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## FOOTBALL

### FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES

Tahoka at Denver City  
Sands at Wilson  
New Home at Dawson  
Lorenzo at O'Donnell

The Lynn County News will be **CLOSED** Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day

News/Advertising Deadline will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8 instead of the usual noon deadline

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug. 26	95	64	
Aug. 27	90	64	0.01"
Aug. 28	88	65	
Aug. 29	89	63	
Aug. 30	84	63	
Aug. 31	85	63	
Sept. 1	91	62	
Precipitation for Aug:			1.09"
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"
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**Leading the Tahoka offense ... Neiko Garcia (5) led the Tahoka offense in both scoring and rushing yardage against Crosbyton last Friday. Here he hangs onto the ball while two Crosbyton players, including Christian Salinas (20) hang onto him. No. 77 is Tahoka lineman Troy Alvarado. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)**

## Bulldogs lose to Chiefs, but put up good fight

The Tahoka Bulldogs put up a respectable number of points but were unable to overcome a second-quarter lapse as Crosbyton outscored Tahoka in the opening football game of the season here last Friday, 39-22.

New head coach John Cornelius this week will take his team to Denver City, to face a Class AA team which opened its season last week with a 21-0 win over Class AAA Lamesa.

Tahoka fell behind in the first period here Friday when Cody Hickman ran 7 yards to score for the Chiefs, who missed the extra point. But Bulldog QB Neiko Garcia then raced 25 yards to score, then kicked an extra point which put Tahoka ahead 7-6 at the end of the first.

In the disastrous second quarter, Crosbyton scored three touchdowns and three extra points, with Tahoka managing just one score, again 7 points by Garcia, who ran a yard for the TD. Crosbyton led 27-14 at halftime.

Shannon Medina's 20-yard run for Crosbyton was the only score of the third period.

Ridge Hall escaped on a 37-yard touchdown run for Tahoka in the fourth. Crosbyton scored again as Chris Jackson raced 57 yards, and Zach Garcia scored the last time for Tahoka on a 1-yard run.

Neiko Garcia averaged 7.8 yards per carry, gaining 140 yards in 18 efforts. Kyrion Lawson gained 76 yards in 15 carries for Tahoka, while Zach Garcia gained 35 yards in 6 carries. Neiko Garcia also completed 3 of 11 passes for 36 yards.

On defense, Larry Saldana led Bulldog tacklers and recovered one fumble. Kyle Reno and A.J. Curtis also did well on defense.

### GAME AT A GLANCE

TAHOKA		CROSBYTON
18	first downs	14
287	yds. rushing	237
47	yds. passing	50
4-12	completed by	5-9
1	fumbles lost	1
1-36	punts, avg.	1-37
6-48	penalties	6-50

## County youth sought for scholarships, prizes in Harvest Festival contests

Youth of all ages are being sought to participate in the Lynn County Harvest Festival King and Queen contests, and Prince and Princess contests, for a chance to win savings bonds and college scholarships. The King and Queen contests are for high school youth, and the Prince/Princess contests are for boys and girls in 2nd-5th grades. The Harvest Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 26 at the courthouse square in Tahoka, and the response from youth thus far has been almost nonexistent.

The youth in these contests sell tickets for the Harvest Festival, and are the main source of revenue for putting on the festival each year. If no youth are interested in selling tickets, there is a very good possibility that the festival will be discontinued in future years. This year's festival will be the 34th annual event since the festival began in 1976.

"So far, I have not had any luck getting any candidates for the King and Queen contests, from schools in Tahoka, New Home, Wilson and O'Donnell," said Starr Bray, chairman. "This is a wonderful opportunity for high school youth to serve your community while earning scholarship

money for college," she added. Judges for the contest are non-county residents, so as to have non-biased opinions.

This year's contest is offering a \$1000 scholarship to the King and Queen; \$500 scholarship to the first runnerup in each contest, and \$250 scholarship to the second runner-up.

To enter the King or Queen contests, contact Starr Bray at 561-6161 or Karen Huffaker at 549-6594 or 561-4302.

The Prince and Princess contests, offered to boys and girls in grades 2-5, are also short of candidates. Winners are judged on number of ticket sales only, and prizes include a \$750 savings bond to the Prince and Princess, \$500 savings bonds to first runners-up, and \$200 savings bonds to second runners-up.

Contest chairman is Tammy Angeley. Anyone interested in the Prince and Princess contests may contact Mrs. Angeley at 438-7995 (cell) or at PJ's Restaurant at 561-6507.

All candidates in the youth contests will sell \$1 chances for a \$1000 trip voucher, with the date and destination of the winner's choice.

## Motorcycle wreck in county kills rider

A motorcycle wreck in northern Lynn County Saturday night was fatal to the rider, a 29-year-old Lubbock man.

Officials with the Dept. of Public Safety said Antonio Garcia Jr. was headed northbound on FM 1730 three miles north of New Home about 8 p.m. when his motorcycle left the road and struck a fence, with the cycle rolling over several times.

The accident occurred on a curve near the home of Lynn County resident Larry Durham, a firefighter trained in CPR, who called 911 and tended to Garcia until emergency crews responded. He said Lynn County EMS and a medical helicopter arrived a few minutes after DPS troopers. Garcia was taken to University Medical Center in Lubbock for treatment. He died shortly after 9 p.m.

In Tahoka, police investigated incidents of vandalism and criminal mischief. At Dollar General, two females were suspected of tearing open packages of children's and women's underwear and throwing them on the floor Saturday. Officers obtained a description of the women and their vehicle. The loss was estimated at \$31.

Also on Saturday, police were advised by Alton James of Tahoka that someone had slashed a spare tire in the back of his pickup while it was parked in the driveway of his home. This loss was set at \$90.

Sheriff's officers are investigating the theft of \$11,000 worth of cottonseed from a location on U.S. 87, reported last Friday by the owner, J.E. Nance of Tahoka.

On Monday, New Home school reported theft of an unknown quantity of diesel and gasoline from a fuel station

at New Home over the weekend, and also theft of an opaque projector missing from the school. The school is offering rewards of \$500 for actionable information in each crime.

Eleven persons were jailed in the county during the last week, leaving the total in jail at 40, with eight of those held for Lubbock and one for Garza County, that one being on a sexual assault charge.

Other charges resulting in jail time here were public intoxication, application to revoke probation on conviction of driving while intoxicated second offense, four other DWI cases, warrant on Class C misdemeanor, two for possession of a controlled substance, and one for theft.

### PUBLIC MEETING TUESDAY:

## Community input sought for supt. profile

The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees will host a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 6:00 p.m., at the Tahoka Housing Authority located at 1400 Avenue K, to seek input from community members in developing a profile of desired characteristics for the next Superintendent of the school district.

Anyone interested in providing input on a Superintendent profile is urged to attend.

## woodwork

by dalton



LAUGHTER, I have always heard, is good for you, and maybe most of us need to laugh a lot more than we do. Certainly more laughter would make people around us feel better, although perhaps we shouldn't laugh like an idiot at inappropriate times, like at funerals or when we're just told that Uncle Charley broke his leg when he crashed his new Lincoln into a bar in Juarez.

For years, *Readers Digest* has called its joke section "Laughter—the Best Medicine." And I have read articles which say that people who laugh a lot are healthier than those who don't. Also, I remember years ago listening to a phonograph record called "Spike Jones' Laughing Record." As I recalled, there was no music to it, these guys just laughed long and loud for three minutes or so. And, of course, laughing is contagious; we often laugh just because someone else does.

About a week ago, Covenant Health System in Lubbock offered a free "laughter yoga session" at its LifeStyle Center, wrapping up a two-day program of training in therapeutic laughter.

