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# Flu shot clinic set in Wilson

A flu shot clinic will be held Tuesday, September 22, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Wilson City Hall. Cost will be \$20 per shot Medicare/ Medicaid will be accepted.

# **Commissioners approve tax abatement** agreements for wind energy projects

#### by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners approved ten-year tax abatement agreements for two proposed wind energy projects in Lynn County at Monday's commissioner meeting, and considered other issues including adopting the tax rate and consolidation of voting precincts for the November election.

Commissioners unanimously approved two tax abatement agreements between the county and Wind Tex Energy L.P. for two different wind energy project proposals in the county. Both agreements are basically the same, but for two different areas in the county. Both projects under consideration are east of U.S. 87, with the Lynn County Wind Farm located north of Hwy. 380 and the BorLynn Wind Farm located south of Hwy. 380, connecting to a wind energy project in Borden Coun-

ty. The tax abatement agreements would go into effect after construction is completed on the wind energy farms being proposed by Wind Tex Energy L.P., a company out of Dallas, of which

Steven K. DeWolf is the developer. Highlights of the agreement include the following details, for a 10-year period in lieu of the company paying property taxes to Lynn County:

• Lynn County will be paid \$1,000 per megawatt per year. The Lynn County Wind Farm is intended to generate 120 MG, and not less than 40 MG, per year, and the BorLynn Wind Farm is intended to generate 150 MG and not less than 60 MG per year. That is a potential \$100,00 to \$270,000 per year paid to the county.

· After the 10-year abatement period, the wind farms would be fully taxable and would eliminate the megawatt payments.

• Wind farm improvements must remain in place for 20 years.

• Wind Tex Energy must utilize Lynn County individuals and businesses for materials, labor and services in connection with the construction and operation of improvements in the county, if quality and prices are comparable to those offered by others outside the county.

· Wind Tex Energy must restore all roads used during construction of wind farms to equal or better condition than prior to construction.

· Wind Tex Energy agrees to donate \$1,000 per year to each of the four fire departments in Lynn County as well as to the Lynn County EMS service, for a total of \$5,000 per year for the 10-year period.

"We believe this is a good and fair agreement between the county and Wind Tex Energy, and is comparable to tax abatement agreements in other counties," said Lynn County Attorney Donnis Scott.

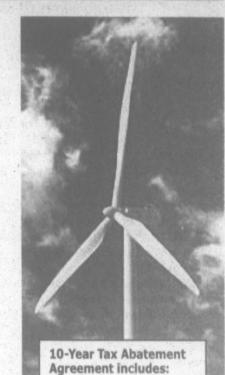
Prior to approving the tax abatement agreements, commissioners unanimously approved designating the Lynn County Wind Farm and BorLynn Wind Farm as reinvestment zones for tax abatement purposes, a legal requirement needed for the abatement agreements.

In other business, the 2007-08 audit was approved as presented by Melvin Eaker, representing Gary, Bowers & Miller. Commissioners also approved a contract with Gary, Bowers & Miller for the 2009-10 audit at a cost of \$18,500.

Commissioners adopted a tax rate of \$0.86110, which is nearly two cents less than last year's rate of \$0.87931 but is considered a tax increase because the rate will bring in more revenue than the previous year. The vote was

from the Lynn County Appraisal District, Lynn County lost \$42,273.43 in early discounts in 2008, a significant amount that did not come into county coffers. Beginning this year, the discount will no longer be offered.





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Lynn County News P.O. Box 1170 · Tahoka, TX 79373 Phone: 806-561-4888 Fax: 806-561-6308 ynnCoNews@poka.com Affings 1617 Main Street In Tahoka **Open Monday** - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Open During Lunch Hour) CLOSED FRIDAYS (Drop Box available by front door)

Dog chasing a cat ... Wink Wildcat running back Tyler Abila (8) is being chased by Tahoka Bulldog Jac Calvillo (33), and Seth Hawthorne is on the ground. Wink won the game 7-0. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

# Four persons face felony indictments

Four persons indicted by 106th District grand jury have been arrested on the charges. They are:

Lorenzo Escobedo, 26, Tahoka, indicted for injury to a child;

Renee Phillips, 24, Wilson, driving while intoxicated with a child passenger;

Rogerio Gonzales III, 28, Santa Rosa, possession of marijuana; and

Mona Vanessa Garter, 39, Tahoka, possession of marijuana in a drug-free zone

Sheriff's officers are investigating two thefts and a case of criminal mischief, all in the New Home area. Reported on Sept. 9 was a theft of tractor weights, a plow wing and miscellaneous metal pieces from a location west of New Home. Victim of the theft was Clifton Clem of New Home, who

estimated the loss at \$1500. On Sept. 11 north of New Home, household items were damaged in a

house owned by Michael Gass, who gave no estimate of the value of the damaged articles.

On Monday, Freddy Kieth of Lubbock reported a 24-foot flat bed trailer had been stolen from a farm location southwest of New Home. The trailer's value was set at \$400.

"There have also been several thefts in recent weeks of diesel in the county, and I urge all citizens with diesel tanks to keep a close watch on them," said Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin. During the last week, Tahoka Po-

lice arrested two persons on outstanding warrants, one for family violence and three for public intoxication, with one of those also charged with possession of marijuana.

A 32-year-old Tahoka man was jailed after an alleged assault on a female in the family violence incidence Friday. Also on Friday, a 22-year-old Tahoka woman was arrested on outstanding warrants for permitting an unlicensed person to drive plus failure to appear. A third arrest that day was a 41-year-old Roswell-man on a warrant from Ector County for theft by check.

Thirteen persons were jailed during the last week, leaving the population at Lynn County Jail at 43, with eight held for Lubbock County and one for Garza County, that one involving a grand jury indictment for a sexual act.

