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Now that's funny?

"Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know."

-- Daniel J. Boorstin

"Everyone with telekinetic powers, raise my hand."

- Emo Philips

"What the world needs is more geniuses with humility: there are so few of us left."

- Oscar Levant



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NWS official readings for Tahoka

| High | Low | Precip. |
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| Total Precip for Feb: | 0.19" |
| Total Precip for Mar: | 0.19" |
| Total Precip for Apr: | 0" |
| Total Precip for May: | 0.60" |
| Total Precip for June: | 1.19" |
| Total Precip for July: | 0.65" |
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Total Precip. for 2022:

Hot, but not a record-breaker ... Tahoka marks 30 days of 100+ temperatures

by JUANELL JONES

t comes as no surprise to local residents that it is extremely hot outside - as in triple-digits hot!

The mercury has risen above the 100-degree mark for 30 days this summer, actually starting in early May when temps climbed to 101 degrees on May 7, which turned out to be a harbinger of the

Six days in May recorded triple-digit temperatures, and eight

days in June had 100+ temps. Sixteen of the 31 days in July recorded 100+ temps as well, and the summer heat may not yet be over.

Factor in a year that is among the worst of Texas droughts in recent history, and the news is not

Officially, according to the

National Weather Service data for to the lack of moisture and the ex-Tahoka, only 2.8 inches of precipitation has fallen as of August 1 in 2022. And, actually, the month of June was the first time since August 2021 that recorded more than an inch of rain during a month's time.

It's bad, but it has not reached the epic heat and drought this area experienced in 2011.

Tahoka officially recorded 57 days of 100+ temperatures in 2011, along with only 5.23 inches of rain throughout the year.

But it's bad enough this year, with mostly failed dryland cotton crops throughout the county due

treme heat. The irrigated acreage is struggling as well, without Mother Nature's assistance.

According to information this week from the USDA Farm Service Agency in Tahoka, there were 320,649 acres certified in Lynn County, of which 210,757 acres are failed - including both dryland and irrigated cotton acreage.

Those figures indicate 66 percent of the cotton acreage in Lynn County have failed (mostly dryland), which means that the 2022 cotton production will be bleak compared to last year's bounty.

Four traffic accidents in law reports during week

by JUANELL JONES

Four traffic accidents occurred in Lynn County during the past week, one of which was a head-on collision on US 87 about 11 miles north of Tahoka at 7:30 am. Aug. 1. Lynn County Sheriff's Office able, and no injuries were reported. (LCSO), DPS, Lynn County EMS, and Wilson and Tahoka Volunteer Fire Departments all responded to the scene. There were possible iniuries to at least one person, but no driver or vehicle information was available

A one-vehicle accident occurred in the 100 block of Stadium fied. Drive in New Home just before midnight on July 25. According to call sheet reports, the vehicle had struck a power pole and the male driver was being transported to a Lubbock hospital for treatment of unknown injuries.

An SUV occupied by three people overturned at 1251 FM 2053 at 8 p.m. July 29. LCSO, DPS, O'Donnell Police, and Lynn County EMS all responded to the accident. All three occupants refused transport by EMS, according to the

call sheet report

At 6:39 a.m. July 28, a vehicle struck a deer in the northbound lanes of US 87 at CR 13. The vehicle's side airbags deployed, but the vehicle was reportedly still driv-The impact killed the deer.

A couple of hours later that day, at 8:57 a.m., a woman called LCSO to report that a baby deer was following her as she was walking near FM 213 and FM 1054, and she wasn't sure what to do about the deer. The Game Warden was noti-

An injured deer was reported in the median about a half mile north of O'Donnell at 8:46 a.m. July 29 on US 87. The deer had possibly been struck by a vehicle. Deputies contacted the Game Warden to dispatch the deer.

Several welfare concerns were called in to LCSO, including a report of an individual seen walking in the middle of the northbound lanes on US 87 north of Tahoka at 9:39 p.m. July 25, whom officers were unable to locate. A male was

reported to be lying in a ditch beside by the southbound roadside park on US 87 north of Tahoka at 1:28 p.m. July 31. A deputy located the man, who said he was just looking for water. The deputy checked over the individual, and then left door was damaged but no entry was him some bottles of water.