They had outside trainers, and I wondered if they had people with names like Dr. Giggles, Minnie Ha-Ha or maybe a fat bearded guy in a red suit going "Ho-ho-ho."

I know one or two people who are so sour that if they ever laughed out loud, their faces would crack open. And some who are too reserved to ever let out a real belly laugh. But even those of us who enjoy laughing perhaps need to laugh more, for a friendly atmosphere and perhaps to live longer.

So laugh at almost everything. Keep on laughing until they drag you off to a rubber room.

I am reminded of the story of the jester in a medieval court who the king ordered to be hanged, because the king grew sick and tired of his stupid jokes. As the guards started taking the jester up the steps of the hanging platform, a courier came to halt the proceedings.

"Wait," said the courier. "The king has relented, and says he will let you live if you promise there will be no more stupid jokes. So what do you say to that?" he asked the jester, who replied:

"No noose is good noose."

PEACE, says the Sage on Sixth St., is "that brief glorious moment in history when everybody stands around reloading."

## Obituaries



TONY GARCIA, JR.

### Tony Garcia, Jr.

Prayer services for Tony Garcia Jr. 29, of Lubbock were held September 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 3 at 1:00 p.m. at Trinity Church with Pastor Verne Rhoades officiating. Burial will be in Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home. He died on Saturday August 29, 2009.

He was born on May 3, 1980 in Slaton to Antonio (Tony) Garcia Sr. and Linda Alvarado Castro. He married Meghan Ringo in June of 2003 in Lubbock. He had worked for Billy's Auto Sales before going to work for Venture Communications. He was a life-long resident of Lubbock.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Macario Alvarado Sr. on August 28, 2002.

Survivors include his wife of Lubbock; two daughters, Brooklyn Garcia and Taylyn Garcia, both of Lubbock; his mother, Linda Alvarado Castro and step-father Ramon Castro, of Lubbock; his father, Antonio (Tony) Garcia Sr. and stepmother Patricia Garcia, of Lubbock; a brother Ryan Garcia of Lubbock; two step-brothers, Mark Castro and Scott Castro, both of Lubbock; four sisters, Lacie Castro, Lexus Castro, LesLee Castro, and Carissa Garcia all of Lubbock; a step-sister Tammie Castro of Austin; his maternal grandmother, Rose Alvarado of Tahoka; and his paternal grandparents, Bene Sr. and Margie Garcia, both of Lubbock.

A memorial fund has been opened in his name for donations at any City Bank location in Lubbock.



EVA M. RENFRO

### Eva Mae Renfro

Services for Eva M. Renfro, 77, of Tahoka were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, August 31 at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka with Rev. Richard Harbison officiating. Interment followed at Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka. Arrangements were under the direction of White Funeral Home in Tahoka.

She died on Thursday, August 27, 2009.

She was born in Tahoka on May 21, 1932 to Sammie and Nannie E. (Moore) Norwood. She graduated from Tahoka High School in 1950. She was a life-long resident of Tahoka and a member of First Baptist Church. She worked for Clint Walker Insurance Agency until her retirement in 1995. She married C.J. Renfro in Lovington, NM on June 24, 1950. He preceded her in death on October 16, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and two siblings.

Survivors include two daughters, Vicki and husband Lanny Lincecum and Debi and husband David Martin, all of Lubbock; one sister, Margaret Ann Craig of Tahoka; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church in Tahoka at 1701 Avenue K, Tahoka, Texas 79373.

### O.C. Elliott

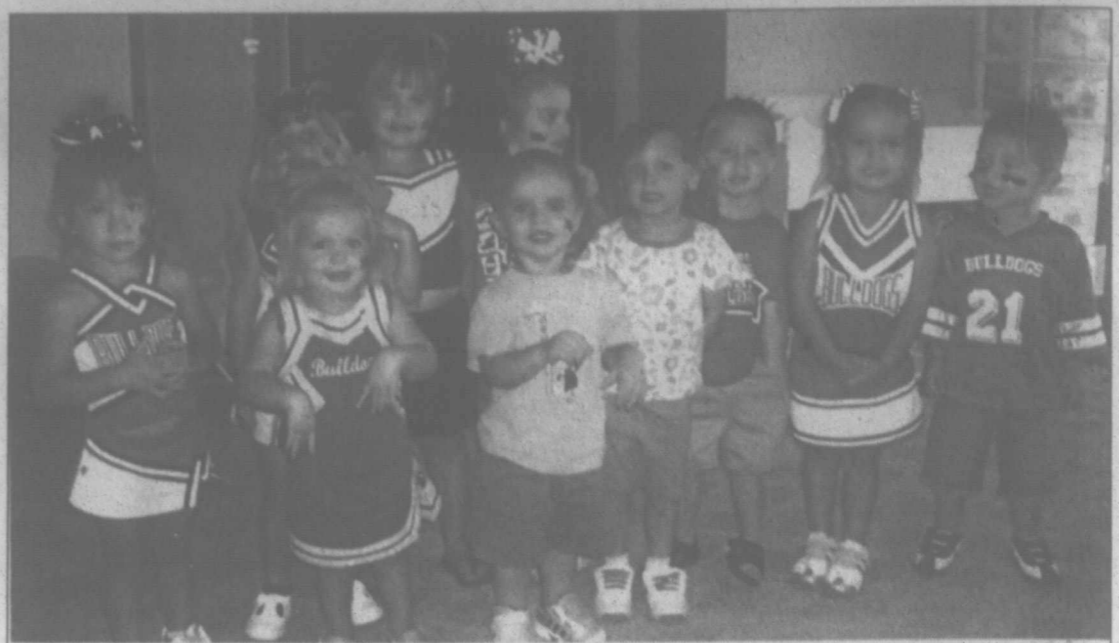
Services for O.C. Elliott, 88, of Seminole were held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, August 31, 2009, in the First Baptist Church in Seminole with Rev. Randy Gressett officiating. Interment followed in the Gaines County Memorial Cemetery in Seminole. He died Saturday, August 29, 2009 at his residence.

He was born at the home of his parents, O.C., Sr. and Eula Swain Elliott on January 20, 1921 in Jean, Texas. He graduated from Graham High School in 1940. He joined the United States Army Air Force December 31, 1940 in Fort Worth. Captain Elliott served in World War II in Algiers, Africa, Tunisia, Italy, and France before his discharge on April 29, 1946 in San Antonio. He owned and operated a gas station in Tahoka in the 50's and moved to Seminole in 1961, where he pioneered agriculture by breaking, irrigating and selling farmland. He sold and developed many sections, often numerous times. He married Suzi Hodnett on June 25, 1980. They owned and operated O.C. Elliott Realty, Elliott Cotton Company, and Elliott Farm Mortgage Company. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Fred Elliott and one daughter, Kay Elliott.

Survivors include his wife, Sue of Seminole; a daughter, Karen Nichols and husband David of Post; a son, Kent Elliott and wife Vondell of Tahoka; three step-daughters, LaDonnah Dutton and husband Don of Ruidoso, NM, Judy Wagnon of Amarillo, and Connie Wallace and husband Ronnie of Seminole; two step-sons, Denis Brooks of Sonora and Jay Brooks of Seminole; two sisters, June Barrett and Virginia Elliott, both of Rockwall; grandchildren, Lori Densford, Craig Taylor, Radley and Blake Nichols, Jackie Hays, Ryan and Kevin Wallace, Angela and Lauren Brooks; and nine great-grandchildren.

Local family members suggest memorials to T-Bar Country Club golf course, which O.C. Elliott helped build.



Cute fans ... Bulldog and Eagle fans from Home of Hearts Daycare in Tahoka are ready to cheer on their teams for the 2009 football season, coming dressed in their favorite team-wear on Fridays. In front from left are Kylee Chaps, Raymie Scott, Cooper Brown, Cagnie Taylor, Miller Norwood, Preslea Prieto and Jaxon Hall, and in back are Kennedy Roberts, Hadlee Childress and Axle Allen.

