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Did you know?

- The first computer virus ever created was called Creeper, back in 1971. Shortly after this virus was created, Reaper was created as the world's first anti-virus.
- A 23-sided shape is called an icosakaitricon.
- The inventor of Vaseline, Robert Chesebrough, ate a spoonful of the stuff every single day.
- The cardboard holder that you often get around a takeaway cup of coffee is called a "zarf".

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

- Friday, Sept. 18 games:**
- Crosbyton at Tahoka
 - Floydada at New Home (H)
 - Wilson at Southland
 - Springlake at O'Donnell (H)
- Last Week's Scoreboard:**
- Roosevelt 46-0 Tahoka
New Home 20-13 Plains
Jayton 56-0 Wilson
Sterling City 58-6 O'Donnell

COVID UPDATE:

The South Plains Public Health District provided the following information of COVID-19 cases in Lynn County:

Sept 14 UPDATE:
Lynn County total cases: 89
(2 new cases during past week)
7 Active - 78 Recovered - 4 Deaths

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Sept 8	90	43	
Sept 9	47	42	0.04"
Sept 10	53	43	0.04"
Sept 11	76	53	
Sept 12	84	55	0.13"
Sept 13	80	60	
Sept 14	79	59	

(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:	0.75"
Total Precip for Sept:	0.21"
Total Precip. for 2020:	9.96"

What's cooking at THS?

New commercial equipment helps local culinary arts program

The Culinary Arts program at Tahoka High School is taking on a new look with the help of a local grant gifted by Workforce Solutions South Plains.

Whitney Wilson, Culinary Arts teacher, is excited for new opportunities for her students that the updated commercial equipment will provide.

"Workforce Solutions South Plains is committed to helping students find career opportunities and assisting programs to ensure quality workforce programs and services. After applying for the grant under the direction of Tahoka ISD Superintendent Dick Van Hoose, the Culinary Arts program was awarded approximately \$8,750 to purchase equipment for the kitchen, including a double-door commercial refrigerator, commercial freezer, stainless steel work tables, commercial faucets, and a stackable washer and dryer for uniforms," explained Wilson.

Her students are excited about the new equipment as well.

According to Christian Flores, junior at Tahoka High School and third year culinary arts student, "the new equipment will give us more of an idea of what it looks like in a real restaurant and will give us a better experience."

"The Culinary Arts program started in 2017 as a part of our Family and Consumer Sciences program (previously Home Economics), with just one course offered to students," said Wilson. "Currently, the program offers four courses to eighth through twelfth graders and has a total of 45 students," she added.

Tahoka High School offers a variety of courses from Introduction to Culinary Arts for eighth and ninth graders to Culinary Arts and Advanced Culinary Arts for upper level high school students. In addition, juniors and seniors are able to participate in the work program and gain on-the-job experience in the food service industry, as well as

other careers.

"Our students are beyond excited about the new equipment and take pride in their new workspaces. They value the equipment which allows them to take ownership of their work and be proud of the things they are creating," she said.

"In addition to our Culinary Arts program students using the

equipment, there are other courses within our FCS program that will utilize the kitchen and equipment as well. Amy Izzard, FCS teacher, will be able to share the kitchen with her Principles of Human Services and Food Science classes to teach the basics of cooking and conduct food science experiments," Wilson added.



We love our updated kitchen! ... Whitney Wilson (right), Culinary Arts and FCS teacher at Tahoka ISD, is pictured with FCS teacher Amy Izzard (left) and culinary arts students Maribel Garcia (senior), and Bryan Barnett (junior), in front of the new commercial refrigerator purchased for the TISD culinary arts program with grant funds from Workforce Solutions South Plains. The grant provided other equipment for the program as well.



Coming back ... The Tahoka ISD Homecoming Parade will end with a pep rally at the courthouse this year, for the first time in several years. This photo was taken several years ago.

Tahoka Homecoming parade to return to courthouse grounds

The 2020 Tahoka High School Homecoming events have been scheduled for Thursday and Friday, Sept. 24-25, including traditional festivities such as a spirit fire, exes assembly and homecoming parade - and this year the parade is returning to the Lynn County Courthouse grounds for the community pep rally. Due to courthouse renovations, the parade for the last few years has concluded at the city park for the pep rally, but this year the parade will once again end at the courthouse on Main Street in downtown Tahoka. Attendees are asked to wear face coverings.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, a pep rally and Spirit Fire will be held on the THS practice field at 8 p.m. All attendees are required to wear face coverings, according to school officials.

School will dismiss at 12 noon Friday, Sept. 25 for Homecoming festivities. Registration for the Exes Assembly will be held 12:30-1 p.m. in the THS Auditorium, with the program to be held 1:00-2:00 p.m. This

(See **HOMECOMING**, page 8)

COVID-FREE

No COVID cases at Tahoka ISD as fifth week of classes begin

As the fifth week of school began this week for Tahoka Independent School District, it appears that the COVID-19 safety protocols are working well, with no students or staff testing positive for COVID-19 to date.

"We have had five instances of students or staff being self-quarantined at home after direct exposure to an individual who recently tested positive for COVID-19, but all of those exposures were apparently outside of the school campus, and none of those who self-quarantined tested positive for the coronavirus," TISD Superintendent Dick Van Hoose told *The News* last Thursday.

"Our students and staff are complying with wearing masks and other safety procedures, and our cleaning protocols are working well. Students wipe down their own

desks at the end of each period, and our custodial staff is very diligent in disinfecting and sanitizing all areas at the end of each school day," he said.

School began on Aug. 18, and the first instance of possible exposure was reported on Aug. 26. The school district sent a letter notifying parents and staff that a staff member at Tahoka Middle School had direct exposure to an individual who recently tested positive for COVID-19, and stating that staff member was self-quarantining at home, was not displaying any

symptoms of the virus and to date had not tested positive for the virus. Four other instances with students/staff have had the same negative test results.