At 9:52 a.m. July 30, a caller reported that sometime during the night or earlier that morning someone had tampered with his key pad at his barn, on CR 25. He reported he had two gallon gas cans that had been full of gas that are now empty, but nothing else appeared missing. A close patrol was placed on the

An electrical fire was reported as a transformer on fire at FM 1054 near FM 213 at 8:56 p.m. July 29. Just before midnight on July 29 a windmill was reported to be on fire on CR 130. O'Donnell VFD responded to both incidents.

A Tahoka Police officer on patrol discovered an open door at a motel room at the old Tahoka Motel Saturday evening, but did not find any damage or missing items.

On July 26, police responded to a vacant residence in the 2400 block of Lockwood at 2:40 p.m., when the owner discovered someone had appeared to try to gain entry through a locked door. The gained, according to the report.

Police arrested a male on charges of domestic assault at 1 p.m. July 28 after a female reported he had assaulted her at a local resi-

A gas leak on the west side of the Tahoka Elementary building was reported at 12:30 a.m. July 30, with Tahoka VFD and Atmos Ener gy responding to the scene.

Police responded to the 1300 block of Ave. E at 10:40 p.m. July 26, for a report of fireworks being set off in the area, but were unable to locate a source.

Numerous other calls during the week were for domestic disturbances, loud music/noise, welfare concerns, civil standbys, business/ residential alarms that were from operator error, and assisting strand-



TISD Board sets public hearing for budget, proposed tax rate

The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 6 p.m. for a special meeting which will include a public hearing for citizens to give input on a review provided by school officials on the 2022-23 budget and proposed tax

The current tax rate is \$1.3364, which includes a Maintenance and Operating (M&O) rate of \$1.0426, and an Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate of \$0.2938 to pay for bonded indebtedness.

As of press time Tuesday afternoon, school officials had not released information about the proposed tax rate.

According to the Aug. 3 agenda, trustees were to consider adopting the 2022-23 budget, consider to adopt the M&O tax rate and consideration

Lynn County Appraisal District,

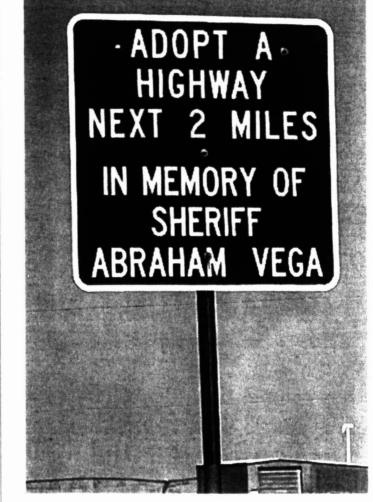
Tahoka ISD's total certified gross

that sets the I&S tax rate. According to figures from the

market value of all property is \$644,101,474. That is an increase of \$180,029,769 from the current year's gross market value of \$464,071,705, a figure which was provided by the school district last August for the current year's values.

With wind energy abatements figured in (which is allowed on the M&O rate), the M&O net value for this year is \$197,717,635. The I&S net value for this year is \$398,615,755, because abatements are not allowed for taxing purposes on I&S tax rates for repaying bonded indebtedness

With the constitutional amendment approved for a tax break of an additional \$15,000 homestead exemption for homeowners, this year's homestead exemptions have been raised from \$25,000 to \$40,000. Those homestead exemptions total \$27,888,120 for TISD, as compared to the previous year's homestead exemptions of \$19,989,710.



In memory ... The family of Abraham Vega filed for the "Adopt a Highway" in memory of Lynn County Sheriff Abraham Vega, who passed away in July of 2020. The signs are located near the Lynn County Sheriff's Office and FM 2956.



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apple slices seasoned corn, tossed salad,

ambrosia

Shepherd's pie, Friday: coleslaw pudding



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bituaries



Kenny Hensley

Kenny Hensley, 72, of Lubbock, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, July 29, 2022. Kenny was born on September 29, 1949, in Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas to the late Pat Hensley and Jo (Williams) Hensley.