### Kirby Don Shearer

Memorial services for will Kirby Don Shearer, 52, of Lubbock was held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 2, at White Memorial Chapel in Lubbock. He died on August 30, 2009. Arrangements were under the direction of White Funeral Home in Lubbock.

He was born in Alamogordo, NM to Curtis and Mary (Fowler) Shearer on August 25, 1957. Kirby attended Tahoka High School and graduated from Court Reporting School. He was an EMT for Lynn County Hospital District. He moved to Lubbock from Tahoka in 1994. He was formerly a member of the Lynn County EMS.

Survivors include his mother, Mary, of Lubbock; one brother, Shelby Shearer of Oklahoma; three aunts, Doris Harmonson of Prince George, VA, Christine Britton of Loraline, and Sylvia Moon of Lubbock; and numerous cousins.

Shearer was preceded in death by his father Curtis.

### Pleasant Grove MENU

Pleasant Grove Kitchen is now open for lunch Monday-Saturday, open from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Call daily for menu choices, but always have hamburgers and fries. All orders are carryouts.

Sunday, Sept. 6: Chicken and Dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert choices. Also serving chicken fried steak.

Call 561-1019 to order.

### Senior Citizens MENU

September 7-11

**Monday:** Closed for Labor Day  
**Tuesday:** Ham & butter beans, okra, salad, cornbread, fruit  
**Wednesday:** Chicken w/ mushrooms, rice, carrots, homemade rolls, angel food surprise  
**Thursday:** Smother steak w/ peppers & onions, brown gravy, oven fried potatoes, garden veg. medley, bread, bread pudding  
**Friday:** Cheese quesadillas, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato salad, apple empanadas

• We will be hosting a flu shot clinic on Friday, September 11, from 10:00-12:00 noon. Please come in to get your flu shot for the approaching flu season.

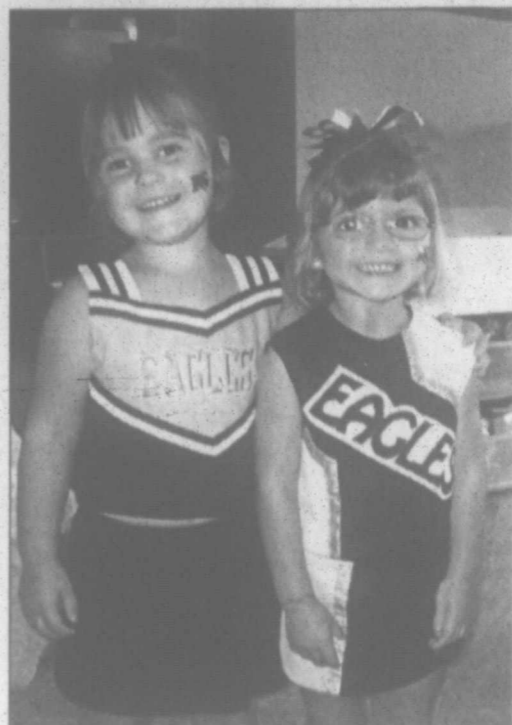
• The Harvest Festival is set for September 26 and we will be hosting our annual bake sale and quilt raffle. The quilt is on display at the First National Bank in Tahoka. Tickets can be purchased prior to the Harvest Festival at the Center for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.

• Please remember your Senior Citizen Center if your garden is overflowing this year. We graciously welcome all fresh fruit and vegetable donations.

• Weekly domino night on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in!

• Do not forget to buy your copy of our cookbook: Timeless Treasures, for \$12 each at the Center, Lynn County News and the City/County Library.

• The recycle bin will be open during the week 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for your can donations. After 1:00 p.m. and on weekends, please call Bianca at 201-9169 and she will arrange to meet you at the bin to accept your can donations. Thank you for your continued support with our community cans collection.



### Go Eagles!

Kennedy Roberts (left) and Hadlee Childress are ready to cheer on the O'Donnell Eagles for the 2009 football season.

### New Home ISD board discusses budget, tax rate at public hearing

New Home Independent School District Board of Trustees met Aug. 27, conducting a public hearing on the school budget ad proposed tax rate prior to the meeting. No community members attended. A budget for \$2,275,155 was presented and discussed, and trustees discussed the proposed tax rate at the hearing.

The proposed tax rate is \$1,237,363, about a penny less than the previous year's tax rate of \$1,247,800. The rate includes \$1.17 in Maintenance and Operating (M&O) and \$.067363 in Interest and Sinking (I&S), which is collected for paying bonded

indebtedness.

After the required 30-minute public hearing, the board of trustees and Superintendent Leland Zant convened in regular session and approved the 2009-10 budget as presented. The Student Code of Conduct was also approved. Trustees approved business manager Kay James and auditor Jim Kingery to amend the 2008-09 budget.

Board President Kevin Mitchell presided at the meeting, with trustees Paula Ford, Travis Smith, Martin Gill, Rachell Link and Matt Barrington present. Trustee Andy Maeker was absent.

## \$500 Reward

New Home ISD is offering a \$500.00 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person/persons responsible for the burglary of the New Home ISD fuel stations on/about August 28-30, 2009.

Anyone with information about this crime, please contact the Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 561-4505.

## \$500 Reward

New Home ISD is offering a \$500.00 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person/persons responsible for the theft of the New Home ISD Opaque Projector.

Anyone with information about this crime, please contact the Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 561-4505.

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# Legacy

Live in Concert  
 Saturday, Sept. 12.  
 7:00 p.m. at  
**The Housing Authority Center**  
 1400 Ave. K - Tahoka, TX

With the release of their second studio album in 2008, Legacy is quickly becoming known as a ministry that proclaims the Word of God in an exciting and fresh way. Using tight harmonies and powerful testimonies, Legacy aims to encourage and uplift people of all ages. Come check out these men in concert for a night that is sure to be fun for the whole family!

For more information on this ministry check out their website at:  
[www.LegacyMusic.net](http://www.LegacyMusic.net)

**Admission is FREE!**  
 (LOVE OFFERING ACCEPTED)

Folks of all ages are invited and encouraged to attend!



**Douglas Barham Foundation Events...** Saturday, August 22, started with a 4-person scramble golf tournament in the morning, bingo and barbecue in the afternoon and evening. An estimated 300 to 400 people attended the weekend events. The event raised over \$30,000, which will go to assist the Barham family, as well as establish scholarships in Doug's name through Tahoka High School and Lynn County 4-H. The event was a huge success thanks to the people of Lynn County and surrounding areas. Pictured here are some of the participants in the golf tournament, from left, Joey Pierce, Ricky Don Meeks, Terry Oglesby, Alan Curry, David Ehlers, Sean Ables, Pat Ables and Bill Cranford. David Ehlers won the raffle of a Tag Hauer watch, donated by Rance House.

**Tahoka ISD Board approves final budget amendments**

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in special session in a called meeting held at noon Monday to consider final budget amendments for the year. Trustees approved several amendments including \$19,000 for new two new scoreboards, one at the girls softball field (a \$4,000 project) and replacing the scoreboard at the THS football field (a \$15,000 project). Trustees also approved employing two special education positions to utilize funding from the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) federal funding grant.

**Letter from the Editor**

**Puppies dumped on country road were starving**

To whomever dumped a litter of puppies on a country road near the T-Bar golf course: It would have been kinder and more humane to go ahead and shoot those puppies than to leave them by the side of the road, where they would slowly starve to death.

