

Two-a-day practice ...

Braden Stone carries the ball as the Tahoka Bulldog football team practices in two-a-day sessions last week. Their first scrimmage is Friday at Olton, at 6 p.m., and the Bulldogs will scrimmage at home the following Friday, Aug. 23, hosting Trinity Christian for the varsity, and Wink/Sudan for the JV scrimmage. The season opener is at home on Friday, Aug. 30, hosting Plains at 7:30 p.m.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



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Open House set Tuesday at LCHD Rehab/Fitness Center

Lynn County citizens are invited to an Open House on Tuesday, Aug. 20 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the LCHD Rehab & Fitness Center's new location at 1508 S. 1st Street in Tahoka. Hot dogs will be served, and a DJ will provide music during the fun event.

Order Paw Prints

Call now to order Bulldog Paw Prints painted on your driveway! Tahoka Bulldog Booster Club members will be painting Paw Prints on Aug. 24, so order by Aug. 23. Call or text Lanae Gwin, 432-425-1439, or Liz Tew, 806-790-4301 to order.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug 6	94	69	
Aug 7	96	74	Trace
Aug 8	101	74	
Aug 9	99	74	0.05"
Aug 10	100	74	
Aug 11	100	73	
Aug 12	100	72	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	0.00"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.00"
Total Precip for Mar:	1.59"
Total Precip for Apr:	3.37"
Total Precip for May:	3.32"
Total Precip for June:	1.63"
Total Precip for July:	0.85"
Total Precip for Aug:	0.55"
Total Precip. for 2019:	10.51"

Commissioners change funding formula for four county fire departments

by JUANELL JONES

The four volunteer fire departments in Lynn County have always received funding from Lynn County to help support the needs of the departments in Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell, but that funding formula is changing

to be more equitable between the departments. After some discussion, Lynn County Commissioners voted unanimously at their regular session held Monday to change the disbursements on a rotating basis that each department receives.

Overall, the county has funded

\$30,000 annually to the volunteer fire departments. Currently, Tahoka VFD receives \$21,000, and O'Donnell, Wilson and New Home VFDs receive \$3,000 each. Because typically the Tahoka VFD has more equipment and is able to respond to fires throughout the rural areas

of the county, as well as serving the city of Tahoka, that department has received the lion's share of funding.

In the new disbursement formula, which was presented by Lynn County Emergency Management Coordinator Bill Schoemann, the other three county departments will receive \$12,000 more funding on a rotating basis, while the Tahoka VFD will decrease by \$12,000 in funds during the three years when that \$12,000 funding is rotated to O'Donnell, Wilson and New

(See FIRE DEPARTMENTS, page 5)



Here's the plan ... Jere Hart presented preliminary plat plans for Ranchland South Estates, a proposed new subdivision in the New Home area, at the Lynn County Commissioners court on Monday morning. Seated around the table, from his right, are Commissioners Larry Durham and Don Blair, County Judge Mike Braddock, and Commissioners John Hawthorne and Matt Woodley, with County Treasurer Amy Schuknecht and County Clerk Susan Tipton on the left. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

From Lynn County to DC ... New Home ex to intern with U.S. Department of Education

by JUANELL JONES

From the small community of New Home to the international melting pot of Washington, D.C., 21-year-old Michael Torres is eager to experience the world and all it has to offer. Torres graduated from New Home High School in 2016, then earned his Bachelor of Arts in Humanities with a Specialization in Pre-Law from Lubbock Christian University, graduating in 2019. Soon, Torres will embark on a new journey - one that takes him into a political arena far from the small rural community of New Home. He will serve as an intern in Washington D.C. during the fall season for the U.S. Department of Education.

The son of Jose and Rose Torres from New Home, Michael will spend time as an intern under Dr. David Cantrell in the Office of School Support and Rural Programs. It is a prestigious internship where he will work with students from around the world on issues pertaining to small communities such as his own. He credits this opportunity to Dr. Lisa Ramirez, Lubbock Christian University, and the

William Burke Leadership Foundation, all of which have afforded him this valuable experience of a lifetime.

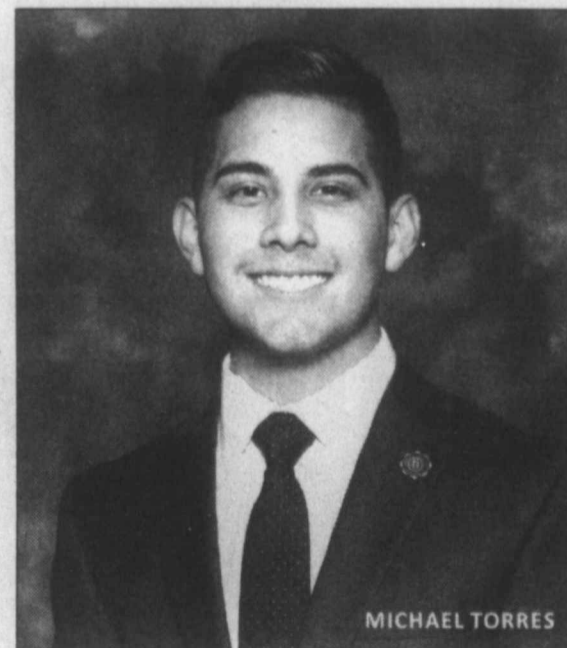
During Torres's last year at Lubbock Christian University, he wrote his senior thesis on "Affirmative Action: College Admissions (1978-2013)". It was then that Torres says he understood the nature of the game concerning the future of the American higher education system.

