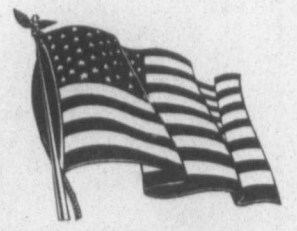




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RECEPTION TODAY:

Area citizens are invited to a Reception on Thursday, Sept. 9, 4-5 pm, at the Life Enrichment Center for the following City of Tahoka officials:

- **Retirement of Municipal Court Judge Edward Smith,**
- **Welcoming the new Municipal Judge TJ McAuley**

DUE TO HIGH VOLUME, the Lynn County Healthcare Fast Track Clinic is accepting appointments only, NO walk-in appointments available at this time.

Call 806-561-4802 to schedule appointment.
Fast Track Clinic Hours: 7am - 6pm
COVID Testing Hours: 8am - 4pm
Monday through Friday

Please be patient as the Fast Track Clinic is seeing at capacity every day - 420 visits and over 70 vaccines in August!

FOOTBALL TIME!

LAST WEEK'S SCOREBOARD:

Seagraves 28-26 Tahoka
Whiteface 56-0 Wilson
Lbk Roosevelt 49-0 New Home
Garden City 48-0 O'Donnell

SEPT 10 GAMES:

Tahoka at Lbk Roosevelt
Jayton at Wilson
Plains at New Home (H)
Sterling City at O'Donnell

COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Update Lynn County Sept. 3, 2021:
5 New cases confirmed
43 Active, 674 Recovered, 8 Deaths
Lynn County total cases: 725

WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

| Date | High | Low | Precip. |
|--------|------|-----|---------|
| Aug 31 | 94 | 67 | |
| Sept 1 | 97 | 71 | 0.40" |
| Sept 2 | 94 | 69 | |
| Sept 3 | 92 | 69 | |
| Sept 4 | 94 | 68 | 0.03" |
| Sept 5 | 80 | 65 | |
| Sept 6 | 91 | 65 | |

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 6 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Total Precip for Jan: | 1.23" |
| Total Precip for Feb: | 0.15" |
| Total Precip for Mar: | 0.10" |
| Total Precip for Apr: | 0.51" |
| Total Precip for May: | 6.75" |
| Total Precip for Jun: | 2.39" |
| Total Precip for July: | 3.73" |
| Total Precip for Aug: | 2.93" |
| Total Precip for Sep: | 0.43" |
| Total Precip. for 2021: | 18.22" |

Vehicle pursuit ends north of Wilson

by JUANELL JONES

A vehicle pursuit from Lubbock County ended on FM 400 about a mile north of Wilson last Wednesday, and a one-vehicle traffic accident was in law reports during the past week.

Lubbock County informed Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) of a pursuit entering Lynn County on FM 400 from US 84, about 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 1. DPS was in pursuit of a black Cadillac SUV, and Lubbock County units stopped the vehicle about a mile north of Wilson on FM 400. Lynn County EMS was requested on the scene, and transported the male driver of the Cadillac to a Lubbock hospital for treatment. A female passenger was brought to the Lynn County Jail on outstanding warrants.

At 5:48 a.m. on Sept. 1, a caller to LCSO said that a vehicle had struck a pole at the Co-Op Gin, at 1301 South Loop 76. The female driver was transported by Lynn County EMS to Lynn County Hospital for treatment of unspecified injuries, and the vehicle was towed from the scene. No driver information was available.

A front door to a residence was reportedly broken into at a rural

residence on US 87, a caller reported at 2 p.m. Sept. 1. The caller was unsure if anything was taken from the residence.

Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. was paged to two fires during the past week. The first one, at 9:40 p.m. Sept. 1, turned out to be a control burn in a pit at a location 5 miles east of Tahoka on US 380. The second call was for a fire at the Tahoka city landfill on FM 400, at 4:15 p.m. Sept. 2.

