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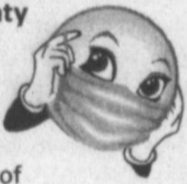
COVID UPDATE:

The South Plains Public Health District provided the following information of novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Lynn County:

Aug 10 UPDATE:
Lynn County total cases: 73
(6 new cases: 2 in Tahoka, 4 in Wilson/
New Home areas)
11 Active - 59 Recovered - 3 Deaths

The Lynn County News office

is now open to visitors. We ask all visitors to do us the courtesy of wearing a mask.



Did you know?

- There is a Japanese village called Nagoro which has 35 inhabitants, but over 350 scarecrows!
- In Greece, women are not legally allowed to wear high heels or tall hats in the Olympic Stadium.
- One in every four cranes in the entire world is in Dubai.
- Pure cocoa can help prevent tooth decay. Naturally occurring chemicals in cocoa beans fight harmful bacteria in the mouth.
- Northern Korean people are legally only allowed to have one of 28 haircuts. Men and women can choose from 14 different styles.
- Eating a banana can help to form a lining which prevents heartburn from getting worse.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug 4	97	67	
Aug 5	99	69	
Aug 6	101	74	
Aug 7	99	72	
Aug 8	97	71	
Aug 9	97	70	
Aug 10	99	73	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	0.58"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.48"
Total Precip for Mar:	2.56"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.02"
Total Precip for May:	2.58"
Total Precip for June:	2.32"
Total Precip for July:	0.46"
Total Precip for Aug:	0.55"
Total Precip. for 2020:	9.55"

BACK TO SCHOOL ... Students to return to class during the next two weeks

by JUANELL JONES

Students in two of the four school districts in Lynn County will return to classes next week – either virtually or on campus, according to their choices. The other two school districts will have students return to classes on Monday, Aug. 24.

New Home ISD has scheduled a start date of Monday, Aug. 17, Tahoka starts Tuesday, Aug. 18, and Wilson and O'Donnell ISD have start dates of Aug. 24 for their students. Teachers have in-service days before students begin classes.

Because of the ongoing threat of COVID-19, the wearing of face masks by students and staff will likely be a common sight at all schools.

Schools are offering face-to-face on-campus instruction, as well as virtual instruction, and in some cases a combination of both avenues of instruction. And, on all campuses, school staff are going to extreme lengths to sanitize and clean daily in efforts to keep students and staff as safe as possible while on campus. Students and staff may also be asked to wear masks, use hand sanitizing stations, and submit to temperature checks, and scheduling of classes/lunch may have changed to allow for social distancing, as well as other procedures that school officials are implement-

ing for safety precautions.

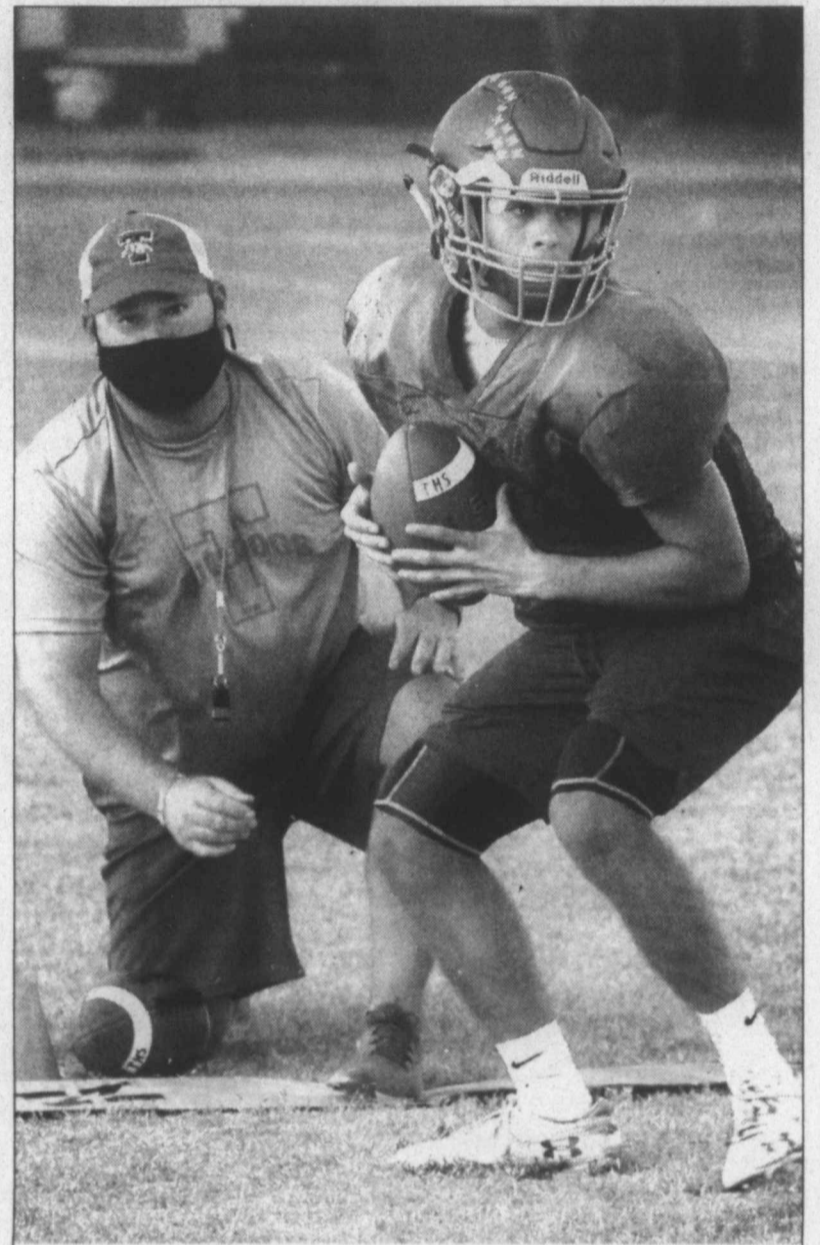
At New Home ISD, Superintendent Shane Fiedler says that almost all students have chosen to attend on-campus classes.

"I estimate 97 percent of our students have elected to return to face-to-face instruction, with very few choosing the virtual option at this time," Supt. Fiedler told *The News* this week.

He commended the New Home ISD teaching staff for doing an outstanding job in virtual instruction during the last school year when schools were forced to close due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, saying, "Our teachers didn't give our students an easy out when we were forced to go to virtual instruction last year, they had to do the work. And I think they all decided that if they're going to have to do all that work they would just as soon be in a classroom to do it," he added with a laugh.

