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## Did you know?

In 1998, Sony accidentally sold 700,000 camcorders that had the technology to see through people's clothes. These cameras had special lenses that use infrared light meant to be used as night vision, but it also allowed you to see through some types of clothing.

## ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

- Friday, Oct. 23 games:**
- Tahoka at New Deal
  - New Home (open date)
  - Wilson (open date)
  - Wellman-Union at O'Donnell
- Last Week's Scoreboard:**
- Hale Center 38-13 Tahoka
  - Smyer 44-30 New Home
  - Wilson 54-6 Dawson
  - O'Donnell 58-6 Morton

## COVID UPDATE:

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

### Oct. 19 UPDATE:

- Lynn County** total cases: 151  
(32 new cases during past week)  
38 Active - 109 Recovered - 4 Deaths
- Gaines County** total cases: 484  
111 Active - 366 Recovered - 7 Deaths
- Dawson County** total cases: 749  
208 Active - 533 Recovered - 8 Deaths
- Terry County** total cases: 458  
173 Active - 282 Recovered - 3 Deaths
- Yoakum County** total cases: 289  
39 Active - 246 Recovered - 4 Deaths

## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

| Date   | High | Low | Precip. |
|--------|------|-----|---------|
| Oct 13 | 90   | 50  |         |
| Oct 14 | 96   | 53  |         |
| Oct 15 | 69   | 45  |         |
| Oct 16 | 70   | 42  |         |
| Oct 17 | 90   | 46  |         |
| Oct 18 | 72   | 40  |         |
| Oct 19 | 67   | 43  |         |

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

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Total Precip for Jan:   | 0.58" |
| Total Precip for Feb:   | 0.48" |
| Total Precip for Mar:   | 2.56" |
| Total Precip for Apr:   | 0.02" |
| Total Precip for May:   | 2.58" |
| Total Precip for June:  | 2.32" |
| Total Precip for July:  | 0.46" |
| Total Precip for Aug:   | 0.75" |
| Total Precip for Sept:  | 0.24" |
| Total Precip for Oct:   | 0"    |
| Total Precip. for 2020: | 9.99" |

## Remote learning not serving students well: Tahoka ISD Board votes to end virtual instruction for students

The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees took unanimous action at last Tuesday night's board meeting to eliminate remote virtual instruction for TISD students, after serious discussions about the lack of progress of about half of the students currently involved in a remote instruction program. All Tahoka ISD students will be required to return to in-class instruction by Nov. 9.

Following the board action, Tahoka ISD Superintendent Dick Van Hoose composed a letter to send to parents explaining the decision.

This letter is printed in full, as follows:

"At the beginning of the year TISD offered two instructional methods to students: Traditional Instruction and Remote Virtual Instruction.

"After careful consideration and input from teachers, administrators and district families, the Tahoka Board of Trustees has voted to suspend virtual instruction effective November 9th. Students will be able to return to in-class instruction now and any time before the date of suspended virtual instruction, however all students are expected to return by November 9th for in-class instruction.

"The decision to end virtual instruction was not taken lightly. District and campus administrators believe it is in the best interest of Tahoka students. During our first eight weeks of instruction, we have had low incident rates of Covid-19

and high failure rates with remote learners. The district is serving 73 students remotely. Of the 36 students in grades 6-12 being served virtually, 20 are failing at least one class. Of the 37 students in PK-5 being served remotely, 15 are not being successful.

"While some students have remained actively engaged and successful throughout the process, a high number of our virtual learners are suffering educationally and are not showing learning progress. Our teachers and administrators have made numerous attempts to reach and engage virtual learners but have seen minimal improvement or success. As a district, our job is to serve students and provide them with the best possible educational opportunities. Thus, the decision to end virtual instruction. The only exception to this decision will be for students with serious existing health conditions or students that are being quarantined because of a confirmed test or being in close contact with someone that has tested positive.

"We hope parents will agree with this decision and return your child to in-face instruction. If you do not agree, you have options for educating your child. Included in the choices are home schooling or enrolling your child in an on-line platform provided by Texas Tech. Another platform you can explore is "K-12", a tuition free online curriculum.

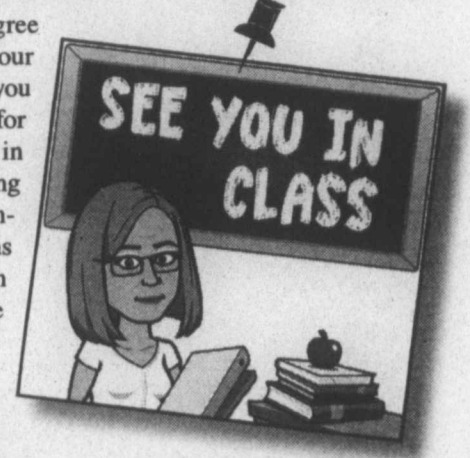
"Be assured we are cleaning throughout the day, wearing masks in grades 3-12, practicing social distancing where possible and ending the day with spraying our facilities, including buses, with chemicals that are recommended for use in fighting Covid-19.

"Again, as we make this transition, you can bring your student back to traditional instruction at any time. Students not enrolled by November 9th will be considered truant and subject to state laws.

"Thank for your support throughout the year. Please help our district and your student in this process to get back to face-to-face instruction."

- Dick Van Hoose, Superintendent, Tahoka ISD

During a video presentation on Tuesday afternoon on the Lynn County Hospital District facebook page, Superintendent Van Hoose said that currently there are eight



TISD staff members that are being quarantined - of which only three tested positive but others were quarantined due to close contact. He also said that at the Jr High campus there are currently 18 students quarantined, but stressed that only one student has tested positive, the rest are being quarantined due to close contact with known exposure to Covid outside the school district.