LCSO received two complaints of hunters shooting near residences, one on FM 211 at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 1, and one at 10:36 a.m. Sept. 4 on FM 179. In both instances, it was determined that the hunters were hunting legally with owners' permission, according to information on the LCSO call sheets.

Tahoka Police were busy during the week with numerous, but minor, calls which included residential/commercial alarms, civil standbys, welfare concerns, reckless driving, domestic disturbances, and unwanted persons.

Other LCSO calls during the week were for criminal trespass, abandoned vehicle, civil issues, domestic disturbances, illegal dumping, suspicious activity, and assisting motorists.



Homecoming Queen ... Tahoka High School senior Noelani Rodriguez was crowned the 2021 Homecoming Queen during halftime ceremonies in Tahoka Friday night. She is the daughter of Frank Rodriguez and Nacona Martinez. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Circus comes to town ... The homecoming parade float for Lynn County Healthcare Systems featured a circus theme, with CEO Melanie Richburg having fun as the ringleader. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

City property tax rate to remain the same

by JUANELL JONES

The Tahoka City Council is proposing to keep the same property tax rate for 2021, according to information provided this week by the City of Tahoka. Council is proposing to keep the tax rate of \$0.727030, and will hold a public hearing followed by a vote on the tax rate, at 6 p.m. Sept. 13 in the City Hall Community Room.

Although the tax rate will re-

main the same, it is considered a tax increase because of increased property valuations which will bring in more revenue to the city than the previous year at that tax rate.

Council members Shiloh Braddock, Ray Box, Courtney Stennett and Ryan Curry voted in favor of proposing the tax rate. Councilman Ronny Jolly was absent from the meeting.

Bevy of Beauties in the Bulldog zone ...



Homecoming royalty ... The Tahoka High School 2021 Homecoming Royalty is pictured here. They are, from left, seniors Mikalah Stroope, Noelani Rodriguez, Brylee Parker, and Kylie McNeely, junior Devoney Nambo, freshman Kylee Ramos, and sophomore Kaycee Swinford. Noelani Rodriguez was crowned Homecoming Queen. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



DID YOU KNOW?

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The only difference between kosher salt and table salt is the grain size. Kosher salt is smaller, and they both come from underground salt deposits.

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Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

September 13-17

Monday: Turkey pot pie, corn, tossed salad, ambrosia
Tuesday: Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, cauliflower, tossed salad, apple crisp
Wednesday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, mixed squash, fruit cup
Thursday: Vegetable beef stew, cornbread, tossed salad, orange pineapple cup
Friday: Salisbury steak, diced potatoes, English peas, fruit salad

Obituaries



Clarabeth Haney

Clarabeth "Sam" Haney, 85, of Lubbock, formerly of Tahoka, passed away Wednesday, September 1, 2021. She was born June 7, 1936, to M.P. and Sudie (Lightsay) Thedford in Littlefield. Clarabeth graduated from Littlefield High School. She married Austin E. "Bob" Haney on June 10, 1956, in Littlefield. In her free time, she enjoyed reading, gardening, sewing, jigsaw puzzles, and especially loved restoring wood furniture. Clarabeth was so sweet, she had a gentle soul. She was strong in her faith and was of the Baptist faith.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Austin, "Bob" Haney; her parents; one sister; and grandson, Perry Shane Haney.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Sherry Scarfo, Perry Haney both of Tahoka, Donnie Haney of Lubbock; two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and loved by many nieces, extended family and friends.

Family will be receiving friends from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 7,

2021, at Combest Family Funeral in Tahoka. Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at Tahoka Cemetery.



Vinsont Anthony Salazar

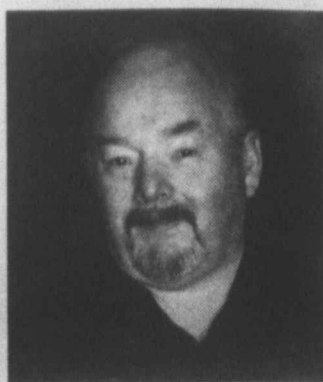
Vinsont Anthony Salazar, 32, of Waco, passed away Tuesday, August 24, 2021, in Chesapeake, Virginia.