My husband and I found one of the puppies two weeks ago on one of our walks, covered in ticks and starving, with his ribs clearly showing the starvation effects. He looked about two months old. We brought him home and began cleaning him up, and feeding him every few hours. After a couple of days he was much better, though still not in good shape, and we were able to place him with local Animal Humane Society representatives who have taken over his care, although blood work showed he had tick fever and other ill effects from his starvation diet. After he fully recovers, they hope to adopt him out to a good home through the Humane Society Adoption program at Pet Smart.

Two days ago, on another walk in the same location Monday night, we found another puppy that was obviously from the same litter, as she looked just like the other pup. We thought the first pup looked bad, but one look at this one brought tears to my eyes. She was simply a skeleton covered in skin, and so starved that her muscles would not hold her up. We take our own two dogs with us on our walks, and they are the ones who found this puppy, who was hiding in a clump of tall grass behind a telephone pole. She couldn't walk, but she could crawl - and she crawled out whimpering when our dogs found her.

Never in my life have I seen such cruelty, never have I seen a dog who was still alive that looked like this one. Every bone in her pitiful body was showing beneath



skin that stretched taut over her skeletal frame - I was afraid to touch her, concerned that it might hurt her. But even near death, she was happy to see us. My husband carefully picked her up and we brought her home. We are feeding her every few hours and she has been treated for ticks, although it is obvious that she will most likely have other health problems. We are hopeful that she will recover and can be placed through the Humane Society's adoption program.

I hope that whoever dumped those puppies - and it was probably an entire litter of puppies, so who knows how many of them already died a slow, agonizing death - that you are reading this letter. And to anyone who has considered taking a litter of puppies out to a country road where they are "sure somebody will see them and take them home" - it doesn't always happen that way. Sometimes they die a slow death.

Please, people, if you have adult dogs and you don't want to deal with puppies, get them spayed or neutered and you won't have to deal with a litter of puppies every year. And if you have unwanted puppies, try to give them away to someone who wants them. The Lynn County News runs free ads for giveaways, which will at least give you an opportunity to allow someone to take them.

We know so many dog lovers that take good care of their pets, and treat them like a part of their family. Thank you to those who care for God's creatures, and a special thanks to the Humane Society who takes those poor rejected animals that nobody wants and takes care of them until they can find a good home.

Gary & Juanell Jones



**Dylin Michael Duncan**

Mandi and Michael Duncan of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, Dylin Michael Duncan, born on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 21- 1/2 inches long. Dylin has a two year old sister, Averi.

Grandparents are Tommy Tejada of Tahoka, Debbie Jolly of Lubbock, Beulah and Chord Duncan of Clovis, NM. Great-grandparents are Bobby and Peggy Jolly, and Rudy and Mercy Tejada, all of Tahoka.

**Hospital tax rate remains same**

Lynn County Hospital District directors voted to keep next year's tax rate the same as it has been this year, allowing the hospital to plan for expenditures anticipated in renovation and upkeep of the facilities.

Because the district has higher evaluation of property than last year, keeping the tax rate the same means the hospital should gain an extra \$47,928 over the amount raised by taxes in the current year. Fifteen thousand of that has been budgeted for capital improvements, as the board unanimously approved a budget for the next fiscal year expected to cost just over \$5 million in operating expenses.

However, budget projections presented by Administrator Jim Morris predict a surplus of about \$800,000, with anticipated income of \$5,790,877, mostly

from patient revenues.

By the end of this month, the hospital, whose fiscal year starts Oct. 1, is expected to wind up the year with a net gain of \$997,533, although it had been predicted in last year's budget to show a loss of \$148,097.

The board could have voted for a lower tax rate which would have raised about the same as the current year, but voted instead to leave the rate at 24.75 cents per \$100 valuation. This action was passed on a vote of 4-2.

Renovation of patient rooms is part of the planned capital improvements, and Morris reported that three of the 14 rooms already have been renovated. This work is being done by hospital maintenance workers, who currently are working on the nurses' break room and

an area near the hospital pharmacy.

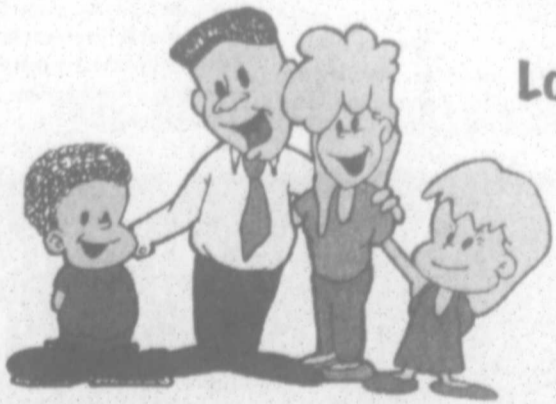
Presiding at the meeting last Thursday was board president Jerry Ford. All members were present, including Jannis Horwood, Virginia Griffing, Nancy Williams, Frances Truehart, Cal Huffaker and Dalton Wood.

**Swanky Paws**  
MOBILE PET GROOMING  
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*The Tahoka Church of Christ presents*  
**James Dobson's**

**Essentials of Discipline -**  
*What's OK, What's Not and What Works*

(Third most important issue in surveys that were conducted through Church of Christ)



**Looking for workable advice on how to raise your kids?**

*Here it is!*

Through interviews and animated vignettes James Dobson and other experts tackle topics vital to 21st-century parents. You'll discover wise counsel on effective discipline, self-confidence, and safeguards for a dangerous world. Learn how to grow and lead your sons and daughters - God's way.

**All sessions will be held from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at the Tahoka Church of Christ fellowship hall**

DATE:	TOPICS:
Sunday, September 13	Why Your Child Needs Discipline
Sunday, September 20	Irresponsibility vs. Defiance
Sunday, September 27	Anger vs. Action
Sunday, October 4	Finding Balance in Discipline
Sunday, October 11	To Spank or Not to Spank
Sunday, October 18	Compliant vs. Defiant
Sunday, October 25	Changing Discipline as Your Child Grows
	Protecting the Spirit
	The Strong-Willed Adolescent
	The Ultimate Priority

*We invite moms, dads, grandparents or anyone who has the responsibility of raising children to experience this series with us. Essentials of Discipline is FREE and childcare will be provided.*

**Please RSVP to the Tahoka Church of Christ at [tcoc@poka.com](mailto:tcoc@poka.com) or 806-561-4060 with the following information:**

- Name(s) of adults who will be attending
- Number and ages of children who need childcare

Feel free to contact  
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**So Eagles!**  
Kennedy Roberts (left) and Hadlee Childress are ready to cheer on the Y'Donnell Eagles for the 2009 football season.

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## HONORING OUR HEROES

Military personnel with family ties to Lynn County are being honored on a pictorial display at Thriftway Grocery in Tahoka. Each soldier will also be featured in this column, with information provided by their families.

### THIS WEEK'S HERO:



Erik Justin Garrard E4  
ARMY

Erik Justin Garrard is with the Mississippi National Guard, 858th horizontal engineering brigade out of Calhoun City, MS. After six weeks of training in Indiana, he was deployed to Iraq July 29, 2009 for 12 months.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Garrard of Holcomb, MS. He recently married Amber Blackwood, granddaughter of Katie and Truett Stone of Tahoka.

Send info to The Lynn County News by email at LynnCoNews@poka.com



Come back here ... Tahoka defender Jamie Bingham (51) is hot on the heels of Crosbyton runner Michael Medina (7) as Bulldogs Larry Saldana (55) and Ben Freitag (54) try to catch up to the play. Crosbyton won the season opener 39-22, and the Bulldogs travel to Denver City this week. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

## Ten water saving tips for everyone

by Bryan Reynolds, CEA-AG

Prolonged droughts and decreasing water supplies are a reality for all Texans. Hot, dry years such as 2009 make it even more critical that everyone do their part to help conserve the most precious natural resource we have - water.

