

Bulldog Battleship ... Actually, it's not a battleship, but it sort of resembles one at this stage of construction of the Tahoka High School gym. The walls are rapidly going up on the foundation, with more progress seen every day. The foundation work on the new field house is currently underway as well, and the new sports complex will also include a baseball field, softball field, and football practice field. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

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Did you know?

• When Play Doh was first developed in the 1930s, it wasn't a toy... it was a way to clean wallpaper.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

THIS WEEK'S SCRIMMAGES:
Friday, Aug. 21

- Sudan at Tahoka, 6 pm
- New Home at Farwell, TBA
- Grady at O'Donnell, 10 am
- Wilson at Hart, 5:30 pm

COVID UPDATE:

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

Aug 17 UPDATE:
Lynn County total cases: 74
0 new cases confirmed
9 Active - 62 Recovered - 3 Deaths

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug 11	100	74	
Aug 12	103	73	
Aug 13	105	73	6.6
Aug 14	105	75	Triple digital
Aug 15	102	71	
Aug 16	95	67	
Aug 17	87	64	

(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"

Home or away games:

All THS 2020 football game tickets must be purchased at business office

With the Covid-19 safety precautions that are limiting seating at high school football stadiums this year, anyone wanting to attend football games must purchase tickets prior to each game, and for Tahoka ISD games – whether at home or away – all tickets must be purchased at the school business office.

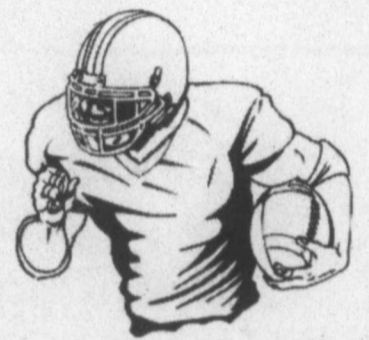
Tahoka High School football game tickets, both for home and away games, will be available for purchase weekly at the Tahoka ISD Business Office, located at 2129 N. Main Street (Harvick building). All home and away game tickets must be

purchased here prior to each game, to ensure admittance. The number of vouchers/tickets available will be according to seating limitations at each facility each week.

According to TISD Superintendent Dick Van Hoose, tickets

must be purchased each week (none available ahead of schedule) for each game, with parents of football players/band/cheerleaders allowed the first opportunities to purchase on Mondays and Tuesdays. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, the remaining tickets will be sold on a first-come basis for the public.

"For the first game, which is an away game at Plains, we are offering the same schedule for parents on Monday-Tuesday, and the public on Wednesday-Thursday. Plains has



provided with a certain number of vouchers, which must be purchased here, and then those with vouchers are allowed to use those vouchers for tickets at Plains. You must purchase the voucher for away games here at the TISD business office to ensure admittance at those games," Supt. Van Hoose explained.

For more information, contact the business office at 806-561-4600.

Wanda Mason seeks election as Lynn County Sheriff

(Political advertising paid for by Wanda Mason, Treasurer)

Residents of Lynn County:

My name is Wanda Mason. I am officially announcing my candidacy on the Nov. 3, 2020 General Election as a Republican candidate for Sheriff of Lynn County. The people in Lynn County have blessed me in so many ways. Coming out of retirement to serve as your Sheriff is my pleasure. I humbly ask for your vote in the Nov. 3rd election.

I am 58 years old, married, and have three awesome grandchildren

that call me Gramms! I have been a Texas resident since June 1982.

I served in the private sector for 14 years.

I have been in public service for 24 years serving in city, county, and state government. I began my public service career for the City of Andrews in 1994. There I worked as a Utilities Clerk for three years and a Municipal Court Clerk for four years.

In 2001, I began my law enforcement career with the State of Texas as a Highway Patrol Trooper. After a six-month long Recruit

Academy in Austin, I obtained a Basic Peace Officer License, having a total of 1220 education hours. I served 1-1/2 years in Parker County. I transferred to the Tahoka duty station in 2003, and served 15 years. I obtained the Intermediate Peace Officer License in 2004, Advanced License in 2008, and Master Peace Officer License in 2014 – the highest certificate issued for a peace officer in the State of Texas.