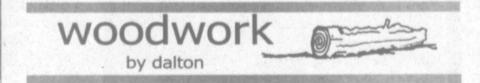
Charges leading to other arrests included resisting arrest, public intoxication (four persons), application to revoke probation on conviction of burglary, no liability insurance (enhanced), application to revoke probation on conviction of driving while license invalid, failure to appear, theft by check (Ector County), child support (Lubbock), assault causing bodily injury and possession of marijuana.

unanimous by all four commissioners, who also voted to discontinue the discount for early payment of property taxes. In the past, a 3% discount was offered for payment in October, 2% in November, and 1% in December, with taxes due for payment by the end of January with no discount if paid in, that month. According to information

The 2009-10 budget was approved unanimously, with \$4,132,644 anticipated revenue and \$3,911,352 in anticipated expenditures.

A loyalty incentive vacation policy for full-time employees (not elected officials) was approved, and voting

(See COMMISSIONERS, page 3)



COMING BACK from Lamesa a week or so ago after a little shower down around O'Donnell, my wife and I saw a rainbow off to the east of the highway, and I asked her why rainbows are always semi-circular, or ...uh, rainbow shaped.

She didn't know, either, but I looked it up later on my computer, which knows everything, sort of like a teenager, but which won't always tell me what I want to know.

I already knew that the colors of the rainbow were from refracted light, broken up by moisture, but I did learn a few things I never knew before about rainbows. The explanation I got about the shape had to do with fact that a drop of water is perfectly round, and when you see a rainbow, you're looking at a whole bunch of drops together. That's a little vague to me, but since I know a rainbow looks like part of a circle, I can accept that.

Another thing I never had thought about was the statement that most people have never noticed that the sun is always behind you when you face a rainbow, and that the center of the rainbow is in the direction opposite to that of the sun, while the rain is in the direction of the rainbow.

One thing the computer article said which I can't accept was the statement that when two people are looking at a rainbow from the same vantage point, they're really not seeing the same rainbow. This supposedly is because what you see is partly determined by your own eye, a bit different from everyone else's eyes. Come on-1 was seeing the same rainbow she was, and I'm sure it looked the same.

According to Genesis, the rainbow also is a symbol of God's promise, made to Noah and whoever was left at the time, that the earth and all living things would never again be destroyed by flood. That's good to know, although Weather Bureau records indicate that Lynn County only got 2.5 inches of rain that week.

Folklore says there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, or that at the end of the rainbow is a weird little Leprechaun who can show you where the pot of gold is.

You can't really find the end of the rainbow, however, because the rainbow disappears when you go toward it.

A federal task force was appointed a couple of weeks ago to locate the pot of gold and divide it up among illegal immigrants.

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**GENARO AND TILDA CARRASCO Couple celebrates anniversary** 

Genaro and Tilda Carrasco of Tahoka will celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary on September 19, 2009. Carrasco and the former Tilda Pando were married September 19, 1981 in Brownfield.

The couple has three children, Malena and husband Junior Vitolas, Cory Carrasco and Crystal Carrasco, all of Tahoka. (PAID)

# **Harvest Festival** is next Saturday

The Lynn County Harvest Festival will be held at the courthouse square in Tahoka next Saturday, Sept. 26, featuring live entertainment, food booths, games, and cash prizes from audience participation. The Harvest Festival Prince and Princess will be named during the afternoon, and a special Queens contest will also be presented.

Trivia questions will be. asked from the stage, with the audience winning cash prizes for correct answers throughout the day. Area merchants are donating the cash for the prize giveaways. Cadillac Jack's band will perform throughout the day as well.

A Harvest Festival raffle ticket for a \$1,000 trip voucher will be drawn at the end of the day, and

Food and game booths will be open throughout the day. For information about booth space, contact booth chairman Rebecca Ingle at 561-4440.

for the trip.

Admission is free. Bring lawn chairs for seating on the courthouse lawn.

10 a.m. at the square.

other raffle tickets for cash and

other prizes will also be sold

by various organizations. Har-

vest Festival Prince and Prin-

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the festival. Winner of the raffle

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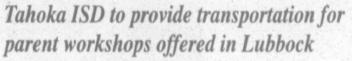
their turtles for the turtle races

sponsored by the Lynn County

Extension Office, beginning at

Children are invited to bring

# **LETTER** to the **EDITOR**



Tahoka ISD will provide transportation for parents that are interested in attending a conference for parents, entitled "Building Strong Families: Tools for Success" to be held Thursday October 1, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Cost for the conference is \$10 per person, and includes all sessions, continental breakfast and lunch. Morning and afternoon sessions are available. No children are allowed at the conference and childcare will not be provided.

Sessions will cover many topics, some of which include: Healthy Eating on a Budget, When Crisis Strikes Your Family, Being the Parent of a 21st Century Teenager, Parent Alert: Protecting Your Children from Sexual Predators; as well as topics and sessions presented in Spanish. Sessions begin at 8:30

a.m. and end at 2:45. Interested parents must register by Friday, September 25. For more information, contact Tahoka Elementary at 561-4850.

#### Fall training scheduled for nursing home volunteers

South Plains Association of Governments' Area Agency on Aging will hold an orientation on Saturday, Oct. 17 for nursing home volunteer advocates. The special session will be from 1-4 p.m. at 1323-58th St. in Lubbock.

Call Paul Moore at the Area Agency on Aging at 687-0940 or 1-888-418-6564 to pre-register or for more information.

#### **Mayor explains** fee increases Citizens of Tahoka:

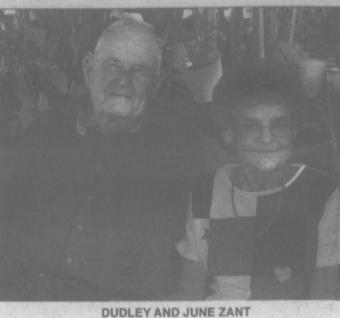
I am writing to you on behalf of the Tahoka City Council. I promised you open communications. As you are probably aware September is budget time for all of the local governments and taxing entities. Your city council has unanimously chosen to leave the property tax rate for the city at its current rate. We hope you find this as welcomed good news. In that same light we have found it necessary to review fees charged for water, sewer and sanitation services. Because of a number of factors we have been forced to raise each of these by \$1.00 monthly. This action will allow us to stay current with the State of Texas



regulatory requirements imposed on the city's water and sewer systems, and cover sanitation increases imposed by our sanitation/trash service vendor. I want to assure you that this is a prudent action. This will allow us to operate municipal services. efficiently and operate within a

balanced city budget. I hope you have been pleased with the changes being made by our city employees in an effort to improve our city. I have asked the city staff and employees to adopt the attitude of "How can I make your day better?" They have all committed to that goal, from the mayor's office to the meter reader; we are here to serve you.