Forty to sixty percent of a water bill for the summer months comes from outdoor usage. Following the ten conservation tips for water conservation outdoors will not only help conserve our water resources but it will also help save money.

Water only when needed. Look at the grass, feel the soil, or use a soil moisture meter to determine when to water. Know how much your sprinklers are putting out in one hour.

Do not over-water. Soil can hold only so much moisture, and the rest simply runs off. A timer will help, and either a kitchen timer or an alarm clock will do. Apply only enough water to fill the plant's root zone. Excess water beyond that is wasted. One and a half inches of water applied once a week

in the summer will keep most Texas grasses alive and healthy.

Water lawns early in the morning during the hotter summer months. Otherwise, much of the water used on the lawn can simply evaporate between the sprinkler and the grass.

To avoid excessive evaporation, use a sprinkler that produces large drops of water, rather than a fine mist. Sprinklers that send droplets out on a low angle also help control evaporation. Adjust sprinkler heads as necessary, to avoid waste, runoff and ensure proper coverage.

Set automatic sprinkler systems to provide thorough, but infrequent watering. Pressure-regulating devices should be set to design specifications. Rain shutoff devices can prevent watering in the rain.

Use drip irrigation systems for bedded plants, trees, or shrubs, or turn soaker hoses upside down so the holes are on the bottom. This will help avoid evaporation.

Forget about watering the streets or walks or driveways. They will never grow a thing.

Do not scalp lawns when mowing during hot weather. Taller grass holds moisture better. Grass should be cut fairly often, so that only 1/2 to 3/4 inch is trimmed off. A better looking lawn will result.

Use water-wise plants. Learn what types of grass, shrubbery, and plants do best in the area and in which parts of the lawn, and then plant accordingly. Choose plants that will have low water requirements, are drought-tolerant, and are adapted to the area of the state where they are to be planted. Go to [www.txsmartscape.com](http://www.txsmartscape.com) to learn more about low water use plants that are suited for the South Plains.

For more information on water conservation, contact Texas AgriLife Extension Service - Lynn County at 806/561-4562.

### Scout Night set

Any boy in kindergarten through fifth grade is invited to join the Tahoka Boys Scouts program. Scout Night will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10 at the Tahoka Elementary Cafeteria.

Cost is \$16 to sign up.

### Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

September 7-11

Breakfast

Monday: HOLIDAY  
Tuesday: Pizza bagel  
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls  
Thursday: Yogurt stick, graham cracker

Lunch

Monday: Labor Day No school  
Tuesday: Hamburgers w/ trimmings, potato patty, baby carrots w/ ranch, chocolate pudding cup  
Wednesday: Fish sticks, mac & cheese, salad, Texas toast, fruit  
Thursday: Carne guisada, refried beans, corn, flour tortilla, orange smiles  
Friday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, fruited gelatin, roll, frozen yogurt

### TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

by THS Journalism Students

#### Cross-Country Runs at Plains

By Kaitlyn Reno  
The Tahoka Cross Country ran at Plains on Aug. 29.

Nikki Box came in first for Tahoka, followed by Sarah Freitag, Harley Reynolds, Hannah Thomas, and Jori Chapa.

For the boys' team, Nick Aguirre came in first. He was followed by Ian Zamarron, Kyler Jolly, Braiden Fischer, and Austin Taylor.

Their next meet is Sept. 5 in Plainview.

#### JV Football Defeats Crosbyton Chiefs

By Skyler McCleskey  
Tahoka JV Football smashed Crosbyton Chiefs 42-6 on Aug. 27.

Trai Smith led rushing yards and scored three touchdowns. Tino Deleon had two touchdowns and Ian Zamarron received a touchdown pass from Chance Cook.

"We had some great runs from our backfield, and our offensive line opened up some big holes for them," Coach Faught said. "Defensively we were very solid. The boys played with lots of intensity and gave a great effort on both sides of the ball."

#### Bulldogs Battle Chiefs in Season Opener

By Seth Hawthorne  
The Tahoka Bulldogs started off with their first season game on Aug. 28 against the Crosbyton Chiefs at Kelly Field. The Bulldogs put up a fight, but were defeated 39-26.

"We were very excited about the game and were ready to battle it out," said senior offensive lineman Ben Freitag.

Crosbyton made the kick off to receiver Xavier Zamarron to start the game.

The bulldogs took the lead during the first quarter with the score 7-6. Neiko Garcia made a 25 yard run for the first touchdown of the game.

In the second quarter the Chiefs began to slip away from the Bulldogs, but Garcia again put points on the score board with a one-yard run after the Bulldogs drove down the field. The score at the end of the second quarter favored the Chiefs 27-14.

During the third quarter, the Bulldogs held the Chiefs to one touchdown, but were not able to improve their score.

The fourth quarter was the Bulldogs' best with Ridge Hall running a 37-yard touchdown and Zach Garcia scoring with a goal-line run.

With a total of 287 running yards and 47 passing yards, the Bulldogs offense has definitely improved from last year.

During the course of the game Larry Saldana lead in tackles with five and eight assists.

### Booster Club News

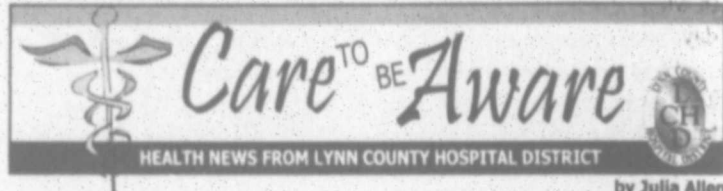
The Athletic Booster Club would like to send a great big thank you to all of those that brought ice cream and served ice cream at Meet the Bulldogs. We had an excellent turnout. The success we accomplished could not have been done without the support of our parents, volunteers and TISD staff.

Our new T-Shirts have arrived. Anyone wanting to purchase a T-Shirt can contact Maritia Hall at

561-5016. For all of you wanting to show your Bulldog Spirit, now is the time.

We will be painting paw prints down Bulldog Ave on Saturday, September 12. If you would like to show your Bulldog Spirit, you can purchase a paw print for \$5.00. Please contact Michelle Williams at 928-8269.

"Thanks to all of you who come out to support our athletes during the year," said Michelle Williams, Athletic Booster Club President.



With all the extra hot days this past month it does not hurt to be reminded of heat safety precautions. This article series was written by Jeanie Stone, EMS Director back in 2007.

#### Heat Exhaustion

Do you know the difference between heat exhaustion and a heat stroke? This week we'll look at how you can recognize the signs of heat exhaustion and what you can do to help. Next week we'll discuss the signs and symptoms of heat stroke.

What is heat exhaustion? Heat exhaustion is a milder form of heat-related illness that can occur when a person is exposed to temperatures above 80°F, usually in combination with high humidity. High humidity reduces the body's ability to lose heat through evaporation. Those most prone to heat exhaustion are the young and elderly, people with high blood pressure and/or other preexisting medical conditions or those taking certain medications and people working or exercising in hot environments.

Warning signs of heat exhaustion include: heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headaches, nausea, vomiting and fainting. The skin may also be cool and moist, the

heart rate fast and weak, breathing fast and shallow. If heat exhaustion is untreated, it may progress to heat stroke.

What can you do for yourself or someone you are with? Move the person to a cooler place, like a shade or an air conditioned environment. As long as the person is conscious and alert, give cool, non-alcoholic fluids to drink to replace the fluids lost through sweating. Drinking cool water is an excellent treatment. Cool showers, baths or sponge baths, or wet towels may be used as a cooling measure. If symptoms last longer than 1 hour, seek medical treatment. Otherwise, allow the person to rest in the cool environment and continue to encourage lots of fluids.