He found that he might want to be a civil rights attorney someday to protect the rights of all people. His mentors on this thesis included Dr. Timothy Perrin of Pepperdine University, Dr. Timothy Byars and Dr. Torres Whitley of Lubbock Christian University.

Torres's passion for education reform started with his influences in grade school through his college experience.

"I admire the faculty and staff that molded me into the professional that I am today," states Torres. He was actively involved on the LCU campus through Student Senate, Alpha Chi Delta, and Minority Student Alliance. His senior year, he was elected as one of the four Student Body Executive Officers where he managed a budget exceeding \$50,000.

(See TORRES TO INTERN, page 5)



MICHAEL TORRES



Did you know?

“ There is a technical name for the “fear of long words.” It’s called “hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia.” Really. Ironically, it’s also one of the longest words in the dictionary. ”

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Obituaries



Gerald Moore

Gerald Moore, 88, of Seymour passed away Wednesday, August 7, 2018 in Seymour.

A celebration of Gerald's life is scheduled for Monday, August 12, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Ryan Ford, officiating. Burial will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday at the Oakwood Cemetery in Jacksboro under the direction of Archer Funeral Home, Seymour.

Gerald was born November 4, 1930 in Weatherford to B.L. "Buck" and Jewell Combs Moore. He married Katherine Annette Little in Jacksboro on August 16, 1958. They enjoyed a loving union for 50 years and had two sons, John and Bryan.

Gerald graduated from Jacksboro High School in 1948 and studied at the University of Texas in Arlington. In his youth, he was an accomplished trumpet player and an Eagle Scout. He never lived in Hollywood, but he did play in a band with Larry Hagman and went on several double dates with Jayne Mansfield. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Moving back to Jacksboro after his service, he and his father opened Moore's Nursing Home. Gerald really enjoyed the healthcare field which led him to become a hospital administrator in Jacksboro, Tahoka, Seymour and Throckmorton. After he retired from hospitals, he became a professional bird dog trainer, where he enjoyed training and breeding English Pointers and Setters and Britany Spaniels. He especially loved working with local youth and sharing his knowl-

edge of the bird dogs, field trials and nature. When his sons were growing up, he enjoyed coaching baseball, track and tennis. His favorite hobbies were reading, dancing, quail hunting, listening to Bob Wills and Western Swing, keeping the "perfect" yard and wondering why everyone didn't agree with him. Gerald loved life and lived by the adage, "I may not have always been right, but I was never in doubt!"

He was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine Moore on May 31, 2008, whom he told every day, "thanks for marrying me", his parents, his beloved in-laws, Flint and Rheba Little, his son, John and his favorite and only sister, Norma Rumage.

Gerald is survived by his son, Bryan Moore and Michael Nelson of Los Angeles; a niece, Roxanna Maddox and husband, Bob of Jacksboro; a nephew, Randall Rumage and wife, Marie Yamamoto of Los Angeles and two great nephews, Miles Maddox of Jacksboro and McCall Maddox of Midland. (PAID)

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

Aug. 19-23

Monday: Baked chicken breast, baked potato, peas, chocolate pudding

Tuesday: Pork chop, black-eye peas, spinach, baked apple slices

Wednesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, winter blend veg., apple fluff

Thursday: Chicken tenders, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, mandarin oranges

Friday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Italian veg., broccoli, Autumn Jell-O

City of Wilson considering lowering tax rate by 10.5 cents

by JUANELL JONES

The Wilson City Council has voted to propose a tax rate of \$0.89000 per \$100 of property value for 2019. The proposed tax rate is 10.5 cents lower than the previous year's tax rate of \$0.985004, but it is slightly higher than the effective tax rate of \$0.84396. The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the City of Wilson as the previous year.

The proposed tax rate is below the rollback rate of \$0.91254.

Due to the proposed tax rate bringing in more tax revenue than the previous year, the Wilson City Council has scheduled two public hearings on the proposed tax rate for citizens to attend. The first hearing is Thursday, Aug. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Wilson City Hall, 1601 10th Street in Wilson. The second hearing is Friday, Aug. 30 at 9:30 a.m. in the same location.