"Tahoka ISD campuses have been deeply sanitized per CDC guidelines, and we sanitize daily. All TISD employees and students are instructed to continue to follow CDC guidelines and recommendations and to practice social distancing," the superintendent told *The News*.

Updates on Covid issues are posted on the TISD website.

## Park on North side of Courthouse for Curbside Voting:

# Early Voting continues thru Oct. 30 here

Early Voting is underway, and continues through Friday, Oct. 30, for the November 3 General Election, as well as for three other local elections that are being held in conjunction with the general election.

As of early Tuesday afternoon, 554 ballots had been cast in Lynn County during the first 5-1/2 days of early voting in the general election.

In Lynn County, early voting for the General Election is conducted at the Lynn County Clerk's Office, on the first floor of the Lynn County Courthouse, during regular business hours Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m. (open during noon hour). On Oct. 30, the last day of early voting, the hours are extended to a 12-hour early voting period, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Safety protocols for COVID-19 will be followed. Election officials will wear face coverings, and ask that all voters wear a mask as a courtesy. Hand sanitizer and face masks will be available at the courthouse, and election officials ask that when a voter picks up a pen to mark a ballot to take the pen with them when they leave.

Curbside voting is also available during the early voting period. To vote curbside, park on the north side of the courthouse (this is a change, was originally scheduled for the west side) and call the County Clerk's office at 806-561-4750 (signage with this number will be posted at the curb). An election of-

ficial will bring the ballot to your vehicle for marking.

Voters are reminded to bring their Voter Registration card and Driver's License or other form of identification to polling locations, and to please wear face coverings whether voting curbside or inside the courthouse.

In addition to the General Election, there are three other elections being held in Lynn County on Nov. 3, with the same early voting periods.

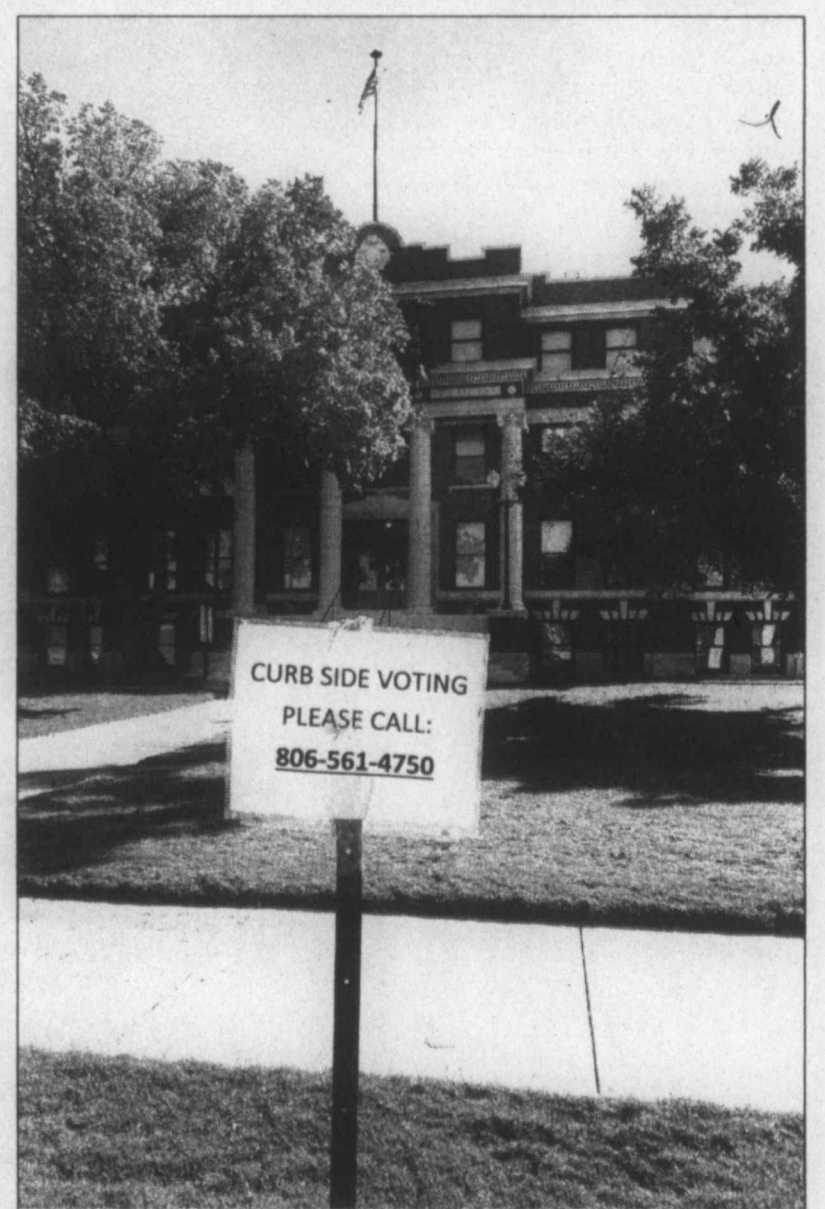
The City of Tahoka special election is for a one-year unexpired term for the District 1 city council seat. Only those registered voters residing in the District 1 area of Tahoka will be eligible to vote in this election. Election officials can determine if a voter is eligible, but generally District 1 is an area south from N. 1st Street to the southern edge of town, and between Ave. P and Ave. K, although the boundaries change slightly in some areas.

The New Home ISD election is for three seats on the Board of Trustees, with nine candidates vying for the three positions.

The Wilson ISD election is for three seats on the Board of Trustees.

The Lynn County Clerk's Office is conducting early voting for the City of Tahoka and New Home ISD elections.

Early voting for the Wilson ISD election is held at the Wilson ISD central office on weekdays, from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.