Drinking lots of fluids before the symptoms begin is the key to preventing heat exhaustion. If you're already feeling the effects of the heat, it's probably too late. When you're exposed to heat, don't wait until you "feel thirsty," keep yourself hydrated at all times.

For more information, go to [www.medicinenet.com](http://www.medicinenet.com). Next week, we'll discuss heat strokes and the dangers involved when the body's sweating mechanism becomes overwhelmed.

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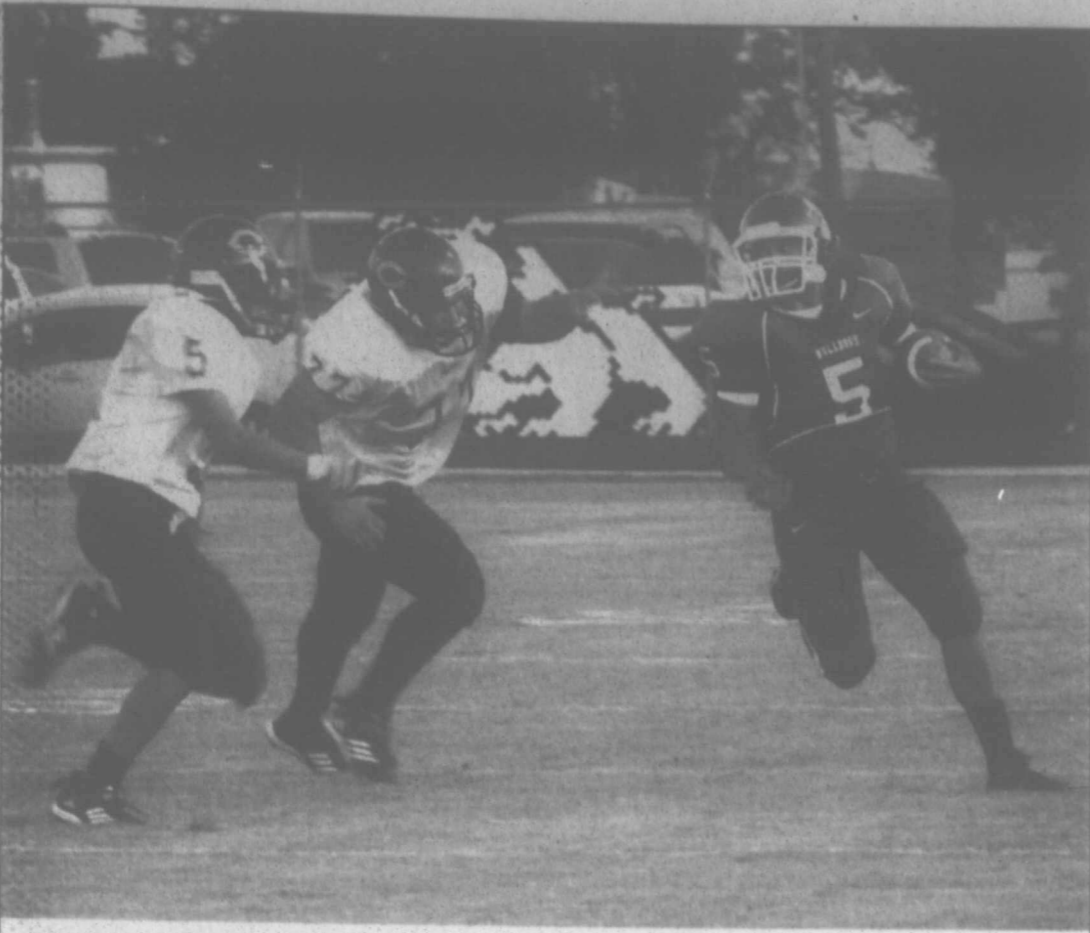
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**Pesky Injuns on your right ...** Tahoka QB Neiko Garcia (5) eyes a couple of Crosbyton Chiefs on his right as he carries the ball for a gain Friday night. The two at left are Shannon Medina (5) and Ryan Lewis (77). (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wueneche)

## Wilson opens season with big win, 67-22

The Wilson Mustangs equaled last season's victory total in their first football game of this season last weekend, scoring 10 touchdowns en route to a 67-22 win over Lubbock Home School.

Frederick Ramos scored five touchdowns, four of them by rushing, for Coach Cody Sandlin's Mustangs, and Rito Martinez scored three TDs, one of them on a pass from Johnny Valdez. Enrique Frausto also caught a touchdown pass from Valdez and Arthur Castillo rushed for one score.

Lubbock Home School scored all of its 22 points in the third quarter, as the Wilson defense, led by Ramos, Martinez, Castillo and Brandon Bassinger, kept the opponents in check.

Wilson had 376 yards rushing as Ramos led with 204 yards on 17 carries, averaging 12 yards per carry, and Martinez rushing 8 times for 81. Jordan Guzman gained 52 yards on just two carries, while Felipe Ortega had 34 on 7 efforts.



## Texas Hold'em winner ...

The Douglas G. Barham Foundation Fundraising Events kicked off Friday night, August 21, with a charity Texas Hold'em poker tournament. There were about 40 participants total. Joe Brooks won the poker tournament, winning the "Buddha" statue, which he will keep until next year's event to hand off to the next winner.



**You're going down ...** Tahoka linebackers Kyle Reno (#64) and Larry Saldana (#55) tackle Crosbyton running back Christian Salinas in Friday night's game. #12 Andy Hinds (soph/defensive end) comes in from behind. #11 for Crosbyton is Justin Marquez, and #55 is Sylvester Ruiz. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wueneche)

## Wilson School Menu

**September 7-11**  
**Breakfast**  
**Monday:** Labor Day No School  
**Tuesday:** Sausage on a stick  
**Wednesday:** French Toast  
**Thursday:** Sausage, eggs & toast  
**Friday:** Oatmeal & toast  
**Lunch**  
**Monday:** Labor Day NO SCHOOL  
**Tuesday:** Pizza, corn, tossed salad, peaches  
**Wednesday:** Stuffed baked potato, baby carrots w/ ranch, Texas toast, fruit cup  
**Thursday:** Oven crispy chicken, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, roll, fancy gelatin  
**Friday:** Nachos grande, lettuce, tomato, cornbread, orange smiles

## Harsher penalties enacted for cattle thieves in Texas

Thieves who steal cattle will face harsher penalties starting Sept. 1. Persons who steal less than 10 head of cattle, horses, exotic wildlife or fowl could be convicted of a third degree felony and face up to 10 years in prison, according to a law passed by the Texas Legislature in May that goes into effect today.

"Cattle theft is on the rise in Texas, especially during these tough economic times," Larry Gray, TSCRA executive director of law enforcement said. "In 2007, 2,400 head of cattle were reported stolen to the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA). In 2008, that number jumped to 6,404. We expect those numbers to continue to rise in 2009.

"Until today, theft of less

than 10 head of cattle, horses or exotic wildlife was a state jail felony, punishable by up to two years in jail. The new law will result in some criminals, especially repeat offenders, spending more time in jail," Gray continued.

TSCRA has 29 Special Rangers stationed strategically throughout Texas and Oklahoma who work alongside law enforcement agencies to investigate agricultural crimes, primarily cattle theft. All have in-depth knowledge of the cattle industry and are trained in all facets of law enforcement. They are commissioned as Special Rangers by the Texas Department of Public Safety and/or the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

Texas and Southwestern

## Wilson FFA selling meat

Wilson FFA is conducting their annual Meat Sale fundraiser during the month of September. Anyone interested in ordering meat should contact any Wilson FFA member or Mr. Ellison at 628-6201 ext. 116.

Cattle Raisers Association is a 132-year-old trade organization and is the largest livestock association in Texas. TSCRA has more than 15,000 members who manage approximately 4 million head of cattle on 51.5 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. TSCRA provides law enforcement services, livestock inspection, legislative and regulatory advocacy and educational opportunities for its members and the industry.

## Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The **CITY OF TAHOKA** conducted public hearings on **August 28, 2009** and **September 1, 2009** on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the **City of Tahoka** from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by **3.590000** percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.747030 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$445,704.05.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.747030 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$455,392.32.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.747030 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$459,867.56.

The **Tahoka City Council** 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** at **TAHOKA CITY HALL**, 1612 Lockwood, Tahoka, TX 79373 at **6:00 p.m.**

## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The **Lynn County Hospital District** will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by **6.6** percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on **9/10/2009, 6:00 p.m. at Hospital Meeting Room.**

The second public meeting will be held on **9/16/2009, 6:00 p.m. at Hospital Meeting Room.**

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

For: CAL HUFFAKER, NANCY GUILLIAMS, JANNIS HORWOOD, VIRGINIA GRIFFING

Against: DALTON WOOD, FRANCES TRUEHART

Present and not voting: JERRY FORD

Absent: NONE

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT** last year was **\$45291**. Based on last years tax rate of **\$.24745** per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was **\$112.07**.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT** this year is **\$47352**. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of **\$.234004** per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be **\$110.80**.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of **\$.24745** per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be **\$117.17**.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

**Preparation is key to weathering a possible Flu Pandemic**

Flu season will be here again soon, and with it will come news items about the possibilities of another pandemic, such as the one that killed millions in the early years of the 20th century. But how worried should we be? And what is the flu, anyway? Family and consumer sciences experts from the Texas AgriLife Extension Service have answers to those questions.

Influenza, or "the flu," is a contagious disease caused by a virus. It affects the upper respiratory system, which consists of the nose, mouth, sinuses and throat.

Each flu season, from October to May, about 20 percent of the U.S. population comes down with some form of the flu, which results in about 200,000 hospitalizations and about 36,000 deaths from complications. The risk of serious complications from the flu is greater in the very young, the elderly, pregnant women and people with chronic health conditions.

The flu usually produces a fever, dry cough, runny nose, headache, extreme tiredness and muscle aches. Some immunity may be provided by previous

exposure, but a flu shot based on the expected strain of the virus is still recommended.

A flu pandemic can occur when a new strain of the virus develops and spreads across the globe. Flu pandemics happen about every 30 years; the last one occurred in 1968 and was mild. The 1918 flu pandemic was the last severe pandemic.

U.S. health officials are concerned about the possibility of a flu pandemic for the following reasons:

•There would be little or no immunity in the U.S. population.

•Pandemic strain influenza vaccine would not be available in the early stages of a pandemic.

•Antiviral medication would be in short supply.

•As many as 90 million people could become ill.

•Some 9.9 million could be hospitalized.

•About 1.9 million could die.

The health care system in this country would become overloaded during a flu pandemic and would be able to treat only the most severely ill; therefore,

families need to be prepared to care for sick relatives at home.

The best way to start that process is with prevention. Experts recommend getting a flu shot each year. This vaccine provides protection from known strains of the flu virus expected to occur in a given season, but sometimes the expected strain isn't the one that occurs. Still, the seasonal flu vaccine may help reduce complications even for unexpected strains and may provide some protection from a pandemic flu. The flu vaccine can be administered by nasal spray or by injection. The flu season is from October to May every year, and it peaks from December to March, so it is wise to get vaccinated in the fall for protection throughout the season.

Home health kits can be valuable if anyone in the family becomes ill with the flu. Make sure your kit contains:

a. Information on treating the flu, such as in the Healthwise Handbook (available from <http://www.healthwise.org>).

b. Medication and supplies, including vitamins, pain and fever relievers, cough suppress-



**Congressman visits Tahoka ...** Congressman Randy Neugebauer stopped to visit at several locations in Tahoka last Thursday before speaking at the Tahoka Rotary Club noon meeting, visiting with local businessmen and woman about issues of concern, including the national healthcare issue. He says he strongly disagrees with President Obama's plan and is not in favor of government-operated healthcare plans. He is shown here (third from left) with members of his staff in front of the Lynn County Courthouse, from left, Brice Foster (District Director, based at Neugebauer's Lubbock office), Lisa Brooks (District Representative, at the Big Spring office), and far right, Michelle Ozanus (Communications Director, at the Washington, DC office). (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

sants, stomach remedies, fluids with electrolytes (make your own from a recipe or buy ready-made), thermometer, and any prescribed medications. Those with diabetes or another chronic health condition should stock their necessary supplies and medications.

c. Hygiene essentials, such as disposable tissues, soap, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, disposable gloves, N-95 or surgical mask, disinfectant, trash bags, toilet tissues, disposable diapers and feminine hygiene products.

During a pandemic, going to the store may be impossible, or stores may be out of supplies. Therefore, keep emergency supplies on hand, enough for at least 14 days, during which you may need to stay at home. Supplies should include:

a. Drinking water (one gallon per person per day).

b. Nonperishable foods, such as ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, vegetables, soups, protein bars, fruit bars, dry cereal and granola

c. Disposable dishes and

utensils

d. Manual can opener

e. Portable radio, flashlight and batteries

f. Any needed pet medications, foods and supplies

g. Games, toys, books and videos for family members

If you live alone, make plans with neighbors or relatives.

Learn what plans your employer has made for alternative work. Decide how you will care for dependent family members.

For more information about the flu-preventing it, preparing for it or caring for those who have it - visit the Texas Extension Disaster Education Network Web site at <http://texas-help.tamu.edu>.

**Weatherby annual reunion held here**

The Weatherby annual Cousin's Reunion was held at the Center in Tahoka, August 9, 2009.

Those attending were from Mississippi and Oklahoma, plus others in Texas. There were 36 in attendance this year from 3 years of age to 91.

**Letter To The Editor**

**Girl Scout Camp is not closing**

To all citizens of Tahoka and the Lynn County area, especially Girl Scout families: I am writing this letter to clarify the issue concerning our resident Girl Scout Camp Rio Blanco. The word is "RESTING" not closing.

Economic instability not only affects families and businesses, but drastically hits civic organizations hard too. Girl Scouts do a lot more than "Sell Cookies"! Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains Council needs your help now and in the future.

The GS-TOP "Long Range Property Planning Committee" has visited each camp and office in our area and will make recommendations to the Board of Directors to cut expenses. NO CAMP IS BEING CLOSED at this time, just changes to the routine of offering camp facilities to our membership.

CRB will be available during the school year of 2009-2010. The change will affect the "summer camp" sessions. Summer camp will not be offered at CRB, unless we raise money "For the Benefit of GS-TOP".

To all citizens and business leaders, please help GS-TOP Council by making a contribution. We know times are hard, but every donation will benefit our young girls who are the "leaders of tomorrow" and our country desperately needs "good leadership".

Please send your tax-deductible contribution to: Girl Scouts Texas Oklahoma Plains Council, Attn: Tina Mann, 2567 74th St., Lubbock, TX 79423.

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**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.

**Wilson FFA Meat Sale**

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**Notice**

NO. 09-02-06633

DALE ZANT, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF ETHELLYN ZANT Plaintiff  
VS. GAYLAN K. ZANT, VICKI LYNN ZANT, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF JUANITA ZANT Defendants  
106TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
LYNN COUNTY TEXAS

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
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TO Gaylan K. Zant, Defendant, and to all whom it may concern: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of Dale Zant, Individually and as Executor of the Estate of Ethellyn Zant, Plaintiff, was filed against Gaylan K. Zant and Vicki Lynn Zant, individually and as Executor of the Estate of Juanita Zant, Defendants, on February 17, 2009, in the 106TH Judicial District Court of Lynn County, Texas, and is numbered 09-02-06633, and entitled DALE ZANT, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF ETHELLYN ZANT vs. GAYLAN K. ZANT AND VICKI ZANT, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF JUANITA ZANT. This lawsuit is brought to quiet title to certain real property, breach of express warranty, and equitable estoppel.