A visitation was held Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. with a funeral service following immediately after at 3:00 pm at Lake Shore Funeral Home & Crematory, 5201 Steinbeck Bend in Waco. A celebration of life was to be held following the funeral service at the Holiday Inn located at 5701 Legend Lake Parkway in Waco.

Vinsont was born in Waco, Texas. He attended China Spring ISD and graduated in 2007. He worked for Discount Tires for many years, where he was currently managing his own store and received several awards. When not working, Vinsont could be found cheering on the Dallas Cowboys or grilling with family and friends. Most importantly Vinsont enjoyed spoiling his beloved dog, Romeo.

Vinsont was a caring and loving son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin, uncle, and friend.

He is survived by his parents, Katherine Saldana Salazar and Samuel Salazar; sisters, Ashley Salazar, Amber Salazar, Delia Gonzales and Sela Gonzales; brothers, Sammy Salazar, Cisco Gonzales, and Fabian Gonzales; grandparents, Nicholas and Francisca Saldana, of Tahoka, and Amalia Salazar; and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces.



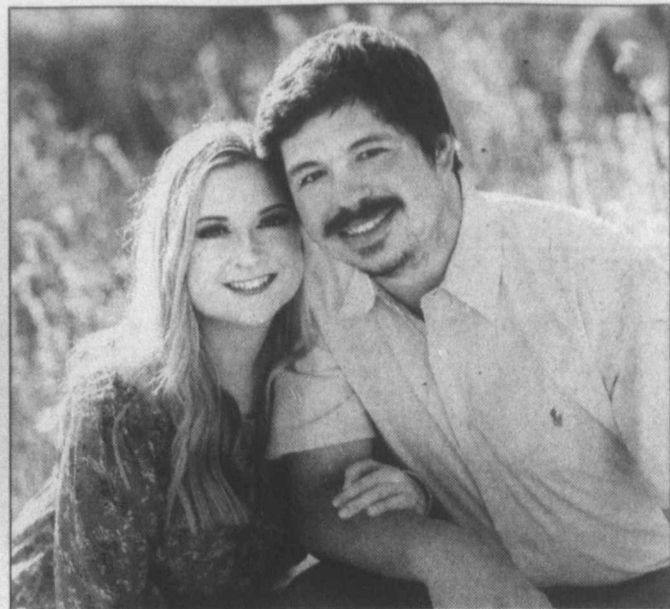
Richard Wayne Williams

Richard Wayne Williams passed away suddenly of Covid on August 5, 2021 at his home in Austin, Texas. He was 73 years old. He was born June 13, 1948 to Carl and Bertha Williams of Tahoka, Texas.

Richard was the youngest of nine children. Richard attended Tahoka High School and South Plains College. He spent years farming in West Texas, and at one time owned and operated a grocery store and eventually settled in Austin, Texas where he worked in house leveling and general contracting. In later years he ran a halfway house for people in recovery of addiction. He was passionate about helping people make a fresh start and was a sponsor for dozens of people on their journeys of recovery. In that way he was a helping hand to many in their darkest moments. He will be very missed. The family will honor his life in a private ceremony at a later time.

He was preceded in death by his siblings Fred (Slick) Williams, Bill Williams, Juanita Bueerman, Donald (Shorty) Williams, Jerry Williams and his daughter Leslie Eden Williams of Tahoka.

Left to cherish his memory are siblings Lena Killman of Lubbock; Susie Davis of Odessa, brother Bobby Carl Williams of Lubbock; his children, Dallas Williams of Lubbock and Georgia and Jacob Reed of Wolforth, TX; eight grandchildren Bryan, London and Cooper Williams of Tahoka, Shae Day and Stasha Williams of Breckenridge, Claire, Sophie and Isaac Reed of Wolforth; and two great-grandchildren, Logan and Phoebe.