My continued education training received while being a State Trooper included classes such as

(See MASON SEEKS, page 4)



WANDA MASON



MASKS: THE NEW NORMAL ... Tahoka ISD students and staff were all masked up as students returned to school Tuesday morning, for the first time since schools were forced to close on-campus instruction after Spring Break in March, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Safety measures are still in place for the new school year, with face masks a part of the new norm. This photo is in the high school science lab, with teacher Brandon Brigance standing at left.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Did you know?

“ Temperature affects your attitude towards others. For example, if you hold a warm coffee as opposed to a cold coffee, you are more likely to be more selfless towards others. ”



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Defeat is simply a signal to press onward. ~ Helen Keller

Obituaries



Robert Benavidez, Sr.

Robert S. Benavidez, Sr. of Lubbock, formerly of Tahoka passed away on Saturday, August 8, 2020 at the age of 64. He was born January 3, 1956 in Slaton. Robert graduated from Tahoka High School where he played sports. He owned R & D Automotive in Post, before moving to Florida to be closer to his family. In Florida he worked in property maintenance. After retiring he returned to Lubbock in 2018. He had a deep Christian faith, and valued what scripture had to say. Robert was also known for his passion for muscle cars

and drag racing. Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Lisa Briseno and husband Tommy of Snyder, Carolina Benavidez of Lubbock, Robert Benavidez, Jr. and wife Jennifer of Orlando, Florida, Mandi Jolly and husband Joey of Tahoka, Victoria Dannelley and husband Zaccary of Bellville, Illinois, and Servando P. Benavidez, of Orlando, Florida; siblings, Cindy Delgado and husband Gabe, Sandra Delgado and husband David, Beatrice Salazar, and husband Ignacio, Joe Benavidez and Monica Garcia and husband Michael; and 12 grandchildren. Robert also leaves behind his step-father, Herman Steen of Odessa and step-mother, Francisca Benavidez of Lubbock. Robert was preceded in death by his father, Pilar Benavidez, and mother, Linda (Segura) Steen. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 14, 2020 at First Baptist Church, Tahoka. (PAID)



Back to school ... Tahoka ISD students returned to campus for the first day of school on Tuesday—the first time since March that students have been able to attend on-campus classes. Everyone was wearing face masks, parents and students alike, as they approached the doors of campus buildings, where staff awaited them with temperature scanners before admittance. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Adult Education classes offered at Tahoka ISD

Adult Basic Education classes will begin Tuesday, September 8th at Tahoka High School computer lab. Classes will be on Monday and Tuesday nights from 6-9 p.m. For any information, please call Kathy Copeland at (806) 773-0621.



School is back in session, and the traffic has accelerated in New Home. Not even sorry for that pun. Please keep your eyes on the road where more cars and kids are showing up. And remember the speed limits! Kids can dart out from behind parked cars and trees and people; it never hurts to go more slowly than the law allows. Another thing to keep in mind as the school gets going again is our dogs. We do have a leash law in town, but the dogs don't know it. Please make sure your dog is contained in some humane way so that it can't run around and even end up on school property. Excited dogs and screaming children sometimes mix badly. Most of the dogs I've met while walking mine are really good-natured, but dogs are gonna dog, so you never know.

Monthly sales tax revenue shows increases here

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$908.7 million in local sales tax allocations for August, 3.6 percent more than in August 2019. These allocations are based on sales made in June by businesses that report tax monthly and on sales made in April, May and June by quarterly filers. In Lynn County, the net payment this period was \$12,641.08, up 64% from comparable payment prior year of \$7,695.62; payment year-to-date \$116,398.40, up 10% from last year's payment YTD of \$105,416.24. City of Tahoka - \$16,309.68 net payment this period, up 21% from comparable payment prior year of \$13,402.25; payment year-to-date \$142,767.52, up 3% from last year's payment YTD of \$138,365.18. City of O'Donnell - \$2,895.02 net payment this period, up 24% from comparable payment prior year of \$2,329.04; payment year-to-date \$20,231.03, up 23% from last year's payment YTD of \$16,406.77. City of Wilson - \$1,984.18 net payment this period, up 22% from comparable payment prior year of \$1,621.74; payment year-to-date \$17,063.91, up 29% from last year's payment YTD of \$13,200.83.