He grew up on a farm and attended Borden County High School, graduating in 1968. Following high school graduation, he attended Texas A & M University, graduating in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture and Economics. He returned home to West Texas to pursue his dream of farming and starting a family. He met the love of his life during high school, Carla Shoemaker, and they were married on May 20, 1972, in Ralls, Texas. He and Carla celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May

Kenny was a loving husband, father, and friend. He was one of four children and was a life-long resident Thursday: Turkey pot pie, of West Texas, where he was a cotton farmer with a servant's heart. His devotion to the land, to his family and stewed okra & tomatoes, steadfast faith guided his butterscotch path in life. He was just as at home plowing the fields as he was ministering to prisoners or leading school board meetings

> He put his intelligence and leadership skills to good use during his life as he volunteered organizations. He served on the Borden County School Board for 16 years. He was also a member of Borden County Livestock Association and Borden County USDA.

Kenny was happy serving others. His compassionate spirit drew others to him, and he was passionately involved with many Christian ministries. Closest to his heart was Kairos Prison Ministries, and he was an active member of his church, Aldersgate Church, Devoted to his family, he loved spending time playing with his grandchildren

Logan and Brianna Briley,

his memory include his wife,

7 PM at Combest Family Funeral Home in Tahoka. Funeral services will be at 10 AM on Thursday, August 4, 2022, at Aldersgate Church, Lubbock, TX 79423. Final at 2 PM in the Gail Cemetery,

Pallbearers will be Colbin Briley, Logan Briley, Bryan Hensley, John Hensley, Brady Enlow and Randy Adcock. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Lamesa Kairos Prison Ministry, c/o Jackie Lamesa, TX 79331, the Gail Cemetery or "Love the Hub" at Aldersgate Church, 10306 Indiana Avenue, Lubbock, TX



Gayla Hohn

Gayla Jean Fisher Hohn, age 87, passed away July 26, 2022. She was born to Ernest and Martha (Staggs) Fisher in Brownwood, TX on July 25, 1935. She grew up in Lubbock, graduating from

Lubbock High in 1953. Gayla married Harold Hohn on July 31,1953 in Lubbock, TX. Harold took her from the big city to the farm in O'Donnell. She was a perfect homemaker, wonderful cook, outstanding

Those left to honor and cherish seamstress and artist.

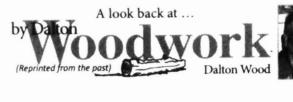
Her greatest love was Carla; daughter Mendy Briley children and she was the and her husband Brian of greatest "Gra' Mommmie/Gr-Borden County; daughter ammie" in the world. Grand Laura Huchzermeyer and children and great grands husband Erick of Houston; adored her, and she spent two brothers, Rusty Hensley hours playing games, painting, and wife Mary of Rockwall and watching movies with and Randy Hensley and wife them. Her love for children Donelle of Borden County; extended to the families of one sister, Lesa Enlow and First Baptist Church, showing husband Bill of Wichita Falls; the Love of Jesus to the babies four grandchildren, Colbin, and toddlers.

Gayla and Harold traveled retirement visiting and Philip Huchzermeyer. He after was preceded in death by his grandchildren and welcoming great grandchildren. Genea-Visitation for Kenny will logy was a passion, traveling be on Wednesday evening, across the country, and to August 3, 2022, from 5 to Scotland and Germany, discovering members of their family trees and connecting with newfound relatives.

Harold preceded her in death in March of 2022. She 10306 Indiana Avenue, is survived by daughters: Debbie Reed of Lubbock rites and interment will follow and Linda (Tommy) Rodgers of O'Donnell; one sister, in Gail, Texas. Pastor Ryan Dorothy Moore of Colorado, Smallwood will be the and one sister-in-law, Elaine Pearson of O'Donnell. Grand children: Aimee (Kevin) Richardson of Double Oak, TX, Hans (Erin) Mensch of San Angelo, TX, Natasha (David) Goggin of Orange Grove TX, Tae (Becca) Reed of Memphis TN, and Kailee (Patrick) Spear of Warren, 207 Juniper Drive, Lubbock: and much-loved great grandchildren: Carson Richardson, Drew Goggin, Oliver Mensch, Kate Mensch, Adam Goggin, Paxton Spear, Allison Goggin, and Peyton Spear. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Jim Fisher and Horace Fisher; two sisters, Louise Deering and Bobbie Bryant.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 30, 2022, at the O'Donnell Cemetery, under the personal care and direction of Combest Family Funeral Home. The family greeted friends and family immediately following First Baptist Church O'Donnell.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to a charity of one's choosing.