"We are hoping that our safety protocols are not only working for the coronavirus flu, but should help keep down the regular flu and other illnesses as well," added the superintendent.

At New Home and O'Donnell ISD the news is good as well.

"O'Donnell ISD has had zero confirmed cases of COVID-19 since school began. We have had one situation that involved one student that self-quarantined due to possible exposure to a positive case but it resulted in a negative test," Supt. Dr. Cathy Palmer told *The Lynn County News* this week.

At New Home ISD, Supt. Shane Fiedler says there have been no cases since school began.

No information was available this week from Wilson ISD.

At nearby Slaton ISD, the entire high school campus was placed on virtual learning only (no in-person classes) from Sept. 8-23, due to an increase in COVID-19 cases. According to a video presentation on the Slaton ISD website, the entire SHS band, and JV and Varsity football team members and coaches, have been quarantined due to exposure.

All Slaton High School JV and Varsity football games for two weeks were canceled, which were scheduled to have been with New Deal and Odessa Compass, and Slaton is rescheduling their Homecoming to another date.



Did you know?

“ There’s a National Day for just about everything ... Sept. 18 is National Cheeseburger Day. Sept. 19 is Talk Like A Pirate Day (arghl). Sept. 20 is National Pepperoni Pizza Day (and also Wife Appreciation Day, so bring home a pizza for dinner!) ”

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Obituaries



Amador L. Liendo

Services for Amador L. Liendo Sr., 67, of Tahoka, were held Monday, September 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel-Tahoka with Rev. Lee Gamez officiating. Burial was at Nevels Memorial Park under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home. Mr. Liendo went to be with the Lord on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

He was born on April 20, 1953 in Staples, Texas to the late Guadalupe (2004) and Consuelo Liendo (2012). Later in life on May 16, 1971 he married Soyla Segovia in Tahoka. He retired from Tahoka Independent School district as Grounds Keeper. Amador was a lifelong resident of Tahoka and was a farmer for numerous years as well. He was also a mechanic, enjoyed making hotrods and drag racing, however, apart from being a hard worker and a person with many skills, he ministered to all serving the Lord. He loved to help the poor often fixing others homes with his own money. He supported Feed the Children. He enjoyed being with his family. His family will always cherish the memories they have with him.

He was preceded in death by two brothers Guadalupe Liendo Jr. (1979) and Manuel

Liendo; two sisters, Petra Sepeda (2002) and Hortencia Sepeda (2015).

Survivors include his loving wife Soyla Liendo of Tahoka; three sons, Amador Liendo Jr. of Tahoka, Alvin Patrick Liendo of Damascus, Virginia and Allen Henry Liendo of Lubbock; three daughters Yvonne Liendo of Tahoka, Velma Liendo Sikes of Bangs, Nora Liendo Easley of Lubbock; four brothers Jesus Liendo, Martin Liendo, Jose Liendo and George Liendo all of Tahoka; seven sisters Elena Valverde of Tahoka, Rosa Liendo of Tahoka, Eva Sandoval of Lubbock, Maria Liendo of Bovina, Eloisa Quintero of Tahoka, Martha Gonzales of Lubbock and Julia Quintero of Tahoka; 25 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were his grandchildren: James Chavarria, Giovanni Valencia, Amador Liendo III, Alex Liendo, Mike Esparza Jr, Angelo Liendo, Sean Liendo, Adam Liendo, Xavier Perez, Juan F. Charon Jr. and Thomas Daniel Calvillo. (PAID)



Halftime entertainment ... The Tahoka 3-D band plays for the home team crowd under the Friday night lights.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Wilson VFD sets drive-thru Fish Fry fundraiser event

The Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. has scheduled their 7th Annual Fish Fry and Raffle, however to stay compliant with COVID-19 safety protocols, this year's event will be a drive-thru fundraiser.

The drive-thru style fundraiser will be held Sunday, Sept. 27, from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Wilson VFD station, located at 1002 Houston Ave. in Wilson. To get in line, enter at Green Ave. (FM 211) and 11th Street. Orders will

be taken on Houston Ave., and then exit on Houston Ave. onto FM 400.

Adult plates will be \$10, and child plates are \$5. Choose fried catfish or chicken strips, with all the fixings, dessert and drink.

A special gun raffle is also offered, with details and purchase available at the drive-thru dinner.

All proceeds will benefit the Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept.

Senior Citizens Menu

September 21-25

Monday: Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges

Tuesday: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, melon medley

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

Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, bananas w/ vanilla pudding

Friday: BBQ beef, smothered potatoes, pinto beans, apricots

45th annual Harvest Festival canceled this year

For the past 44 years the annual Lynn County Harvest Festival has been held in conjunction with Tahoka ISD Homecoming activities, but this year's festival, which would have been the 45th annual event, has been canceled.

The Lynn County Harvest Festival Committee earlier this year agreed unanimously to cancel the event due to the safety precautions associated with the Covid-19 Pandemic.



Yard of the Month ... The City of Wilson chose the home of Shelby and Lora Smith as the Yard of the Month for September.



Wanda Mason
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New Home Happenings

by Denise Sherrod

The New Home City Council will be hosting a meeting on Thursday, September 17, at 7 p.m. in City Hall to adopt the 2020 tax rate. Masks are required when larger groups are in City Hall.

More from the New Home archives (courtesy of Radene Turner):

Early merchants in the New Home community included Jim Beard; James O'Rear; J.H. Izard, whose name is etched in a building on Broadway (FM 211) in New Home; A.J. Hilton; J.P. Fulton; and Jim Anderson. The McDonald and Ely Company built the first cotton gin in 1923, located at the site of the New Home Co-op Gin. In 1926, another gin was constructed by Edwards & Lockhart, Co. Only two other businesses existed in town at that time: a store and a gas station.

