



## Eagle of Honor project underway

The Eagle of Honor project honoring military veterans is underway at the Lynn County Courthouse grounds in Tahoka, with a concrete base poured last week. Brick work is next for the brick wall holding the military emblems, and flag poles will be set for the seven flags that will be displayed. The bronze Eagle of Honor will be placed on a brick podium in the center, all facing the street from the northwest corner of the grounds. Dedication ceremonies have been planned for Patriot Day, on Sept. 11.

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## Did you know?

• Cows have Best Friends? According to a study conducted by researchers at the University of Northampton, cows have strong social bonds and display physical symptoms of stress when they're away from their BFF.

## 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 Lanee 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 13	103	70	
Aug 14	94	69	
Aug 15	95	70	
Aug 16	97	69	0.05"
Aug 17	102	68	
Aug 18	103	71	
Aug 19	104	75	

(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:	0.05"
Total Precip for Aug:	0.60"
Total Precip. for 2019:	10.56"

## LCHD awarded \$450,000 grant to build new O'Donnell Clinic

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Hospital District has just been awarded a significant grant from the Florence Marie Hall Foundation out of Midland, for the new construction of an LCHD Clinic in O'Donnell. The Foundation awarded \$450,000 in grant funds to the LCHD Foundation to build the new O'Donnell Clinic, which has already been in the planning stages at LCHD. The grant required no matching funds from LCHD, according to hospital officials.

Building plans for the new clinic include six exam rooms, two physician's offices, a lab room, nurse's station, break room, and lobby. The new facility will be located at 4th and Doak in O'Donnell, on property that has been donated to LCHD. Currently, that property is vacant of any buildings.

"We plan to go to the LCHD Board with final plans for approval at the next board meeting," said John Baker, director of the LCHD Foundation. He anticipates that the

project will take about four months to complete.

"Many of the people we see for healthcare are at, or below poverty level. Being seen and treated in a new, bright and clean facility will aid in a positive outlook mentally and a positive outcome physically," he said.

The LCHD Foundation is a non-profit foundation that provides new opportunities for grant funding and allows all gifts to the

hospital to be 100% tax deductible, which will support all Lynn County Hospital District programs.

"With the LCHD Foundation, our goal is to make sure growth happens. Our purpose is not the day-to-day business activities, but the extras, expansion and growth of the LCHD System," Baker explained.

The hospital district has also been awarded a \$22,000 grant from the CH Foundation in Lubbock,

for the purpose of purchasing new exam tables, including new exam tables for the O'Donnell Clinic.

LCHD currently has a small clinic at 506 5th Street in O'Donnell, which has only two exam rooms. Dr. Griengsak Chowpaknam and Cynde Schneider, FNP-C, see patients there on a part-time basis. When the new O'Donnell Clinic opens, it is anticipated to be open as a full-time clinic for seeing patients.

## County officials propose lowering tax rate 2-cents

Lynn County Commissioners met in special session Monday, Aug. 19, for a budget work session, followed by action to propose a 2019-2020 property tax rate of 75-cents per \$100 of property value. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the proposed tax rate, which is 2-cents lower than the current tax rate of 77-cents.

The proposed tax rate is about 7-cents higher than the effective

tax rate of 0.68388, which is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue from the same properties as the previous year. However, the proposed tax rate is a full 10-cents lower than the 85-cent tax rate that the county had in 2017.

Two public hearings were scheduled for public comments on the proposed tax rate, the first at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 9, and

the second hearing on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 9 a.m., in the County Judge's office located at 1524 Harper Street in Tahoka.

The proposed tax rate will fund a proposed budget of \$3,513,759 for 2019-2020.

The public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 9, in conjunction with the first hearing on the proposed tax rate.

## Rebecca Norris named new LCAD Chief Appraiser

by JUANELL JONES

Rebecca Norris, former Chief Deputy Appraiser at Lynn County Appraisal District (LCAD), last week was named as the new Chief Appraiser for LCAD. Norris was appointed by the LCAD Board of Directors in action taken last Thursday, Aug. 15, with her new duties to become effective on Sept. 1, 2019. She succeeds Chief Appraiser Marquita Scott, who resigned her position in June but has been serving as Interim Chief Appraiser until the position was filled.

"The Board would like to express our appreciation to Marquita for her years of service to Lynn County Appraisal District," said Connie Donald, President of the

Board. "She has served the board very well and kept us apprised of what's going on. She has done an excellent job serving LCAD for many years, and we wish her the best in her retirement," she added.

Mrs. Norris has worked with Chief Appraiser Scott since January of 2016 when she first became employed at the Lynn County Appraisal District.

Norris was born and raised on a farm in the small town of Dove Creek, Colorado. She graduated from Dolores County High School and attended a trade school. She married Don Norris, also from Colorado, and they had two children. In 2007 she became employed at the Dolores County Assessors Of-

fice, where she became a Licensed Residential Appraiser in 2009. She assisted the Assessor in appraising residential, agriculture, and oil and gas properties, and was employed there until June of 2014 when they moved to Texas.