At Tahoka ISD, Supt. Dick Van Hoose said that overall he estimates

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Ready to pass ... Cason Resendez, quarterback for the Tahoka Bulldogs this season, has the ball here in football practice, looking for a receiver. The masked man is Head Football Coach Stephen Overstreet. The Bulldogs have one scrimmage, hosting Sudan at 6 p.m. next Friday, Aug. 21, with the season opener at Plains on Aug. 28.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Sheriff Wanda Mason named Republican candidate for sheriff

Wanda Mason, currently serving as Interim Sheriff of Lynn County, was approved Tuesday night as the Republican candidate for Lynn County Sheriff for the Nov. 3 General Election. She was among three candidates who applied for consideration as a Republican nominee for the sheriff position to the Lynn County Republican Party Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee met Tuesday night, Aug. 11, to interview all three applicants for the Republican nominee, including

Mason, Albert Flores, and Pete Vallejo. After conducting interviews, the committee chose by majority vote to name Mason as the Republican candidate on the Nov. 3 ballot, according to information provided by Republican County Chairman John Baker.

Mason, a former DPS officer, was appointed by the Lynn County Commissioners to serve as interim sheriff on July 21, through Dec. 31, 2020. Both Flores and Vallejo formerly held deputy positions at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office.

The late Sheriff Abraham Vega had won the Republican Party Primary election in May 2020 for the term of sheriff that would have begun on Jan. 1, 2021. He was unopposed on the Democratic ticket, which means that he would have been unopposed in the November 2020 general election.

However, due to Vega's death, his name was removed from the November General Election ballot as a Republican candidate.

With Vega's name removed from the ballot, it had left the coun-

ty in the unusual position of having no candidates on the ballot for sheriff. The Lynn County Republican Party appointed an emergency County Executive Committee to accept applications and choose a Republican nominee for the November ballot.

To date, no other information has been available as to whether any other candidates for sheriff have chosen to file on the Democratic ticket, as an Independent, or as a Write-In candidate on the Nov. 3 ballot.

Community leaders speak in virtual Town Hall meeting

by JUANELL JONES

In a virtual Town Hall Meeting held last Thursday at 4 p.m. via facebook, Tahoka ISD Superintendent Dick Van Hoose, Tahoka Mayor John Baker, and Lynn County Hospital District Chief Executive Officer Dr. Melanie Richburg presented information about the current status of affairs at the school, city and hospital. Overall, the message was upbeat, with leaders saying that despite the changes wrought by the Covid-19 Pandemic, that school/city/hospital business is continuing to take place in as safe a manner as possible.

"We're really ready to start school, our teachers are ready to see kids, and I think for the most part most of the kids are ready to get back to school and some type of normalcy if you can call it that – although we will do things a lot differently," said Supt. Van Hoose.

"If your kids are coming in for face to face instruction, there will be many things emphasized – hand washing, masks for most grades and teachers, we will have

face shields available for teachers, extensive cleanings every day, and will be misting every classroom with chemicals that are rated to get rid of the virus. Buses will be the same way, cleaned before and after each trip," he added.

"School starts on Aug. 18th. Students have a choice this year of choosing virtual school or face to face instruction. We will support them whichever way you choose to do that. From surveys we've gotten

back so far, it looks like 70-75 percent choosing face to face, and 20-25% virtual."

The superintendent said that staff has learned from the virtual instruction that was given last spring, and stated that the virtual instruction will be a little different this fall. He noted that attendance will be checked, and grading procedures will be the same as for in-school instruction.

"It will be challenging for virtu-

al instruction," said the superintendent. "I think a child learns better with face to face instruction, so I'm hoping most of you will choose to go that route, but it is your choice," he added.

When football season begins, the superintendent reminds the community that admission will be limited to 50% capacity of the stands.

"We're going to be held at 50%

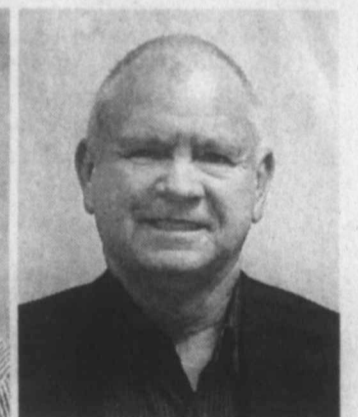
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JOHN BAKER
Tahoka Mayor



DR. MELANIE RICHBURG
LCHD CEO



DICK VAN HOOSE
Tahoka ISD Superintendent



Did you know?

“ 85% of people have experienced a dream so real that they were not sure if it happened in real life or not. ”

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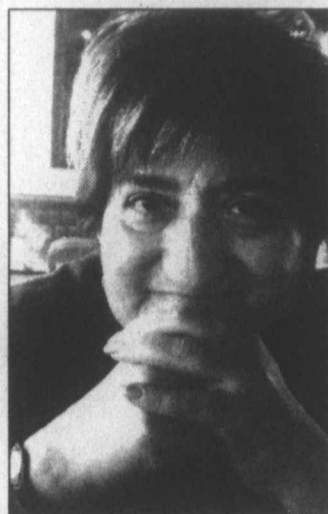
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Obituaries



Dolores Nieves Ibarra Martinez

Dolores Nieves Ibarra Martinez, age 73, died at Garden Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on August 5, 2020.

Following private funeral services, interment was at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11 at Greenwood Memorial Park in Fort Worth.

Those who wish to remember Dolores in a special way may make gifts in her memory to American Diabetic Association.

She was born in Sonora, Tx on March 12, 1947, the daughter of Juan and Maria (Torres) Ibarra. She graduated from Winters High School, Class of 65. Following graduation, she attended John Peter Smith School of Nursing in Fort Worth. While in Fort Worth, she met and married Ricardo Martinez. They celebrated 51 years of marriage December 2019. Dolores loved being a Registered Nurse, spending time with her family, and watching old TV shows and movies.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased in death by her sister, Socorro Rubio and her brother, Juan Ibarra.

She is survived by her husband, Ricardo Martinez; daughter, Trina Pecina and husband, Fred Pecina; granddaughter, Victoria (Pecina) Weis and husband Chris Weis; great granddaughter Olivia Weis; granddaughter, Alexandria Pecina; son, Jaime Martinez and wife, Jennifer (Moreno) Martinez; grandson, Ethan Martinez; granddaughters, Samantha Martinez and Isabella Martinez.

(PAID)

New Home Happenings

Just a few bits and pieces of the New Home scene this week. Traffic has really picked up in the last few days as teachers begin preparing for school and student athletes are back. The city now has its own tractor, which will allow better maintenance of city property. The huge pothole near the football field is filled in, and I'm glad because I almost hit it every time, regardless of whether I was walking or driving.