THS Class of '69 reunion to be held Oct. 11-12

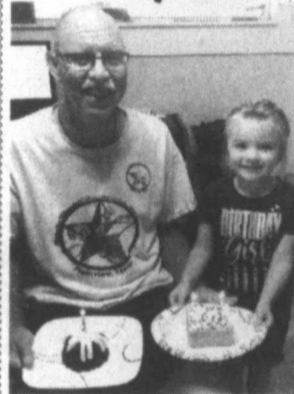
The 50th reunion of the Tahoka High School "Class of 69" will be held during Homecoming on October 11. There will be a brunch for the ladies of the class as well as the wives of male graduates that will be held that morning at the home of an alumni. Normal school activities will also be participated in including assembly, parade, pep-rally, and game.

After the game we will meet at a graduate's home to meet, greet, and visit.

October 11-12, we will meet at the former Lyntegar Community Room, located behind City Hall at 1807 Ave. J. (across Dixie dog) Come by to drop off, sit and relax, congregate, all day Friday and Saturday during the Harvest Festival. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

We need any information available on class members including addresses, phone numbers, e-mail or mobile number to text, for contact of class members. We have the majority of information, but we are needing a few that we have been unable to contact. If you have any information we can use contact Kent Powers, 806-241-4015 or Pat Williams, 806-632-4067.

Happy Birthday Pop-Pop & Kynzlee!



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Gettin' on up there with the Dinosaurs! Happy 60th Birthday!

Love, Pam, Tonya, Rob, Mitchell Michael, Shantel & Kynzlee

NOTICE OF 2019 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CITY OF WILSON

A tax rate of \$.89000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of CITY OF WILSON. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of CITY OF WILSON proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of MAINTENANCE.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ <u>.89000</u> per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$ <u>.985004</u> per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$ <u>.84396</u> per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$ <u>.91254</u> per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF WILSON from the same properties in both the 2018 tax year and the 2019 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that CITY OF WILSON may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:
property tax amount = (rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:
LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
CITY OF WILSON tax assessor-collector
PO BOX 22, 1601 10TH, WILSON, TEXAS 79381
806-628-6221
cityofwilson@nts-online.net

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:
First Hearing: August 22, 2019 at 6:30 pm at City Hall, 1601 10th, Wilson, Tx 79381
Second Hearing: August 30, 2019, 9:30 am at City Hall, 1601 10th, Wilson, Tx 79381

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Tahoka ISD Board to propose lowering tax rate by 4 cents

by JUANELL JONES
Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session last Thursday night, voting to propose a total tax rate of \$1.38375, which includes a Maintenance and Operating (M&O) tax rate of \$1.06835 and an Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate of \$0.31540, per \$100 of property value.

The M&O rate is slightly more than a 10-cent decrease from last year's rate of \$1.17, and is in accordance with mandates from the Texas legislature's tax relief plan. The I&S rate is an increase of 5.5 cents from the previous year, to pay for the bonded indebtedness including the \$7.5 million bond approved by voters last May for new construction of a field house and other athletic facilities.

"We had anticipated that the bond note would require an I&S tax increase of approximately 6.7 cents, but the recent sale of the bonds in favorable market conditions saved us about a half million in financing, and we were pleased to be able to lower that figure to 5.5 cents," said Dick Van Hoose, Superintendent of Tahoka ISD.

The 2019-2020 proposed total tax rate of \$1.38375 is about 4-cents lower than last year's total tax rate of \$1.43000. The tax rate will fund a proposed budget of \$7,533,685 for the 2019-2020 school year.

The proposed budget

includes a \$5,580 salary increase for teachers in their first year of teaching, with step increases based on the number of years teaching, up to an additional \$9,030 for teachers who are in their 20th year or more of teaching. Tahoka ISD's salary schedule for teachers already included \$5,000 above the state rate for teachers across the board, so the new increases are added above that level.

Total taxable value of all property in Tahoka ISD has increased from \$133,533,952 last year to \$471,469,880 this year. This includes a total taxable value of new property of \$1,160,540 for this year, up from \$452,990 last year.

The TISD Board of Trustees has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed tax rate and budget at 12 noon Wednesday, Aug. 28 in the Tahoka ISD Harvick Building.

In other business at last week's meeting, trustees approved a full-time teacher contract for Stephanie Angerer to teach fourth grade reading, and a contract for Paul Henderson as a part-time teacher, to teach three welding classes per day at the high school.

A teacher appraisal calendar for 2019-20 was approved, as was other routine business including action to join a cooperative purchasing program for goods and services, and naming all building principals as appraisers and second appraisers for teachers.

New Home ISD Board to propose lowering tax rate by 9 cents

New Home Independent School District Board of Trustees have voted to propose a total tax rate of \$1.25794, which includes a Maintenance and Operating (M&O) tax rate of \$1.06835 and an Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate of \$0.18959, per \$100 of property value.

The M&O rate is slightly more than a 10-cent decrease from last year's rate of \$1.17, and is in accordance with mandates from the Texas legislature's tax relief plan. The I&S rate is remaining the same as the previous year, to pay for bonded indebtedness for new construction of facilities.