I know it's wishful thinking, but this morning (Tuesday), the air had a feeling of fall. By 9:30, it was too hot to be out, but still, it was a nice few minutes. I love summer because I hate wearing bulky clothes, but really, I think I love temperate weather. Maybe our three days of autumn are what I actually like best. I found this saying last week when I was preparing for my classes. It was written by Julian of Norwich, who wrote the first book written in English by a woman sometime in the 14th or early 15th centuries. She wrote: "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well. For there is a force of love moving through the universe that holds us fast and will never let us go." All shall be well.

You are invited to a **Retirement Reception honoring Jerry Dee Franklin** for his 27-1/2 years of service in Law Enforcement serving the citizens of Lynn County and the State of Texas.

Saturday, August 29, 2020 6:00-8:00 p.m. (come and go)

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Church at the ballpark ... First Baptist Church of Tahoka continues to offer a drive-up church service on Sunday mornings at the ballpark in Tahoka. The service starts at 9:15, and people remain in their vehicles and tune to FM 88.3 to hear the music and a message from Pastor Cliff Holdridge, who said all are welcome but he invites those who are attending from other churches to also continue to support their churches in their prayers, as well as financially. "All of our churches need our support," he said. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Senior Citizens Menu
August 24-28
Monday: Homestyle lasagna, brussel sprouts, garlic bread, pears
Tuesday: Pork chop, black eye peas, spinach, baked apple slices
Wednesday: Roast beef w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, waldorf salad, banana pudding
Thursday: Baked chicken breast, baked potato, peas, pineapple tidbits
Friday: Shepherd's pie, stewed okra & tomatoes, coleslaw, butterscotch pudding

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O'Donnell 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 on the Lynn County Hospital District facebook page, O'Donnell ISD Superintendent Dr. Cathy Palmer, O'Donnell Mayor Kim Parker, 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.

O'Donnell ISD staff are ready to have teachers and students return to campus, and are making safety measures and procedures an important part of the daily routines there.

"We are so excited, we are ready to have our kids back at school," said OISD Supt. Palmer.

"Next week we will have teachers on campus and then the following week actually start school on Monday, Aug. 24, with a hybrid schedule, not all kids at campus every day. Monday through Wednesday we'll be bringing kids to campus, and then Thursday and Friday will be completely remote.

"There are a couple of reasons for this hybrid schedule the first week. First, it allows us to have some real one on one teaching time on safety measures, so we can make sure all the kids understand all the safety measures and procedures. And second, it's to ensure that our remote instruction is good and is working like it should, and if there is something we need to do to make it work better. With the remote instruction in place, we are hoping that if we do have to have a school closure that it will be seamless, and we will be used to doing that already.

"On Aug. 31st all kids will be on campus. When they enter the school district it is going to look a little bit different than before - we'll have a temp scanner at the door and mask reminders. Everyone will walk up to the screener and take their temp, and if it is above 100 they won't be allowed in the building," said Dr. Palmer, adding that parents will be contacted if their children are stopped from entering due to

a high temperature. "We do have masks at school but we encourage families to send students to school with their own masks. We will have face shields available for older students and staff," said the superintendent. "Students in grades 5-12 will be asked to wear masks, and if it's not a distraction the younger children can wear them as well."

Dr. Palmer explained that on Wednesday of the first week of school, every student will receive their Ipad and instructions on how the remote instruction works. If classes require a laptop computer, the district will be providing those to send home as well. "I encourage you to visit the OISD webpage and Screamin' Eagle facebook page. We are going to use these two platforms primarily to communicate with families. If you ever have any questions or concerns, I am available by email at cpalmer@esc17.net, and I will respond as soon as possible," said Dr. Palmer.

"We are looking forward very much to having our kids back," she said. The O'Donnell Mayor, Kim Parker, said that the City of O'Donnell is starting a Citizens Advisory Committee, and asking for citizens to become involved.