There have been a couple of fire calls for the volunteer fire department lately. I don't think about the fire department very often, but I noticed it when they had to respond to a fire east of me. Their equipment is in pretty bad shape, and they need help if we want them to help us. I do want them to help me if my house catches fire!

I've started adding a bit to my water bill to put toward the fire department's account. By adding just a small amount (or a large one if you are able!) to the bill each month, we could start providing them with more up-to-date and efficient equipment. If you don't get a water bill from the city, you can just give a donation to the fire department. The New Home Volunteer Fire Department protects about 110 square miles, so if you live within spitting distance of City Hall (for a really skilled spitter), you need those guys to have modern, working equipment. There's a nifty little slot in the library wall, and you can slide an envelope containing a check designated for the fire department right in there. Otherwise, it's up to me, and I can tell you it will be a while before my sad little offering does much good.

School starts next week for the students around here, so keep that in mind as you are driving through town. With construction and everything else, traffic around the school will be heavy. Be careful and be flexible. This academic year could be interesting.

Submit items to New Home Happenings, email dtsherrod@gmail.com by 10 AM Tuesdays.



Who is this masked kid? ... Lynn County News reader Gilda Taylor submitted this photo of a young man observing safety practices by wearing his mask, and giving a thumbs up. Send us your fun mask or social distancing photos, to LynnCoNews@poka.com.

Area News ...

News items from area newspapers

20 active cases means extension of mask mandate

LAMESA - The second part of this past week saw the number of new COVID-19 cases in Dawson County exceed the number that were cleared.

Information on South Plains Public Health District's website on Aug. 7 show the county has now had a total of 143 confirmed cases of the virus since it arrived here in late March.

As of late Friday evening the health district was reporting 20 active cases here, up from 16 at midweek.

The district is reporting that 120 individuals in Dawson County have recovered after having the virus. There have been three deaths among local residents.

With the active case count back up to 20, that means the calendar is reset for a new 30-day period in which face masks are required in public places under an order issued last month by Governor Greg Abbott.

The requirement is in place for 30 days after the latest time in which the total COVID case count in the county is at 20 or more.

- From the Lamesa Press Reporter

First annual Cottonpalooza festival is Aug. 22

LAMESA - The Cottonpalooza music festival which had been planned in Lamesa this past March has been rescheduled for Aug. 22 at the Lamesa rodeo grounds.

This festival is something that organizers are hoping to turn into an annual fundraising event for the Lamesa Boys and Girls Club.

"We're going to keep the same line-up that day - five bands - with the same headline band, Shane Smith and the Saints out of Austin," said Lamesa Boys and Girls Club Director Tammy Wyatt.

Six food trucks will be available that day, as well as a beer garden. Dominos Pizza, Fatbacks Smokehouse BBQ, and hamburgers sold by the Lamesa Volunteer Fire Department are just a few of the vendors. Merchandise tables for each band will be set up on the rodeo grounds. Also, the Boys & Girls Club will be selling Cottonpalooza merchandise.

General admission will be \$30 per person. Box seats will also be available at \$200. For tickets visit www.ticketstothecity.com.

- From the Lamesa Press Reporter

O'Donnell starting year with "hybrid week"

LAMESA - Aside from the newly hired girls basketball coach, O'Donnell ISD is not experiencing much change on its campus. O'Donnell Superintendent Dr. Cathy Palmer and her staff have tailored the new health and safety regulations to ensure that they provide the best possible teaching environment for the students.

The school building will be closed until 7:55 each morning and students will report directly to classrooms for breakfast. The first bell will ring at 8 a.m. and dismissal will be at 3:40 p.m.

O'Donnell will hold their first week of class, Aug. 24-28 as a hybrid week. Students will attend Monday-Wednesday at their assigned times, and distance instruction will be held on Thursday and Friday. This hybrid approach will allow for students and teachers to work out any issues that may occur with remote learning. If remote instruction is required at some point, the hybrid format will allow for a more seamless transition than last spring.

Face-to-face, on-campus instruction will begin Aug. 31 for all students that choose to attend. Students are asked to attend school with a face covering in the event that social distancing cannot be achieved in some situations. Aside from hand sanitation stations at each entrance and temperature checks, teachers will be responsible for cleaning desks, door knobs or any frequently used items while students are transitioning between classes. Grades 8-12 will have open campus lunch to allow for social distancing in the cafeteria.

Upon entering any school transportation, students are required to wear a mask, apply hand sanitizer and follow the assigned seating chart. Pep rallies and other assemblies will not take place inside the school building. Visitation to the school building will be limited as well.

OISD will require students who wish to participate in UIL or other activities to attend in-person instruction. Until further notice, the high school band will not travel to away sporting events.

- From the Lamesa Press Reporter

Package of mystery seeds appears in resident's mailbox

ANDREWS - The dreaded Chinese seeds have apparently made their way to Andrews, according to an Andrews County Soil and Water Conservation District Board member.

But the manila envelope containing mystery seeds which was received by a local resident Monday, July 27, was sent from a Hungarian address. The envelope contained similar contents to the many unsolicited packages of seeds sent to locations around the United States from China and other countries.

Pete Ballew, a local SWCD board member, didn't give much credence to the whole mystery seed hoopla sprouting up recently in the news. He'd received some emails on the topic, but didn't give them much thought.

"I thought it was a hoax we were hearing about until a local person got a package," Ballew explained. "Then, we needed to take it serious."

Many of the packages received in Texas have been turned over to the state and determined to be agricultural and gardening seeds, along with some weeds, according to media reports.

But there is concern that some seeds could be an invasive species or noxious weeds that could negatively impact the state's agricultural system, according to state officials.

- From the Andrews County News

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Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

AUGUST 17-21

Monday: homemade turkey pot pie, whole wheat roll, seasoned corn, tossed salad w/ dressing, ambrosia.

Tuesday: beef fajitas, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed vegetable salad w/French dressing, peach cobbler, flour tortilla.

Wednesday: oven fried chicken breasts, bow tie pasta, broccoli raisin salad, whole wheat roll, fruit cocktail.

Thursday: meatloaf w/tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, winter blend vegetables, apple fluff, wheat roll

Friday: crispy chicken breast on bun, tomato & lettuce, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

Wilson First Baptist Church

1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333

PASTOR: BILLY FARMER

Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday
6:30 pm Wednesdays
Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages
• Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth

First Methodist of Tahoka

1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503
email: functahoka@poka.com

Billy Everett, Pastor

Sunday School - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
"Like" our Facebook page ... [facebook/FMofTahoka](https://www.facebook.com/FMofTahoka)

Let the Children Come 7 am-6 pm
LICENSED CHILD CARE 806-561-4529 M-F

Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church

16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com

PASTOR: DAVID W. RONDE

Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am

"Where Christ Serves People"

First Baptist Church

1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4557 • www.fctahoka.org

PASTOR CLIFF HOLDRIDGE

Sunday School - 9:45 am
Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am
SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday
Activities For All Ages -
Call For Complete Schedule

Draw First United Methodist Church

(established 1907)

P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351
Phone (806) 428-3357

PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS

Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

The Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.