NICOLE TAYLOR and ETHAN CURRY

Couple to marry October 2

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Taylor proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole, to Ethan Curry. Ethan is the son of Tammy Curry and John Curry. The couple plan to marry October 2, in New Home.

The couple are both graduates of Tahoka High School. Nicole is employed as an RN by Covenant Children's Hospital, in Labor and Delivery. Ethan is employed by Corteva in Plainview. The couple will reside in Lubbock.



New director ... Peggy Villarreal of Wilson is the new Library Director for the Tahoka City-County Library.

Peggy Villarreal named new Director for City-County Library

Peggy Villarreal has been named the new Library Director for the Tahoka City-County Library. She is enthusiastic about taking the leadership role at the library, and is looking forward to offering new opportunities for citizens to enjoy at the City-County Library, located inside the Life Enrichment Center at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka.

"I am extremely excited to take on this role as Library Director," said Villarreal. "I am excited to have field trips and events here in the next couple months. I have loved books and reading all my life. My entire family loves reading also. Books are always my favorite items to receive and

give as gifts," she added. "I have several ideas and can't wait to be a part of the community of Tahoka and Lynn County," she said.

Mrs. Villarreal lives in Wilson. She and her husband Michael have one son, Seth. "I have lived in Wilson on and off for almost 20 years," she said. "I graduated in 1995 from Valley City High School in Valley City, ND. I have been married to Michael Villarreal for 20 years. He is from Wilson, and is the Food Service Director for Lubbock Meals on Wheels."

Mrs. Villarreal also serves on the Board of Trustees for Wilson Independent School District.

New Home LUNCH MENU

September 13-17

Monday: Breakfast: Pancakes/Cereal; **Lunch:** Drumstick/Chicken Spaghetti

Tuesday: Breakfast: Burrito/breakfast bread/yogurt; **Lunch:** Walking Taco/Frito Pie

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffles/cereal; **Lunch:** Lasagna/Pizza

Thursday: Breakfast: Combo/Stuffed Bagel; **Lunch:** Fiesta Bowl/Chicken wings

Friday: Breakfast: Donut holes/Cereal; **Lunch:** Chicken Parmesan/Steakfingers

DONATIONS

to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are always greatly appreciated.

LCHD EMS

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Go Bulldogs!

Ava Haberman, daughter of Tiffany and Trey Haberman, and Grayson Dotsen, son of Sonya and Patrick Dotsen, cheering for their cousin, Tahoka Bulldog #51 Kaidance Rodriguez. **BULLDOGS FOREVER '78, '85, '01, '06, '11, '16 3D Band Dream'n Darin' Doin' Have a Great Season!**

Please join us for a dual reception honoring **Municipal Judge Edward Smith** on his retirement and a

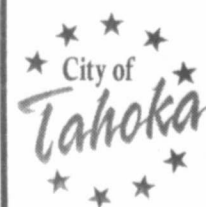
Welcome reception for new City of Tahoka **Municipal Judge TJ McAuley**

Thursday, September 9,

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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Parade tunes ... The Tahoka High School 3-D Band provided parade tunes for the 2021 Tahoka Homecoming Parade that marched down N. 4th all the way to the Lynn County Courthouse square last Friday. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



XC team ... The Tahoka High School varsity girls Cross Country team were the 4th place team out of 15 schools in the Smyer Invitational XC Meet. From left are Esperanza Bustamante, Amy Tew (2nd Place individual), Gabby Stice (14th Place), Alyssa Elizondo, Micaela Sullivan, and Lillian Morrissey (8th Place).