"We need citizen involvement, and are starting a Citizens Advisory Committee. It is crucial that we have this committee so that we can apply for grants," explained Mayor Parker. "Currently there are two grants we are applying for. One is a downtown revitalization grant, that has specific and strict criteria, and we want the grant to help with the drainage issues on A street



DR. CATHY PALMER
OISD SUPERINTENDENT



KIM PARKER
O'DONNELL MAYOR



DR. MELANIE RICHBURG
LCHD CEO

near the plaza, and for ADA compliance for wheelchair or handicap access.

"Another initiative we are looking at - you know we have an animal control issue here, this has been a contention point not only for citizens but city hall as well. We want to look at getting a clinic started to have a veterinarian come in for chips, vaccinations, and ultimately a spay and neuter service on a quarterly basis. I am interested to hear if you think this will benefit citizens of O'Donnell," said the mayor. "Also, if anyone is interested in wanting to do the footwork in getting an animal shelter here, I am interested in hearing from you on this, please contact me," said Mayor Parker.

She added that O'Donnell City Hall is open, and that visitors are asked to wear a mask when coming in. The front door is the only access available to the public. The mayor also said that city officials are also looking at getting a drive-up window installed in a couple of months.

Dr. Melanie Richburg, CEO of Lynn County Hospital, was the final leader to address the community on the virtual town hall meeting. "When I took the job of CEO, one of my objectives was communication and being transparent with what is going on. You have a cohesive group of people here today that their commitment is to make where they live better, so I'm grateful for those who shared with us today.

She explained the goals of the hospital district, including

four different areas of focus in care standards, including employees, points of care, care of communities, and resources.

"We focused on daycare issues with our employees, to get creative solutions. We have a vision of 'healthcare closer to home' and a mission statement of compassionate care every day of every minute, for everybody," said Dr. Richburg.

"We have a bright ideas campaign where we ask employees for feedback and their ideas, because the people that work with us are a great group of people. One of our new points of care is to have an MRI available at LCHD, and we are going to have that by mid-September. We want to provide wound care locally, and we need dental care here. We are actively pursuing grants to attract a dentist with purchasing equipment, and a building.

"Also, our telemedicine is growing, through a telemedicine grant. We have three teledoc units in different locations. Right now these teledoc units are in jails, due to security issues and transportation issues. We have partnered with Lynn County and Dawson County for these. We want to expand how to be able to reach out and serve community populations, and we are hopeful that another grant could allow us to put that same teledoc system in all our schools in the county, but we haven't gotten it yet.

"We want to take care

of our resources - ways we spend money and ways to save money. We have installed a security system at the hospital - all doors with public access have video camera with visual and audio communication, keeping our staff safe and screening patients before they come in to the facility.

"Many of you came to our open house at our beautiful new O'Donnell Clinic, which is a very nice facility, with providers there five days a week for medical issues. We also partnered with the city and school for an electronic marquee on Doak Street to have information put out.

"We're also opening a clinic two half days a week in Borden County, on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings, starting Aug. 18. Cynde Schneider from the O'Donnell Clinic will be the provider there to see those residents. We're excited about this opportunity, as they actually came to us and asked us to provide a clinic.

Dr. Richburg mentioned that the services offered at LCHD, including a Fast Track Clinic, a new Saturday Clinic that will open 8 a.m.-12 noon starting Aug. 22 at the Family Wellness Clinic location in Tahoka, and the PT and Fitness center.

"Our residents at Lynnwood have struggled with the Covid restrictions, it's been very tough on these people. But we are happy to hear that the state has lifted restrictions, and beginning next week we hope to provide in-room

visitation by schedule in a special room with a plexiglass window between the resident and visitors. We are excited to be able to allow families back to visit their family members at Lynnwood," she stated.

Tahoka Drug is undergoing a deep remodel in the interior, all new flooring, additional offices, and expanded OTC drug and gift shop areas.

"For many years we have had a gift shop that perhaps hasn't had a lot of foot traffic, but we are friends with our neighbors to the north of us, at The Home Place, and are working really hard to make sure that the things that we will be offering will not be the same things they offer, and to not be in direct competition with what they are selling.

"Now, back to Covid. We are going to adapt as school starts back. We're not anticipating the numbers to go up, but we do anticipate the possible need for more screening. We will actually be able to order the testing from all our clinic locations, and then you can drive to Tahoka to the designated location for your test.