She worked at Lone Star Properties in Levelland until December of 2015. In January of 2016 she became employed at the Lynn County Appraisal District, and with the education from Colorado she was able to transfer her Licensed Residential license to Texas, and also became a certified Registered Professional Appraiser (RPA). She then earned her certification as a Registered Tax Assessor (RTA) in July of 2017.



REBECCA NORRIS



Did you know?

"If Lady Liberty needed a new pair of sandals, it would take size 879 shoes to cover her massive feet."

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**New Home Menu**

Aug. 26-30  
**Breakfast**

**Monday:** Pancake, Bacon /Cereal

**Tuesday:** Sunrise sandwich/ Breakfast strudel

**Wednesday:** Chicken n Biscuit /Muffin

**Thursday:** Cinn. toast, yogurt/ PBJ

**Friday:** Breakfast burrito, hash browns/Breakfast round

**Lunch**

**Monday:** Texas Basket/Burgers

**Tuesday:** Tex-Mex stack/ Chicken fajitas

**Wednesday:** Chicken Alfredo/ Pizza pocket

**Thursday:** Ranchero wrap/ Country pot pie

**Friday:** Popcorn chicken/ Breaded pork chop

Salad of the week: Chef

**Obituaries**



**Arnetta Miller**

Arnetta Joyce Miller, 73 of Tahoka, passed away on Saturday, August 17, 2019.

Arnetta was born in Colorado City on November 17, 1945 to Luke and Nora Belle (Inman) Wood. After graduating from Tahoka High School in 1964, she married her high-school sweetheart, Billy Miller, on June 26th. After raising her family and being a dedicated homemaker, she worked as a secretary for Montgomery Seed and Delinting for 10 years. Arnetta was a loving, compassionate person who cared for her family, friends and was a Mom to many through her leadership in 4H and FFA. Arnetta was a member of the First Baptist Church, Tahoka.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Lyndell Wood.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband Billy; daughters, Marci Gandy and husband Roddy and Sharla Askew and husband Ty, all of Tahoka; and sister, MaryBelle Mahurin of Tahoka. Arnetta also leaves behind her most precious pride and joy grandchildren, Brady Askew and wife Shea, Cassidy Allison and husband Taylor, and Jynna Bass and husband Justin; and great-grandchildren, Jentry and

Summitt Askew, Paislee and Sterlee Allison and Barrett Bass.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at Tahoka First Baptist Church with interment to follow at the Nevels Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to the First Baptist Church, PO Box 1547, Tahoka. (PAID)

**City officials propose keeping same tax rate**

Tahoka City Council has voted to propose keeping the 2019 property tax rate at \$0.747030 per \$100 of property value, which is the same as the current rate for the preceding year. The 74-cent tax rate is about a penny higher than the effective tax rate of \$0.734694, which is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the city from the same properties in the previous year.

Tahoka City Council has scheduled two public hearings for citizen input on the proposed tax rate. The first hearing is at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, and the second hearing is at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, both to be held in the Tahoka Community Room at 1804 Ave. J.

**Did you know?**

- You take over 23,000 breaths everyday
- 56% of typing is completed by your left hand
- Human thigh bones are stronger than concrete
- It would cost you only about \$140 a year if you ate ramen for every meal.

Where in the world is

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Hilton Head Island



**Hilton Head ...** Mitch and Donna Raindl and their family took the Lynn County News to Hilton Head Island, which is 1400 miles away. Pictured with their grandparents and the Atlantic Ocean in background are Whitman and Hamilton (Brent and Danielle Raindl - Dallas), Bristan and BlaiZe (Brady and Tania Raindl - Lubbock) and Braxton, Breklynn and Baker (Brandi and John Burns - Midland).

**Tahoka Girls 8u Softball Fundraiser is this Sunday**

Tahoka Girls 8u Softball team TX Threat is having a meal deal/bake sale fundraiser this Sunday, August 25, beginning at 12:00 until sold out at Cash Savers parking lot in front of LCHD Specialty Clinic. Bake sale will be inside Cash Savers beginning at noon.

Meal deals include sausage wraps, chips, and a drink for \$5 each. Monster's Ice will be there and has generously agreed to donate a portion of their proceeds during the event to the softball team.

All proceeds benefit TX Threat Softball. "We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you there," said a sponsor.

**From City Hall**

by Jerry Webster  
Tahoka City Administrator

**Traffic around the Square PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of Tahoka will host a public hearing to receive citizen input regarding traffic regulation around the new courthouse square.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room, 1804 Avenue J (behind city hall).

If you are not able to attend the public hearing, you may bring written comments to city hall and the comments will be given to the council at the public hearing.

If you have any questions please contact Tahoka City Hall at 806-561-4211.

**Did you know?**

- The smallest thing ever photographed is the shadow of an atom. A team at Griffiths University used a super high-resolution microscope to capture the image.
- "King" in a snake's name signifies that it preys on other snakes.
- The word 'swansong', a final act or gesture before death or retirement, arose from an ancient belief that swans are mute all their lives but sing a beautiful, mournful song just before they die.
- It is illegal to own just one guinea pig in Switzerland. Guinea pigs are social animals that prefer the companionship of another guinea pig. That's why it's illegal to own just one of the little critters in Switzerland. Thankfully, if one of your fuzzy pets passes away and you're not ready to commit to another, Switzerland also allows you to rent a guinea pig for your remaining pet.