In the last several weeks I have met with several other small town officials and residents, and the word about Tahoka is getting out. Tahoka is making improvements. They ask, "How can we do the same?" We have a great town. Improvements are happening all over, be



# Zants celebrate 60th anniversary

Dudley and June Zant celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 15, 2009 with a family celebration and fish fry.

Dudley and June (Gill) Zant were married September 15, 1949 in Ackerly, Texas. They had four children, Rick and wife Lynda Zant, Craig Zant, Pam Fry and husband Michael, and Barbara Jeneane Zant, all of Paris. They have 13 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren.

The Zants farmed in the Vealmoor, Ackerly, Smyer and New Home areas for many years before relocating south of Paris in1970. Dudley continued to farm and ranch while June worked for Campbell Soup, retiring in 1997. They are members of the College Church of Christ.

Cards may be sent to the couple at 1845 Hwy. 24, Paris, TX 75462.



#### SEPTEMBER 21-25 Monday: Chicken fried steak salad, chips, crackers, apples & oranges, vanilla pudding

Tuesday: Hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, tossed salad, watermelon Wednesday: Chicken spaghetti, sautéed squash, marinated tomato slices, garlic bread, yellow cake

Thursday: Pork chops, oven fried potatoes w/ onions, spinach, homemade rolls, jello

Friday: Tilapia fish, French fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies, lemon wedges & tartar sauce, coconut cake

· MARK YOUR CAL-ENDARS! We will be hosting a second flu shot clinic on Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 9:30-12:00 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

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# Frances Thomas to celebrate 80th birthday

Frances (Jolly) Powers Thomas of Tahoka will celebrate her 80th birthday with a party on Saturday, Sept. 19 atthe Tahoka Housing Authority, 1400 South Ave. K, from 2:00-4:30 p.m. Friends and family' are invited to attend (no gifts please).

Mrs. Thomas is a longtime Tahoka resident, born Sept. 23, 1929 just east of town. She has



#### TATE BARTON ANDERSON Shawn and Heather Ander-

son of New Home announce the birth of their son, Tate Barton Anderson, born August 12, 2009 at Covenant Women's and Children's Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Mickey and Kelly Kieth of New Home and Johnny and Janney Anderson of Lubbock. Great-grandparents are Jimmie and Joann Kieth of New Home and Mary Johnston of Rochester.

#### COLT JACOB TERRELL

Jake and April Terrell of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, Colt Jacob Terrell, born September 4, 2009, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. He weighed 7 lbs 5 oz and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Mike and Connie Braddock of Tahoka and Stan and Sheliah Terrell of Stamford. Great-grandparents are Marvin and the late Barbara Pierce, Hazel and the late Norman Braddock, all of Tahoka, and Harold and Diane Harwell of Corpus Christi.

part of it! Community pride is what makes a small town succeed.

Should you have any questions, comments or suggestions, feel free to contact me.

John B. Baker, Mayor

#### PHEBE K. WARNER **CLUB NEWS**

Phebe K. Warner club met Sept. 8 in the home of Suzanne Baker with 11 members and one guest present. Roll call was answered with each member sharing a place they traveled this summer.

Mrs. Loretta Tekell presented the history and services of the General Federation of Women's Club. Bettye Green gave an overview of the duties and obligations of members of Phebe K. Warner Club. Tekell also presented Clyde May as a new member.

Mrs. Baker gave out the new yearbooks and led discussions on the club's ad in the THS yearbook. It was voted on to purchase the ad for \$30 again this year.

The club will have the beans and cornbread booth at the Harvest Festival on the Courthouse square Sept. 26. Members will sign up for work times at the next meeting Sept. 22 at 4:30 at Loretta Tekell's home.

The President gave each member the challenge of bringing 1 new member into the club for the 2009-2010 year.

"Membership in Phebe K. Warner Club offers women the opportunity to come together for fellowship and to help build, serve, improve and enjoy the community in which we live, We would like you to join Phebe K. Warner'Club," said a club representative.

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lived 76 of her 80 years in Lynn County. She graduated from Tahoka High School in 1947, and married O.W. Powers on Jan. 31, 1948. He died Dec. 31, 1981. She married Dan Thomas on Nov. 5, 1988. He died May 29, 2007.

She has been a member of Sweet Street Baptist Church in Tahoka for 51 years, and raised all three children here.



Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009

from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Tahoka Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

Your presence will be her gift. Cards welcome.

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# **City utility rates** to increase by \$1

in Tahoka will increase by \$1, approved by the Tahoka City Council at their Monday night meeting. Base rates in each of three utilities will increase \$1, including the base water rate, sewer rate, and sanitation rate, effective Oct. 1. City residents will see the increase reflected in bills they receive at the end of October.

The council voted unanimously to increase the utility rates to cover increased costs. in providing these services, but left the city property tax rate at the same level as last year, approving the rate of \$0.74703 in a unanimous decision Monday following the required public hearings on the issue. The council also adopted the 2009-10 budget with an estimated revenue of \$2,152,708 and esti-

mated expenses of \$2,114,385, which puts the budget just over \$38,000 in the black. City officials had contacted owners of two dilapidated prop-

proval for both requests.

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Utility rates for residents and outlined how the shelter will be overseen by a board consisting of two representatives from each of the four cities in the county with the county judge presiding. The Tahoka council appointed Mayor John Baker and City Administrator Jerry Webster to represent Tahoka on the animal shelter board.

Vernon Baker presented an update to the council on the 4B Sales Tax Committee and how they are planning to promote the sales tax issue in the upcoming Nov. 3 election, and Police Chief Doyle Lee presented a department report to the council.