A town needs churches, businesses, and schools to thrive. A three-room school was built in 1918 and used until a brick building was constructed in 1926 on the present school site. The gymnasium (I used the full word because it was such an impressive building!) was added in 1936. The high schools of neighboring communities were grouped in 1935; they later voted to consolidate with the school plant being located in New Home. The high school building was constructed in 1948, and a new elementary was built in 1956.

What would those early school fathers and mothers think of the growth in NHISD over the past few years? I hope they would be proud of how the community has persevered and flourished after they planted the seeds. And I hope that the citizens who read about us a century from now will find that we were faithful in carrying on those community-centered traditions.

Please join us as we celebrate the Retirement of **Sandra Laws** Lynn County District Clerk honoring her for 28 years of service **Wednesday, September 30, 2020** from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. (Come and go) **District Courtroom** 1501 South 1st, Tahoka, Tx

Monte Jolly shoots 13-under to win T-Bar Golf Championship

Monte Jolly was the winner of the T-Bar Golf Club Championship Tournament held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12-13, at T-Bar Golf Course in Tahoka. He shot 13-under par in the two-day event, shooting 64 on Saturday and 67 on Sunday, for a score of 131 to claim the championship title.

The runnerup was Ryan Hitt, shooting a 67 and 71 for 138, and third place finisher in the championship division was Holden Bradbury, shooting 73-70 for 143.

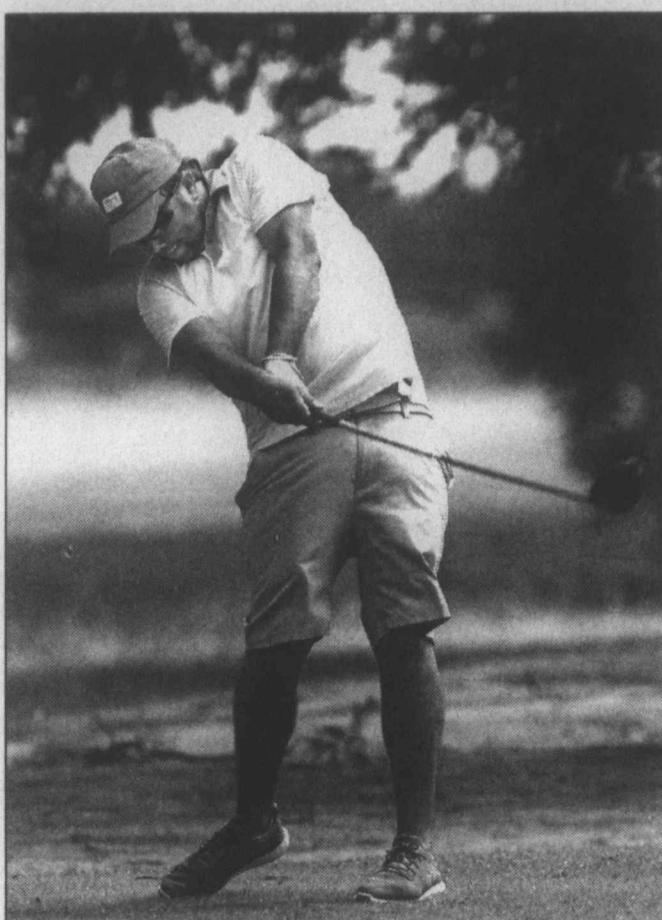
Other championship flight finishers included Warren Taylor (145), Steve Sanders (145) and Stan Bradbury (154).

Brad Smith was the first place winner in the 1st Flight

division, shooting 76 and 69 for 145; Rick Moore was the second place finisher with 76-71 for 147; and Toby Taylor finished third with 76-72 for 148. Other 1st Flight golfers included Jeff Martin, Mitch Hammonds, Kris Harmon, Murry Kieth, Clay Taylor and Mickey Kieth.

In the Senior Flight division, Jim Curry placed first, shooting 79-77 for 156; Curtis Whitley was second with 82-79 for 161, and Ricky Gandy was third with 86-77 for 163. Others in the division included Abel Vega, David Angerer, Freddie Kieth, and Menford Gandy.

Shelia Bradbury won the Ladies Flight, shooting 80-87 for 167.



T-Bar Champion ... Monte Jolly tees off on the #4 hole at T-Bar Golf Course in Tahoka, in the Club Championship Tournament. He won the Championship flight with a -13 under par 131 in the two-day event. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Two collisions with deer, and two other accidents reported in county

by JUANELL JONES

Two collisions with deer occurred during the past week, one on US 87 and one on US 380, during the evening hours. Lynn County EMS responded to both accident scenes, but no one was transported for medical attention.

A woman driving a silver pickup reported she hit a deer about 5 miles west of Tahoka on US 380 at 9:03 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, and said she was unsure if she needed medical attention. A Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) deputy and Lynn County EMS responded to the scene. The driver declined EMS transport for treatment, and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

At 8:44 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, a vehicle hit a deer north of CR 17 on US 87 in the southbound lanes, with the driver's airbags deploying. LCSO responded, and EMS was paged to check out the driver. She was treated at the scene but refused transport for further medical treatment.

An accident occurred at 10:32 p.m. Aug. 31 at the intersection of FM 2053 and US 87 with one injury. One person was transported by Lynn County EMS for treatment of unknown injuries. LCSO, DPS, O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept., and EMS all responded to the scene. No vehicle or driver information was available.

Tahoka Police responded to an accident at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 at the intersection of US 380 and the East US 87 Access Road in Tahoka, where a Hyundai driven by Madeline Salazar reportedly pulled out in front of a truck driven by Bibian Saldana. Lynn County EMS transported Salazar to Lubbock for medical treatment. A passenger in her vehicle declined treatment, and the other driver also declined treatment, according to reports from Tahoka PD.

Two cows were reportedly shot and killed by unknown persons on property located about a mile east of the intersection of FM 1054 and FM 3332 on a county road. The owner reported the incident at 7:40 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8.