**You are 23 Times**

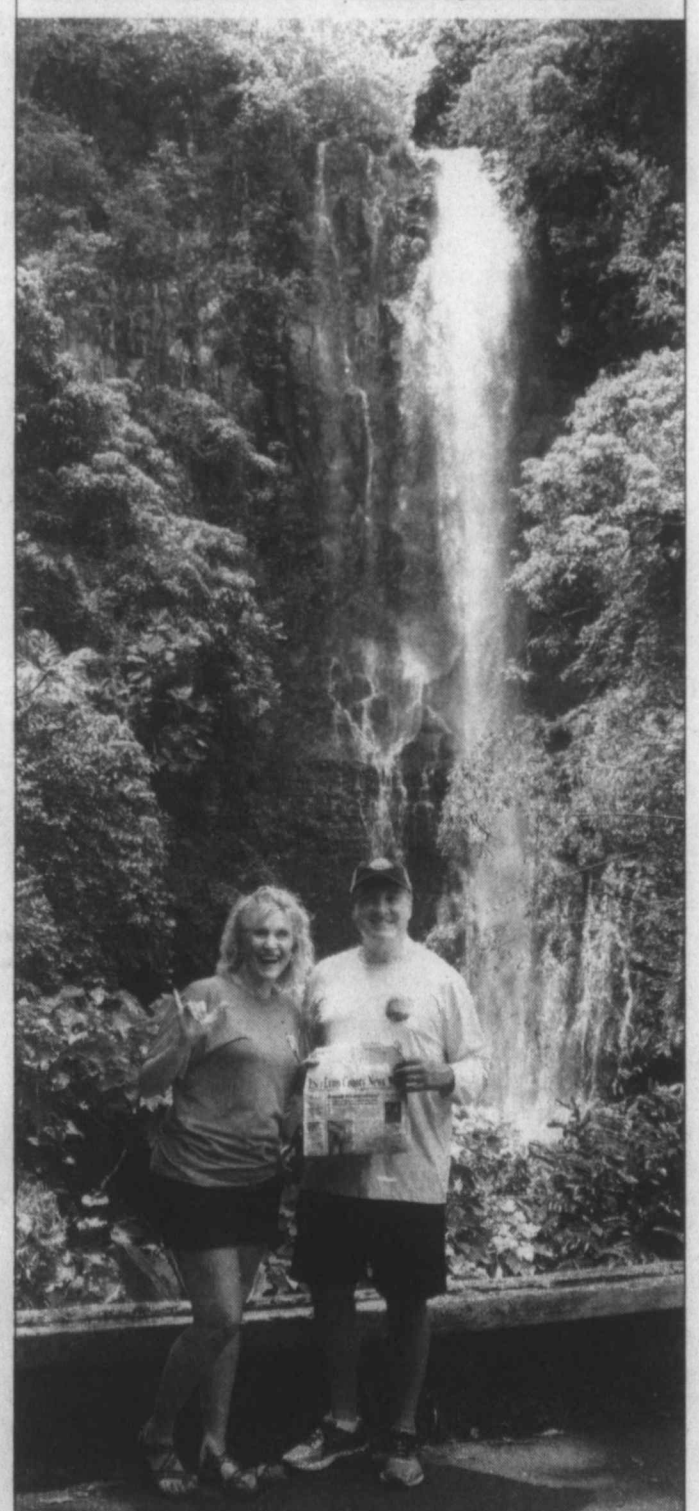
more likely to crash when you text while driving. Texting while driving IS ILLEGAL IN TEXAS.

Is sending an LOL text message really worth an accident?

**Park the phone when you drive.**

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**On the Road to Hana ...** Lane and Heather Tekell of Tahoka stopped at a waterfall with their Lynn County News on the Road to Hana, an all-day trip with 64 miles of winding roads and 59 one-way bridges through the beautiful scenery along the coast of Maui, Hawaii. "We spent the entire day travelling up to Hana and back. We saw a beautiful rain forest, waterfalls, Hawaiian culture, a shattered windshield because a random papaya had fallen from a tree, a black sand beach, fantastic food trucks and people from around the world," said the Tekells. The News is 3,424 miles from home.