**Curbside Voting ...** Curbside Voting for the Nov. 3 General Election is available during Early Voting thru Oct. 30 at the Lynn County Courthouse. Park on the NORTH side (this is a change, was originally scheduled for the west side) and call the number posted, and an election official will bring a ballot to your vehicle. Please bring your Voter Registration Card and Driver's License or other photo ID when voting, and wear a face covering when the election official comes to your window. Early Voting is also available inside the courthouse, on the first floor at the County Clerk's Office. (LCN PHOTO)

## Did you know? Election Day is the first Tuesday after November 1.

This date was set to encourage what group of people to vote?

Historically, voting on a Tuesday allowed more rural people enough time to travel into town, and early November was far enough away from both the harvest and harsh winter weather to avoid interfering with big agricultural obligations.



Did you know? “

Today, October 22 is National Make A Dog's Day ... so do something special for your furry friends! Also, Oct. 24 is National Make A Difference Day ... so make an effort to do a special kindness for someone!

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**Obituaries**



**Sheri Lynn (Scott) Gicklhorn**

Sheri Lynn (Scott) Gicklhorn, age 67, passed away peacefully in her home on October 17, 2020. Graveside to be held October 26th 2020 at Green Memorial Cemetery in Wilson, at 1:00 PM with Minister Laredo Shannon officiating. A come and go visitation to be held at Sanders Funeral Home on October 25th at 4:00 PM.

Sheri was born in Lubbock, on September 19, 1953 to Hardy T. Scott and Louise (Lou) Scott. She graduated from Coronado High School and went to Texas Tech University where she played French Horn in Goin' Band from Raiderland and the Texas Tech Orchestra. She held various jobs through the years but was mostly known for her unwavering service to her community through 4-H and her church (Hearts Together Church of Christ) in Slaton. Her impact is surely

felt throughout the state of Texas in which she mentored and led a multitude of young people to become the future leaders of their communities. She routinely fed numerous families through her church's Mary and Martha ministry as well as Meals on Wheels. Her love for her Lord, her faith, her family, and the people she met shined through in anyone who was fortunate to know her.

Sheri married Lester N. Gicklhorn of Wilson, on March 7, 1986 in which she was blessed by two daughters, Eva Clark of Lubbock, and Brandi Ryan of Lubbock. She brought her first son, Jason Marshall of Lubbock to the family and had another son with Lester, Trevor Gicklhorn of Kyle, TX.

Sheri is preceded in death by her parents, Hardy and Lou, her father and mother-in-law, A.J. and Pearl Gicklhorn, her brother-in-law, Curtis Gicklhorn, and her grandson Jordan Johnston.

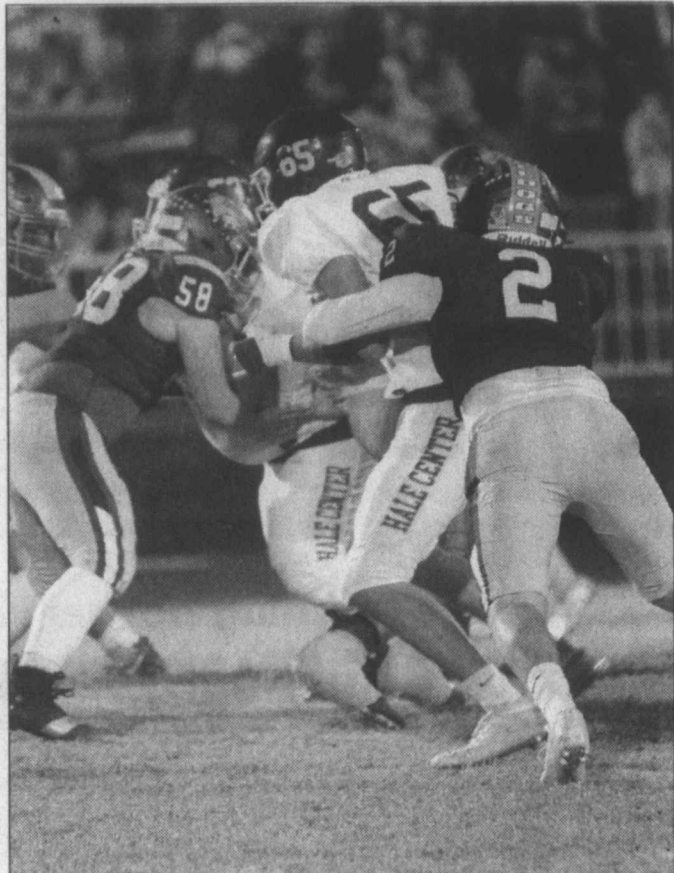
She is survived by her loving and hardworking husband, Lester, her sister, Sharla and Tracy Wallace of Lubbock, her daughters Eva and Jonathan Clark, Brandi and Billy Ryan, her sons, Jason and Kara Marshall, and Trevor Gicklhorn (and fiancé Marianne Koenig), five grandchildren, along with her very special niece Amber and David Bolen, and her great nephew Brooks Bolen, aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws and innumerable friends.

Our sweet wife, Mom, Mama, Nanaw, sister, aunt, and friend will be missed beyond measure. She is without a doubt in the presence of her eternal Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ where we will meet her again one day.

A special thanks to Lynn County Sheriff's Dept and EMS.

Memorials to be made to Mary and Martha Ministries in care of Hearts Together Church of Christ in Slaton, TX and to District 2 4-H Excell, 1409 Lubbock Hwy, Lamesa, TX 79331. (PAID)

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. *Psalm 25:10*



**Stop! ... Tahoka Bulldogs Zephen Schuessler (58) and Alex Tew (2) stop a couple of Hale Center Owls in Friday night's district game here.**  
(PHOTO by Lanae Gwin)

**From City Hall**

by Jerry Webster  
Tahoka City Administrator

**COURTHOUSE SQUARE TRAFFIC FLOW:**

Tahoka City Council has decided there will be two-way traffic around the Lynn County Courthouse. Stop signs and poles have been ordered and will be put up as soon as they come in. There will be a thirty-day grace period so everyone can get used to the new signage. Designated striping for parking around the courthouse is being planned.