"We are still waiting on a machine that will give us rapid results. It's a struggle to provide the appropriate and adequate level of care with this testing, and it's not because we aren't trying! I've been trying since March to get the machines we need. But because of the lower volume and the rural nature, they don't feel that we have as much need or urgency as larger locations for this equipment. If you have a good relationship with our legislative leaders I encourage you to reach out to help us get the tools we need," she added.

"I want to thank Dr. Palmer and Mayor Parker for having the hearts to serve the city and school, and appreciate what they do. We love what we do, and we want to make it the best place we can. Reach out to us, we are all available whenever you need us," concluded Dr. Richburg.

LEGAL NOTICES

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT FOR PERMANENT ROCK AND CONCRETE CRUSHERS

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 161991

APPLICATION. Permian Basin Materials, LLC, 4001 East 42nd Street Suite 100, Odessa, Texas 79762-5931 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration Number 161991, which would authorize construction of a permanent rock crusher. The facility is proposed to be located at the following driving directions: from the intersection of Highway 87 and Farm-to-Market Road 400, travel northeast for

4.23 miles, entrance to site on the right, Wilson, Lynn County, Texas 79373. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=33.25032&lng=-101.766646&zoom=13&type=r>

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on July 21, 2020. The executive director has determined the application was technically complete on August 4, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments about this application may be submitted at any time during the public comment period. You may submit public comments either in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS. A written response to all relevant comments will be prepared by the executive director after the comment period closes. The response, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and requested to be added to the mailing list. The response to comments will be posted in the permit file for viewing.

The executive director shall approve or deny the application not later than 30 days after the end of the public comment period, considering all comments received within the comment period, and base this decision on whether the application meets the requirements of the standard permit.

CENTRAL/REGIONAL OFFICE. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office and the TCEQ Lubbock Regional Office, located at 5012 50th St Ste 100, Lubbock, Texas 79414-3426, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning the first day of publication of this notice.

INFORMATION. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Permian Basin Materials, LLC, 4001 East 42nd Street Suite 100, Odessa, Texas 79762-5931, or by calling Mrs. Sarah E. Sawyer, EHS Technician at (936) 293-0795.

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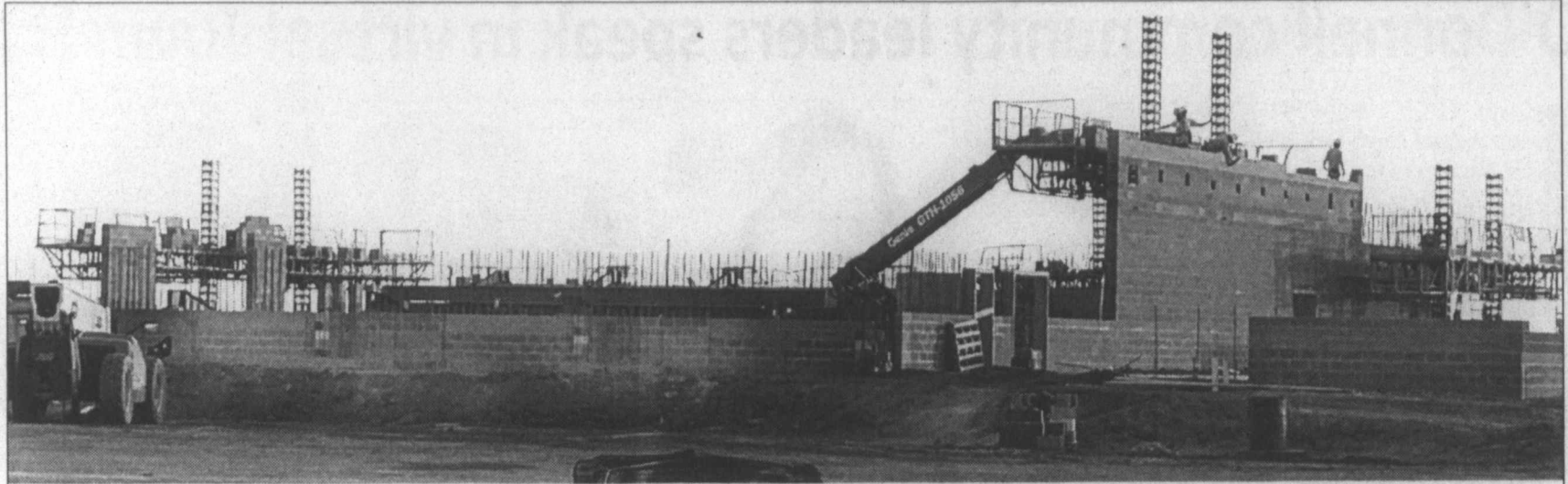
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If you build it ... we will come! It's more than a line from the movie "Field of Dreams," it's how Tahoka citizens are anxiously awaiting the completion of the new Tahoka ISD gymnasium. With the foundation completed, the changes are occurring more rapidly, with the framework and walls going up. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Rollover traps man under vehicle