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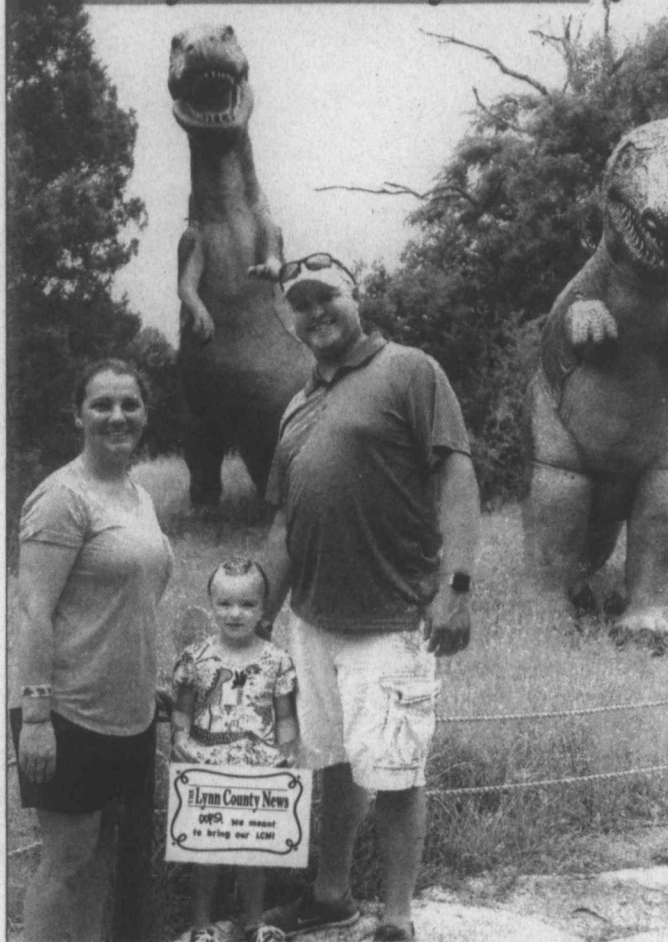
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Drive-Thru - 9:00-6:00 Monday-Friday



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**Glen Rose...** The Elrod family- Shantel, Kynzlee and Michael, recently went to Dinosaur World in Glen Rose. Oops! We forgot to take the Lynn County News, but we wanted to submit our picture anyway.

## Four injured in five accidents in county

by JUANELL JONES

Five vehicle accidents, with four persons transported by ambulance with injuries, and a possible accident involving a motorcycle, were reported during the past week in the Lynn County Sheriff's Office call sheets. Another vehicle may have been involved in hitting a deer, as an injured deer was found on the side of the road on US 380 at the Garza/Lynn County line. At 3 p.m. last Tuesday, a caller reported that a deer had apparently been struck and was alive on the side of the road with four broken legs. After speaking with a Game Warden, a deputy put the deer down.

A one-vehicle rollover occurred on FM 2053 and CR L at 9:24 p.m. last Wednesday, Aug. 14. The driver, Allan Barrett of O'Donnell, was transported by Lynn County EMS to Lynn County Hospital for treatment of unknown injuries. His vehicle, a 2001 blue Chevrolet pickup, was towed from the scene.

Another one-vehicle rollover was witnessed south of CR 19 on US 87 at 5:41 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, with a witness reporting a grey Ford had rolled over and ended up in the median south of Tahoka. The driver was Austin Carter of Lubbock, who was transported by Lynn County EMS to Lynn County Hospital.

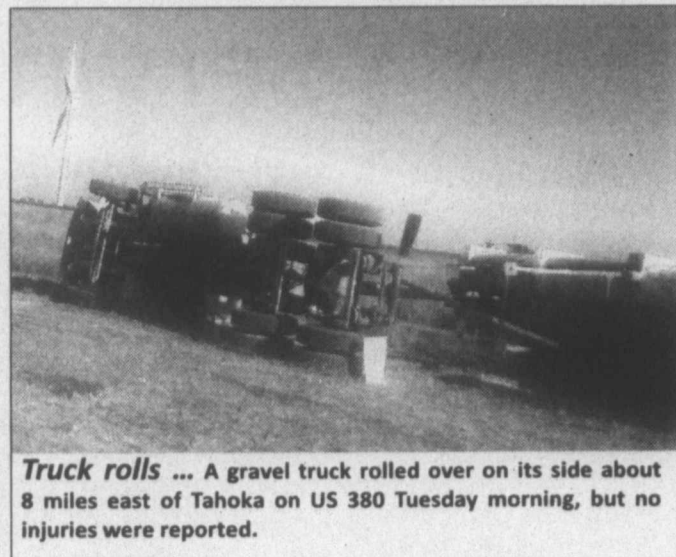
At 5:28 p.m. Saturday, a caller reported a wreck across from the Green Building in Wilson at the intersection of FM 211 and FM 400. A black Dodge Pickup that had allegedly caused the wreck left the scene driving eastbound on FM 211 towards Post. Maggie Lopez of Tahoka was the driver of the other vehicle, a 2014 grey Chevy, and she was transported by Lynn County EMS to UMC in Lubbock for treatment of unknown injuries. Garza County was notified to watch for the vehicle.

A man reported a hit and run at 8:25 p.m. Sunday, saying that a woman in a red Toyota Scion had backed into his pickup and drove off going towards Post, from a location in Grassland. He told deputies that her vehicle would have front end damage and that he believed she may have been intoxicated, and that she had two children in the vehicle with her. Garza County was notified to watch for the vehicle.

An accident involving a semi-truck on US 84 north of Southland was reported at 11:14 p.m. on Sunday. Slaton Volunteer Fire Dept. and Lubbock EMS responded to the scene. Driver of the semi was Ronald Cross of Biloxi, Mississippi.

Deputies stopped a vehicle about a half mile south of Tahoka on US 87 at approximately 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, after receiving a call that reported a woman that appeared to be intoxicated had just left the Allsup's store in O'Donnell driving northbound on US 87, in a silver 2-door car with no lights on. She was arrested and brought to Lynn County Jail.