-Deuteronomy 10.

My place of lowly service, too,
Beneath Thy sheltering wings I see;
For all the work I have to do
Is done through strengthening rest
in Thee. A. L.

WARING.

I think I find most help in trying to look on all interruptions and hindrances to work that one has planned out for oneself as discipline, trials sent by God to help one against getting selfish over one's work. Then one can feel that perhaps one's true work--one's work for God--consists in doing some trifling haphazard thing that has been thrown into one's day. It is not waste of time, as one is tempted to think, it is the most important part of the work of the day--the part one can best offer to God. After such a hindrance, do not rush after the planned work; trust that the time to finish it will be given sometime, and keep a quiet heart about it.

~ ANNIE KEARY

Do you need a church home?
Please visit one of the churches listed on this page. May the peace and love of God, in Christ, be with you.

Wilson St. John Lutheran Church

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New Home Church of Christ

324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7579

MINISTER: MIKE HEATWOLE

Bible Class - 9:00 am
Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 am
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 6:30 pm

Sweet Street Baptist Church

1900 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-1306

Sunday School - 9:45 am
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)
Morning Worship - 10:50 am
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)
Wednesday Night - 6 pm
(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

New Home United Methodist Church

Pastor Madoc Thomas
(806) 470-2939
emt@madocthomas.com

350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7549
Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

Grassland Nazarene Church

2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656

Pastor Genell Knisley
(806) 201-0792
Sunday School - 10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am
Wednesday Prayer Service - 7:00 pm

Tahoka Trinity Church

1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317

PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm
Youth - Sundays at 7 pm

For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317



Cash Saver Grocery in Tahoka now offering curbside delivery

by JUANELL JONES

Need groceries but don't want to have to go inside to shop? No problem. Cash Saver Cost Plus Supermarket in Tahoka is now offering curbside delivery for groceries, and invites customers to use their Cash Saver app or go online to make their grocery selections for the new curbside delivery service.

"We are proud to offer this new curbside delivery service at Cash Saver Supermarket in Tahoka," said store manager Carlos Gonzales. "We want to make it easier for our customers to get their groceries, especially during these difficult times. You order, we shop, and then you just pick it up! We believe this new curbside delivery service will be especially beneficial to our older customers, allowing them to just pull up to the designated 'curbside delivery' parking spots, call us, and get their groceries delivered right to their vehicle," he added.

To use the Cash Saver Fastpick Curbside Order Online service, go online to www.fastpickcurbside.com or download the Cash Saver app at Cashesavertx.com and click on the link. Then go to register/complete form, using a valid email address. You will receive a confirmation email letting you know you are ready to go.

Once you receive your confirmation, log in on that same page using your email address and password, and you will be ready to shop.

Gonzales says to be sure to choose the Tahoka store location when ordering online.

A \$30 minimum order is required for the curbside delivery service, and customers should allow a two-hour window from order time to curbside delivery. An email notification will be sent to the customer when their order is available for curbside pickup. Customers may pay online using a debit/credit card, or may pay at pickup with an EBT card. Also, if ordering tobacco or alcohol products, the buyer must verify age at pickup.

"There are some products that have a substitute, and you will be asked during the online ordering process if you want to allow substitutions. If substitutions are used, the

price may vary slightly," said Gonzales.

He said that the Cash Saver store in Tahoka will offer curbside delivery from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m.

"If you make an order the night before, we should be able to get the order ready for curbside pickup by 9 a.m. the next day. The latest you may order for curbside pickup the same day is 5:30 p.m., for a 7 p.m. curbside-delivery," he said.

Customers who are ready to pick up their groceries should park at the store in one of the parking spots designated for Curbside Delivery Pickup, call the phone number printed on the sign, and wait for their groceries to be delivered to their vehicle - all without leaving their vehicle.

"We will have it all sacked up and ready to go," explained the manager.


"We are pleased to be able to offer this new curbside delivery service to our customers - we want to make our customers happy and satisfied," said Gonzales.

For more information, or if any question, call Cash Saver Cost Plus Supermarket in Tahoka at 806-561-4110.

Did you know?

• Cucumber can actually cure bad breath. A slice pressed to the roof of your mouth for 30 seconds with your tongue allows the phytochemicals to kill the problematic bacteria.

SHOP LOCAL!



SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT ARE HERE FOR YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR.

Curbside delivery here ... Cash Saver Cost Plus Supermarket in Tahoka is now offering curbside delivery of groceries. Pictured here are store manager Carlos Gonzales and employees Kendra Griffith, Crystal Segovia and Melissa Vega, at one of the designated parking spots for customers to pick up their curbside delivery.

Did you know?

- Egg yolks are one of the few foods that naturally contain Vitamin D.
- In a few Appalachian forests there are fireflies that glow blue for up to a minute instead of flashing yellow.
- There are more than 70 species of mushroom that glow in the dark.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The New Home Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 AM August 31, 2020 in the New Home ISD Board Room

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	\$ 1.0137 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$.1962 / \$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	1 % increase	or	% (decrease)
Debt service	1 % increase	or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	1 % 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	\$ 202,154,290	\$ 217,682,230
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 12,440,320	\$ 9,902,900
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 118,664,140	\$ 129,213,680
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 12,440,320	\$ 9,902,900

* "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* \$ 4,800,000

* 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	\$ 1.0683	\$.18959 *	\$ 1.25789	\$ 2,978	\$ 9,541
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.1161	\$.19616 *	\$ 1.31225	\$ 2,094	\$ 10,393
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.0137	\$.1962 *	\$ 1.2099	\$ 2,973	\$ 9,376

* 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	\$ 196,585	\$ 195,567
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 171,585	\$ 165,294
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.2579	\$ 1.2099
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 2,158.36	\$ 1,999.89
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (158.47)

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 1.2099. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.2099.

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)	\$ 1,238,826
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 28,666

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.

Two injured in three rollovers; police find dead pig in bag here

by JUANELL JONES

Three one-vehicle rollover accidents occurred in Lynn County last week, with EMS transporting one person each from two of the accidents, and Tahoka Police found a dead pig in a bag after responding to a report of "an odor that smelled like a rotting corpse" last Wednesday.