by JUANELL JONES

A one-vehicle rollover was reported in Lynn County last Thursday night about 7 p.m., on FM 211 approximately 2-3 miles east of US 87. A caller to the Lynn County Sheriff's Office reported that a male was trapped underneath the vehicle, and that the driver's wife and son were also in the vehicle. DPS, Sheriff's Deputies, Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. and Lynn County EMS all responded to the scene. The driver was reportedly the only person transported for medical treatment by EMS. No information was available as to the identity of the driver or passengers.

A caller to the Sheriff's Office reported an armed person was threatening to shoot at a house at a rural location on FM 179 if a female that was inside the house did not go outside, in a domestic disturbance call at 12:40 a.m. last Tuesday. Call sheet reports from the Sheriff's Office stated that caller said that the armed person left the scene and was driving towards Lubbock.

Car keys were reported stolen at 8:10 a.m. last Tuesday,



Ready to scan ... A Tahoka ISD staff member is ready with her temperature scanner as parents bring their students to campus for the first day of school on Tuesday. Due to Covid-19 precautions, all parents and visitors were scanned at the outside doors, and students were scanned before entering their individual classrooms, to make sure body temperatures were lower than 100 degrees. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

with a caller reporting that sometime between July 14 and Aug. 5 someone had stolen some car keys out of rural residence on FM 179 for a 2011 Chevy Impala. The report also stated that a safety deposit box key was taken in December 2019.

Deputies responded to several calls for domestic disputes, suspicious persons/vehicles, motorist assists, reckless drivers, welfare

concerns, littering, and a 9-1-1 hangup call that was located and reported that someone had accidentally dialed the number.

Tahoka Police responded to a report of juveniles in a minor altercation in the 800 block of Ave. K last Tuesday, reports of suspicious persons/vehicles, domestic disturbances, a report of a dog attacking another dog, a report of a scam call from someone claiming to represent the sheriff's office with a warrant for an arrest, and other minor incidents.

Lynn County Jail held 29 inmates during the week, including 10 held for Dawson County, one for Floyd, and 18 for Lynn County. Local charges included one for assault causes bodily injury, one for fraudulent use of credit/debit card, and one for public intoxication.

Did you know?

- The average lifespan of a major league baseball: 7 pitches.
- Babe Ruth wore a cabbage leaf under his cap to keep his head cool. He changed it every two innings.
- There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.
- The Olympic flag's colors are always red, black, blue, green, and yellow rings on a field of white. This is because at least one of those colors appears on the flag of every nation on the planet.

O'Donnell ISD Board to propose 3-cent tax cut

O'Donnell Independent School District Board of Trustees is considering lowering the OISD property tax rate by three cents. The proposed total tax rate is \$1.38140, which includes a Maintenance and Operating (M&O) tax rate of \$1.00140 and an Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate of \$0.38, per \$100 of property value.

Last year's total tax rate was \$1.4151.

The M&O rate is about a penny lower than last year's rate of \$1.0151. The I&S rate is 2-cents lower than the previous year's rate of \$0.40, to pay for the bonded indebtedness that the district owes.

Total appraised value of

all property in O'Donnell ISD has decreased from \$410,027,370 last year to \$351,793,430 this year. The average market value of residences decreased from \$45,273 last year to \$39,957 this year, according to figures released by the school district this week.