The city still has plans to do some updates to the downtown area if we are approved for the Downtown Revitalization Grant Program application that has been submitted.

If you have questions please contact Tahoka City Hall at 561-4211.

**Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU**

October 26-30

**Monday:** Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, cauliflower, salad, country apple crisp  
**Tuesday:** Jambalaya, carrots, black eye peas, lazy cake  
**Wednesday:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, winter blend veg, apple fluff  
**Thursday:** Chicken & dumplings, salad, peas, winter fruit cup  
**Friday:** Baked chicken breast, Au Gratin potatoes, peas & carrots, Waldorf salad, banana

**Local leaders reiterate face coverings, safety precautions can prevent Covid**

by JUANELL JONES

Local leaders presented information, mostly related to COVID-19, during a video presentation that streamed live on the Lynn County Hospital District (LCHD) facebook page at 3 p.m. Tuesday. The gist of the message, once again, was to encourage citizens to please continue to do their part in helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by wearing face masks, social distancing, and washing hands and/or using hand sanitizer.

Tahoka ISD Superintendent Dick Van Hoose said that currently there are 8 staff members that are being quarantined, of which only 3 tested positive but others were quarantined due to close contact. He also said that at the Jr High there are currently 18 students quarantined, but stressed that only 1 student has tested positive, the rest are being quarantined due to close contact with exposure outside the school district.

Bill Schoemann, Lynn County Emergency Management Director, urged citizens to wear masks in all public areas. "We currently have 37 positive cases in the county, and it sounds like a small number but for a community our size we really need to be careful about our positive rate. Please continue wearing your masks, hand sanitizing, and social distancing. If coming to Early Voting at the courthouse, please wear a mask, and masks are available there if you need one," said Schoemann.

Tahoka Mayor John Baker, who is also the Lynn County EMS Director, reiterated the plea. "Again, we urge you do those things we've asked you to do in the past - wear your masks in public. In the last several weeks, our EMS personnel have transported several covid-positive patients, but none of my staff has tested positive because we are taking the necessary precautions," said Baker.

Dr. Melanie Richburg, Chief Executive Officer at LCHD, said that the staff at LCHD is working hard to ensure that the care patients get at LCHD is top-notch.

"I have an awesome team. If you've listened to the news lately you've heard that the big hospitals are getting full. We will have beds available to care for some covid-positive patients that are appropriate for us to take care of. Obviously, we have limited technology/equipment, but we can provide care for those patients that are appropriate for our level of care. Right now we are working on being able to take as many as 6

patients safely, with an area totally reverse-ventilated for those patients," said Dr. Richburg.

"To date we have done over 1000 covid tests. We are testing daily, and throughout the weekends when needed, and we have ramped up our availability of testing. We do have the capability of screening you. Can you come to LCHD if you think you have covid or been exposed? Absolutely. Call your primary care provider, and we will direct you to the appropriate next spot to get tested and/or get your symptoms treated. Do not hesitate to call us if you need help - we are here 24 hours a day," she added.

Dr. Christopher Leach answered some questions from citizens sending those in during the video presentation. He said that if someone knows that they have been exposed to someone who is covid-positive, they should immediately quarantine and then wait 3-5 days before being tested.

"If you know you were exposed to someone who is covid-positive, please quarantine and then go get tested in 3-5 days. If you then test positive, we recommend a 14-day quarantine. Most people, their symptoms resolve in 14 days - however, if you are still symptomatic you need to remain quarantined," stated Dr. Leach.

"All of the providers here are on the cutting edge of keeping up with all the current treatments. Please call your provider if you have symptoms. Based on your symptoms and what you have going on, that is how we determine your course of treatment," he added.

LCHD sponsored a drive-thru flu shot clinic in Tahoka last Thursday, and one was scheduled in O'Donnell on Wednesday of this week.

"If you missed the drive-up flu shot clinic, we still have plenty of flu shots available, just call your provider here at LCHD and they will set up a time for you to get that," added Dr. Richburg.

**Famous quotes**

Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.

~Michael Jordan

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.

~Buddha

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

~Henry Ford

**Methodists cancel election day lunch**

The Election Day Lunch and Bake Sale, which is usually offered at the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka on the general election day, has been canceled for this year. No lunch or bake sale will be offered on Nov. 3, due to an increase in local Covid-19 cases.

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8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Monday - Friday

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### New Home ISD, Wilson ISD and Tahoka City have contested races

In addition to the General Election, there are three other elections being held in Lynn County on Nov. 3, including the City of Tahoka, New Home ISD, and Wilson ISD. Early Voting continues through Oct. 30 for these elections.

#### City of Tahoka

The City of Tahoka is having a special election for the District 1 seat on the Tahoka City Council. There are three candidates seeking the one-year unexpired term in the special election, including Tom Tejeda, Courtney Stennett, and Derek Stephens. Only those registered voters residing in the District 1 area of Tahoka will be eligible to vote in this election. Election officials can determine if a voter is eligible, but generally, District 1 is an area south from N. 1st Street to the southern edge of town, and between Ave. P and Ave. K, although the boundaries change slightly in some areas. Early Voting at Lynn County Courthouse.

#### New Home ISD

The New Home Independent School District Board of Trustees election has nine candidates for three seats on the board. Candidates on the ballot include Andy Beck, Keyin Bass, Martin Gill, Kara Jones, Joshua Lane, Brad McMinn, Jason Reyes, Theresa West, and Shaun Wied. Early Voting at Lynn County Courthouse.