The 2019-2020 proposed total tax rate of \$1.25794 is about 9-cents lower than last year's total tax rate of \$1.3481.

Total taxable value of all property in New Home ISD has increased from \$102,924,800 last year to \$118,664,140 this year. This includes a total taxable value

of new property of \$12,440,320 for this year, up from \$4,999,790 last year.

The NHISD Board of Trustees has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed tax rate and budget at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26 in the New Home ISD Board Room.

50-280 (Rev. 6-1914)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Tahoka ISD will hold a public meeting at 12:00 PM, August 28, 2019 in Tahoka ISD Harvick Bldg, 2129 N. Main, Tahoka, TX

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.06835 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.31540 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	9.53	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	180.75	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	20.46	% increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 186,028,626	\$ 490,159,950
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 2,076,360	\$ 1,160,540
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 133,533,952	\$ 471,469,880
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 452,990	\$ 1,160,540

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 14,720,000

* Outstanding principal.

50-280 (Rev. 6-1914) (Back)

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.26000 *	\$ 1.43000	\$ 3,495	\$ 10,330
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.10660	\$ 0.31535 *	\$ 1.42195	\$ 5,804	\$ 9,486
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.06835	\$ 0.31540 *	\$ 1.38375	\$ 5,595	\$ 9,769

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 59,210	\$ 59,648
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 34,210	\$ 34,648
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.43000	\$ 1.38375
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 489.20	\$ 479.44
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (9.76)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.38375. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.38375.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 4,974,874
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 177,234

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.



Looking for a receiver ... Jonathan Renteria has the ball and looks for a receiver, during Tahoka Bulldog football two-a-day practice last week. Their first scrimmage is at Olton on Friday at Olton, and at home on Aug. 23, when the Varsity will scrimmage Trinity Christian, and JV will scrimmage with Wimpy and Sudan.
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August is National **GOLF Month**

Accidents, vandalism reported during week

by JUANELL JONES

Two traffic accidents were among reports from Lynn County Sheriff's Office call sheets for the past week. At 3:09 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, a pickup and a spray rig collided at FM 1317 and CR J. No injuries were reported.

At 5:41 a.m. Friday, Aug. 9, a caller to the Sheriff's Office reported that a gold car had slid off the southbound lanes of US 87 about 6 miles north of Tahoka. Driver of the 2003 Toyota was Guy Hawkins of Lubbock. He was transported by Lynn County EMS to Lynn County Hospital District for treatment of unknown injuries.

Last Monday at 6 p.m. the Sheriff's Office received a call that there was man and his children shooting a rifle at the roadside park north of Tahoka

on US 87, but a responding deputy said that it turned out to be a pellet gun. He advised the man to go further down a county road to shoot the pellet gun.

New Home ISD officials reported that someone had apparently tried to break into a maintenance building on Thursday night or early Friday morning, but nothing was reported taken.

On Sunday at 9:51 a.m. vandalism was reported near a residence 2 miles north of Tahoka on the west side of US 87. The caller reported someone had trespassed onto the property and shot out the windshields of several vehicles parked at a barn.

The Sheriff's Office also responded to several calls about dogs and cats, assisted motorists with flat tires and

car trouble, as well as some domestic disturbances.

Tahoka Police arrested three Lubbock individuals on felony charges of Organized Crime, after the trio allegedly took four cases of beer from a convenience store in Tahoka without paying for them, last Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 11 p.m. According to the police report, witnesses said two males and a female put the beer into a vehicle and headed northbound on US 87. The three suspects were later identified as Jashaun Antwain Thomas, 39, Dexter Lamont Wilkerson, 46, and Justice Rhea Wunneburger, 24, all of Lubbock. Prior to targeting the Tahoka convenience store, a convenience store at O'Donnell was also targeted, reporting theft of several cases of beer.

Police arrested a 56-year-old Tahoka man on charges of Hit and Run on Friday about 8 p.m., after receiving a call of a power line laying across the roadway at the west access road of US 87 near South 1st. Police found an Xcel power pole had been struck on the opposite side of US 87, which caused the power line to fall. There was no vehicle there, but evidence at the scene included a license plate, which led police to the suspect at his home in Tahoka, where he was arrested after finding a large dent in the man's work truck with a matching license plate. He was charged with leaving the scene of an accident with damage to vehicle greater than \$200, and for striking fixture/highway landscape greater than \$200.

A 20-year-old Tahoka male was arrested on charges of Intoxicated Pedestrian after police were called to a domestic dispute at a residence on Ave. J about 8 p.m. last Wednesday. Police found a man with a knife standing over his 20-year-old son, and the son also had a zip tie around his wrist that was cinched down extremely tight and his hand was bleeding. According to the report, the son appeared



Yikes! Unusual catch ... A spider caught a snake in its web, at the home of Lacey Castor on N. 5th Street in Tahoka, who sent in this photo. She said, "I went out one morning and noticed a perfect circle in a spider web. When I took a closer look I saw that it was a snake! The kids thought it was awesome!" In this picture, it looks like it may be a small rattle-snake, with what appears to be three rattles on its tail.