A phone scam was reported on Aug. 13 from a man who said he had received a phone



**Truck rolls ...** A gravel truck rolled over on its side about 8 miles east of Tahoka on US 380 Tuesday morning, but no injuries were reported.

call from someone claiming to be from the Social Security office, notifying him that his Social Security number had been found in a drug raid and a warrant was going to be issued for his arrest. He reported that the person on the phone already knew his date of birth and social security number. A report was taken.

A vehicle fire and two grass fires occurred during the week. A white 2006 Hummer registered to Petra Clary of Lubbock was reported on fire on US 84 near CR HH at 2:24 p.m. Sunday, with Slaton Fire Dept. responding to the scene.

A grass fire was reported 7 miles south of Tahoka in the northbound side of US 87 at 5:30 p.m. last Wednesday, with Tahoka VFD responding. Lightning was the cause of a grass fire that started on the side of US 87 near FM 3332 at 5:16 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16. O'Donnell VFD responded to the scene, but reported that rain had put out the fire prior to their arrival.

A caller at 1 p.m. Friday reported that someone had tried to break into his parent's house on Culpepper Ave. in Wilson through a window at the back of the house, but nothing was reported missing. The residence was placed on a house watch.

Criminal mischief was reported at 3:30 p.m. last Thursday, with a woman reporting

that a male that worked with her boyfriend had caused \$800 in damages to their vehicle, including engine house damage, a jammed switch, AC vents being pulled off and the dash was partially pulled off, while parked at a residential location on US Hwy 87.

A fence and gate were reported damaged 6 miles west of Tahoka on the north side of US 380 and FM 3112. The damage was reported at 8 a.m. Monday.

Deputies responded to several calls about suspicious people/vehicles, welfare checks, and motorists needing assistance throughout the week.

Tahoka Police arrested a 33-year-old female on Tuesday, Aug. 13 on charges of Criminal Trespass, after being notified of an unwanted subject at a home in the 1700 block of South 3rd Street at 4:18 p.m. The woman had been warned previously with a Criminal Trespass Warning prohibiting her from being at that location.

Paul Bernal Jr. reported a burglary at his residence in the 1900 block of N. 1st Street, at 6:13 a.m. Tuesday. He said that someone unknown had entered the residence while he was asleep during the early morning hours and removed two Xbox gaming consoles, a gaming controller, and a Samsung soundbar. An investigation continues in this case.

## Pages from the Past

By Pam Elrod

The following excerpts were taken from past issues of THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS.

### Sunday's hail does damage

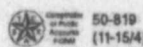
Covers small section northwest of town; small tornado viewed by many

Hail did damage to many crops north and northwest of Tahoka Sunday afternoon, a few crops being damaged so badly that it was necessary to replant. Over most of the territory visited, however, enough cotton was left standing to render planting unnecessary. The hail was accompanied by a heavy rain, which covered a strip of territory several miles wide and extending many miles east and west.

A twister struck in the T-Bar pasture several miles south of New Home but seems to have spent its force before having done any appreciable damage. Many people in Tahoka saw the peculiar cloud. A rope-like cloud began to lengthen downward from the heavens until lower end approached near the earth. Almost perfectly straight at first, it became crooked as it lengthened downward, and finally "went to pieces". Most tornadoes are said to be funnel shaped in appearance, but this cloud was as slender as a telephone pole, or even more so.

Only a light shower of rain fell in Tahoka, but the precipitation where the rainfall was heaviest, amounts to an inch and a half according to farmers in the territory.

-- June 7, 1928



## NOTICE OF 2019 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR LYNN COUNTY

A tax rate of \$ 0.750 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of LYNN COUNTY. 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 LYNN COUNTY proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of maintenance and operations.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.75</u> per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.77</u> per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.68388</u> per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.758721</u> per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for LYNN COUNTY 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 LYNN COUNTY 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:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

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LYNN COUNTY tax assessor-collector

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You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: September 9, 2019 @ 9:30a.m. at 1524 Harper St., Tahoka, TX  
Second Hearing: September 12, 2019 @ 9a.m. at 1524 Harper St., Tahoka, TX

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**Bank bucks...**

Help us restock our prizes for Summer Reading 2020 by donating your FirstBank & Trust Bank Bucks. Please stop by the City-County Library and donate your unused bank bucks.

# Serving a purpose:

## Clothing bins moved from local church; but donations still benefit Medina Children's Home

by JUANELL JONES

A collection site for used clothing has long been located at a local church in Tahoka, with the clothing available for anyone in need for free at what was known as God's Clothes Closet at the Church of Christ. What many people may not have known, however, is that any clothing not taken from the clothes closet went on to benefit another worthy cause – a children's home in Medina, Texas. The location of these clothing bins is changing in Tahoka, and God's Clothes Closet will no longer be available, but the ultimate purpose of the bins remains the same: to benefit those in need.

The clothing bins that for years have been located on the outside of the Tahoka Church of Christ have been relocated to 1626 Ave. J in Tahoka. While there will not be a Clothes Closet available for local shopping, the clothing bins are still available outside at the new location to accept donations of clothing from area residents.