Monthly bills were approved, and final amendments to the 2008-09 budget were approved.

All council members were present for the meeting led by Mayor John Baker, including Clara Calvillo, Rudy Fuentes, Amy Preston, Jeff Martin and Ray Box, as well as Webster and other city officials.

**Pleasant Grove** 

Notice: Pleasant Grove Kitchen will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays, open Wednesday-Sunday for lunch. All orders are carryouts. Call 561-1019 to place order.

Wednesday special: Beef stew, cornbread, salad

Thursday special: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad

Friday special: Catfish, podoned/vacant buildings until a tatoes, salad, texas toast

Saturday menu: Hamburger or cheeseburger, and ask for other specials.

Sunday menu: Smothered steak, chicken fried steak, baked or fried chicken, sweet potato casserole, burnip greens, vegetable medley, chocolate cake



Cookoff donations ... Shiloh Braddock (center) presents checks to Steve Sanders for the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department and Justice of Peace Dana McKay for the Lynn County Historical Commission, as donations from the 6th Annual No Adult Supervision BBQ Cookoff held in Tahoka. Kim and Kelly Draper are organizers of the non-profit cookoff event that was held at RV campgrounds off the Hwy. 87 access road in Tahoka in late July. All proceeds after expenses were donated, with \$300 to the Tahoka VFD and \$500 to the **Historical Commission.** (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

## **Cotton Festival** set Saturday in O'Donnell

The 21st annual O'Donnell Cotton Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 19 in downtown O'Donnell in conjunction with O'Donnell Homecoming festivities on Sept. 18. A Homecoming pep rally will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, and an exes banquet at 6:30 p.m. will precede the homecoming football game, with kickoff at 7:30 as the Eagles host Amherst.

The Cotton Festival starts with a parade at 10 a.m., and festival booths open at 10:30. The festival includes a quilt show, merchants' drawings, turtle races, family games, and a variety of arts, crafts and food choices. The festival is sponsored by O'Donnell Rotary Club, who is offering a raffle ticket for a chance to win Texas Tech football game tickets and dinner for two at the 50-Yard Line Restaurant

For booth information, contact Frances Stephens at 428-3335

### **Tahoka FFA now** selling meat

Tahoka FFA will be selling meat for a fundraiser until September 25th. Items include breakfast sausage, bacon, pigsn-blankets, sausage egg and cheese biscuit, chicken tenders, tamales, beef and chicken fajitas, smoked turkey, spiral cut ham, summer sausage, pecan pie and peach cobbler.

If interested please contact a Tahoka FFA member or call the Tahoka ISD Ag Department at 561-5114.

# New Home ISD board approves \$1.23 tax rate

New Home Independent School District Board of Trustees met Monday night, approving the 2009 tax rate for the school district. Trustees unanimously approved a tax rate of \$1.17 in Maintenance and Operating (M&O) and .067363 for Interest and Sinking (I&S) for paying bonded indebtedness, for a total tax rate of \$1.237363. The new rate is about a

penny less than last year's total tax rate, which included \$1.17 M&O and .07780 I&S for a total of \$1.24780.

**Reserve Booth Space** at Lynn Co. Harvest Festival on Saturday, Sept. 26 - Call 561-4440 -

# Commissioners ....

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(continued from page 1) precincts were consolidated into four locations in O'Donnell, New Home, Wilson and Tahoka for the Nov. 3 election. Commissioners also voted to leave their meeting dates on the second and fourth Mondays of each month for the 2009-10 term, and approved monthly bills.

Unwritten policy regarding funds for purchasing flowers for employee illness/family funerals was discussed but commissioners took no official action, as funds are donated personally from county officials/employees for flowers.

Some discussion was held on a request to increase courthouse maintenance employee salaries by an additional percentage over the 3% increase that all county employees received in the budget, but commissioners voted unanimously not to give the additional increase for the maintenance employees. County Judge H.G. Franklin voted against the motion.

Commissioners denied a request from Stan Renfro for a waiver of penalties and interest on property taxes due on county taxes.

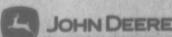
The court also met with Lynn County AgriLife Extension Agent Bryan Reynolds to consider guidelines for use of the county showbarn, but took no official action.

Judge Franklin presided at the meeting with commissioners Brad Hammonds, Keith Wied, Don Blair and Mike Braddock present. The meeting adjourned just before noon.

Support your local library **Donate Items** for the library's Silent Auction at the Lynn County **Harvest Festival** 

Bring Items to the library before Sept. 26!





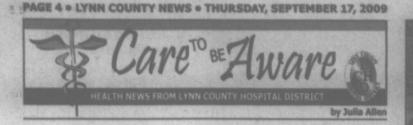
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#### **Are You Drinking Enough Water?**

With the last few articles both stating how important hydration is for your body we thought it appropriate to write about how important water is for you. Are you drinking enough water?

Most of us don't drink enough. Many people live in a dehydrated state. Dehydration is a condition which arises when there is not enough water in the body to enable it to function properly.

Signals that your body needs water:

\*Heartburn, stomach ache \*Low back pain \*Headache \*\*Mental irritation and depression \*Water retention \*And dry mouth.

Dry mouth is the body's LAST signal that you need water according to Dr. Thomas Lee. As we age our sense of thirst fails. We need to be aware of these other signals first.

Drinking 8-10 eight oz glasses a day is recommended. Overweight people need to drink an extra glass for every 25 lbs. they exceed over their ideal weight says Dr. Flaks. Also, if you are going to be outside doing physical activity you need to be drinking before and more throughout the day to keep properly hydrated. And rememare not a substitute for water.

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Six tips to drinking more water

ber cokes, coffee, and alcohol

1. Add flavored packets - If water alone bores you, take advantage of the new flavor packets that are sold specifically to enhance your enjoyment of water.

-2. Get fun to-go containers - Always have water with you or in the car. Get good size, fun colored containers.

3. Change your daily habits - Wake up to your first glass of water. Make it a rule to order water (with or without lemon) when you go out to lunch instead of a diet soda.