Tahoka runners do well at LCU, Smyer XC events

The Tahoka High School cross country teams competed at the LCU Rustbuster on Saturday, August 28th, to prepare for the upcoming Cross Country season, under the direction of Head Coach Derrick Morrissey. The rust buster is a two-person relay with each person running 1.5 miles with 124 two-person teams competing from approximately 30 schools. Tahoka's standout performance of the Rustbuster was the team of senior Amy Tew and sophomore Lillian Morrissey combining to run for a time of 19:32 and a 2nd place overall finish in the 1A to 4A division.

The freshman team of Gabby Stice and Calgary Due finished with a time of 22:14 and a 38th place finish. Another freshman team of Esperanza Bustamante and Micaela Sullivan teamed up for a time of 25:41 and a 88th place finish. The senior team of Alyssa Elizondo and Estefanie Magadan fought hard with a time of 27:54 and a 107th place finish.

The varsity boys fielded one team of senior Ethan Al-



XC runners place 2nd ... Tahoka's Lillian Morrissey (left) and Amy Tew (right) won 2nd place overall in the 1A-4A division at the LCU Rustbuster cross country event held Aug. 28.

varado and junior Jesus Liendo, who finished in 44:45 good for 85th out of 111 teams with each boy running a 3-mile leg of a 6-mile total race.

On Saturday, September 4th, Tahoka cross country officially opened its season at the Smyer Invitational as the Varsity Girls took 4th place out of 15 schools. Individual highlights include Amy Tew with a personal best time of 12:52 and a 2nd place finish defeating multiple state qualifiers from the previous year. Lillian Morrissey also ran a new personal best with a time of 13:24 and an 8th place finish. Gabby Stice had a spectacular varsity debut shattering her previous best time by over two minutes with a time of 13:44 and a 14th place finish. Esperanza Bustamante made her varsity cross country debut with a 31st place finish and a time of 15:00. Alyssa Elizondo and Micaela Sullivan, making her varsity debut, competed hard and finished 57th and 60th respectively.

Tahoka's lone varsity boy's runner, senior Ethan Alvarado,

ran well with a 17th place finish and a new personal best of 20:26 over a 5k.

Junior High Results

At the Smyer invitational on Saturday, September 4th, the Junior High Lady Bulldogs fielded a team composed entirely of 7th graders and they represented Tahoka proudly with a 5th place team finish overall out of 15 schools. All of these girls were making their cross country debut, and the coaching staff couldn't be more proud to have these future stars in the program. Individual highlights include Marlee Stone with a 25th place finish and a time of 15:44, Aubrey Hadderton with a time of 16:30 and a 33rd place finish. Hanna Pickrell, Ariel Castaneda, and Klaire Gill finished 45th, 50th, and 64th respectively.

Tahoka Junior High's lone Junior High boy, Eric Gomez, also ran well making his cross country debut with a time of 15:45 and a 39th place finish.

All teams will compete again at the LCU Chaparral Invitational on September 11.



In style ... Tahoka High School 3-D Band is styling in brand new uniforms that arrived just in time for the Homecoming game's halftime show last week. Pictured here is freshman Adysan Jester, one of the 3D band flutists. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE Explanatory Statements for the November 2, 2021 Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 143)

HJR 143 proposes a constitutional amendment expanding the circumstances in which a professional sports team charitable foundation may conduct raffles to raise money for the foundation's charitable purposes. The proposed amendment would allow professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to hold charitable raffles at rodeo events.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues."**

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 99)

HJR 99 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to authorize a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county and to pledge for repayment of those bonds or notes increases in property tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county. The Texas Constitution gives the legislature the power to authorize an incorporated city or town to issue such bonds or notes but does not expressly give the legislature the power to grant that same authority to counties. The proposed amendment also provides that a county that issues bonds or notes for transportation improvements may not pledge for the repayment of those bonds or notes more than 65 percent of the increases in ad valorem tax revenues each year, and a county may not use proceeds from the bonds or notes to finance the construction, operation, maintenance, or acquisition of rights-of-way of a toll road.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county."**

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 27)