ATCHING the queen of our kitchen prepare a meal one day last week, I noticed she was using a wooden rolling pin and I asked her how long she had owned that thing. She told me it was a wedding present from the attorneys she worked for at the time we married.

"That was a good wedding present, since you're still using it," I said (trying unsuccessfully to remember how many years had passed). I wondered if young housewives who cook these days still use rolling pins, and she said, "They do if they make pie crusts." Ready-made pie crusts can be bought now, but the cook at our house, who is a really great cook, likes to make her own crusts. (I remember our son, who now has his own kids, telling her once when he was about 12, "Momma, you're the best cooker in the whole world.")

Watching her roll out that crust brought to my mind the only time I ever tried to make a pie crust (or pie), a year or so after I finished college and before we married.

I was living in a Dallas apartment with a guy I had attended college with, and one night we decided we wanted a chocolate pie. I told him I had seen my mother bake pies, and maybe I could make one. We bought the pie filling, which was smart, but decided we would make the crust, which was dumb.

I told him I thought the crust was made of flour and water and maybe baking powder and possibly Crisco, so we stopped by a store and bought some stuff. At home I realized we had no rolling pin or anything to roll the crust on. So we improvised. I cleaned the surface of a round mirror we used to shave by, and my friend came up with a bottle to use as a roller.

We mixed up some things, guessing at the portions, and started rolling, but the mixture kept sticking to the bottle. Finally we got something flattened out and put it in a pan for baking, thinking we would add the chocolate later. After a little while, I opened the oven to see how it was doing, and the crust had shrunk up inside the pie pan. I tried pulling the edges back up to the edge of

the pan with a fork, while my buddy just staggered around the kitchen laughing like an idiot. This made holes in the crust.

We finally finished the whole thing and even tasted it, but it was awful.

That was the only pie I ever made.

~July 25,2011



Joy Brookshire-**Tippit**

Joy Brookshire-Tippit, 89, a life-long resident of Lynn County, was lifted into Heaven by her Lord and Savior, on Wednesday, July October 21, 1932, in Lubbock, (Parsons) Williams.

She married the love of nt, and friend to all. her life, James Brookshire,

Jan and David. Brookshire preceded her Beryl Tippit, a high school classmate, and relocated to Lubbock. They enjoyed many happy years together before he passed away.

Joy started working at the ASCS office in Tahoka, and County Hospital for Dr. Richard Wright. When Dr. Wright retired, she managed Bluebonnet Savings and Loan. After retirement, she went back to work at the 27, 2022. Joy was born on Justice of the Peace Office and Municipal Court. She was a to the late Albert and Gussie loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, au-

Joy was an avid golfer and

and they raised two children, was very good at it, having James won many trophies at T-Bar farmed at Draw, Texas and Country Club in Tahoka and later worked for the U.S. other locations. She also Post Office in Tahoka. Mr. enjoyed fishing. Those left to honor and

in death in December of cherish her memory include 1994. She later married one daughter, Jan Brookshire; three grandsons. Hamblin and wife Kami, Stephen Brookshire and wife Brandi, Dustin Brookshire and wife Savannah; four great-grandchildren, Taylor Harper Hamblin, before working at Lynn and MaKinlee and Kyson Brookshire; two sisters. Linda Landrum of Lubbock and Sue Willhoit of Lubbock; one brother, Jimmy Williams of Tahoka; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by both husbands, her son, David Brookshire in 2017, one brother, Marshall Williams and two sisters, Helen Douthit and Jo Hensley.