Dale Zant's attorney of record is W. Calloway Huffaker, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 968, Tahoka, Texas 79373.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the Plaintiff's interest which will be binding upon you.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Lynn County Courthouse, Tahoka, Texas, located at 1501 S. 1st St. Tahoka, TX, this August 18, 2009.

Sandra Laws  
Clerk of the 106TH Judicial District Court  
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## For Sale

**PECANS FOR SALE**  
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3 lb. bags - \$20  
Call Joy & Jimmy Bragg  
at 465-3665 or  
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## Notice

**SALARIES OF LYNN COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS PROPOSED TO BE INCREASED 2009-2010**

Official	2008-2009 Salary	2009-2010 Salary	3% Increase
Sheriff	29,125.00	29,999.00	27,681.00
County Judge	26,875.00	27,681.00	26,758.00
County Clerk	25,979.00	26,758.00	26,758.00
County Attorney	25,979.00	26,758.00	26,758.00
District Clerk	25,979.00	26,758.00	26,758.00
Tax Assessor/Collector	25,979.00	26,758.00	26,758.00
Treasurer	25,979.00	26,758.00	26,758.00
Justice of Peace-Pct. 1	25,979.00	26,758.00	17,475.00
Justice of Peace-Pct. 4	16,966.00	17,307.00	17,307.00
Commissioner Pct.1	17,307.00	17,307.00	17,307.00
Commissioner Pct.2	17,307.00	17,307.00	17,307.00
Commissioner Pct.3	17,307.00	17,307.00	17,307.00
Commissioner Pct.4	17,307.00	17,307.00	17,307.00

According to LGC152.013 (b)

## Garage Sales

**GARAGE SALE: 1701 N. 6th • Friday and Saturday 8:00-5:00.** 2 Drawer file cabinet, craft items, monitors, electronics, lots of miscellaneous. 36-1tp

## Notice

**WANT TO PURCHASE** minerals and other oil/gas interests. Send details to: P.O. Box 13557, Denver, CO 80201. 6-52tp

**HOUSE FOR SALE**  
2504 N. 2nd Street  
3/2/2 Brick has landscaped  
backyard with pond.  
Call for appointment:  
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Bed - ORTHOPEDIC QUEEN SIZE  
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brand new, soft as sponge, list  
\$1980, sell \$490. 806-549-3110.

LEATHER reclining loveseat &  
sofa. New from mfg. Never used!!  
Need to sell ASAP. Forfeit \$980.  
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Legal parent/guardian or adult student with disabilities may request copies of these records by contacting the SPCAA Head Start office at 2127 34th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79411 or call (806) 762-8815 by September 31, 2009. 36-1tc

**MOVING SALE: 1910 Ave. H (Behind George's) Thursday through Saturday 8:00-7** Lots of miscellaneous. All must go! 36-1tp

**GARAGE SALE: 1923 N. 4th • Saturday 8:00-2:00.** Lots of miscellaneous really cheap! 36-1tc

**GARAGE SALE: 1528 South 4th Saturday September 5, 2009 9:00 - 4:00** No early sales! Washer/dryer, microwave, bunk beds, tube water bed, dresser, chest, bench, 24" T.V., Sony Play Station, Cameras, Small appliances, DVR, assorted dishes, pots and pans, tools, power saw, drill, jig saw, trailer hitch and receiver, big speakers, and lots of miscellaneous. 36-1tp

M: On duty now every other weekend, often must start early. J. 36-1tp

Make comments/suggestions to **John Baker, Mayor of Tahoka** by emailing to: TahokaMayor@poka.com.

**HOUSE FOR SALE**  
2408 N. 1st  
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sunroom added in back. Large  
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with cellar.  
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19 foot VIP bass & pleasure boat with 150 HP Johnson motor. Tandem axle trailer.  
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**1807 S. 2nd - Tahoka:**  
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**1906 S. 1st - Tahoka:**  
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is 2150 sq. ft. NOW REDUCED AND PRICED TO SELL QUICKLY -- 3/3/1. SELLER WANTS TO SELL! Home with many plus features.

**2011 N. 4th - Tahoka:**  
...is an affordable smaller home in a great location. This home has 3 BR, 1 bath, wood floors, wainscot paneling and natural wood cabinets in the kitchen. Exterior has siding with a fenced backyard and close to school. Call today for a tour!

**Toy Holland, REALTOR 438-9245**  
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# WE ARE PROUD TO BE BACKING THE BULLDOGS!



## Who let the Dogs out?

Crosbyton running back Cody Hickman may be wondering that as a whole bunch of Tahoka Bulldogs hang onto him in the game won by Crosbyton 39-22 last Friday. Among the Bulldogs trying to bring Hickman down are Jamie Bingham (51), Larry Saldana (55), Ridge Hall (14), Kyron Lawson (4) and Sabino Perez (10).

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



### Get To Know Your BULLDOGS:

#### #5 - NICHOLAS GARCIA

Favorite food: fried chicken • Favorite movie: *Forrest Gump* • Favorite pastime: dancing in the mirror • Favorite video game: Call of Duty 4 • Favorite place you've traveled: New York • Nickname: Neiko • What would you do with a million dollars? Invest it • Favorite college team: Texas • Favorite college player: Colt McCoy • Favorite NFL team: Saints • Favorite NFL player: Reggie Bush • Who would you like to have dinner with? Angelina Jolie

#### #8 - ZACH GARCIA

Favorite food: Italian • Favorite movie: *The Simpsons Movie* • Favorite pastime: playing catch in the backyard • Favorite video game: NCAA 10 • Favorite place you've traveled: Las Vegas • Hidden talent: cooking • Nickname: Zach Attack • Favorite line from a movie: "Nothing in life worth having comes easy," from *Scrubs* TV show • What would you do with a million dollars? give back to the community • Favorite college team: Texas • Favorite college football player: Colt McCoy • Favorite NFL team & player: Dallas Cowboys / Terrance Newman • Who would you like to have dinner with? The President

#### #9 - RICARDO DELGADO

Favorite food: pizza • Favorite movie: *Kung Fu Panda* • Favorite video game: Madden 09 • Favorite place you've traveled: Austin • Hidden talent: I can almost sing • Favorite line from a movie: "If the world hates you, remember it hated me first," from *Passion of The Christ* • What would you do with a million dollars? invest • Favorite college football team: Texas Longhorns • Favorite NFL team: Indianapolis Colts

## Tahoka vs Denver City

Friday, September 4th • THERE at 7:30 p.m.

Dixie Dog	Lynn County Hospital District & Lynnwood Assisted Living Center	Wildcat Manufacturing
Farmers Co-Op Assn. #1	Witt Butane	Quick Stripe Paving
First Bank & Trust	Lyntegar Electric Cooperative	Dr. Patrick Edwards
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#### LAST WEEK'S CONTEST WINNER:

Mark Wuensche won \$20!

(Winners Come by the News Office to claim your prize.)

#### LAST WEEK'S SECRET SPONSORS:

- Ag Texas FCS
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## Lynn County News

### Football Contest

WIN \$20 EACH WEEK - WINNER GETS \$40 IF THEY GUESS A SECRET SPONSOR

ALL entries entered in Grand Prize drawing!  
(MUST have an original entry form - no copies accepted)

Put an "X" in the team's box you think will win. Pick a score for the tie-breaker game.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Tahoka at Denver City	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Miami (Fla) at Florida State	<input type="checkbox"/>

WEEK 2  
Choose 1 Secret Sponsor:

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