The clothing collected in the clothing bins will all be donated to the Medina Children's Home, a non-profit Christian organization located in Medina, Texas. Clothing, gently-used or new shoes, or other soft items such as bedspreads, may be placed in the bin. Furniture is not accepted, as it cannot be accepted by the children's home.

For many years, the clothes went into God's Clothes Closet at the Church of Christ, where free shopping for those in need was offered at certain times of the month. Even then, however, any leftover clothing was sent to the children's home in Medina to assist with their program.

Early organizers of the clothing bin program at the Church of Christ included Joyce Pebsworth, Merle Forsythe, Claudia Flippin, Helen Knox, and currently, Pat Eaker and John Knox, who for many years have organized and managed the clothing collected in the bins.

According to Mrs. Eaker, the collections here have always gone to the Medina Children's Home, if no one wanted any of the items from the Clothes Closet available at the local Church of Christ.

"A truck comes once a month from Medina Children's Home to collect the clothing here," explains Mrs. Eaker. "We organize the clothing and bag it up for shipping, and all of it goes to the Medina Children's Home to help support their program there," she said.

Once at the Medina Children's Home, the clothing is available for the children to claim any of the clothing that is suitable for them, and the remainder of the clothing goes into a store that is managed by the Medina Children's Home. All proceeds from the sales at the store benefit the children's home.

Medina Children's Home is a part of an organization called Arms of Hope.

Arms of Hope is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Christian care organization that assists children and single-mother families in need. Arms of Hope's facilities include Medina Children's Home at 21300 State Highway 16 North in Medina, TX (60 miles northwest of San Antonio) and Boles Children's Home (40 miles northeast of Dallas).

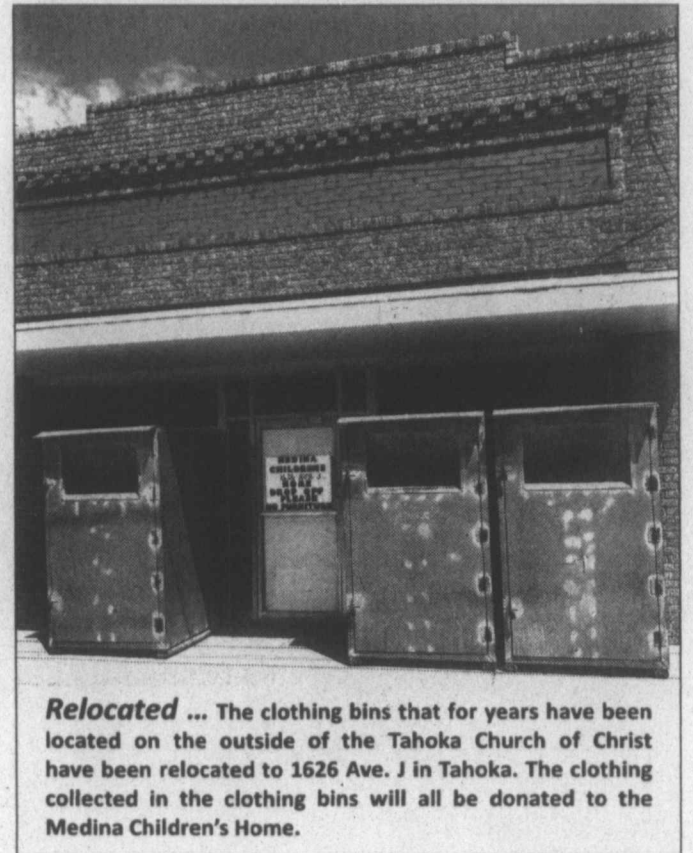
Boles Children's Home (est. 1924) and Medina Children's Home (est. 1958) were originally established as Christian homes for orphans, but have grown with innovative programs designed to serve at-risk children and single-mother families. Because they had identical missions and programs, both organizations consolidated to form Arms of Hope to achieve efficiency, geographic diversity, increased capacity and additional program improvements and offerings.

Arms of Hope does not receive federal or state grants. Instead, Arms of Hope relies on caring individuals, businesses, civic groups, churches and foundations for funding and volunteer support.

According to information on their website, Arms of Hope is committed to providing a safe haven and Christian environment for children and single-mother families by helping them avoid homelessness, poverty, abuse and neglect and by leading them to lives of sustaining and productive citizenship.

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For more information about Arms of Hope or the Medina Children's Home, visit their website at [armsofhope.org](http://armsofhope.org).



**Relocated ...** The clothing bins that for years have been located on the outside of the Tahoka Church of Christ have been relocated to 1626 Ave. J in Tahoka. The clothing collected in the clothing bins will all be donated to the Medina Children's Home.

## Tahoka ISD gets "A" rating from Texas Education Agency

On Aug. 15 the Texas Education Agency (TEA) publicly released the A-F Accountability ratings given to all campuses and school districts in Texas. Tahoka ISD earned a district-wide rating of 'A'.

"Tahoka ISD is proud to be one of 19 districts out of 59 school districts in Region 17 that have earned an A rating," said TISD Superintendent Dick Van Hoose this week.