#### Wilson ISD

At Wilson ISD, there are three seats on the Board of Trustees up for election, including two three-year terms, and one two-year unexpired term. Four candidates are seeking the two three-year terms, including Desirea J. Rogers-Earwood, Pete Reimer, Bobby Miller and Ashley Avila; and three candidates are on the ballot for the two-year term, including Brittanie Pickrell, Tami Bolyard, and Tracy Bartley Kendrick. Early Voting at Wilson ISD Central Office.



Cancer awareness ... Debbie McCarty was honored at halftime of the Tahoka football game Friday night, for breast cancer awareness night. She is pictured with the Bulldog Cheerleaders. (PHOTO by Lanae Gwin)

Marcy Whitley  
Jennifer Clark  
Jamie Reglin  
Kelly Harvey  
Caycee Taylor  
Dana Taylor  
Kendra Donaho  
Mitzi Bruton  
Cynthia Server  
Nancy Greenhill  
Donna Stone  
D'Lynn Gill  
Renee Acker  
Tricia Davis  
Kassidi Stone  
Gabriella Herrera  
Amy Izzard  
De'Aun Autry  
Sharla Askew  
Emilia Garcia  
Lanae Gwin  
Beth Huffaker  
Jynna "Askew" Bass  
Glenda Fillingim  
Alan Nettles  
Cindy "Tedder" Fair  
Karen Chandler, NM  
Charlie Tekell  
Judy Gandy  
Retha Pittman  
Elaine Smith  
Kay DuLaney, LA  
Kaci May  
Slate May  
Tahoka Stockshow Syndicate  
Lou Baker  
Lana "Keith" Kruse  
Sarah "Box" Descamps  
Kim Aten- KD Korral, Post-Becky Justice-Ford  
The Coyote Store, Gail Sharron Smith  
Mary Belew  
Tommy & Carolyn Botkin  
April "Braddock" Terrell  
Cheree Wuensche  
JoElla Rash  
Shea Askew

Jana "Nafzger" Mitchell  
Michelle "Martin" Rich  
Marisa "Martin" Webster  
Jonna McNeely  
Bianca Baker  
Karon Durham  
Sherry McNeely  
Rebecca Dimak  
Geneva Miller  
Jennifer Harmonson  
Melonie Miles  
Amber Bius  
Robin Bingham  
Sally Escobedo  
Tomi Engle  
Janie Engle  
Wendy Bumpus  
Sheila Blakley  
Cindy Hawthorne  
Kellie Craig  
Haleigh "Ross" Rock  
The Home Place

### Area News News items from area newspapers

#### Brownfield leadership warns of local rise in COVID cases

BROWNFIELD - In recent days Terry County has seen a rise in COVID-19 cases. As of Friday, Oct. 9, there were 14 new cases and 96 active cases. Brownfield City Manager Jeff Davis sent out a press release explaining the dire situation that Terry County is in. "Currently Terry County has the most active cases since this all began in March. We believe there has been "COVID Fatigue" in our community, everyone please remember the simple things we do can help prevent the spread. Wearing face masks, social distance, and sanitize your hands will go a long ways to prevent the spread of this ugly virus. If you are sick or someone in your family is sick, stay home," said Davis. "Recently there have been several confirmed cases that are not quarantining per direction of medical professionals or Texas Dept. of State Health Services. We are working with SPPHD and law enforcement on these people who refuse to stay home." -from the Brownfield News

### Letters to the Editor . . .

**Cancer Fundraiser nets \$5,000 here**  
The Annual Cancer Fundraiser was different this year thanks to Covid-19 but with the generous folks in and around our community it was "over the top" as once put. I could not do what I do without the awesome support of friends and family. Ronny Jolly requested that ALL of this year's proceeds to be given to the Mayo Clinic Cancer Research Center in the names of others that had been effected-by this horrible disease. Those of course would be, Cindy Jolly along with Jimmy Dorman, Cindy Havens, Brenda Parker May and Southern Wells Bush. A total of \$5,000.00 was raised so each person will have \$1,000 given to the clinic in their name. That is just amazing! Ronny Jolly and myself would like to thank those that made this happen. May God Bless each of you for your giving heart and guide the hands of those that will use the funds for advanced cancer research. -Rhonda McNeely

**Thanks to:**  
Yolanda Aleman  
Emily Pierce  
Donna Nailon  
Marlene Patterson  
Cathy Ross  
Dee Dee Pridmore  
Mary Mahurin  
Chloie Wells  
Wayla Bueermann  
Kim Hammonds  
Sherry "Ussery" Southard  
Carol Miller  
Julia Allen  
Steve Renfro  
Pam Miller  
Kathy Rice  
Wanda Mason  
Paige Rivas  
Martha Coffey  
Tina Wuensche  
Tammy Angeley  
Carol Fancher  
Jennifer McLamore  
Elsie Hinds  
Debbie Engle  
Tracy "Draper" Autry  
Dorothy C. Draper (Sister)  
Haney Wells  
Miranda Stice  
Celeste Taylor  
Hannah Reynolds  
Pat Williams  
Cassie Martin  
Debbie McCarty  
Brandi Hudson

### PLEASE VOTE IN THE NOV. 3 ELECTION

#### SEE SAMPLE BALLOT AT RIGHT:

(Depending on your residential address, your ballot will list local races in your precinct in which you are eligible to vote.)

**EARLY VOTING OCT. 13-30 AT THE LYNN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE 1st Floor Lynn County Courthouse**

**For CURBSIDE VOTING, park on NORTH side of courthouse and CALL 561-4750**

**ELECTION DAY POLL LOCATIONS: OPEN 7 AM - 7 PM TUESDAY, NOV. 3**

- Life Enrichment Center, Tahoka - for Voting Box Precincts 1/5,6,7,9,12,14
- Green Museum, Wilson - for Voting Box Precincts 2/8
- O'Donnell Community Center, O'Donnell - for Voting Box Precincts 3/10
- New Home Community Center, New Home - for Voting Box Precincts 4/11/13.