LCSO and Tahoka PD assisted Lubbock County SO Monday morning in a high-speed chase of a white Ford F-150 pickup that drove through portions of Lubbock and Lynn County before ending in Lubbock County, where a juvenile male and an adult male were both arrested by Lubbock County SO. The vehicle was reported to have been stolen out of Midland.

A caller to LCSO from Wilson reported a family member had used a credit card without permission at multiple locations, and reported an amount in excess of 3,000 spent. A theft report was taken.

Lynn County SO responded to numerous calls for domestic disturbances, civil issues, and welfare checks, and Tahoka Police calls during the week included civil issues, calls reporting suspicious persons, reckless drivers, aggressive dogs, welfare concerns, and suspicious activity at the TISD construction site. Police also rounded up a loose cow in the 1300 block of Ave. J at 10 a.m. Sept. 9, and assisted with EMS calls and a funeral escort during the week.

Lynn County Jail held 33 inmates during the week, including 1 held for Floyd County, 10 for Dawson, and 22 for Lynn. Local charges included one for driving while intoxicated, one for possession of marijuana, and three for possession of drugs.

Did you know?

• Lake Superior contains 10% of the world's freshwater. It is the size of South Carolina, and contains 2,900 cubic miles of water.

Lynn Commissioners to set 73-cent property tax rate

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners are publishing a notice in this issue of *The Lynn County News* that they plan to set Lynn County's property tax rate at 73-cents per \$100 of property value, which is a 2-cent decrease from last year's rate.

Last year's county tax rate was 75-cents per \$100 of property value, which was also a 2-cent decrease from the previous year's rate of 77-cents.

The 73-cent rate is lower than the no-new-revenue tax rate of \$0.752300, and well under the voter-approval tax rate of \$0.780836, which means that Lynn County officials may adopt the tax rate without holding an election to seek voter approval.

Commissioners expect to

adopt the tax rate at their Sept. 28 commissioners meeting, at 9:30 a.m. at the Lynn County Courthouse.

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O'Donnell City Council proposes 16-cent property tax increase

The O'Donnell City Council is proposing a tax increase of 16-cents for 2020, according to information published recently in the *O'Donnell Index-Press*. The council is proposing a tax rate of \$0.992712 per \$100 of property value, and held a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14 in the City of O'Donnell Council Chambers, 615 8th Street in O'Donnell, to hear public comment.

Last year's tax rate was \$0.830532. The proposed tax rate of 99-cents is a 19.5272 percent increase from the previous year's rate.

The total taxable value of property within the jurisdic-

tion for 2020 is \$18,602,750, which is a 13.38 percent decrease from 2019 taxable values of \$21,476,686.

Council members voted 3-0 in favor of proposing the 99-cent tax rate, with council members Trent Hancock, Katy Mires and Bruce Vaughn voting in favor. Councilman Joseph Luera was absent from the meeting.

The proposed rate is about 4-cents higher than the "no new revenue" tax rate of \$0.958455, which is the rate that would raise the same amount of property tax revenue from the same properties as the previous tax year. The voter-approval tax rate is \$0.992713, which is minimally above the proposed tax rate of \$0.992712, which means that the City of O'Donnell may adopt the proposed rate without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

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Did you know?

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- Sprite was manufactured as Coca-Cola's response to the popularity of 7 Up.
- In 1999, PayPal was voted as one of the top ten worst business ideas.
- Most catfish are normally active at night, however the Peppered Cory Catfish is active more often during the day.

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Band royalty ... The Tahoka 3-D band named Spring Garcia and David Perez as Band Sweetheart and Band Beau, presented at Friday night's football game.

A look back at ...
Woodwork
 (Reprinted from the past) Dalton Wood

FLOWERS AND GAMES: A week or so ago, I was reading the children's supplement to the Lubbock *Avalanche-Journal*, which I found interesting (and a lot easier to understand than some of the other things written for adult readers, so I guess that defines my level of comprehension).

One of the pages in the 8-page supplement was about Monopoly, and another was about roses. I know more about Monopoly than I do about roses, because when I was growing up (instead of out), we used to play that game a lot.

The article explained that a man named Charles Darrow of Germantown, PA invented the game of Monopoly, sketching out a game board on a tablecloth, and included many of the street names of Atlantic City, NJ, a favorite vacation spot for his family. He colored the different properties and made little houses and hotels out of wood scraps. He and his wife invited neighbors to play, and soon some of them began to ask for their own set to keep at home.

He made two sets a day and sold them to a store in Philadelphia for resale after Parker Bros. rejected his offer to have them manufacture and sell the game. However, in 1935, after the game became very popular in Philadelphia, Parker Bros. began selling Monopoly and Darrow became a rich man. It now is published in 43 languages.

I remember my cousin once got so angry over losing that he kicked the board off the table, scattering the pieces everywhere. He never did learn to enjoy losing money.

Everything on the page about roses was pretty new to me, because I never grew roses (or any other flowers—I couldn't get the blooming things to grow). The rose article said there are many varieties of both wild and hybrid roses.

When I was a kid, I owned a book called *Jerry Todd and the Rose-Colored Cat*. About all I remember about the book is that the cat turned out to be yellow, a surprise to me in those days because I thought all roses were red or pink. The A-J article said roses come in all colors "except true blue."

Roses are red (mostly),
 Violets are blue (I guess);
 I don't know the rest of this verse
 Because I never read it all the way through.

~November 30, 2010

Area News ...
 News items from area newspapers

Stanton boy welcomes home sugar-sniffing service dog

STANTON – September is national service dog awareness month, and a Martin County 10-year-old has found a new companion in his diabetic alert dog, named Capri.

Graham Butler has Type 1 diabetes. His parents, David and Mandy, and little brother Evan, 7, were happy to welcome a new member to the family last weekend.

"She will help me keep up with my numbers," said Graham. "And she will be able to tell me when I'm high or low before my Dexcom."