Police were flagged down at midnight last Wednesday by a citizen at a convenience store at Lockwood and Ave. L, who said that he smelled a "rotting corpse" odor strongly in the area. After some investigating, the officer found a black plastic bag on residential property in the 1800 block of N. 1st that had maggots crawl-

ing on it, and discovered the rotting remains of a wild pig inside. The officer contacted the property owner, who said they had been given the wild pig and didn't want it, and apparently they had left it in the front yard in a bag. The officer disposed of the remains.

Last Thursday at 8:34 p.m. a 2005 Mazda pickup

registered to Alex Oliva of Lubbock rolled over about 2 miles north of O'Donnell in the US 87 southbound ditch. O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. used the Jaws of Life equipment to get to the driver, Jessie Ernest of Lubbock, who was trapped inside the crushed vehicle. Lynn County EMS transported the man to a Lubbock hospital for treatment, and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

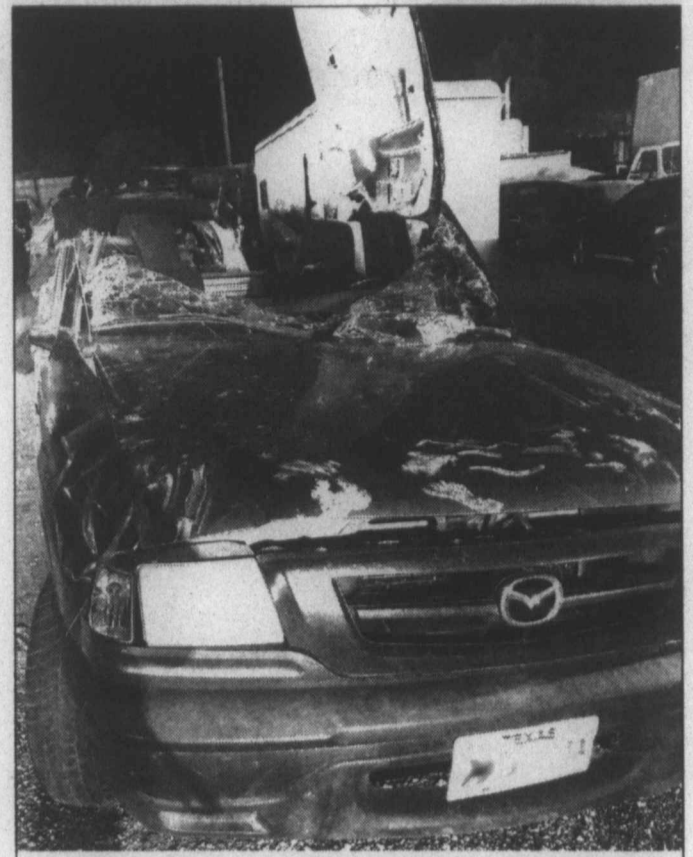
Another rollover occurred at 3 a.m. Saturday, on US 380 near CR DD. The driver, unidentified in call sheet reports, called Lynn County 9-1-1 and said he was traveling to Post when he rolled his white Chevy Suburban and requested help. Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept., Lynn County EMS, a Sheriff's Deputy, and DPS all responded to the scene, and EMS transported the driver to a Lubbock hospital for treatment of unknown injuries.

The third rollover was on US 84 and FM 212, called in to Slaton Police Dept. at 4:20 a.m. Sunday, who notified Lynn County Sheriff's Office. The caller reported that no one was inside or around the vehicle. DPS and a Sheriff's Deputy responded to the scene, and the vehicle was towed. No vehicle information was given in the call sheet report.

A 9-1-1 call at 12:39 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, requested an ambulance for someone that had fallen off a horse and was injured. The incident occurred about a fourth of a mile north of FM 2053 on CR Q. Lynn County EMS and O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to the scene.

Tahoka VFD responded to a vehicle fire on US about 6 miles south of Tahoka at 4:57 p.m. last Friday.

A large pile of tires was reported on fire just after 8 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 3, at a



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vacant house 3 miles south of FM 211 and 4 miles east. New Home Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to the scene.

A caller from the 800 block of Green Ave. in Wilson reported that his neighbor noticed a female with a big dog drive a black Chevy pickup into his back yard at 3:15 p.m. last Wednesday, then left the pickup parked there, and walked away with the dog. A deputy responded to the scene and found that the vehicle had been reported stolen out of Lubbock County. The owner was notified and the vehicle was released to the owner.

Sheriff's deputies responded to several calls during the week for welfare concerns, and assisted a motorist with a flat tire.

Tahoka Police credited City of Tahoka workers for

helping to recover a dirt bike that had been reported stolen. Police had taken a report of a stolen dirt bike earlier in the week, and a description of the bike had been given to city staff. At 9:15 a.m. Monday, city workers driving on the cemetery road noticed a dirt bike in an adjacent field, and brought it to police who identified it as the missing bike. Police Chief Jeff Parker said the dirt bike was returned to the owner, making the owner's 11-year-old girl "very happy" to have her dirt bike back.

Police responded to several other calls during the week, for suspicious vehicles, suspicious activity, reckless drivers, and checking a business alarm that turned out to be an employee error.

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Commissioners set hazard pay policy, keep optional road/bridge fees at \$10

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 10, at 9:30 a.m. in the County Courtroom, approving a hazard pay policy, road and bridge fees, and other routine business. Commissioners Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham were present with County Judge Mike Braddock presiding.

A Hazard Pay policy was discussed and approved for the policy and procedure manual. Hazard pay is associated with projects that support activities to prevent, prepare for or respond to manmade or natural disasters, public unrest and public health crisis that put staff at greater risk of danger or harm. The policy states that the Commissioners Court will determine if the hazard pay is

warranted. If the event qualifies for hazard pay, the department head will determine who is eligible for pay and will document on the employee's time sheet the duties assigned that qualify said employee for hazard pay. Employees who qualify will be paid at the rate of \$2 per hour of hazard pay in addition to their regular pay.

Commissioners voted to leave the TxDMV optional fees (\$10) as is, for Road and Bridge fees for fiscal year 2021, which goes into the county's fund for road repairs; and approved the annual road reports as presented.

In other action, commissioners voted to purchase the Community Service Building located at South 2nd and Alley Street for \$1,500. The building sits on county property adjacent to the animal shelter, but

the building itself was owned by the Probation Dept. Judge Braddock told *The News* that there is a possibility that the building may be used to enlarge the animal shelter, which is leased by the City of Tahoka.

Sheriff Wanda Mason presented a report on the Sheriff's Office activities.

Commissioners met in executive session from 9:54-10:24 a.m., to discuss per-

sonnel matters under Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

Upon returning to open session, commissioners voted to pay county employees Bill Schoemann and Gracie Zapata

a portion of deferred payroll deductions in the amount of \$10,908.30, which had previously been incorrectly withheld from payroll.