Lynn County Jail held 29 inmates during the past week, including 18 for Ector County and 11 for Lynn County.

BURN BAN REINSTATED IN LYNN COUNTY on July 22, 2019

NO CONTROLLED BURNS ARE ALLOWED IN LYNN COUNTY DURING THE BURN BAN by order of the Lynn County Commissioners Court

Did you know? ... about dogs

Chase that tail! Dogs chase their tails for a variety of reasons: curiosity, exercise, anxiety, predatory instinct or, they might have fleas! If your dog is chasing his tail excessively, talk with your vet.

Lynn County Hospital District • Tahoka, Texas Family Wellness & Specialty Clinic

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Anais Molina, FNP-C
806-998-4604

SPECIALTY CLINIC:
Dr. Griengsak Chowpaknam
MD, MPA, FAAP
806-561-4048

Attention - Students and Parents: School Physicals appointments are filling up fast... don't wait. CALL NOW

CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

Wilson ISD Mustang Round-Up



Tuesday, August 20th
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Elementary will register at 6:00-6:45.
Secondary will register at 6:45-7:30

Registration will be in the cafeteria.
Returning students will need to bring a copy of your latest water, gas or electric bill.
Students new to the district must bring: student's social security card, birth certificate, shot record, proof of residency and parent/guardian picture I. D.
Parents/Guardians must attend with their student.
We are looking forward to seeing you.

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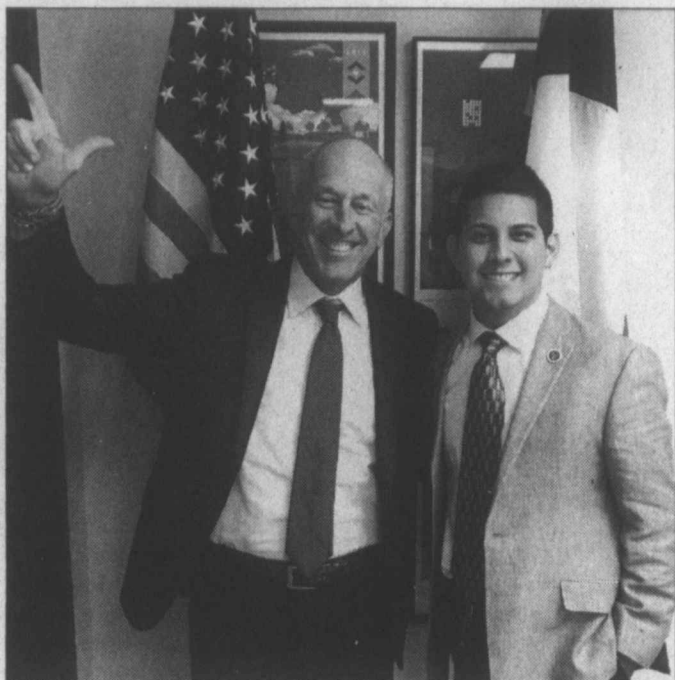
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Lubbock Mayor ... Michael Torres, a New Home ISD and LCU graduate, is pictured with Lubbock Mayor Dan Pope. Torres is an intern with the Lubbock Mayor's office and Lubbock City Council. Beginning this fall, Torres will serve as an intern in Washington D.C. during the fall season for the U.S. Department of Education.

Torres to intern in DC ...

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Currently, Torres dedicates his time to public service opportunities and that is resonated through his current internship with Lubbock Mayor Dan Pope and the Lubbock City Council.

He credits his leadership skills to the mentors that have helped him along his journey, including an experience that allowed him to serve in a larger capacity while he was a student at New Home High School.

"I would say my ambitions expanded after serving on the NRECA Youth Leadership Council while I was in high school. Through this experience, I worked with electric cooperatives and leaders around the nation while serving as our State Representative," he reflected. He credits that opportunity to Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Texas Electric Cooperatives, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Torres says he found guidance through the faculty and staff at Lubbock Christian University daily – a place where he admits that he grew mentally, physically, and spiritually. There, he believes, he learned about his strengths that could carry him in life

and grew in areas where he fell short.

Torres recalls a pivotal moment where he had a conversation with the Chair of his Humanities Department, Dr. Ronna Privett, where he was encouraged when he spoke of his future plans to become an attorney.

"If it were not for strong professors investing in my future, it would have taken me years to discern my calling beyond the university setting," stated Torres.

His dreams are big. He has lofty aspirations, including a possible goal of becoming a U.S. Senator or, at some point in time, to serve in the highest office of the nation as President of the United States.

"These aspirations have carried me through life. It subconsciously stimulates my character, poise, and drive to accomplish more than yesterday," said Torres. "I believe that treating all people with respect is a timeless act of kindness. It does not matter to me where one comes from, it only matters how they hold themselves accountable towards being a good citizen."