4. Drink a glass before you eat - Water helps to curb your appetite. It is easy to confuse hunger with being thirsty; so try water first. Drinking water makes you feel trimmer.

5. Use straws, add ice and a lemon - Make this glass of water feel like a treat.

6. Always have cold water on hand ready to drink - Make it easy. It is always easier to make the right choices when you have planned ahead and are prepared.

Good luck and drink up!

Library auction ... Pictured here are a few of the items that have been donated to the City/County Library in Tahoka for their annual Silent Auction at the Lynn County Harvest Festival. This year's auction and festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 26 at the courthouse square in Tahoka. Bring items for the library auction to the library at 1717 Main Street, to help support the local library with their annual fundralser. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

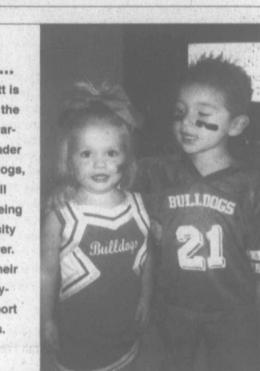
# Wilson ISD Board meets

Wilson Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Sept. 10, adopting a new policy for students taking dual credit courses. The board also approved a change in policy for the end of year incentives paid to teachers for their unused local leave, raising the limit on the incentive to \$325 from \$225 for professional positions, and to \$225 from \$175 for all other positions, which is in correlation with the rate withheld for subs if needed. An item that was discussed at length and approved was the purchase of Odyssey Ware software for student support.

Principal Candice Cross informed the board of the status of enrollment for the campus as well as the number of students taking dual credit courses. The bulk of the report surrounded student clubs. The club meetings will start Tuesday, Sept. 15. The clubs are available to all students Pre-K through 8th grade, and will focus on a variety of topics from needlepoint to horticulture.

In related business, Superintendent Michael Norman gave a report concerning the installation of a security system. The renovation of the school greenhouse and costs associated with the project was also a topic of discussion.

Future Bulldogs... **Raymie Scott is** looking into the future as a varsity cheerleader for the Bulldogs, as Jaxon Hall dreams of being a future varsity football player. Both wore their outfits to daycare to support the Bulldogs.





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# Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

## The LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

conducted public hearings on 9/10/2009 and 9/16/2009 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Lynn County Hospital District from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 6.600000 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of 0.247450 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$726,301.46.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 0.247450 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$768,033.15.

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The Lynn County Hospital District is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on 9/24/2009 in the HOSPITAL MEETING ROOM at 6:00 P.M.

At the meeting, trustees were present included Board President Clyde Wilke, Vice President Casey Donald, Secretary April Moore, Janie Rios, and Israel Ramirez. Trustees Daniel Clark and Josh Isham were absent.

# **Hermleigh zaps** Wilson 47-0

Hermleigh pounded Wilson 47-0 in a six-man football game called in the third quarter because of the 45-point rule last Friday.

Jordan Guzman completed 5 of 7 passes for 39 yards and also led Wilson on defense. Brandon Bassinger caught 3 passes for 33 yards, the longest an 18-yard gain.



Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrots, roll,

apples Thursday: Crispy tacos, lettuce & tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodles, fresh broccoli w/ ranch, strawberries & bananas

Memorials and donations made to the LYNN COUNTY PIONEERS 1600 S. 3rd \* Box 223 \* Tahoka, Tx 79373 will benefit our local senior citizens center

**Letters To The Editor** -- POLICY --

Our readers are encouraged to express their opinions in Letters to the Editor.

Letters to the Editor are accepted by the Lynn County News in person (1617 Main Street); by mail (P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka 79373); or by fax (806-561-6308).

All letters must be signed with a handwritten signature, and all are subject to editing for length. The editor reserves the right to refuse any letter because of vulgarity or libel issues.



to the Lynn County. Hospital District EMS are greatly appreciated. LCHD EMS, Box 1310, Tahoka, Tx

**Reserve Booth Space for the** Lynn County Harvest Festival on Sept. 26th Call 561-4440



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ary personnel with family ties to Lynn County are being honored on a pictorial display i Phriftway Grocery in Tahoka. Each soldier will also be featured in this column, with tion provided by their families.

THIS WEEK'S HEROES

MSGT Trent Genard Moore is with the USAF Reserve 301st Fighter Wing out of Ft. Worth, TX. He is a first line Supervisor in maintenance and management of tactical aircraft. Trent served 5 yrs. active duty and 16 yrs. reserve for a current total of 21. In addition to the USAF he maintains another career protecting the United States as a Federal Agent. He is the son of Roosevelt and the (late) Dora Moore. He is married to his Tahoka junior high school sweetheart Lola Rogers and they have a son who is a Senior at Texas Tech.

TRENT GENARD

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Editor's Note: Anyone who would like to add a name/photo to the military "Hero" display at Thriftway and information for this column may email The Lynn County News at LynnCoNews@poka.com, or bring to the News Office. News employee Pam Elrod, whose daughter is serving in the military, is involved in this effort and will make sure the photo is displayed at Thriftway, and print the information in "Honoring Our Heroes."



#### **Varsity Football** By: Seth Hawthorne

Tahoka Bulldogs lost to Wink Wildcats 0-7 last Friday. The game was a back and forth battle between the Wildcats and Bulldogs until a fumble turned the game in favor of the wildcats, allowing them to make a touchdown and extra point.

The Cross country team went to Mae Simmons on Sept. 12 where they ran against 1A-5A teams. Nikki Box ran a time of 14:09 and came in 47th.

Sarah Freitag ran 14:44, and came in 69th. Other runners include Hannah Thomas, 15:09, 84th; Harley Reynolds, 15:37, 100th; Jori Chapa, 16:00; and Susie Laura, 17:32.

# Prayers sought for SYATP event

First Baptist Church of Tahoka is seeking adults to help support the annual "See You At The Pole" event on Sept. 23, by parking around the school property from 7-7:30 a.m. and offering prayers for the school and youth.