Monthly bills were approved, and county officials held a work session on the 2020-21 budget. The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Tahoka Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 24th, 2020 in Harvick Bldg, 2129 N. Main Street Tahoka, Texas

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 \$ 1.0498 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
 School Debt Service Tax \$ 0.3140 /\$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	% increase	or	(1.38)	% (decrease)
Debt service	% increase	or	(5.52)	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	(1.99)	% (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	\$ 490,159,950	\$ 478,191,285
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,160,540	\$ 1,420,520
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 471,469,880	\$ 459,248,595
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,160,540	\$ 1,420,520

* "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* \$ 13,850,000.00

* 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	\$ 1.06835	\$ 0.31540*	\$ 1.38375	\$ 5,847	\$ 10,231
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.22145	\$ 0.31327*	\$ 1.53472	\$ 5,182	\$ 10,686
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04980	\$ 0.31400*	\$ 1.36380	\$ 5,554	\$ 9,806

* 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	\$ 59,648	\$ 74,086
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 34,648	\$ 52,634
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.38375	\$ 1.36380
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 479.44	\$ 717.82
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 238.38

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.

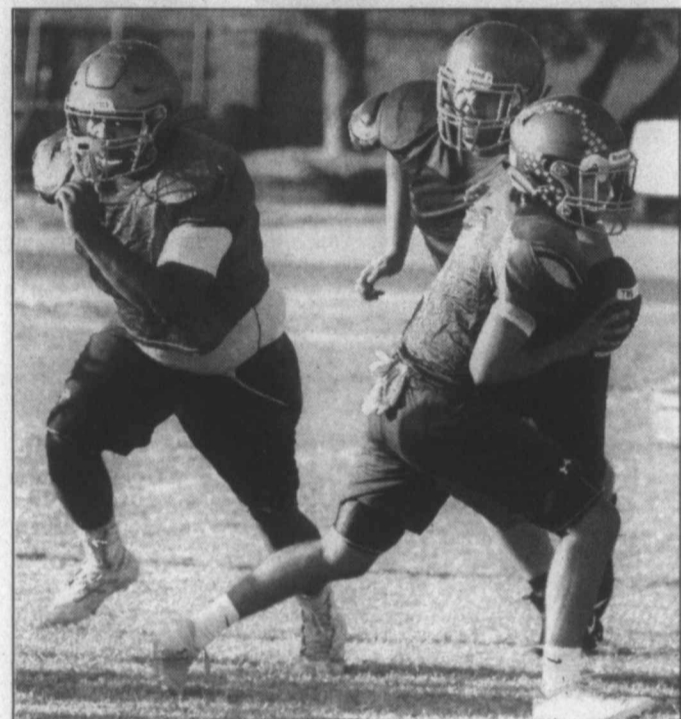
Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.3638. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.3638.

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)	\$ 7,424,546
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 435,000

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.



Running the play ... Eric Camargo, Jonathan Renteria, and Jon Dylan Rodriguez run a play during football practice for the Tahoka Bulldogs. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Tahoka ISD Board to propose lowering tax rate by 2 cents

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees is considering lowering the TISD property tax rate by two cents, after discussing the issue in a board meeting held Monday night. The proposed total tax rate is \$1.3638, which includes a Maintenance and Operating (M&O) tax rate of \$1.0498 and an Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate of \$0.3140, per \$100 of property value.

Last year's total tax rate was \$1.38375.

The M&O rate is about a 2-cent decrease from last year's rate of \$1.06835. The I&S rate is slightly lower than the previous year's rate of \$0.31540, to pay for the bonded indebtedness including the \$7.5 million bond for the current construction underway for a new gym, field house and other athletic facilities.

Total appraised value of all property in Tahoka ISD has decreased from \$490,159,950 last year to \$478,191,285 this year. This includes a total tax-

able value of new property of \$1,420,520 for this year, up from \$1,160,540 last year. The average market value of residences increased from \$59,648 last year to \$74,086 this year, according to figures released by the school district this week.

The proposed tax rate of \$1.3638 is the highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election.

The TISD Board of Trustees has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed tax rate and budget at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24 in the Tahoka ISD Harvick Building. Any interested citizens are invited to attend.

In other business at Monday night's meeting, trustees approved a teacher appraisal calendar for 2020-21, and approved district handbooks and an athletic policy handbook. Trustees also heard updated figures on financial estimates for the construction of the baseball, softball and practice football fields.

New Home ISD Board to propose lowering tax rate by 5 cents

New Home Independent School District Board of Trustees is considering lowering the NHISD property tax rate by approximately five cents, according to figures released by school officials this week. The Board is proposing a total tax rate of \$1.2099, which includes a Maintenance and Operating (M&O) tax rate of \$1.0137 and an Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate of \$0.1962, per \$100 of property value.

Last year's total tax rate was \$1.25794.

The M&O rate is slightly more than a 5-cent decrease from last year's rate of \$1.0683. The I&S rate is about a half cent higher than the previous year, at \$0.1962 compared to last year's rate

of \$0.18959, to pay for bonded indebtedness for new construction of facilities.

The proposed tax rate of \$1.2099 is the highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election.

Total taxable value of all property in New Home ISD has increased from \$202,154,290 last year to \$217,682,230 this year. This includes a total taxable value of new property of \$9,902,900 for this year, down from \$12,440,320 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. 31 in the New Home ISD Board Room. (See related notice page 3.)

26-cent increase: Wilson ISD to propose \$1.32 property tax rate

Wilson Independent School District is publishing information this week that they are considering proposing a tax rate of \$1.32240 per \$100 of property value, which is a 26-cent increase from last year's tax rate of \$1.06. The \$1.32 tax rate includes a Maintenance & Operating (M&O) tax rate of \$0.96300, which is actually a 10-cent decrease from last year's M&O rate of \$1.06. However, Wilson ISD voters approved a \$7.6 million bond last November, which created an Interest & Sinking Fund (I&S) tax rate of \$0.35940 to this year's tax rate, to repay bonded indebtedness. The bond funds are being used for school improvements, including some new construction.

New construction will include a new ag facility, and the current school auditorium will be renovated into a new science facility. Other improvements include roofing, electrical, plumbing, installation of air conditioning for the gymnasium, security fencing, and additional security for entryways at school facilities. The proposed tax rate of \$1.32240 is the highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election.

The total appraised value of all property in Wilson ISD increased from \$77,598,970 last year to \$253,486,940 this year, mostly due to the wind farm values being added, according to school officials.