"I was diagnosed with diabetes in 2013. Ever since then I've had to test my blood and keep up with how much I eat," Graham said. "I can go low or high and Capri will help alert me when I do."

—from the Martin County Messenger

**LYNN COUNTY
 NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE**

A tax rate of \$.73 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of
 LYNN COUNTY OF TEXAS

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$.730000	per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$.752300	per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$.780836	per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for LYNN COUNTY OF TEXAS from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that LYNN COUNTY OF TEXAS may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that LYNN COUNTY OF TEXAS is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, LYNN COUNTY OF TEXAS is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the COMMISSIONERS COURT of LYNN COUNTY OF TEXAS at their offices or by attending the public meeting at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 28, 2020.

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

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposed tax rate or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair, Larry Durham
 AGAINST the proposal: 0
 PRESENT and not voting: Mike Braddock
 ABSENT: 0

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by LYNN COUNTY last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by LYNN COUNTY this year.

	2019	2020	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	2019 adopted tax Rate .750	2020 proposed tax Rate .730	(Increase/Decrease) of (nominal difference between tax rate for preceding year and proposed tax rate for current year) per \$100, or (percentage difference between tax rate for preceding year and proposed tax rate for current year)% -020 -2.67%
Average homestead taxable value	2019 average taxable value of residence homestead \$73,554	2020 average taxable value of residence homestead \$79,194	(Increase/Decrease) of (percentage difference between average taxable value of residence homestead for preceding year and current year)% +7.66%
Tax on average homestead	2019 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead \$551.65	2020 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead \$578.12	(Increase/Decrease) of (nominal difference between amount of taxes imposed on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the preceding year and the amount of taxes proposed on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the current year), or (percentage difference between taxes imposed for preceding year and taxes proposed for current year)% +26 +4.79%
Total tax levy on all properties	2019 levy \$3,587,212	(2020 proposed rate x current total value)/100 \$3,560,996	(Increase/Decrease) of (nominal difference between preceding year levy and proposed levy for current year), or (percentage difference between preceding year levy and proposed levy for current year)% -26.216 -0.73%

(Include the following text if these no-new-revenue tax rate adjustments apply for the taxing unit)

No-New Revenue Tax Rate Adjustments

State Criminal Justice Mandate (counties)

The LYNN COUNTY County Auditor certifies that LYNN COUNTY County has spent \$ 0 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, LYNN COUNTY County Sheriff has provided LYNN COUNTY information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for the reimbursement of such costs.

This increased the no-new revenue tax rate by 0 /\$100.

Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures (counties)

The LYNN COUNTY spent \$ 0 from July 1 2019 to June 30 2020 on indigent health care compensation procedures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance.

For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$ 0

This increased the no-new revenue tax rate by 0 /\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures (counties)

The LYNN COUNTY spent \$ 10,847 from July 1 2019 to June 30 2020 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received. For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$ 0

This increased the no-new revenue tax rate by 0 /\$100.

(If the tax assessor for the taxing unit maintains an internet website)

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for LYNN COUNTY at 806-561-5477 or lynncad@poka.com, or visit co.lynn.tx.us for more information.



Chewing up the yards ... Tahoka's Nathaniel Castillo (#25) has a hard time getting some yards from a stingy Roosevelt defense, despite assistance from #50 Diego Pena, #55 Eric Camargo, #63 Kaldance Rodriguez and #54 Bryson Stone. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Looking for the long one ... Jonathan Renteria (#11) looks downfield for a Tahoka receiver, in action against the Roosevelt Eagles here Friday. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Bulldogs suffer first loss of the season at the hands of the Roosevelt Eagles

The Tahoka Bulldogs suffered a 46-0 loss to the Roosevelt Eagles in the first loss – and first home game – of the season on Friday night. This week, the Bulldogs will host Crosbyton at 7 p.m., and Coach Stephen Overstreet is hoping for a better outcome at the home field.

Roosevelt scored seven touchdowns in the first two periods, leading 38-0 at the half, and then added another TD in the third, while their tough defense held the Bulldogs scoreless. The Eagles had 352 offensive yards, mostly in rushing with 321 yards, while shutting down the Bulldogs offense with only 61 total yards for the night. Injuries also plagued the Bulldogs, with four players suffering injuries in the game.

"This was a game that I felt like we climbed uphill all night long. We took some shots in the mouth early and never really recovered from them," said Coach Overstreet. "This was the best Roosevelt team I have seen in over 25 years. I felt like they played extremely physical on both fronts, and of course have excellent speed on the back end. We got

some guys hurt and banged up and just couldn't get into a groove.

"I was proud of the way our kids handled themselves, with even being behind. We had some penalties that I felt like came after the whistle and our kids did an excellent job of keeping our composure. We could have easily retaliated and stooped down to that level but we didn't, and for that I view as a victory. When you are building a program or even when you feel like you have a quality team, you must teach them how to win and lose. The class you display in both victory and defeat is a life lesson, not just an athletic one. We faced a ton of adversity and we kept fighting – our kids never quit," said the coach.

The next two games are at home, with Crosbyton coming to town this week, and Ropes scheduled for the Tahoka Homecoming game on Sept. 25.

"I'm really excited about the way the schedule sets up the next two weeks. I believe we have a chance to get back in the saddle and compete against teams I feel have a lot of our similarities. This Crosbyton team coming in is

a group we are very familiar with. We have played them each year that I have been in Tahoka and they haven't changed very much. They have a new Head Coach but he was on Coach Huseman's staff last year. They are very similar to us in the fact they want to run the ball. They are going to line up foot to foot on the O-Line and play smash mouth football.

"This will be another game in which we will have a chance to show and get physical up front. They will line up in a 50 defense that we have seen many times in the last four years. This will be a game that is going to be won or lost up front. If our offensive will lock on a drive and our defense will stay low and play behind their pads we have a really good shot of getting back on the right side of the win column.