"See You At The Pole" began in early 1990, when a small group of teenagers in Burleson, Texas came together for a DiscipleNow weekend. The students were broken before God and burdened for their friends. Compelled to pray, they drove to three different schools that night. Not knowing exactly what to do, they went to the school flagpoles and prayed for their friends, schools, and leaders. Every year on the fourth Wednesday of September, which is September 23rd this year, students gather around the flagpole to pray. "See You At The Pole" has grown to more than 3 million students from all 50 states over 20 different countries.

Sensing a need for adults to be involved in praying for our schools, Richard Harbison, pastor of First Baptist Church in Tahoka, began "Surround Your School in Prayer" last year to go along with See You at the Pole. "It's important for students to see that adults are praying for them as they are gathered around the flagpole. I encourage believers from all churches to park around the school property from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m. on September 23rd and pray for our students and faculty," he said.

Kordell Baker finished the race with a time of 5:38, and Stevie Moya ran 8:31.

#### Kennel Yearbooks Available for Pickup

Anyone who ordered a 2009 Kennel yearbook can get a copy of the yearbook from Mrs. Lehman after school in the journalism room at the high school.

A few extra copies are availble for purchase for \$35.



Grabbing a wildcat ... Tahoka sophomore Zach Garcia (8) grabs a Wildcat ball carrier in Friday night's loss to Wink. Other Bulldogs shown here are Jamie Bingham (51) and Xavier Zamarron (25).

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

**New Home** 

SCHOOL MENU

## THS Class of '49 expects big attendence at Homecoming Event

Approximately 19 out of 30 remaining members of the Tahoka High class of 1949 will gather in Tahoka on Friday, September 25, to celebrate Homecoming and at the same time commemorate the 60th anniversary of the class graduation.

Only five of the graduates have not responded to announcements of the special reunion. Six will be unable to attend for various reasons. The class is especially saddened to learn of the death of one of its members, (Gerald) Wayne Tippit, veteran character actor on TV and stage. on August 28th. A special memorial will pay tribute to sixteen deceased members. A special guest expected for the occasion is long-time faculty member and senior sponsor, Mary Margaret Stewart, now of Waco.

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# Wink slips by Bulldogs, 7-0

The Wink Wildcats came to Tahoka last Friday and won a close defensive battle 7-0, to hand the Bulldogs their third straight loss of the season.

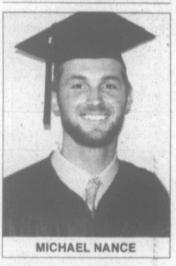
Daniel Zipfel of Wink ran 3 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter, followed by an extra point from Kris Plunkett, for the only scoring in the game

Tahoka's defense, led by Jac Calvillo with six tackles and nine assists, held Wink in check for most of the game. Other defensive leaders were Ridge Hall, Larry Saldana and A.J. Curtis. Jason Newdiger had an interception.

Kyron Lawson led all running backs in the game with 100 yards rushing, averaging 5.6 per carry on 18 efforts, with his longest run being 22 yards. Trai Smith gained 26 yards in seven carries.

#### GAME AT A GLANCE

ТАНОКА		WINK
10	first downs	14
177	yds rushing	138
0	yds passing	78
0-4-1	completed by	7-19-1
2	fumbles lost	0
4-28	penalties	4-30
3-39	punts, avg.	2-37.5



## **Nance graduates** from Texas A&M

Michael Alan Nance graduated from Texas A&M August 14, 2009. He received his B.A. degree in Biomedical Science He is the son of Jeff E. and Tommye Nance of Tahoka, and the grandson of Leta Davis and the late J.E., Sr. and Leota Nance. He is a 2004 graduate of Tahoka High School.

September 21-25 BREAKFAST Monday: Breakfast Pizza Tuesday: Waffles Wednesday: Ham & eggs Thursday: Biscuit sausage Friday: Donut

> LUNCH Monday: Chili cheese dog, fresh veggies, tater tots, apple Tuesday: Popcorn chicken, mac & cheese, baked beans, lettuce/ tom, fruit cup. Wednesday: Soft tacos, lettuce/

> > tomato, refried beans, cornbread, applesauce Thursday: Pizza, lettuce/tomato,

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ty Harvest Festival Sept. 26th 561-4440 nce ust COME BY HERE at drop 6 p.m.

Kyron Lawson led the team with 100 rushing yards. Neiko Garcia had a goal line interception during the third quarter. Jac Calvillo led the team on defense with nine tackles and six assists.

**8th Graders Beat New Deal** By: Brittany Garcia

The 8th grade Bulldogs beat the New Deal Lions 22-0. Putting up the points for the Bulldogs were Ke'shawn Hood with two touchdowns, Issiah Saldana with a 65 yard interception return, and Keyshawn Liggins with a two-point conversion. The 7th grade Bulldogs also played New Deal in a scrimmage, and they tied.

Both teams face Coahoma

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Nick Aguire ran a time of 19:41 and Braiden Fisher ran a 26:28.

Middle School Cross Country By: Kaitlyn Reno

The middle school girls went to Mae Simmons on Sept. 12. The girls and boys ran a mile in a meet.

Cashai Perez ran 7:00. Madison Lockaby ran 7:16. McKenzie Dimak ran 7:23. Micaela Torrez ran 7:37. Caley Bingham ran 8:00. Kara Larpenter ran 8:03. Amanda Hill ran 8:05. Ashlee Anderson ran 8:19. Amanda Anderson ran 8:20. Megan Alvarado ran 8:34. Breanna Littrell ran 8:35. Alyssa Pesina ran 8:92, and Haylee

## Class of 1999 seeks classmates

The Tahoka High School Class of 1999 will celebrate their 10 year class reunion September 25-26. Any one knowing email addresses, mailing addresses, phone numbers or whereabouts of class members are asked to send that information to Mandi (Tejeda) Duncan at tejedattu@ hotmail.com or 806-441-8753.

Be healthy... Exercise can

be fun!

Additional questions can be directed to Dr. Duane and Mrs. Bennie Carter at (806) 561-5070 or to Mary Draper Fleming at (432) 209-2567.