"The rating is from a set of measurements taken from three domains of work: student achievement, school progress, and relative performance," he explained. "Points are earned through meeting different criteria in each domain, placing the district or campus in the A-F category. Tahoka Elementary had a B rating, Tahoka Middle School a C rating, and Tahoka High School had a B rating – just one point away from an A," he explained.

"The A rating for the district is the outcome of focused effort from teachers and students as teachers prepare students through strenuous curriculum, and student performances on STAAR as well as required graduation assessments," said Van Hoose. "Our board, administration, teachers and all others that work for the school are proud of

this accomplishment and are determined to keep working to make our district as good as it can be," he added.

Tahoka ISD's numerical score was 90.

According to the Texas Education Agency 2019 Accountability Ratings Overall Summary, the other school districts in Lynn County earned overall district ratings as follows:

- New Home ISD – A (numerical score of 97)
- O'Donnell ISD – B (numerical score of 86)
- Wilson ISD – D (numerical score of 67).

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## Area News

### Certified values up for most taxing entities in Terry Co.

**BROWNFIELD** – All but three local taxing entities saw an increase in certified appraisal rates for 2019, according to figures released this week by Chief Appraiser Eddie Olivas.

Terry County's tax base of \$1,029,296,912 for the current year is more than \$72 million higher than last year's base of \$956 million.

Brownfield CISD is up almost 11 percent to more than \$684 million, compared to the 2018 base of \$618 million.

Meadow ISD saw an increase of more than six percent to almost \$59 million in value.

The City of Meadow marked a five percent increase, from \$10.7 million in 2018 to \$11.2 million this year.

Wellman-Union CISD was one of the few local entities to see a decline in values. This year the school's base is almost \$196.8 million, compared to \$212.4 million last year.

The City of Wellman's base this year is \$5,327,740, down from last year's \$7,665,486.

The City of Brownfield's net tax base is \$242 million, compared to \$237 million last year.

-- from the Brownfield News

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Commissioners Court of Lynn County, Texas will hold a public hearing to receive comments or questions of the public regarding its pending budget for budget year 2019-2020 on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Courtroom located at 1524 Harper Street.

The proposed budget is on file in the County Clerk's office and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. till 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. till 5:00 p.m.

Items to be considered include a possible increase in longevity and the salaries to elected county and precinct officers as follows:

Office	Present Salary	Longevity	Proposed Salary	Longevity
Commissioner Precinct 1	\$23,471	\$0	\$24,410	\$72.00
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Justice of The Peace Pct 1	\$35,230	\$351	\$36,640	\$388
Justice of The Peace Pct 4	\$23,007	\$990	\$23,927	\$1,050
Treasurer	\$35,230	\$351	\$36,640	\$420
County Attorney	\$35,230	\$141	\$36,640	\$177
County Auditor	\$21,091	\$263	\$21,935	\$388

/s/ Mike Braddock  
County Judge

**Notice of Public Hearing**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, THAT:**

THE City of Tahoka, Tahoka Economic Development Board (Type B) Corporation shall hold a public hearing on funding of the following proposed community development project: Lynn County Senior Citizens Center/Relocation Development. Information concerning the proposed project is available for public inspection at the Senior Citizen's Center/Tahoka City Hall, 1807 N. Main St., Tahoka, TX, 79373. The Tahoka City has approved the Tahoka Economic Development Board's proposal to set aside an expenditure of \$50,000 towards the renovation of the building. A public hearing will be held by the Tahoka Economic Development Board on Thursday, September 6, at 5:15 p.m. City Council Meeting Room, 1807 N Main St., Tahoka, Texas, 79373

**NOTICE**

The Tahoka Housing Authority owns and operates the 24-unit West Gate Apartment Complex located in the 2100 block of North 7th Street in Tahoka, Texas.

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## Area News

### Snyder school looks online to counter teacher shortage

**SNYDER** – Snyder ISD has not had a problem attracting certified teachers this year. Attracting certified math teachers, however, has been a headache.

Like many other school districts in Texas, Snyder has had trouble finding certified math teachers and, in response, has had to contract with other agencies to provide that instruction online.

The district's first step in that direction came earlier this summer when trustees approved a contract with Grapevine-Colleyville ISD to provide online instruction for advanced math courses such as trigonometry and pre-calculus.

The second step was announced during last Thursday's board meeting, when trustees approved a contract with Edgenuity, an online instruction company based in Scottsdale, AZ, to further augment the district's online curriculum.

The Edgenuity contract will cost the district \$115,000.

"Grapevine-Colleyville will offer instruction on our high-level courses, while Edgenuity will provide instruction in courses such as computer science, geometry and some physics," said Asst. Superintendent for Instruction and Personnel Dr. Rachael McClain.

-- from the Snyder Daily News

### Lamesa ISD gets a B grade, campuses get mixed ratings

**LAMESA** – Superintendent Jim Knight said he was "happy and sad" with the accounting ratings which the Lamesa school district received recently from the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

The happy part comes from the Lamesa ISD receiving an overall district-wide rating of B with a numerical grade of 84 out of 100.