"This will be another game we get to play at home and we hope to give everyone a better outcome than what we did a week ago. Hope to see you Friday night at 7 pm here at Kelley Field. Don't forget to purchase tickets from the Harvick Building and don't forget to wear a mask!" stated Overstreet.



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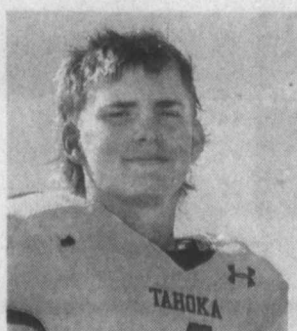
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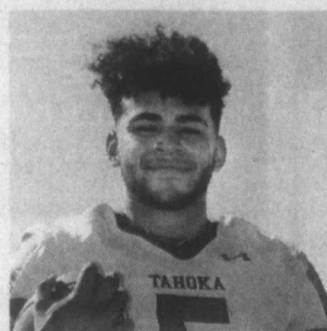
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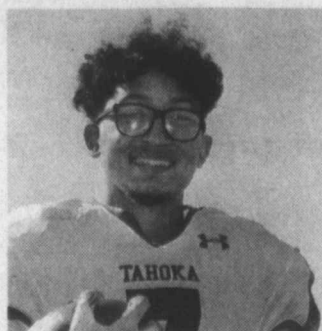
MEET THE BULLDOGS:



#4 Hunter Garrison
Nickname: Hunt
Favorite Pastime: Sports
Favorite Subject in school: Ag
Favorite Movie: "Step Brothers"
Favorite NFL Team/Player: Saints
Favorite artist: Roddy Rich
What would you do with a million dollars? Buy a car



#5 Soul Moore
Nickname: Mo Daddy
What is your hidden talent? Taking Naps
Favorite Movie: "Friday Night Lights"
Where is the favorite place you have traveled? California
What would you do with a million dollars? Take care of my family



#7 Ezequiel Luna
Nickname: Ziggy
Favorite Pastime: Making memories with those close to me.
What is your hidden talent? Cooking
Favorite Quote: "Keep on Keeping on"
Favorite Movie: "Lion King"

2020 Bulldog Football VARSITY SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 18	Crosbyton	Here	7:00
Sept. 25	Ropes (H)	Here	7:00
Oct. 2	OPEN		
Oct. 9	Floydada*	There	7:00
Oct. 16	Hale Center*	Here	7:00
Oct. 23	New Deal*	There	7:00
Oct. 30	Sundown*	There	7:00
Nov. 6	Post*	Here	7:00

*District games (H) Homecoming

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All Tahoka HOME and AWAY game tickets must be purchased in advance each week at the Tahoka ISD Business Office, 2129 N. Main. No tickets will be available at the gate.

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Grand Champion ... Lynn County 4-H member McKinley Clem exhibited the Grand Champion Lamb at the West Texas Fair in Abilene.

Commemorative courthouse calendar available by mail

The Phebe K. Warner Club of Tahoka is selling a commemorative 2021 calendar depicting photos of the historical renovation of the Lynn County Courthouse. This special-edition calendar features glossy photos of the interior and exterior renovation of the historic 100-year-old courthouse, and includes "did you know" trivia about the courthouse and Lynn County, making it a historic keepsake item for many families.

The calendars are selling for \$10 each, and may be purchased from any Phebe K. Warner Club member, or at several business locations in Tahoka including the Lynn County Courthouse, Lynn County News, Tahoka Drug, Tahoka City Hall, City/County Library, and The Home Place in Tahoka.

The calendars are also available by mail. Call or text Suzanne Baker at 806-577-3059 for information about having a calendar sent by mail.

The calendar is sponsored by Phebe K. Warner Club and Lynn County Officials. All proceeds from the calendar will go towards the Phebe K. Warner Club Scholarship fund that benefits local graduates.



Speeding ... Cason Resendez (#3) is caught speeding around left end for some good yardage for the Bulldogs, with #44 Paul Guerrero in the background, as Tahoka hosted Roosevelt Friday night. Roosevelt handed the Bulldogs a tough 46-0 loss. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Texas sales tax revenues distributed for July sales

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$765.3 million in local sales tax allocations for September, 4.5 percent less than in September 2019. These allocations are based on sales made in July by businesses that report tax monthly.

Figures released by the Comptroller's Office are as follows:

The City of O'Donnell, with a 1% sales tax, will receive \$1,976.09 for this period, which will make a total year-to-date received of \$22,207.12.

The City of Tahoka, with a 1.5% sales tax, will receive \$16,680.85 for this period, which will make a total year-to-date received of \$159,448.37.

The City of Wilson, with a 1% sales tax, will receive \$2,030.19 for this period, which will make a total year-to-date received of \$19,094.10.

Lynn County, with a 0.5% sales tax, will receive \$9,479.88 for this period, which will make a total year-to-date received of \$125,878.28.

lose its magnetism.

- The unique smell of rain actually comes from plant oils, bacteria, and ozone.
- Vanilla flavoring is sometimes made with the urine of beavers.
- Tic Tacs got their name from the sound they make when they are tossed around in their container.

Did you know?

• "Opposites attract" is a common myth. People are actually attracted to people who look like family members, or those with a similar personality type.

- Llamas can be used as guards against coyote attacks on sheep herds. Studies have proven that just one guard llama is an effective protector and can even kill the attacking coyotes.
- If you heat up a magnet, it will

LEGAL NOTICES

THE STATE OF TEXAS § 106th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF LYNN § OF TEXAS

ORDER SETTING HEARING ON COMPENSATION OF COUNTY AUDITOR

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Section 152.905, Texas Local Government Code, that a public hearing shall be held at 1:30 o'clock p.m. on September 28, 2020, in the District Courtroom of the Lynn County Courthouse, Tahoka, Texas, for the purpose of setting the amount of annual compensation for a County Auditor for the fiscal year 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the District Clerk shall deliver a certified copy of this order to a newspaper of general circulation in the county for publication not earlier than the 30th or later than the 10th day before the date of hearing.