The WISD Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25 in the Wilson ISD central office to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Wilson Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 August 25, 2020 in Central Office

Wilson, Texas

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	\$ 0.9630 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.3594 / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0.3594 / \$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	5.11 % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Debt service	100.00 % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	32.74 % 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	\$ 77,598,970	\$ 253,486,940
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 362,420	\$ 289,480
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 57,802,070	\$ 178,375,830
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 362,420	\$ 289,480

* "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* \$ 6,805,000

* 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	\$ 1.06835	\$ 0.00000*	\$ 1.06835	\$ 4,273	\$ 10,540
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.03253	\$ 0.37838*	\$ 1.41091	\$ 8,986	\$ 10,415
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.96300	\$ 0.35940*	\$ 1.32240	\$ 9,198	\$ 9,757

* 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	\$ 66,959	\$ 72,048
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 41,959	\$ 54,341
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.06835	\$ 1.3224
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 448.26	\$ 718.60
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 270.34

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.

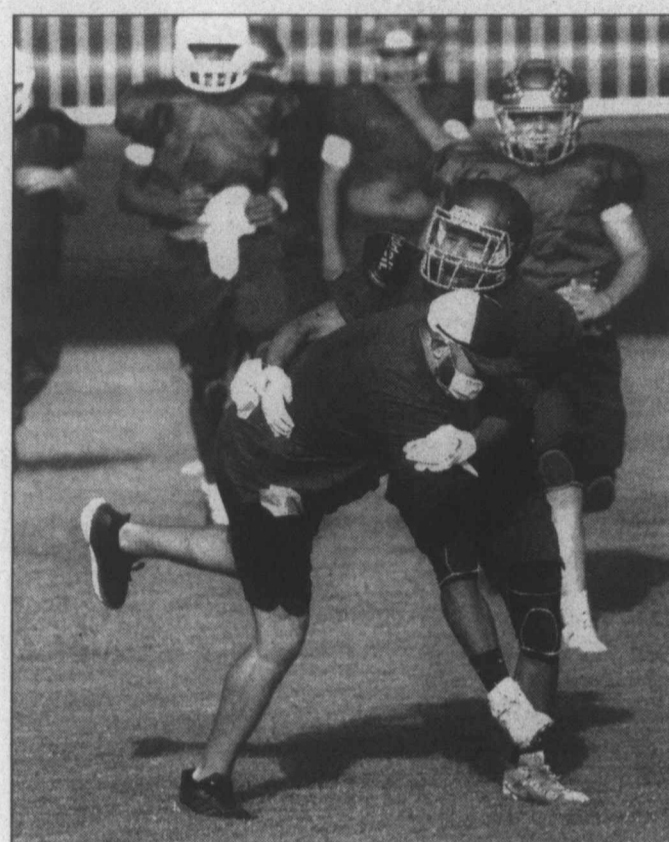
Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.3224. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.3224.

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)	\$ 319,171
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

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Gotcha! ... Jonathan Renteria (right) tackles Coach Josh Barnett (taking the role of quarterback) in the Blue/White scrimmage here Saturday morning. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

A look back at ... Woodwork

RECENTLY I watched a movie on TV called "Insomnia," and I must have slept through part of it, because all I remember about it is that the main character went for a long time (days?) without sleep.

If I did sleep through part of that film, I should go purchase a copy and watch it again, because not many things put me to sleep. I do not sleep well, ever. I am uncomfortable lying down, and I usually turn over about 167 times a night trying to find a comfortable position. Sometimes I doze for maybe an hour, then wake up, and when I finally get out of bed the next morning I am exhausted.

When I am trying to sleep, I am at least two or three of the Seven Dwarfs—Grumpy, Sneezzy, Dopey and Achy (was he one of them?). And whose fault is it that I have trouble sleeping? Mine, I guess, because I never acquired the ability to just let go of everything and sleep.

Some people (like my wife, who says she just turns off her thinker) can just simply lie down and go to sleep in minutes. I can't do that; I start thinking about all the things I did that day, many of them wrong, and all the things I need to do the next day. I worry that I'm still awake when I need to be sleeping and resting. And tunes keep running through my head.

I read last week that watching television or sitting in front of a computer for as much as three hours in the evening will interfere with a person's getting restful sleep. So maybe I watch too many late night movies.

The only times I really get sleepy are when I am driving while looking into the sun, or when I am in church. Most people (especially the preachers) do not like others to sleep in church.

One night a few years ago I needed to talk to our pastor and my very good friend about something we were supposed to do the next morning, and by the time I remembered to call, it was after 10 p.m. I called anyway, and when he answered, I told him, "I can't sleep. Would you mind preaching to me for a few minutes?"

He took that pretty well. Probably gave him another sermon topic, actually.

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A complete job description may be obtained by emailing a request to djudge@co.dawson.tx.us. Resumes may be submitted until the position is filled. Resumes may be mailed to Hon. Reed Filley, PO Box 1268, Lamesa, TX 79331.

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CITY OF TAHOKA NOTICE

The City of Tahoka is accepting resumes for the position of City Administrator.

A job description and requirements are available at City Hall, 1807 N. Main Street. You can also request it by email at tahoka1915@poka.com. This position will remain open until filled.

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LEGAL NOTICES

CITY OF TAHOKA NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

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- October 31, 2020 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

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Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than October 23, 2020.

Published this the 13th day of August, 2020.

— John B. Baker
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Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of testamentary upon the estate of DANIEL M. LOCKABY, deceased, were issued to the undersigned 11th day of August 2020, in the proceeding indicated above, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, in LYNN County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed and within the time required by law to my attorney Preston L. Poole, Jr., at P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356 or to the undersigned at P.O. Box 282, Tahoka, Texas 79373

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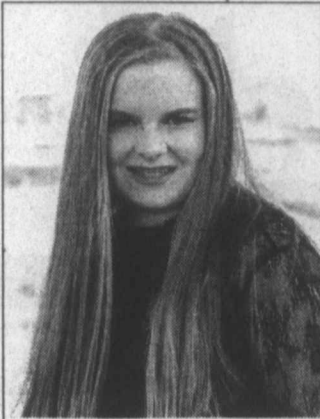
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Scholarship ... Riley Stokes, Lynn County 4-H member, received a \$2,000 Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering Scholarship. She is the daughter of Ronnie and Stacy Stokes, and is enrolled at Texas Tech University.

Did you know?

• There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.

Town Hall meeting ...

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capacity of our stands, so there will not be as many people allowed into the ballgames as a normal year. Our plan now is to sell admission tickets to band/cheerleader/football parents on Mondays and Tuesdays, then open it up for other people," he explained.

"Everyone is ready to get back to a routine. We will see you whichever route you go, whether virtual or face to face instruction," Supt. Van Hoose concluded.