He models his ethics after the teachings handed down to him from his father.

"If there is one thing that

my father emphasized to me as a young man, it was that 'an honest man will never live with regrets. Understand your commitment to becoming the best man that you can be every single day,'" he reflected.

Torres is not afraid to work hard to achieve his lofty goals. He plans to attend law

school pending his return to Texas after the Washington internship. He would like to become a successful litigator across the United States before pursuing any political interests.

While he reserves the right to not share his political affiliations at the moment,

Torres has been an active voter in elections since 2016.

Torres says, "It is important to learn how to be a good leader at all times. However, it is more important to be a great leader that preserves truth and understands the needs of those invested in tomorrow."

With a bachelor's degree in hand, an internship with a national scope, and plans to take on law school, Torres is well on his way to achieving the goals he has set. He is eager and full of hope and determination – all characteristics that will serve him well in his ambitions.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The NEW HOME ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM on August 26, 2019 in the New Home ISD Board Room in New Home, TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.06835 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax
Approved by Local Voters \$.18959 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	12	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	1	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	13	% increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 119232710	\$ 135707060
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 4999790	\$ 12440320
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 102924800	\$ 118664140
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 4999790	\$ 12440320

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
 ** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 5,927,160

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17	\$.1781 *	\$ 1.3481	\$ 3,082	\$ 8,299
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$.95383	\$.18959 *	\$ 1.14342	\$ 2,620	\$ 8,651
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.06835	\$.18959 *	\$ 1.25794	\$ 2,883	\$ 9,771

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 180612	\$ 196585
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 155612	\$ 171585
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.3481	\$ 1.2579
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 2097.65	\$ 2158.36
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 60.71

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.25794. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.25794.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 922,682
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 46,597

Fire Department funding ...

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Home. In 2020, Tahoka VFD will receive \$9,000, O'Donnell VFD \$15,000, Wilson VFD \$3,000, and New Home VFD \$3,000. In 2021, the additional \$12,000 will go to Wilson VFD for a total of \$15,000, with the two other departments getting \$3,000 each and Tahoka getting \$9,000, and in 2022 New Home VFD will get the additional \$12,000 for a total of \$15,000, and \$3,000 each for O'Donnell and Wilson, and \$9,000 for Tahoka. In 2023, the \$12,000 additional goes back to Tahoka for a total of \$21,000, with the other departments getting \$3,000 each. The rotation would then continue on the same cycle.

Each of the four volunteer fire departments also receive funding from the cities they serve.

In other business, commissioners approved renewing an interlocal agreement with Lubbock County for the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases, at a cost of \$1,072. The agreement provides Lynn County with assistance if a capital murder case occurs in the county.

A \$10 Road and Bridge fee through the TxDMV was approved to continue collecting for Lynn County, at the same rate. An interlocal agreement between Lynn County and SPAG for E9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Service was also renewed.

Jere Hart presented preliminary plat plans for Ranchland South Estates, a new subdivision being planned in the New Home area. Commissioners approved the preliminary plans as presented.

Commissioners also approved continuing to collect five percent of charitable shares of Bingo Prize Fee Funds in the county.

The county-wide burn ban was left in place, with land owners reminded that no control burns are permitted during the burn ban.

Jon Luna, representing the Lynn County Sheriff's Office, and Chief Deputy Jason Flores presented reports on the Sheriff's Office, and monthly bills were approved.

After the business agenda concluded, county officials conducted a budget work session. Currently, a tax rate of 75-cents is being considered as a proposed tax rate for 2019, which is 2-cents lower than the current rate of 77-cents per \$100 of property value. However, county officials have not yet presented a proposed budget or proposed tax rate, as budget discussions continue.

Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock led the meeting that started at 9:30 a.m. and concluded at noon. All four commissioners were present, including Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham, as well as other county officials.

Did you know? About the Solar System

- Each time you see a full moon you always see the same side
- The longest possible eclipse of the sun is 7.31 minutes
- Fleas can accelerate 50 times faster than a space shuttle
- Over 500 meteorites hit the Earth each year
- The sun has a diameter of 864,000 miles
- 45% of Americans don't know that the sun is a star
- All the planets in our solar system could fit inside Jupiter

- An area of the sun's surface to the equivalent of a postage stamp would shine with the brightness of over 1,500,000 candles
- More than 1,000,000 Earths could fit inside the sun
- From space the brightest man made place is Las Vegas, NV
- Due to gravitational effects you weight is slightly less when the moon is directly overhead
- If you could drive to the sun at a speed of 55 mph it would take around 193 years to get there.
- Hydrogen is the most abundant element in the Universe (75%)
- The moon is 27% the size of the Earth
- The center of the Sun is approximately 15 million C (27 million F)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The WILSON ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 August 27th 2019 in Administration Building Wilson, TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.06835 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters \$ _____ /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	14.96	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)
Debt service	_____	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	14.96	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 65,566,040	\$ 77,598,970
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 138,600	\$ 362,420
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 51,539,100	\$ 57,802,070
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 138,600	\$ 362,420