**Be prepared ...** In preparation for school to start, LCHD EMS Director John Baker (standing left) other EMS members including Matt Reynolds (standing right), Janis Thomas, Traci Jolly and Jessie Perez, taught a "stop the bleed" and CPR class for employees of Tahoka Independent School District.



**Kids art...** A Kids Art class was held recently at the City-County Library under the direction of local artist Donna Roberson. The subject was roses. Pictured are Talon Ausburn, Weston Ausburn, Sarah Dunlap, Jade Bond, Owen Hardt and Dominic Drake Flores.

That is up by five points from last year and easily puts Lamesa in the upper half when compared to other school districts of similar or larger enrollment across this area.

He also is pleased with Lamesa High School receiving a high B campus rating with a score of 88, up two points from an 86 last year.

The TEA ratings for the other Lamesa campuses included an F rating for the Middle School, and D ratings for North Elementary, South Elementary, and Success Academy.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

### Fire threat increasing in Dawson County

**LAMESA** – The threat of wildfires in Dawson County is increasing sharply with the recent hot, dry weather, according to Lamesa Fire Chief Larry Duyck.

Presenting a regular report to the Dawson County Commissioners Court on Tuesday, Duyck said the county's fire threat rating has increased by 94 points in just the past two weeks.

That threat, as determined by the Keetch-Byram Drought Index, has jumped from 426 to 520 on an 800-point scale.

"Every county that we follow has gone up almost 100 points in the past two weeks," Duyck said about the counties in this immediate area.

Just one month ago, Dawson County had a rating of 338.

A similar situation is happening across almost the entire state.

While 40 counties in Texas have established burn bans during just the past two weeks, Duyck said, he is not yet recommending such action here, but to monitor the situation.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

## NOTICE OF 2019 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR TAHOKA, TEXAS

A tax rate of \$0.747030 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of Tahoka, Texas. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of Tahoka, Texas proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of operation and maintenance.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.747030 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.747030 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.734694 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.793470 per \$100

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

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that Tahoka, Texas 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:

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You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

**FIRST HEARING:** August 29, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. at Tahoka Community Room, 1804 Avenue J.

**SECOND HEARING:** August 30, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. at Tahoka Community Room, 1804 Avenue J.

## Area News

### Bed bugs becoming burdensome

**LAMESA** – Bed bugs are a growing problem across the United States, and Lamesa is no exception.

Although rare here only a few years ago, that's no longer the case, according to Mackie Nelson with M&M Exterminators.

"We've really seen an explosion around here the past couple of years, and it's only getting worse and worse," Nelson said this past week.

In business here for 21 years, Nelson said he didn't get his first call about bed bugs until about five years ago. Now they are getting 5-8 calls per week.

"Although bed bug populations dropped dramatically during the mid-20th century, the United States is one of many countries now experiencing an alarming resurgence in the population of bed bugs," states a 2016 publication by the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

While bed bugs have not been shown to transmit disease, they are considered a public health pest, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Their negative health effects include allergic reactions to their bites and secondary infections of the skin from the bite reaction.

Nelson said the bites are what normally alerts people about the presence of bed bugs.

"Most people start noticing bites and itching," he said, adding that some people don't seem to be affected by the bites while others say "all they want to do is scratch."

Adult bed bugs have flat bodies about the size of an apple seed. While normally small, oval and brownish, after feeding on the blood of animals, including humans, their bodies swell and are a reddish color.

Another sign of bed bugs is small red or brown spots on bed sheets or pillow covers.

Nelson provided information showing bed bugs can lay 1-3 eggs per month, and 200-500 during their life cycle of 6-12 months.

"They can get out of control in a hurry," he said.

People can easily and unknowingly transport them from one location to another by various means ranging from inside luggage to on their clothing.

"People will be surprised where they can get them," he said, mentioning movie theaters, restaurants, churches and thrift stores, to name a few.

While keeping homes free of clutter will help, Nelson said, "We've seen them in real clean houses."

M&M's first step is to inspect a location where bed bugs are suspected. Able to fit in places no wider than a credit card, they can be found in bed frames, baseboards, carpet, curtains, couches and even in electrical outlets.

Treatment can require one or more visits, depending on the infestation. The residents of the homes also have to be involved in the process, as they must remove and wash not only all of their bed linens but all of the clothing in their entire house. After washing and drying, those items must be placed in plastic containers or plastic bags and removed from the house for awhile. Vacuuming is also very important both before and after treatment.

To be proactive in determining whether one has an infestation, Nelson said they sell bed bug "monitoring stations," which is two hard, clear pieces of plastic with a small gap between them where a sticky strip is located, that can be slipped between a mattress and a box spring.


"The best thing to do is to catch them early. It's a lot easier to take care of at that point," he said.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

### School's new code of conduct closes door on e-cigs, vaping

**SEMINOLE** – Bolstered by upcoming changes to state law, ongoing questions and uncertainty have Seminole ISD toughening its stance on electronic cigarettes and other vaping devices. A July change in the SISD Code of Conduct prohibiting student possession and/or use of such devices on campus goes into effect with the start of the 2019-20 school year.

-- from the Seminole Sentinel



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