Mayor John Baker opened his statements by praising the success of the City/County Library programs during the summer. He also stated that the library's computer lab is now open by appointment only, and reminded parents that the play area in the library has been removed temporarily.

"Please don't hesitate to use our City/County Library if you need to," said the mayor.

"Tahoka City Hall is open, and accepting visitors inside for your needs. We do ask visitors, if possible to wear a mask, and sanitize when you come in," said Baker.

He noted that the Tahoka Police Dept. is now fully staffed, and said that the city Water Dept. is again fully staffed, after suffering through the pandemic.

Baker also said that city officials are currently looking to replace City Administrator Jerry Webster, who has announced that he will retire at the end of the year.

"We are currently accepting applications to replace our City Manager. We have received a good number of candidates, and hope to have a new city manager in place in September or October to work with Jerry before his departure," stated the mayor.

"We have had phone calls over the last several months, particularly after courthouse completion, about the traffic around the courthouse square. We presented a one-way traffic proposal several months ago, and were asked to present a two-way proposal, which will be presented at our next council meeting, and also will put it out on facebook for your review. Ultimately, the goal is for everyone's safety," said Baker.

"As Dick said, wear your mask when out in public if possible - it's not mandated, but is a very good idea, and wash



Let's go do the hop! ... These Tahoka High School students participated in conditioning drills at the football field last week, by hopping to the top of the stands. Whew!

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Down the middle ... Steve Sanders of Tahoka hits his driver on the #6 hole in the Member/Guest Golf Tournament at T-Bar Country Club held this past weekend.

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Did you know?

• The Great Pyramid of Giza actually has eight sides, rather than four. All of the other pyramids have just four sides.

• In Korea, there is a breed of dog called a Sapsali which was originally thought to banish ghosts and evil spirits.

• For her part as June Boatwright in the 2008 movie "The Secret Life of Bees", Alicia Keys learned to play cello within 4 weeks.

• In Utah, birds have the right of way on a highway.

• All major league baseball umpires must wear black underwear while on the job in case their pants split.

hands as much as possible," the mayor concluded.

Dr. Melanie Richburg, CEO of LCHD, opened her comments by thanking both the mayor and superintendent for their leadership.

"I don't know how they felt when they took the job as leader of their organizations, and they probably had dreams of what they could accomplish - but then 2020 is a year that we won't any of us forget. Any organization that you work with or are a part of and you see people moving forward in the midst of strife, that's when you see true leaders. I am grateful that they are willing to be here," said Richburg.

"At LCHD, last year at the beginning of the year we were excited and looking at new horizons, making strategic goals. We did something a little different this year, created what we called 'care standards,' four focus areas we are going to focus on from here forward - how we take care of our community and points of care, taking care of our employees, taking care of our resources, and community outreach.

"Concerning our employees, we knew they were concerned about childcare situations, and we did a survey to make sure employees had available daycare, and we reached out to employees and asked them for their ideas," said Richburg.

"Concerning our community, we wanted to be more involved. We started more doing more social media. We received telemed grants where now we are able to have a camera and computer to talk to a provider. This grant provided iPads at two jails - Lynn and Dawson Counties - to provide telemed units in their jails so that their inmates won't have to be transported for a medical visit.

"We are also taking care of our resources. If you've not been to the hospital recently you know it is a little harder to get in than it was a year ago - with locks, cameras, and screening. Our staff and their safety is a security issue, and they are well protected, so they can take care of you. We are also

carefully watching supplies and inventory, and make sure we're not overstocking," she explained.

"We do have a focus on how we can better serve our community. We have a new vision and a new vision - 'Healthcare Closer To Home.' Beginning Aug. 22 we will start a Saturday clinic, for access for care on Saturdays. We have built and opened a new O'Donnell clinic that is up and running, and through contacts there we are starting a clinic two half-days a week in Borden County to serve residents in the Borden County area. The Fast Track Clinic is still available Monday-Friday 8-6, come and ring the doorbell and they will come out and greet you," she said.

"At Tahoka Drug, we're excited about a facelift that we've been able to do - a major overhaul of the internal framework. It looks very different, and we are going to have a new giftshop grand opening of the Pharmstead Boutique to take care of your gift shop needs. We will still have curbside pickup available once we open up," she added.

"As for our EMS - you can hear them blowing through town all times of day and night, they are very active. We are also expanding our community paramedic program. One of the things we've gotten through the telemedicine grant is a computer to connect to a provider, where our community paramedic can go to a house, do a visit and call a provider," Richburg said.

She stated that Lynnwood Independent and Assisted Living Center currently has three vacancies. "The restrictions in place during the pandemic have been very stressful for our residents there, but hopefully this will pass."

Dr. Richburg said that LCHD still has procedures in place to do Covid testing. "We will get you tested and give you medical advice to help you get through this," she stated.

The CEO also explained that hospital employees are being very supportive of the hospital, participating in a volunteer donation to the LCHD

Foundation. "We started the 30-minute club at the hospital to give one hour of their pay to the Foundation, and right now we are collecting \$800 a month to the foundation.

"We want you to know we love Tahoka, and Lynn County, and want it to be an awesome place!" Dr. Richburg concluded.

Back to School ...

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70-75 percent of students have chosen to attend on-campus classes, with 25 percent choosing the virtual option.

"On our elementary campus, I would say we have a ratio of 75% on campus and 25% virtual, and our high school campus is more 70%-30%. The highest rate of virtual students is in our middle school campus, with an estimated 60% on campus and 40% choosing the virtual instruction option," the superintendent told *The News* this week.

O'Donnell ISD's first week of class Aug. 24-28 will be a 'hybrid' week, with students to attend Monday-Wednesday at their assigned times, and distance instruction will be held on Thursday-Friday. Face-to-face on-campus instruction will begin on Aug. 31 for all students that choose to attend.

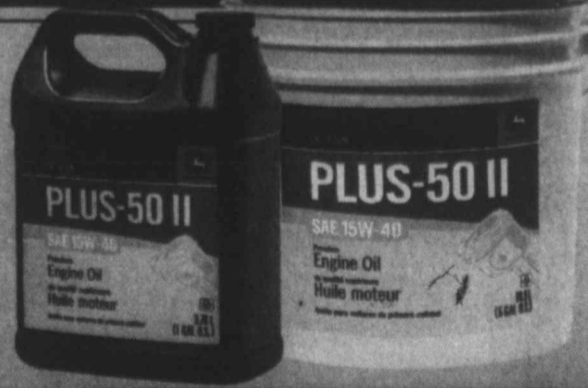
At Wilson ISD, the first day of students to attend class is Monday, Aug. 24, according to the school calendar on the district's website. No other information was available.

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