The proposed tax rate of \$1.00140 (M&O) is the highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election.

The OISD Board of Trustees has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed tax rate and budget at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27 in the O'Donnell ISD School Board Room, 400 Small Street.

Wanda Mason seeks election ...

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To date, I have a total of 2663 continued education course hours for a total of 3883 hours of law enforcement education. There are legislative updates every two years that all Texas Peace officers are required to complete. All of the above training and practical experience that I have gained provide me with the necessary tools to make sound decisions to better serve the citizens of Lynn County.

I served the citizens of Lynn County as a Highway Patrol Trooper for over 15 years until retirement in February 2019.

The decision my family

and I made for me to serve the residents of Lynn County once again was not, and is not, taken lightly. I believe that I can make a positive difference.

I want to thank Lynn County Judge, Mike Braddock, and the County Commissioners for their difficult but necessary task on their deliberation for the position of Interim Sheriff. I was one of five candidates for the position and was named Interim Sheriff. Thank you to the other four candidates that stepped up to the plate.

I want to thank Lynn County Republican Party Chair, John Baker, and the Lynn County Executive Committee that was formed in order to name a Republican Nominee on the Nov. 3rd General Election ballot. Lynn County residents, you can be proud that the committee formed was your ears, eyes, and voice for ALL of Lynn County residents. I was one of three applicants interviewed for the place on the ballot. I was chosen to be the Republican nominee on the ballot.

My hope is that the individual relationships formed with city and county officials will continue for the positive growth of New Home, O'Donnell, Tahoka, Wilson and our surrounding unincorporated communities within Lynn County.

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Thank you,
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Department: District Clerk
FLSA Status: Exempt
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The 106th Judicial District Judge is accepting resumes and will soon make an appointment for the position of District Clerk of Lynn County. Position requirements include:

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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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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF TAHOKA

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Tahoka is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program grant application for a Downtown Revitalization grant request of \$500,000 for the installation of ADA compliant sidewalk activity and street improvements including drainage repair, new striping and signage, ADA repair, and new lighting in the designated downtown area. The application is available for review at Tahoka City Hall during regular business hours. Para obtener una copia en español, comuníquese con Jerry Webster al 806-561-4211.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice to all persons is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Geanne Lee Gandy Forsythe, Deceased, were issued on July 30, 2020, in Cause No. 2020PR0009 pending in the County Court of Lynn County, Texas, to: Jay Frank Forsythe and Jeffrey Wayne Forsythe.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o Jolyn C. Wilkins
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 5950
LUBBOCK, TX. 79408

DATED the 4th day of August, 2020


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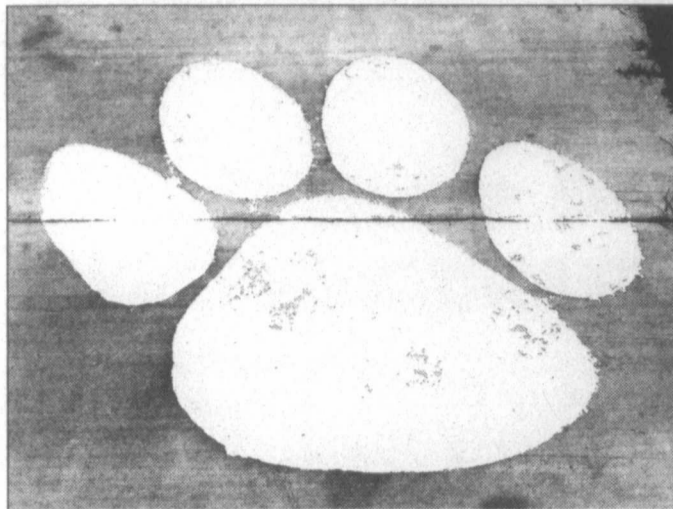
Landowners in Lynn County are asked to notify the Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 806-561-4505 when a control burn is going to occur. This notification will allow the Sheriff's Office to be aware of control burns when fire reports are called in by passersby or others, and will assist the S.O. in knowing if area fire departments need to be called to respond to a fire.

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Famous Texas Football Players ...