Tahoka Homecoming activities will be held on Friday, Sept. 25 followed by the **Harvest Festival** on Sept. 26

corn, pudding Friday: Chopped steak w/ brown, mashed potatoes, green beans, Texas toast, orange

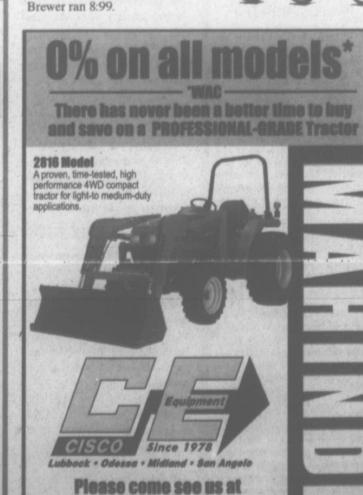
Go Leopards!





If you need an invitation for a Baby Shower,-Wedding, Anniversary, Birthday Party or anything else, come by the Lynn County News office and let us help you! We have all colors of paper to choose from and can

help you customize your invitations ... all at a low price. Baby Girl Shower Jer Elissa Morton J are invited to For example: 50 Baby Shower post cards is \$12.50. **EVNN County News** 1617 Main Street Tahoka · 561-4888



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Scholarship Recipient ... Hector Fiscal, of New Home was awarded a \$1,000 Scholarship from Lynn/Garza County Farm Bureau. He is the son of Miguel and Rosa Fiscal.



**Bureau** Farm Scholarship ... Nickolaus Hoy of O'Donnell received a \$1000 scholarship from Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau. He is the son of Mara Mc-Daniel.



\$1,000 Scholarship...,Trevor Gicklhorn

# Arrington aces **T-Bar hole**

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Bill Arrington of Lubbock made a hole in one at T-Bar Country Club on Sunday, September 15, using a 9 iron, on the 127-yard hole #3.

Witnesses were Terry Sholer, Johnny Brandon and Ricky Gandy.

## **Voter registration** deadline is Oct. 5

AUSTIN - Secretary of State Hope Andrade is reminding Texans that the deadline to register to vote in the Nov. Constitutional Amendment election is Monday, Oct. 5.

"The deadline is approaching, but there is still time to register if you have not already done so," said Andrade. "It only takes a few minutes to fill out a voter registration application or to update information if you have moved - to be eligible to cast a ballot in November."

Voters will decide on eleven proposed amendments put forth by the 81st Legislature. Texans can review ballot language, explanatory statements regarding each proposed amendment and a sample ballot for the Nov. 3 election at the Secretary of State's Web site: www.sos.state. tx.us.

Individuals who have yet to register may obtain an application from many county offices, post offices and libraries or may download an application from the VOTEXAS Website: www. votexas.org. A person may also check their registration status on the Web site or by calling the Secretary of State's voter hotline at 1-800-252-VOTE (8683).

In Lynn County, the voter registrar's office is located at the Lynn County Courthouse, in the Tax Assessor/Collector's office. Texas residents are eligible

to vote if they are a United States citizen, at least 18 years old on Election Day, not a conexpiring CRP contracts On September 23, 2009 the attendees will receive two gen-Natural Resources Conservation eral continuing education units Service (NRCS), Farm Service -(CEU's) toward pesticide appli-

**Conservation partners to** 

present options for area

cator re-certification. Agencies and other conservation partners sponsoring the event are the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, FSA, NRCS and local Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Anyone in the South Plains region interested in learning more about sound management options for their expiring CRP lands is encouraged to attend. Refreshments and conference materials will be provided at no charge.

Contact the Texas AgriLife wildlife management and farm-Extension Service - Lynn Couning economics will be addressed. ty at 806/561-4562 or Dawson County at 806/872-3444 or the NRCS Office in Lynn County at (806) 998-4507 or Dawson County at (806) 872-6504 for more information.

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**PROPOSITION 10** 

HJR 85 would amend the constitu-

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**PROPOSITION 11** 

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September 21-25 Breakfast Monday: Glazed donuts Tuesday: Banana mini-loaf Wednesday: Morning sausage Thursday: Breakfast muffin-

Friday: Cereal w/ graham cracker Lunch Monday: Burrito, Spanish rice, salad, fruit, sugar cookie Tuesday: BBQ Chicken, mac & cheese, salad, combread, pears Wednesday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, green beans,

frozen cherry bar Thursday: Chicken fajita over rice, broccoli & cheese, corn, French bread stick, apricot fruit fluff Friday: Pizza, salad, banana, choc-

olate cake

## Men, women give

# offers new information, email notification

Public Safety has unveiled a complete redesign of the state's sex offender registry. With enhancements to the public website, users will be able to subscribe to e-mail notifications about database changes in a specific zip code or to a specific offender's record, as well as access additional information about specific offenders, including their reported workplace.

The web site can be found at: https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/ DPS\_WEB/Portal/index.aspx.

Enhanced mapping allows users to search by name, address, zip code and county. Lists of names include the proximity of each registered sex offender to the address provided by the



Lots of defense ... Last Friday's game between Tahoka and Wink was mostly a defensive struggle, and here some of the Bulldogs are doing their thing on defense. The Tahoka players include Zach Garcia (8), Seth Hawthorne (88) and A.J. Curtis (68)

# Sex offender web site

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victed felon (unless sentence, probation, and/or parole have been completed), and not declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law.

The meeting is set for Sept. 23 at the Center for Housing and Community Development, 1400 Avenue K in Tahoka from 8:30 , a.m. til noon. Admission is free and all

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**PROPOSITION 7** 

HJR 127 would amend the constitu-

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**PROPOSITION 8** 

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"Land Management Options for

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The conference is designed

Tahoka.

# to charity differently, research shows

To whom would you rather give money: a needy person in your neighborhood or a needy person in a foreign country? According to new research by Texas A&M University marketing professor Karen Winterich and colleagues, if you're a man, you're more likely to give to the person closest to you - that is, the one in your neighborhood if you give at all.