Signed September 10, 2020.

Reed A. Filley
Judge of the 106th District Court
Lynn County, Texas

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Commissioners Court of Lynn County, Texas will hold a public hearing to receive comments or questions of the public regarding its pending budget for budget year 2020-2021 on Monday September 28, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Courtroom located at 1501 South 1st Street.

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

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

Office	Present		Proposed	
	Salary	Longevity	Salary	Longevity
Commissioner Precinct 1	\$24,410	\$72	\$25,631	\$132
Commissioner Precinct 2	\$24,410	\$216	\$25,631	\$252
Commissioner Precinct 3	\$24,410	\$1125	\$25,631	\$1,185
Commissioner Precinct 4	\$24,410	\$168	\$25,631	\$204
County Judge	\$37,902	\$1,425	\$39,798	\$1,440
Sheriff	\$43,698	\$1,095	\$54,075	\$0
County Clerk	\$36,640	\$1,440	\$38,472	\$1,440
District Clerk	\$36,640	\$1,440	\$38,472	\$1,440
Tax Assessor/Collector	\$36,640	\$468	\$38,472	\$615
Justice of The Peace Pct 1	\$36,640	\$388	\$38,472	\$436
Justice of The Peace Pct 4	\$23,927	\$1,050	\$25,124	\$1,110
Treasurer	\$36,640	\$420	\$38,472	\$468
County Attorney	\$36,640	\$177	\$38,472	\$213
County Auditor	\$21,935	\$388	\$23,032	\$436

/s/ Mike Braddock
County Judge

HPWD Board lowers 2020 property tax rate

During their Sept. 8 meeting, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) Board of Directors approved a resolution setting the 2020 ad valorem tax rate at \$.0055 per \$100 valuation for operation and maintenance of the district.

The 2019 tax rate for HPWD was \$0.006300.

The adopted 2020 tax rate is less than the no-new-revenue tax rate of \$0.00604 per \$100 valuation.

Persons with \$100,000 in

property value will pay \$5.50 in annual taxes to HPWD under the approved rate as compared to \$6.30 in 2019. The HPWD 2021 fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

"The HPWD Board of Directors have lowered the tax rate each year since 2014. It is our priority to have balanced annual budgets. This allows us to reduce the tax rate for operation of the district, while at the same time, improve services for constituents in our 16-county service area," said Board President Lynn Tate of Amarillo.

Commissioners approve resolution honoring Disabled American Veterans Day observance

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session Monday morning, Sept. 14, approving a resolution to proclaim Sept. 25 as "Disabled American Veterans Day" in Lynn County and commend its observance to all citizens in honor of the 100th anniversary of Disabled American Veterans.

According to the resolution, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) was founded by World War I veterans on Sept. 25, 1920, and was chartered by an Act of Congress on June 17, 1932. In 2020 the DAV celebrates 100 years of serving veterans of the Armed Forces, their families and survivors, and communities. The DAV is dedicated to a single purpose - empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. The DAV provides free, professional assistance to veterans

and their families in obtaining benefits and services provided by the United States Dept. of Veterans Affairs and other agencies. Lynn County Commissioners unanimously approved the resolution.

In other business, a budget work session was held and budget amendments approved.

Sheriff Wanda Mason reported on the Sheriff's Office and Lynn County Jail, and provided information regarding camera systems for the jail and communications, as well as body cam in car camera systems for deputies.

Monthly bills were approved as presented.

Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock led the meeting, with all four commissioners present including Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham, as well as other county officials.

HPWD Board cancels Nov. 3 Election

During their Sept. 8 meeting, the HPWD Board of Directors approved an order canceling the November 3, 2020 general election in District Directors' Precincts Three and Four.

Tony Beauchamp of Friona and Lynn Tate of Amarillo were the unopposed candidates for Precinct Three District Director and Precinct Four District Director, respectively. This will be the first four-year term for Beauchamp and the third four-year term for Tate. They will receive their respective Oaths of Office at a future Board meeting.

Incumbent Precinct Three District Director Mike Beauchamp of Friona did not seek re-election. He was first elected to the position in 2012.

Under the Texas Election Code, the water district may cancel an election if the candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot are unopposed; there are no declared write-in candidates; and there is no proposition to appear on the ballot.

The Election Code also provides that the unopposed

candidates be declared duly elected to their respective offices.

Precinct Three includes Bailey County, the portion of Castro County within the district, and Parmer County.

Precinct Four includes the portions of Armstrong, Deaf Smith, Potter, and Randall Counties within the district.

Created in 1951 by local residents and the Texas Legislature, the High Plains Water District works to conserve, preserve, protect, and prevent the waste of underground water within its 16-county service area. HPWD is the first groundwater conservation district created in Texas.

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Nov. 3, 2020 General Election

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THS Cross Country teams run at LCU Invitational

The Tahoka Bulldogs opened the 2020 cross country season at the LCU Chap Invitational on Saturday, September 12th competing. The boys ran well against a field that included multiple past state qualifiers from the 3A, and 4A divisions. David Perez finished with a time of 21:04.60, Jesus Liendo with a time of 22:58.20, Jonathan Renteria with a time of 23:06.06 and Ethan Alvarado with a time of 23:07.00.

The Tahoka Girls started their season strong against a field that included multiple past regional team qualifiers from the 3A and 4A divisions. The Lady Bulldogs finished in 6th place with a score of 159 points and featured three personal best times; Amy Tew with a time of 14:03.40 and a 13th place finish, Lillian Morrissey with a time of 15:11.50, and Katherine Stone with a time of 19:47.30. Molly Broun finished with a time of 16:16.50 and Alyssa Elizondo finished with a 18:29.50.



