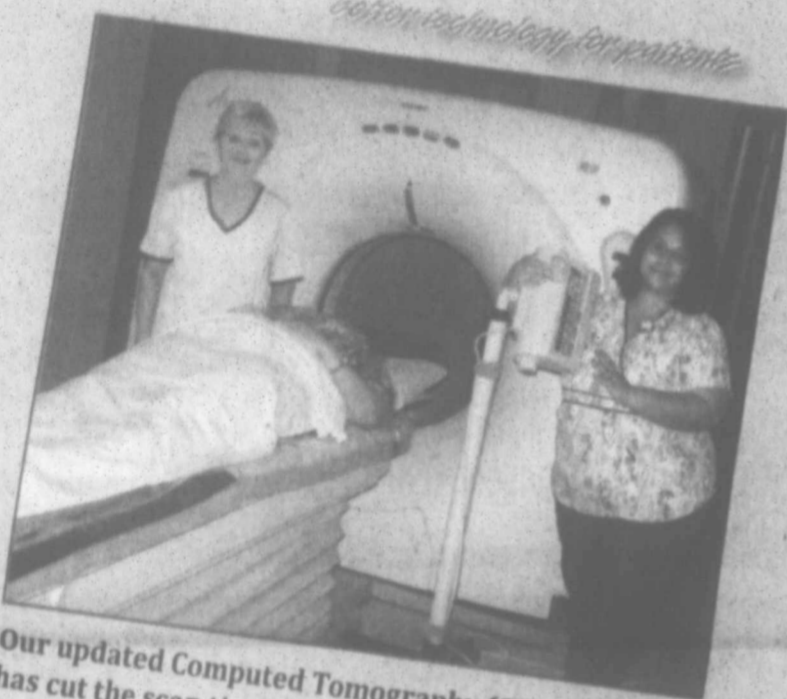
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