If you're a woman, you're more likely to give - and to give equal amounts to both groups.

Winterich, who teaches marketing at Texas A&M's Mays Business School, says she can predict charitable behavior to different groups by an individual based on just two factors: gender and moral identity. (Moral identity does not measure how moral a person actually is, but rather how important it'is to that person to be caring, kind, fair, honest, etc.)

The study examined how people responded to a need within an "ingroup" and an "outgroup." An ingroup has an obvious connection to the potential donor, such as physical proximity or ethnicity, while the outgroup might have nothing more than humanity to relate it to the donor.

In the study, participants completed a survey to gauge sheir moral identity: Later, each was given five \$1 bills and three options: keep the cash, give it to a Hurricane Katrina relief fund, or give it to a relief fund for victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami.

The results were very consistent. Women with higher moral identity were more likely to split their dollars evenly between the two charities. Women with lower moral identities gave more to the ingroup (Katrina victims).

Men with high moral identities gave to the ingroup, but seldom to the outgroup (tsunami victims). Men with low moral identities pocketed the cash.

New information about registered sex offenders that is now available to the public:

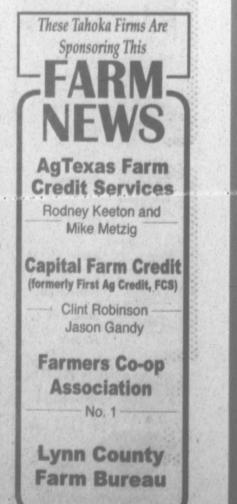
· The offender's complete work address

· Whether the offender attends an institution of higher education

· The offender's occupational license information

· Texas and out-of-state sex offenses

Users also will be able to subscribe to an e-mail service that will notify them when changes are made to a specific offender's record or when a change is made to the record of an offender who resides in that zip code. To subscribe, users should click on "create a sub-" scription" and select the type of report they wish to subscribe to: from a drop-down menu. They: will enter the zip code, address, school or SID they are interested in being notified on and then enter their email address and click on "done."



## PUBLIC NOTICE Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election November 3, 2009

#### **PROPOSITION 1**

HJR 132 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow a municipality or a county to issue bonds and notes to finance. the purchase of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to military installations. The buffer areas would be used to prevent encroachment or to construct roadways utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation. The municipality or county may pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues for repayment of the bonds or notes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the financing, including through tax increment financing. of the acquisition by municipalities and counties of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to a military installation for the prevention of encroachment or for the construction of nondways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation."

#### **PROPOSITION 2**

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for the taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead, regardless of whether the property may have a higher value if it were used for other purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of . the property's value as a residence homestead.

#### **PROPOSITION 3**

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to require the legislature to provide for the administration and enforcement of uniform standards and procedures for appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property

for ad valorem tax purposes."

#### PROPOSITION 4

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to establish the national research university fund to provide a source of funding that will enable emerging research universities in this state to develop into major research universities. The amendment would require the legislature to dedicate state evenue to the fund and to transfer the balance of the existing higher ed- The proposed amendment would apucation fund to the national research university fund. This amendment would further require the legislature to establish the criteria by which a state university may become eligible litia or military force to hold other. to receive and use distributions from the fund.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The HJR 7 would amend the constitution constitutional amendment establishing the national research university fund to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national prominence as major research universities and transferring the balance of the higher education fund to the national research university fund.". .

#### **PROPOSITION 5**

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to state." allow for a single appraisal review board for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated reviews of tax ap- HJR 102 would define what is a praisals.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities rights. that elect to provide for consolidated equalizations."

#### **PROPOSITION 6**

HJR 116 would amend the constitu-

islature to enact laws to protect these The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to protect

#### ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, a political subdivision of the State, the public at large, or entities granted the power of eminent domain under law or for the elimination of urban blight on a particular parcel of property, but not for certain economic development or enhancement of tax revenue purposes, and to limit the legislature 's authority to grant the power of eminent domain to an entity."

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Where's the ball? We're not sure who has the ball here, but the four **Tahoka Bulldogs pictured** are Kyle Reno (64), Kyron Lawson (4), Neiko Garcia and Trai Smith (34). Wink won a close game, 7-0. No. 20 for Wink is Mark Chaves. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

#### **Get To Know Your** BULLDOGS:

#### #25 - Xavier Zamarron

Favorite food: hamburger • Favorite movie: Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen . Favorite pastime: singing while buffing the floors • Favorite video game: NCAA 2010 • Favorite place you've traveled: New Mexico • Hidden talent: singing in a rock band • Nickname: X • Favorite line from a movie: "I'm like a dog chasing cars ... I don't know what I'd do if I caught one ... I just do things," from The Dark Knight • What would you do with a million dollars? go find Meagan Fox, take her on a date; then own my own hotel in Las Vegas · Favorite college team & player: Oklahoma State / Zac Robison • Favorite NFL team & player: Green Bay / Al Harris • Who would you like to have dinner with? Meagan Fox

#### #33 - JAC CALVILLO

Favorite food: Chicken fried steak . Favorite movie: Fast and Furious . Favorite pastime: all of the summer of 2008 • Favorite video game: NCAA 09 · Favorite place you've traveled: Junction, Tx • Nickname: Jarraldo • Favorite line om a movie: "Are you my conscience? Finding Nemo (Dori) . What would you do with a million dollars? too much to list • Favorite college team & player: Texas Tech / Zach Thomas • Favorite NFL team & player: Chargers / LaDarian Tomlinson

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#### **#51 – JAMIE BINGHAM**

Favorite food: lasagne • Favorite movie: Super Bad • Favorite pastime: playing golf • Favorite video game: Call of Duty 4 · Favorite place you've traveled: San Antonio • Nickname: Hime . Favorite line from a movie: "I'll be back," from Terminator • What would you do with a million dollars? buy things • Favorite college football team & player: Texas A&M / Javorsky Lane \* Favorite NFL team & player: Cowboys / Zach Thomas . Who would you like to have dinner with? my great granddad

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