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
 ** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.00000*	\$ 1.17000	\$ 4,405	\$ 8,459
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.01271	\$ 0.00000*	\$ 1.0121	\$ 4,157	\$ 8,707
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.06835	\$ 0.00000*	\$ 1.06835	\$ 4,254	\$ 10,312

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 52,290	\$ 66,959
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 27,290	\$ 41,959
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17000	\$ 1.06835
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 319.29	\$ 448.26
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 128.97

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.06835. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.06835.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 230,582
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0



Bulldog gator ... Assistant Coach DJ Tillman stands beside a new Tahoka Bulldog gator that the Tahoka ISD Athletic Dept. recently received. "Doug and Shane Melcher at Terry County Tractor made us a sweet deal on the gator, and threw in the wrap with Tahoka colors," said Athletic Director Stephen Overstreet. "A huge thank you to them for their support of our program!" he added.

Wilson ISD to propose 10-cent lower tax rate

Wilson Independent School District is publishing information this week that they are considering proposing a \$1.06835 tax rate per \$100 of property value, which is slightly more than 10-cents lower than the previous year's tax rate of \$1.17. The lower tax rate is in accordance with tax relief mandates by the Texas Legislature.

The proposed tax rate of \$1.06835 is the highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election.

The WISD Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday,

Aug. 27 in the Wilson ISD Administration building to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The proposed tax rate would bring an increase of 14.95% in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year. Total taxable value of all property in the school district has increased from \$51,539,100 last year to \$57,802,070 this year.

The Wilson ISD has no bonded indebtedness, so there is no additional I&S rate.



Job Safety... Jeff Ludlum, E.ON Energy Services BoP Site Supervisor for Tahoka Wind, and Carla Cavendar, a City-County Library Volunteer from Wilson, demonstrated a safety climbing harness at the Adult Program on wind turbines at the City-County Library.

Eagle of Honor project funds nearing target goal

The Eagle of Honor Veterans Memorial planned for the grounds of the Lynn County Courthouse in Tahoka has nearly reached its target goal of \$45,000 for the project, according to information this week from Bill Schoemann, project coordinator.

"The Eagle of Honor Veterans Memorial project was able to raise \$2,945 on the Southwest Airlines voucher raffle. The two winners of the \$400 vouchers from raffle ticket sales were Janet Sharp and Leslie Arguello," said Schoemann.

"So far the committee has been able to raise \$39,391. The support for the project has been amazing and the committee is still asking for donation of up to \$5,609 to reach the goal of \$45,000, and donations can be made at the First National Bank of Tahoka and First Bank and Trust in Wilson and Tahoka.

"Everything is falling into place and the project is still on schedule to have the dedication of the memorial on Patriot Day, September 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. on the northwest corner of the courthouse square. All community and county residents as well as all school districts are invited and encouraged to attend a ceremony honoring our veterans as well as a dedication of the new memorial," said Schoemann.



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Wilson ISD 2019-2020 School Supply List

- Pre-K**
- 1 Box of 8 Large Crayons
 - 1 Set Washable Markers
 - 4 Glue Sticks
 - 1-Four pack Playdough
 - 4 Boxes of Kleenex
 - 1 pair of safety scissors
 - Backpack
 - Blanket or Towel
 - Change of clothes, including underwear & socks, in a plastic bag. Label the clothes with your child's name in permanent marker.
- Kindergarten:**
- 2-24 Count of Crayons
 - 1 Set Washable Markers
 - 6 Glue Sticks
 - 1 Bottle of Glue
 - 4 Boxes of Kleenex
 - 1-Pkg. of 12 Count #2 Pencils
 - 1-Pkg. of 4 Color Expo Dry Erase Markers
 - 1-Pkg. of Pink Erasers
 - Supply box
 - 2 Composition Books
 - Backpack
 - Blanket or Towel
- 1st Grade:**
- 2 Box of 12 #2 Pencils
 - 2 Boxes of 24 count Crayons
 - 4 Boxes of Kleenex
 - 1 Bottle of glue
 - 4 Glue Sticks
 - 2 Pink Erasers
 - 3 Folders with pockets & brads
 - Supply Box
 - Backpack
- 2nd Grade:**
- 2 Box of 12 #2 Pencils
 - 1 Box of 12 Count Colored Pencils
 - 2 Boxes of 24 Count Crayons
 - 4 Boxes of Kleenex
 - 1 Pkg. of Multi-Colored Highlighters
 - 4 Pink Erasers
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 - 2 Pkgs. 24 Count Crayons
 - 1 Pkg. Markers
 - 3 Pkgs. 12 Pencils
 - 1 Pkg. Glue Sticks
 - 2 Bottles of Glue
 - 4 Composition books
 - 2 Pkgs. Expo Markers
 - 2 Boxes Kleenex
 - 1 Pkg. Clorox Wipes
 - 1 Supply Box
 - Backpack
- Middle School:**
- 3 Pkgs. Pencils
 - 1 Pkg. of Pencil Cap Erasers
 - 1 Pkg. of Pens (blue or black)
 - 1 Box of 24 Crayons
 - 1 Box of 12 Colored Pencils
 - 2 Glue Sticks
 - Two 2-inch Binders
 - 1 3-Ring Binder for AVID
 - 1 pkg. College Ruled Notebook
 - Paper (social studies class)
 - 2 Pkgs. Wide Ruled Notebook Paper
 - 2 Single Subject Spiral Notebooks
 - 2 Boxes of Kleenex (1 for math, 1 for ELAR)
 - 2 Pkgs. of 8 Tab Dividers
- High School:**
- Pen, Pencil, 1 Single Subject Spiral Notebook, 1 3-Ring Binder, 1 Pkg. of 8 Tab Dividers
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- Wilson will no longer require uniforms this year but the leftover polo shirts will be for sale for \$.50 at open house.**