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Official Ballot - General Election (Boleta Oficial) - (Elección General) Lynn County, Texas (Condado de Lynn, Texas) November 3, 2020 (3 de noviembre de 2020)

INSTRUCTION NOTE: 1. Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by darkening in the oval (●) provided to the left of the name of the candidate. 2. You may vote for a write-in candidate by writing in the name of the candidate on the line provided and darkening in the oval (●) provided to the left of the line.

NOTA DE INSTRUCCIÓN: 1. Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera llenando completamente el espacio ovalado (●) a la izquierda del nombre del candidato. 2. Usted podrá votar por un candidato escrito escribiendo el nombre del candidato en la línea provista y llenando completamente el espacio ovalado (●) a la izquierda de la línea.

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| Legend of Party Affiliation (Leyenda de Afiliación)   | Wilson County Treasurer (Condado de Wilson, Tesorero)             | Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Precinct 4 (Jefe, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Distrito Núm. 4)              |
| Republican Party - (REP) (Partido Republicano - (REP))  | James Van Wright (REP)  | Bert Richardson (REP)  |
| Democratic Party - (DEM) (Partido Democrático - (DEM))  | Mark Auh (LIB)  | Elizabeth Davis Fristol (DEM)  |
| Libertarian Party - (LIB) (Partido Libertario - (LIB))  | John Hays (LIB)   | Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Precinct 6 (Jefe, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 6)                 |
| Green Party - (GRN) (Partido Verde - (GRN))   | Casey "Karl" Gruene (GRN)   | David Nowell (REP)   |
| Write-In (Voto Escrito)   | Nathan Hacht (REP)  | Brandon Birmingham (DEM)   |
| United States Senator (Senador de los Estados Unidos)   | Any Clark Meachum (DEM)   | Member, State Board of Education, District 15 (Miembro de la Junta Estatal de Educación Pública, Distrito Núm. 15) |
| John Cornyn (REP)   | Mark Auh (LIB)  | Jay Johnson (REP)  |
| Mary "MJ" Hager (DEM)   | Jeff Boyd (REP)   | John Belencourt (DEM)  |
| Kerry Douglas McKernan (LIB)  | Staci Williams (DEM)  | State Senator, District 28 (Senador Estatal, Distrito Núm. 28)   |
| David B. Collins (GRN)  | William Bryan Strange III (LIB)                                   | Charles Perry (REP)  |
| Write-In (Voto Escrito)   | Judge, Supreme Court, Place 8 (Jefe, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 8) | State Representative, District 83 (Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 83)  |
| United States Representative, District 18 (Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 18) | Brian Bueby (REP)   | Dustin Burrows (REP)   |
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Unopposed Candidates Declared Elected (Candidatos sin Oposición Declarados Electos)

County Attorney (Procurador del Condado) Robert Filley (REP)

County Treasurer (Tesorero del Condado) Wanda Mason (REP)

County Tax Assessor-Collector (Asesor-Collectador de Impuestos del Condado) Cheryl White (REP)

County Commissioner, Precinct 3/10 & 12 (Comisionado del Condado, Precincto Num 3/10 & 12) Don Blair (REP)

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**USDA announces Oct. 30 deadline to submit WHIP+ assistance applications**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced Friday, Oct. 30, 2020, as the deadline to submit applications for the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program – Plus (WHIP+) for 2018 and 2019 losses. USDA did not originally specify a deadline when the program was announced.

"The physical and financial loss experienced by farmers and ranchers impacted by natural disaster events in 2018 and 2019 was widespread and catastrophic," said Richard Fordyce, Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). "Fortunately, in addition to our already extensive suite of disaster assistance programs for crop and livestock producers, we were able to provide additional support through WHIP+. If you have not yet submitted your application for assistance, please don't miss your chance."

WHIP+ compensates producers for losses due to hurricanes, floods, snowstorms, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic activity, drought, excessive moisture, and wildfires occurring in calendar years 2018 and 2019. Drought and excessive moisture were added as eligible losses for the program in March 2020. To date, FSA has received more than 133,000 applications for WHIP+ disaster assistance and paid out nearly \$1.4 billion in WHIP+ benefits.

Next week, FSA will launch a new tool on the farmers.gov WHIP+ webpage to help producers understand eligibility for the program and whether they had possible losses in 2018 and 2019. The tool will also allow producers an opportunity to provide

information for FSA staff to reach out to them.

FSA will announce soon the details for producers who experienced quality loss from 2018 and 2019 natural disaster events authorized in appropriations legislation. There will be a separate signup period for producers reporting quality loss.

For more information or application assistance, visit farmers.gov WHIP+ webpage, or contact your local USDA Service Center.

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**Defoliating ...** A spray plane mists defoliate over a cotton field on the northern edge of Tahoka last Friday. The cotton harvest is gearing up in Lynn County, and several area gins have begun processing this year's crop, with other gins anticipating startup in the next week or two. (LCN PHOTO by Vendell Elliott)

**USDA issues \$1.68 billion in CRP payments**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is issuing \$1.68 billion in payments to agricultural producers and landowners for the 21.9 million acres enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), which provides annual rental payment for land devoted to conservation purposes.

"CRP is one of the many

'tools' that USDA offers to producers and private landowners to help best manage sensitive lands," said Richard Fordyce, Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency. "Lands enrolled in this program conserve soil, improve water quality, provide habitat for wildlife, sequester carbon, and benefit agricultural operations."

Through CRP, farmers and ranchers establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality, and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland. Farmers and ranchers who participate in CRP help provide numerous benefits to the nation's environment and economy.

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the U.S. It was originally intended to primarily control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodity prices by taking marginal lands out of production. The program has evolved over the years, providing many conservation and economic benefits. The program marks its 35-year anniversary this December. Program successes include:

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- Reducing nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95 and 85 percent respectively;
- Sequestering an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road;
- Creating more than 3 million acres of restored wetlands while protecting more than 175,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, which is enough to go around the world 7 times; and
- Benefiting bees and other pollinators and increased populations of ducks, pheasants, turkey, bobwhite quail, prairie chickens, grasshopper sparrows, and many other birds.