THS Girls Cross Country ... Tahoka's Alyssa Elizondo, Amy Tew, Molly Broun, Katherine Stone, and Lillian Morrissey, ran in the girls cross country event at the LCU Chap Invitational, placing 6th overall. Coaches are Ethan Aycok and Derrick Morrissey.



Running girl ... Tahoka's Amy Tew ran a personal best with a time of 14:03.40 and a 13th place finish at the LCU Chap Cross Country Invitational held Sept. 12.



THS Boys Cross Country ... Tahoka's Ethan Alvarado, Jonathan Renteria, David Perez and Jesus Liendo ran in the boys cross country event at the LCU Chap Invitational.

Homecoming ...

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year's honored class is the THS Class of 2000. Face coverings are required for students and staff attending, and recommended for guests attending the event.

The Homecoming Parade will begin lining up at 2:30 p.m. at the high school gym. Those riding in the parade with people outside their family must wear face coverings.

The Homecoming Parade will start at 3:00 p.m. and travel down N. 4th Street to Main Street, traveling through downtown and ending up at the Lynn County Courthouse for a pep rally about 3:15 p.m. (face coverings required).

Pre-game Homecoming festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the football field, with kickoff at 7 p.m. for the Bulldogs hosting Ropes. Limited tickets will be sold and face coverings will be required. A radio broadcast of the game is available through Tahoka Sports Radio, and the Tahoka Athletic Booster Club is hoping to provide live video coverage of the game.

The THS Homecoming Queen will be crowned at half-time.

There will be no Harvest Festival on Saturday.

Tamesha Harris-McClendon appointed to TISD Board

Tamesha Harris-McClendon has been appointed to the Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of former trustee Doug Green, who moved away from the district.

The TISD Board of Trustees took action at their Sept. 8 board meeting to fill the vacancy, making a unanimous decision to appoint Harris-McClendon to fill the seat until the next trustee election, in May 2021.

No other action was taken by the board at the Sept. 8 meeting, although several informational items were on the agenda, including an update on the construction project, discussion of board procedures, board training hours, financial reports, and reports

by campus administrators. Tahoka ISD Superintendent Dick Van Hoose told *The News* that the construction is proceeding on the new gymnasium, field house, baseball field, softball field, and football practice field at the N. 5th Street location.

"We anticipate that the sod will be laid by Oct. 1 on the baseball and softball fields, so that it will get a good start on the grass. The gym construction is coming along, but unfortunately it will not be completed in time for this year's basketball season," said Van Hoose.

Board President Clay Taylor led the meeting, with trustees Jon Luna, Drew Stone, Lea Swinford, and Slate May present. Trustee Blanda Watt was absent.

Did you know?

- The name Milky Way derives from the Greek "galaxias kýklos" or "milky circle" due to its appearance as a dim milky band in the sky.
- Of the 70% of water covering the Earth only 3% of it is fresh, the other 97% of it is salted.
- Mountain Dew is slang for moonshine. It was originally created as a mixer for moonshine and whiskey in Tennessee.
- Baby horses can walk and run after just a few hours of being born.
- 79% of pet owners sleep with their pets.
- Brussels Airport is the world's biggest chocolate seller, selling over 800 tons of chocolate a year.
- Although Saturn is the second largest planet in our solar system, it is also the lightest planet!
- Mulan has the highest kill-count of any Disney character, including villains, and was the first Disney Princess to be shown killing people on-screen.

Area News News items from area newspapers

ACLU wants Texas schools to change dress code for hair

BROWNFIELD - The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Texas sent a letter on Sept. 2 to nearly 500 independent school districts across the state asking them to revise dress code policies that it says are "unconstitutional and discriminatory."

All three Terry County school districts are on the list to receive this letter from the Texas branch of the ACLU.

The six-page letter sent to the school districts included two "exhibits" the ACLU feels supports their claim that these school district dress code policies are discriminatory. Policies such as requiring different hair lengths for male and female students and what the ACLU claims as "outdated" and "harmful" guidelines that could lead to lawsuits for school districts.

In the letter, the ACLU states, "Your school district's dress and grooming code appears to contain a hair-length requirement that applies only to male but not female students and is similar to the one the court struck down in *Barbers Hill*. As discussed below, this grooming restriction treats students differently on the basis of sex and is unconstitutional."

- from the *Brownfield News*

NOTICE OF ELECTION

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a board election in the Southern High Plains Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, in order to select a representative of the above-referenced zone to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The Southern High Plains/Caprock Eradication Zone consists of all of Cochran, Hockley, and Lubbock counties; that part of Terry County that is north of a line 1.25 miles south of the Hockley County line from FM 303 east to Highway 385 and all land north and east of a line with boundaries of County Road 230, County Road 525 also known as Cemetery Road, and County Road 280 to the Lynn County line; that part of Lynn County north and east of a line 5 miles north of Hwy 380 following County Road 18 that extends from the Terry County line east for 10 miles, then turns south to Hwy 380, and runs east to the intersection of FM 212 before turning south to the Borden County line; that part of Crosby County that is above the Caprock Escarpment, that part of Garza County that is above the Caprock Escarpment; and that part of Dickens County that is above the Caprock Escarpment

Any cotton grower having planted cotton in the year 2019 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and, if he or she resides in the Southern High Plains Caprock Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton intended to be commercial cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm or from an indemnity or other payment received from or related to the planting, growing, or failure of the cotton. Any person eligible to vote in the board member election that resides in the Southern High Plains Caprock Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters. **The nomination form must be received by the Department at its office located in Austin by September 20, 2020 and must provide the legal residence of the applicant.** A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.

The board election will be held by mail-in-balloting. Ballots will be mailed to cotton growers September 25, 2020. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than **October 20, 2020** in order to be valid.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact Patrick Dudley with the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, call (512) 787-9966 or by e-mail at Patrick.Dudley@TexasAgriculture.gov.

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