Visitation for Joy will be from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, August 5, 2022, at Combest Family Funeral Home in Tahoka. Graveside services will follow at 3 p.m. in the Nevels Cemetery under the personal care and direction of Combest Family Funeral Homes. Reverend L. J. Wright, of New Home Baptist Church, will be the officiant.

Pallbearers will be Ryan Hamblin, Stephen Brookshire, Dustin Brookshire, Kyson Brookshire, Jimmy Williams and Mark Tekell.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials in Joy's memory be made to the Draw Methodist Church, 2749 FM1054, Tahoka, TX 79373 or to the Children's Home of Lubbock, 4404 Idalou Road, Lubbock, TX 79403.

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Six New Home players named to 2A All-State baseball team

Home Independent School Third Team, and Hunter District high school baseball Watkins (senior) was named team have been named to the as an outfielder. Class 2A All-State Baseball Team by the Blue Bell/Texas fielders included Jackson Sports Writers Association. Raines (junior).

Three players were as first baseman, Logan Ad-(sophomore) as an outfielder.

Zach Blizel (senior) was

Six players from the New named as a pitcher on the

Honorable Mention out-

All are members of the named on the First Team, in- New Home Leopards 2022 cluding Brody Emert (junior) team that made it six rounds through the postseason playdison (sophomore) as third offs, all the way to the state baseman, and Ashton Lucio tournament, where they were edged out in the semifinals.

Area News

News items from

Farmers Market opens in Post

LAMESA - The first Post Farmers Market of the year was held Saturday (July 23). Though organized rather quickly, the market went off without a hitch.

Eleven vendors set up tables and canopies on West Main Street from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Twenty-three more people expressed interest in selling, but the timing was inconvenient for them on such short notice.

After Saturday's market, even more people have inquired about becoming a vendor.

Organizers and vendors collectively decided to hold the Post Farmers Market every other weekend through October, or as long as produce and interest continue. The next market will be on Saturday, Aug. 6.

-- from the Post Dispatch

School board hears about safety, Guardian programs

SLATON - The Slaton Independent School District Board of Trustees heard an update about efforts to institute a Guardian program in the district Tuesday evening (July 19) during its regular board meeting.

Supt. Jim Andrus said the district has a safety and security committee, with standard response protocol taught to teachers so there was a common language.

He added Gov. Greg Abbott and others put out June 1 some additional safety measures for each school to include in their programs before the start of the year.

Those new measures, brought in light of the Uvalde shooting, include a study and check up on security on all buildings and creating a detailed system to ensure all safety items are in place.

Supt. Andrus added he also would be attending a Secret Service workshop for superintendents on safety.

He added the district has set a date for the Guardian result in program training, Aug. 14-15, and 24 people in the school district had signed up.

-- from The Slatonite

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TAHOKA I.S.D. Middle/High School Registration

Parent/Guardians

Registration for returning students must be completed each school year. This year, part of TISD's registration is online through the Parent Portal. Registration is required to be completed for each student enrolling in High/Middle School.

The deadline for enrollment will be Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

All student registration must be completed prior to any student receiving their schedule. When registering, please ensure that all contact information is correct. Contact information is vital for emergencies as well as being notified with your child's important academic updates. Emails, phone numbers, and addresses need to be updated as changes occur throughout the school year as well. If you are unable to get into the Parent Portal, please contact me at btomlinson@ tahokaisd.org

Thank you for your cooperation in the registration process. Please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance. I look forward to another great year.



Go Bulldogs! **Emily Tomlinson** Tahoka HS/MS Registrar (806) 561-4119





Reading is fun ... Celinda Moore (bottom righ) holds a little one as she read Little Blue Truck at the City/County Library's Storytime last week. Also reading was Suzanne Baker, (above) who read Eloise And The Big Parade. She also made yankee doodle hats for all the kids and then they had a yankee doodle parade singing and marching to the song.



Area News

High fuel prices **Snyder business** shutting down

SNYDER - Grimmett Brothers Inc. closed down in Snyder recently. Reese Grimmett, Grimmett Brothers general manager, said they have two contracts to finish up and then operations will stop. He said they will remain open for another month to close things down.