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Form 50-197

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Lynn County Hospital District will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 4.1% percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Tax Code Chapter 26). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on 8/23/19 at Noon at Hospital Meeting Room.
The second public hearing will be held on 8/28/19 at 5:30pm at Hospital Meeting Room.

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

FOR: Calloway Huffaker, Sharon Isham, Jana Bishop, Manuel DeLeon

AGAINST: Connie Donald, Mary Gayle Raindl

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Edward Smith

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Lynn County Hospital Dist last year was \$ 65,920.00

Based on last year's tax rate of \$ 0.258800 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$ 170.60

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Lynn County Hospital District this year is \$ 70,972.00

If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$ 0.258800 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 183.67

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$ 0.258800 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 183.67

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

Special Provision*

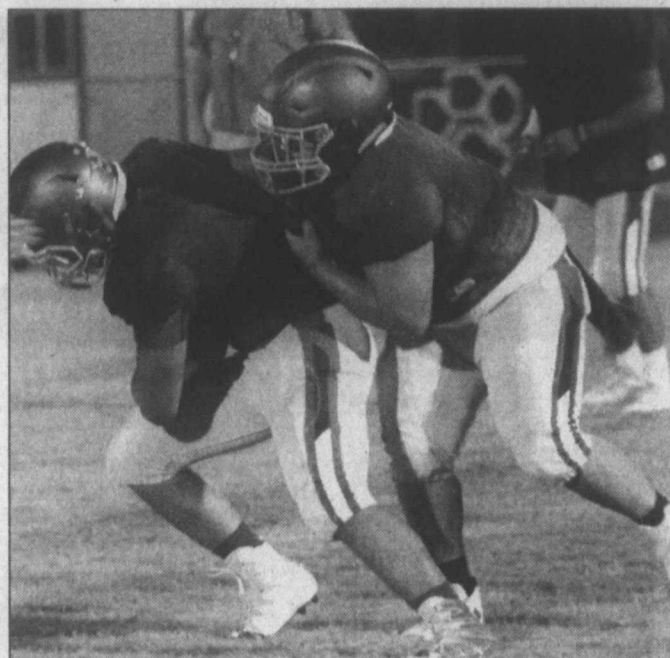
Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures:

The _____ spent \$ _____ from _____ to _____ on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is _____.

* Print only if applicable.

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Midnight madness ... Cameron Tekell grabs hold of the ball carrier during Tahoka Bulldog football practice at Midnight Madness last Friday. Both the JV and Varsity football teams held practice, and the Tahoka 3-D Band performed, as cheerleaders and fans yelled their support. The players and coaches had an overnight party and camped out in the field house afterwards. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

LCHD proposes keeping 25-cent property tax rate

Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors is proposing keeping the same tax rate of \$0.258800 per \$100 of property value for 2019. Keeping the current tax rate is about a penny higher than the effective tax rate of \$0.248067, which is the rate that would collect the same amount of total taxes as last year.

The tax rate proposal passed by a vote of 4-2 by the seven-member LCHD Board of Directors. Voting for the proposal were directors Calloway Huffaker, Sharon Isham, Jana Bishop and Manuel DeLeon. Voting against the proposal were directors Connie Donald and Mary Gayle Raindl. Edward Smith, Board President, was reportedly absent when the voting took place.

While the tax rate is not increasing, it is considered a tax increase because the revenue collected from the tax would increase by 4.1 percent from the previous year, and therefore the LCHD Board of Directors has scheduled two public hearings to be held before making final approval. The first public hearing will be held Friday, Aug. 23 at 12 noon at the hospital meeting room, and the second hearing will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the hospital meeting room.

The tax base for the hospital district has increased by \$21,764,824, according to the figures provided by LCHD. Last year's tax base was \$522,649,246, and this year's adjusted tax base is at \$544,414,070.

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