- **Patrick Mahomes** was born on September 17, 1995, grew up in the Tyler area and is now the starting quarterback of the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs.
- **Earl Campbell:** Born in Tyler on March 29, 1955, football running back graduated from John Tyler High School and then became a star on the football team of the University of Texas at Austin. For his record breaking performances at the college level, Earl won the Heisman Trophy in 1977.

Bulldogs looking at new key players as they gear up for 2020 football season

The Tahoka Bulldogs are facing a challenging 2020 football season, with new faces filling several key positions on the field, due to seniors graduating and several other athletes moving away from the district. The Dogs will have some tough opponents after moving up from Div. II to Div. I in Class 2A this year, including Post, Sundown, New Deal, Hale Center and Floydada in District 2.

Head Coach Stephen Overstreet is ready to face the challenges, however, and has been preparing his new squad for the upcoming season.

"I am super excited about the 2020 football season. After the way our Spring ended and not being able to finish getting back to a routine that I have done for years has been amazing. I am really impressed with how hard the kids are working. With the world we live in today it speaks volumes about their character to see them take a chance and show up each day not knowing what tomorrow will hold. We have preached to them for years that you take it one day at a time and one play at a time. I don't know but that saying today has a whole new meaning after what we got dealt in March," said Coach Overstreet.

"We graduated a ton of experience and have a lot of new faces in some very key positions. I guess the biggest and most notable changes will come up front. We have an entirely new offensive line and these guys are picking up and working fast to be ready to go. "Diego Pena is the lone returner from last year and he got some very valuable playing time last season and even had a start in Brownfield. He is the guy that will anchor that line just by his experience at the varsity level," stated Overstreet.

"Kaidance Rodriguez, Bryson Stone, Eric Camargo, and Jon Dylan Rodriguez are beginning to mesh well together, and just like in years past we are going to rely heavily on those guys up front. Our skill spots will look different as well with Cason Resendez taking over the quarterback spot. We're very excited to have him in this spot as he's basically a running back playing quarterback.

"The backfield will also look different as we moved Nate Castillo from TE to take over the running back spot. Hunter Garrison, Derrick Scott, and Adiryn Herevia are all sharing time and have made huge strides.

"We feel very good with our receiving corp with Jonathan Renteria being that go-to guy with experience at the varsity level. Zeke Luna, Julio Saucedo, Thomas Sullivan, and Paxtyn Gwin are also getting reps at receiver. Paxtyn is returning as our kicker and did an excellent job last year. He was very consistent for us and actually won us a few games last year buy nailing some big PAT's," he added.

"We are really excited overall about this year and looking forward to each day. We have a lot of youth with a ton of upside so the 2020 season is going to be one for the memory books in more ways than one," said Coach Overstreet.

The Bulldogs will scrimmage Sudan here on Friday at 6 p.m.

"We will go a play set and then play two live quarters. We open the season on the road next Friday at Plains at 7 p.m. We hope to see everyone out at the scrimmage Friday we just ask that you please wear a mask and maintain social distancing while seated in the stands," stated Overstreet.

50-280 (Rev. 8-19/5)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The O'Donnell ISD will hold a public meeting at August 27, 2020 at 6:00 pm in OISD School Board Room 400 Small Street O'Donnell, 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 \$ 1.0014 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax \$ 0.38 /\$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	1.6755	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service		% increase	or	9.02	% (decrease)
Total expenditures		% increase	or	7.34	% (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	\$ 410,027,370	\$ 351,793,430
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,228,520	\$ 0
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 310,205,840	\$ 273,783,408
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,228,520	\$ 0

* "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* \$ 11,639,000

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.0151	\$ 0.40 *	\$ 1.4151	\$ 8,063	\$ 9,760
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.17856	\$ 0.40762 *	\$ 1.58618	\$ 6,743	\$ 10,233
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.00140	\$ 0.38 *	\$ 1.38140	\$ 6,726	\$ 9,399

* 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	\$ 45,273	\$ 39,957
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 20,273	\$ 28,757
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.4151	\$ 1.3814
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 286.88	\$ 397.25
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 110.37

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 1.00140. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.00140.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 4,172,050
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 397,000

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