Reese said increasing operation costs drove them out of business. He said they spent \$130,000 on fuel every month, twice the amount six months ago. He said maintenance costs have doubled and parts are hard to find.

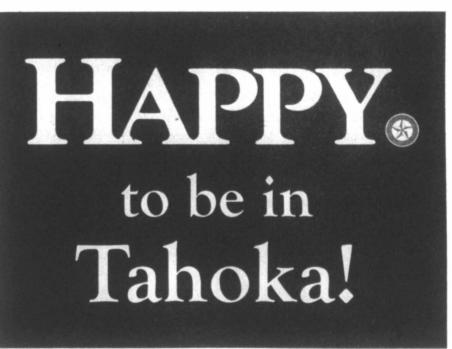
Haily Grimmett, Grimmett Brothers owner, said the company lays caliche and creates dirt roads for oil companies. She said 98-percent of their contracts are oil field locations.

"There's plenty work out there, it's just not profitable," said Haily.

Haily said Grimmett Brothers also has lots in Andrews and Sterling City. Reese said they employ 50 people across their three locations. He said their employees were notified a month before and 90 percent of them have a job lined up.

-- from the Snyder News

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- · Gene Autry is the only person to be awarded stars in all five categories on the Hollywood Walk of Fame (film, television, music, radio, and live performance).
- The word "PEZ" comes from the German word for peppermint - PfeffErminZ.
- The hashtag symbol is technically called an octothorpe.
- · There are 11 U.S. states have land farther south than the most northern point of Mexico.
- There is a Boring, Oregon and a Dull, Scotland. They have been sister cities since 2012.
- The term "soccer" does not originate in America. The word is from Britain, where it was derived from a short form of "Association Football."



Roadrunner license plate ... A greater roadrunner conservation license plate is now available from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). The plate will raise money to help support and expand wildlife viewing programs and habitat conservation work in Texas. All TPWD conservation specialty plates cost \$30 a year, with \$22 supporting various programs and efforts. Plates can be purchased for vehicles, RVs/travel trailers, trailers and motorcycles.

New roadrunner license plate now available for Texas drivers

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) Department launched the long-awaited greater roadrunner conservation license plate recently. The plate will raise money to help support and expand wildlife viewing programs and habitat conservation work in Texas.

"The greater roadrunner is an iconic image for Texans that can be seen in every county of the state and is one of the toughest birds around it's even known for eating rattlesnakes," said Shelly Plante, TPWD's Nature Tourism manager. "It's also one of the few birds people recognize and remember the first time they see it, given its unique profile-all of which makes it the perfect symbol for Texas wildlife viewing and nature

The public was invited to vote for their favorite design for the new roadrunner license plate last April and the winning design is on the new plate. The design shows the roadrunner in a proud, confident stance, a signature look

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Wells Farmers Cooperative Gin, has applied to the Texas

Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal

of Air Quality Permit No. 54889, which would authorize

continued operation of a Cotton Gin located at 990 Farm to

Market 213, O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas 79351. Additional

information concerning this application is contained in the

public notice section of this newspaper.

The for this Texas bird.

Texas wildlife photographer Hector Astorga has generously donated the image appearing on the plate. In 2020, Hector was named one of the "We Will Not Be Tamed" ambassadors for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation.

"Wildlife photography opens people's eyes to what we need to protect," Astorga says. "That leads to conservation and preserving the habitat that these wild creatures need to survive."

Funding from sales of the roadrunner conservation license plate will help support and expand programs such as the Great Texas Wildlife Trails, Texas Paddling Trails and Great Texas Birding Classic, making it easier to find great places for Texans to view wildlife and enjoy na-

The TPWD Conservation License Plate Program has raised \$10.5 million in the last 22 years for wildlife and habitat conservation in Texas, according to program marketing lead, Janis Johnson. The 11 conservation plate designs include a horned lizard, largemouth bass, hummingbird, white-tailed deer, bluebonnet, desert bighorn sheep and others. These plates benefit Texas fisheries and rivers, state parks, big game research and management and non-game wildlife species management. All TPWD conservation specialty plates cost \$30 a year, with \$22 supporting various programs and efforts. Plates can be purchased for vehicles, RVs/travel trailers, trailers and motorcycles.