SJR 27 proposes a constitutional amendment barring the State of Texas or a political subdivision from enacting, adopting, or issuing a statute, order, proclamation, decision, or rule that prohibits or limits religious services. The proposed amendment would apply to religious services, including those conducted in churches, congregations, and places of worship, in the state by a religious organization established to support and serve the prop-

agation of a sincerely held religious belief.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting religious services of religious organizations."**

Proposition Number 4 (SJR 47)

SJR 47 proposes a constitutional amendment changing certain eligibility requirements for a justice of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge. The proposed amendment provides that a person is eligible to serve on the Supreme Court if the person, among other qualifications, is licensed to practice law in Texas; is a resident of Texas at the time of election; has been either a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas for at least ten years or a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas and a judge of a state court or county court established by the legislature for a combined total of at least ten years; and during that time has not had the person's license to practice law revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension. The same eligibility requirements would apply to a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals and to a justice of a court of appeals. The proposed amendment further provides that to be eligible for appointment or election as a district judge, a person must be a resident of Texas; be licensed to practice law in Texas; and have been a practicing lawyer or a judge of a court in Texas, or both combined, for eight years preceding the person's election, during which time the person's license to practice law has not been revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment changing the eligibility requirements for a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge."**

Proposition Number 5 (HJR 165)

HJR 165 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC) to accept complaints or reports, conduct investigations, and take any other authorized action with respect to a candidate for a state judicial office. Currently, the Texas Constitution only permits the SCJC to take such actions as to persons holding a judicial office.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for judicial office."**

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 19)

SJR 19 proposes a constitutional amendment establishing that residents of certain facilities have the right to designate an essential caregiver with whom the facility may not prohibit in-person visitation. The proposed amendment would apply to a nursing facility, assisted living facility, intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability, residence providing home and community-based services, or state supported living center. The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to provide guidelines for these facilities to follow in establishing essential caregiver visitation policies and procedures.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation."**

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 125)

HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment permitting a person who is 55 years of age or older at the time of death of their spouse who is receiving a limitation on school district property taxes on their residence homestead on the basis of a disability to continue receiving the limitation while the property remains the surviving spouse's residence homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of the person's death."**

Proposition Number 8 (SJR 35)

SJR 35 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty. The Texas Constitution provides a property tax exemption to the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services who is killed in action, but the current exemption does not include members of the military who die during their service due to injuries sustained that are not combat-related.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."**

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Lab Dept. earns COLA ... Lynn County Healthcare System Laboratory Department has earned COLA Inc. accreditation (Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation). The Lab Dept. includes, from left, Loraine Macabenta, Carina Cortez, Laboratory Manager Regina Fabella, Rhuely Soliva, and Karla Donesa.

LCH Lab Department earns COLA accreditation

by **JUANELL JONES**

Lynn County Healthcare System Laboratory Department has earned COLA Inc. accreditation (Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation), as part of the LCH commitment to provide to provide quality service to its patients.

According to information provided by Lynn County Healthcare System, the Laboratory Department has met all the criteria for Laboratory Accreditation by COLA Inc., a leading national laboratory accreditor, whose program and standards enable clinical laboratories and staff to meet U.S. CLIA and other regulatory requirements. Through a mentoring approach using education to improve quality and patient safety, accreditation is given to laboratories that apply the highest standards of quality in day-to-day operations, demonstrate continued accuracy in the performance of proficiency testing, and pass a rigorous on-site laboratory survey.

There are five Medical Laboratory Technologists at Lynn County Healthcare, all of whom are from the Philippines.

Laboratory Manager Regina Fabella, MLS (ASCPi) CM, has been in the USA for 10 years and has worked with LCH for seven years.

"Working in LCH is like working with family that helps you grow, celebrate your achievements, and consoles you in times of sorrow. It means a lot to us that we have an administration that listens and keeps up with what each department is going through. It is an honor to serve the community of Lynn County knowing you are contributing each person's wellbeing and doing your best to give accurate and reliable results in the shortest possible time," said Fabella.