The successes of CRP contribute to USDA's Agriculture Innovation Agenda and its goal of reducing the environmental footprint of U.S. agriculture by half by 2050. CRP participants with contracts effective beginning on October 1, 2020, will receive their first annual rental payment in October 2021.

**NRCS announces 2021 deadlines for Conservation Assistance Funding**

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas has announced the first funding application deadline of December 4, 2020, for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). A second funding application deadline will be February 12, 2021.

Applications are taken year around for NRCS programs, but deadlines are announced to rank and fund eligible conservation projects. Producers interested in signing up for EQIP should submit applications to their local USDA service center. If already a USDA client, a producer can submit applications online via Farmers.gov.

EQIP is a voluntary program that provides financial

and technical assistance to agricultural producers. Technical assistance is provided without a fee from NRCS specialists to help landowners and land managers plan and implement conservation practices to help them meet their land management goals, address natural resource concerns and improve soil, water, plant, animal, air, and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.

For additional information visit the NRCS Texas website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov. Applications for EQIP are accepted on a continuous basis. Producers interested in EQIP can contact their local USDA service center or visit the NRCS EQIP web page.

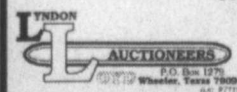
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Lynn County will hold a public hearing at 5:15 pm on Monday, October 26, 2020, at Lynn County Courthouse, Commissioner's Court located at 1501 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Tahoka, TX 79373 in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Community Development Fund grant for the Community of Grassland. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. Lynn County encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to County Judge Braddock at Lynn County Courthouse, Judge's Office in Tahoka. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the Lynn County Courthouse to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact Lynn County Courthouse at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Para mas informacion en espanol, comuniquese con Marissa Villegas al 806-561-5244. The above notice was sent to the following agencies:

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Judge's Office, Basement  
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Proposals must be received by Lynn County no later than **2:00 PM, November 6, 2020** to be considered. Lynn County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals, engineers or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

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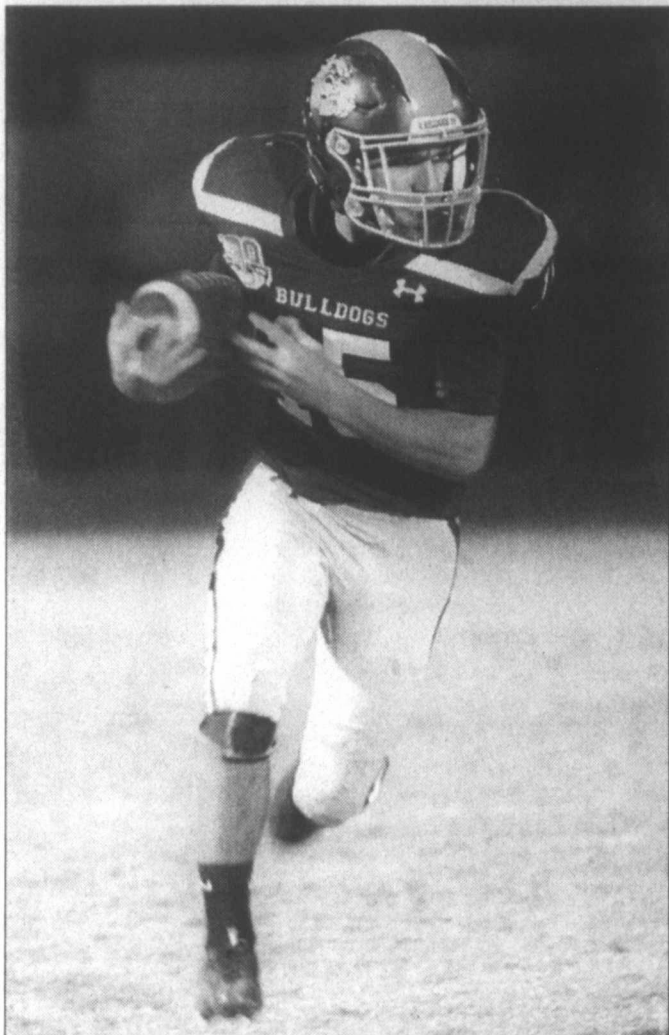
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**Sneak play ...** Paxtyn Gwin ran the ball on a fake punt for the Bulldogs in action against Hale Center here, and made the first down. Hale Center won 38-13.

(PHOTO by Lanae Gwin)

## Dogs show fight but come up short against Owls

The Tahoka Bulldogs are 0-2 in district after the Hale Center Owls took the win over the home team here Friday night. The Dogs now face three tough teams for the remainder of district play. They are on the road this week, traveling to New Deal for their third district match, followed by another road trip to Sundown the next Friday, and then hosting powerhouse Post for the final round of district play on Nov. 6.

In Friday night's game, the Owls took control of the first half, racking up 32 points while holding the Bulldogs scoreless before the halftime break. The Dogs came back stronger in the third, with Nathaniel Castillo scoring a touchdown on a 49-yard run early in the period. He added another TD on a 51-yard run in the fourth quarter, and the point after kick by Paxtyn Gwin was good. The Owls added another TD in the third, and ended up with a 38-13 win over Tahoka.

Hale Center had 461 yards total offense, including 223 yards passing, while holding Tahoka to 235 total offensive yards, including 16 yards passing. The Dogs had three turnovers in the game.