Lab Tech Carina Cortez has worked in the LCH lab department for four years.

"The positive and supportive working environment in LCH gives me that sense of belonging and acceptance. Serving Lynn County is a way

of getting to know your neighbors and friends. It gives me a feeling of fulfillment in giving back to the community that I am a part of," said Cortez.

Lab Tech Lorraine Macabenta has also worked for LCH for almost four years.

"I am honored to be a part of an institution that lives up to its mission and commitment to bringing healthcare closer to home. Our dedicated Lab team goes above and beyond to finish all tasks on time and still manage to laugh to ease the load without compromising the quality of service. Most of the patients we serve are appreciative of the service we render and that inspires us to give the highest quality of service that they deserve," said Macabenta.

Lab Techs Carla Calar and Rhuely Soliva have each worked for LCH for 3.5 years.

"It is such a great pride and gratitude working for LCH, where everybody is valued and appreciated. Everyone works well together to achieve a common goal - to provide quality healthcare to the community. Having an open communication between different departments makes every task lighter. Nobody is a stranger, everybody is family," said Calar.

"Working in LCH is like living your values," added Soliva.

The COLA accreditation that the LCH Lab Department has earned shows their commitment to continuing to provide quality healthcare closer to home.

Area News

Science teacher helps students view the stars

SLATON - Stargazing enthusiasts at Cathelene Thomas Elementary School in Slaton gathered their own "star clusters" to participate in a stargazing event on Aug. 26 in the parking lot at Slaton City Hall.

Jody Marriott, fifth grade science teacher at CTE, helped get the three telescopes that were used to see planets such as Venus, as well as other stars.

The three telescopes, costing \$545.55 total, were covered by a grant from the Community Foundation of West Texas, which offers teachers mini-grants. Marriott said she applied for the grant to create an opportunity for community stargazing.

"I wanted my students and their families and members of our community to be able to enjoy the wonders of our solar system," she said.

-- from *The Slatonite*



Leopard Homecoming Court ... The New Home High School 2021 Homecoming Court is pictured here. They are, in back from left, Jake Fogerson, Ryan Bundy, Jake Tabor, Graham Keys, Reagan Fiedler, (and not pictured, Spencer Keys); and in front are Zoe Clay, Charis Hall, Brooklyn Smith, Madsyn Scarborough, Kenidi Tuttle and Leeya Garcia. Homecoming is this Friday, with the Leopards hosting Plains.

Farmers Coop-O'Donnell and Slaton Coop Gin have merged together as WesTex Co-op Gin



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CITY OF TAHOKA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.727030 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Tahoka.

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| PROPOSED TAX RATE | \$0.727030 per \$100 |
| NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE | \$0.716148 per \$100 |
| VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE | \$0.743506 per \$100 |

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Tahoka from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of Tahoka may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Tahoka is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON Monday, September 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Community Room, 1807 Main St., Tahoka, Texas 79373.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Tahoka is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Administrator of City of Tahoka at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

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

FOR the proposal: Shiloh Braddock, Ray Box, Courtney Stennett, Ryan Curry

AGAINST the proposal: none

PRESENT and not voting: Mayor, John Baker

ABSENT: Ronny Jolly

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CITY OF TAHOKA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Tahoka will hold a Public Hearing to discuss the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Municipal Budget

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Date: September 20, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Community Building

Tahoka City Hall (back entrance)

1807 N. Main St

Tahoka, TX 79373

Residents will be given an opportunity to be heard in connection with the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Municipal Budget that is available for review at City Hall.

If you are unable to attend the hearing, you may contact the City Administrator Julie Arrington to voice your opinion in writing or in person at City of Tahoka P.O. Box 300, Tahoka, Texas 79373. Your comments and concerns may be read aloud during the Public Hearing. 36-tfc

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