"This was a game that we started slow," said Tahoka Head Coach Stephen Overstreet. "We came out and had a few tweaks to our game plan but nothing that should have made for that slow of a start. We gave up some big plays in the passing game on busted coverages but we finally settled down and got things roll-

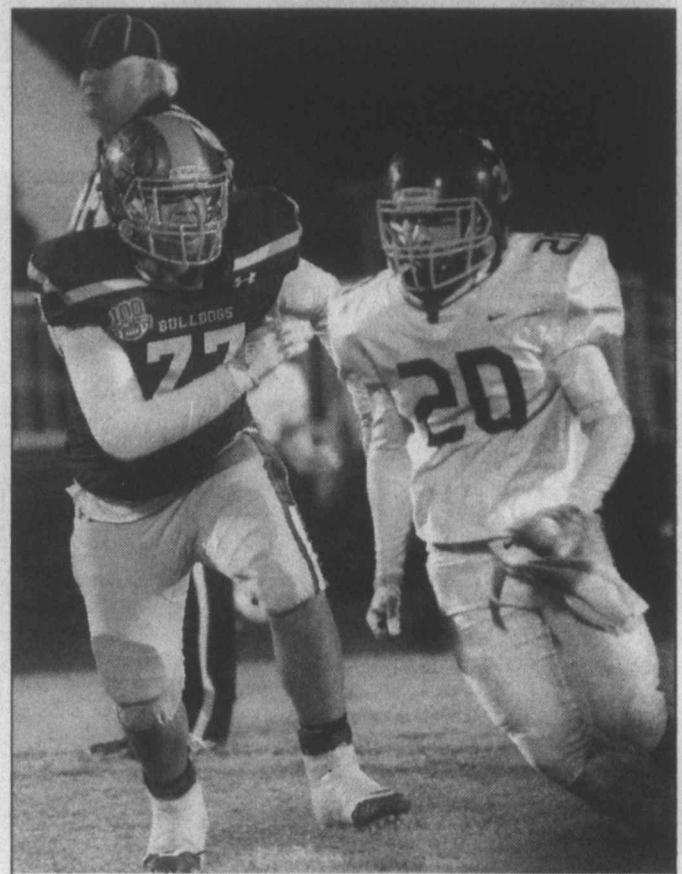
ing in the second half. It was really nice to find the endzone again on the offensive side of the ball.

"We seemed to have a hang up about finishing off drives and to see us get that monkey off our back was a huge accomplishment. We made some blocking adjustments in the second half as well that proved to be key for us finishing off the night. Our kids played a really good second half and showed some fight, which I was really proud of. We also cut down on the number of penalties from a week ago so that too helped in allowing us to find the endzone and didn't put us behind the eight ball," said the coach.

"This is still a very young group that is learning each and every week. With all the uncertainties in the world and then you sprinkle some injuries in here and there it's made for a very adversity-filled year. To see these kids keep showing up and trying to improve each week is a blessing.

"It's been challenging, and I tell our kids all the time that I love them but I'm not satisfied. We have three really tough games coming up and they know how important it is to finish. Adversity and challenges are what life is about so why not keep facing those each day. If we can handle the things the game of football throws at us, they can surely face what the game of life will throw at them when they get older.

"This will be a big test against a good team on the road Friday night in New



**Dog attack ...** Jon Dylan Rodriguez, #77 for the Bulldogs, is hot on the trail of Hale Center's Kaden Jackson (20) in Friday night's district game here. Hale Center won 38-13.

(PHOTO by Lanae Gwin)

### did YOU know?

- The average person in France sleeps 8.83 hours per day, the most in the developed world.
- At the 1936 Olympic games, competitors from Liechtenstein were shocked to discover their flag was

the exact same as Haiti's. Liechtenstein added a crown to their flag a year later.

- No relationship is ever a waste of your time. If it didn't bring you what you want, it taught you what you didn't want.

- Einstein's brain went missing when he died in 1955 and was lost for 23 years. The doctor who worked on his autopsy stole it and kept it in a hidden cedar box.

Deal. These guys are big and they have tremendous team speed. We look forward to a great challenge and hope to see everyone out Friday night in New Deal," said Overstreet.

### Did you know?

- NASA stands for "National Aeronautics and Space Administration".
- There are more volcanoes on Venus than any other planet within our solar system.

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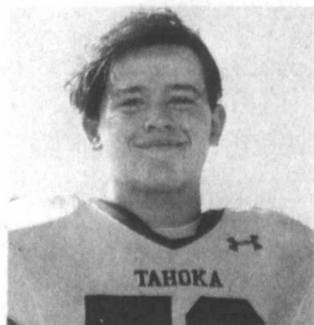
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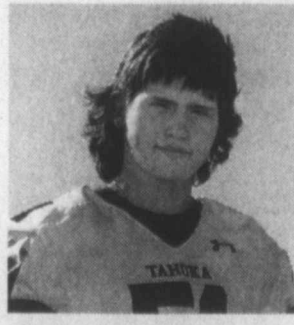
### MEET THE BULLDOGS:



**#58 Zephen Schuessler**  
Nickname: Zeph  
Favorite Subject in school: History  
What is your hidden talent? Cooking  
Favorite Quote: "You only live once"  
Where is the favorite place you have traveled? Vegas  
Who would you like to have dinner with? My grandma



**#60 Miller Norwood**  
Nickname: Mills  
Favorite Pastime: Riding my horse  
Favorite Quote: "Sometimes all you need is a little hope"  
Where is the favorite place you have traveled? Wyoming  
What would you do with a million dollars? Buy a ranch  
Who would you like to have dinner with? Sarah Cameron



**#51 Colton McCarty**  
NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE



### 2020 Bulldog Football VARSITY SCHEDULE

| DATE    | OPPONENT  | SITE  | TIME |
|---------|-----------|-------|------|
| Oct. 23 | New Deal* | There | 7:00 |
| Oct. 30 | Sundown*  | There | 7:00 |
| Nov. 6  | Post*     | Here  | 7:00 |

\*District games

### GAME TICKET REMINDER!

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