To buy a roadrunner plate or for more information on TPWD's conservation licenses plates, visit www.conservationplate.org/roadrunner, or visit your local county tax office to order.

It's big, but it's not a 'murder hornet'

Texas A&M AgriLife experts say Texans mistakenly identifying cicada killer wasps

the release of information about Northern gi-Washington state in 2020, Texas A&M AgriLife entomologists have been inundated with questions and reported sightings.

But these sightings of Northern giant hornets, which were formerly named the Asian giant hornet and commonly called "murder hornet," are nothing more than cases of mistaken identity, said Molly Keck, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service integrated pest management specialist and entomologist, San Antonio.

Keck and other AgriLife Extension entomologists said people are most likely mistaking cicada killers, which are large

Each summer since native Texas wasps, for Northern giant hornets.

"Northern giant horant hornets being found in nets are not in Texas, and from reports, agencies in Washington state have done a very good job of controlling their numbers and preventing their spread," she said. "It would be a far leap for them to be in Texas." Keck said she is mostly receiving phone calls about sightings. But she also receives photos of native cicada killers, also known as ground hornets, submitted as suspected Northern giant hornets.

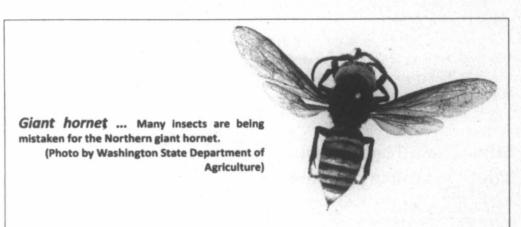
> The Northern giant hornet was recently renamed by the Entomology Society of America and added to the group's Common Names of Insects and Related Organisms List.

> > While state agencies

want to encourage Texans to be vigilant in watching for the Northern giant hornet, also known as murder hornet, they also want to help provide guidance that will help narrow the focus.

Northern giant hornets are native to Japan and South Korea and have only been found in parts of British Columbia, Canada and the northwestern corner of Washington state.

When the Northern giant hornet was reported in Washington in May 2020, the concern was enough to prompt Gov. Greg Abbott to request a task force be mobilized to prepare Texas against the hornet's arrival. But there have been no confirmed reports of these hornets outside of Whatcom County, Washington.



Area News ... reprinted from area newspapers

Big increase in property values will allowcut in Dawson County's tax rate

LAMESA - It appears local taxpayers could see a sizable decrease in their (Dawson) county tax bills this fall unless their property values have risen significantly. That's because the certified taxable property values in Dawson County came in much higher than had been anticipated. The appraisal district report shows the total taxable property values for Dawson County this

year will be about \$891 milli on, Dawson County Judge Foy O'Brien said.

That figure is up from about \$675 million last year. During a budget workshop by the Dawson County Commissioners Court last week, O'Brien

said that means the county might be able to lower its property tax rate by around 8 cents per \$100 property valuation.

"We believe we can now lower our tax rate to 88 cents, from around 97 cents last year, and still cover everything that's in the budget," he said.

An 88-cent tax rate, he said, would generate enough funds to provide a proposed 8-percent pay rase for all county employees, fund requested increases in the budgets for the district court and juvenile probation office, and restore funding in some areas that had been cut below state recommendations last year.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Notice of Public Hearing on

Lynn County Appraisal District Budget

The Lynn County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2023 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at the Lynn County Appraisal District office, 1615 Main St., Tahoka, TX

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed appraisal budget \$344,705

\$ 30,333 The total amount of increase from the current year's budget

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget

The number of employees compensated under the current budget

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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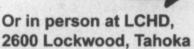
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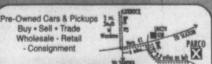


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Area News from area newspapers

Mineral values up 74 percent

BROWNFIELD - The Terry County Commissioners met Monday morning to discuss many things, but what stood out the most was Eddie Olivas, the chief appraiser for Terry County, presenting this year's certified appraisals of the mineral values,

"The biggest difference from last year is that your mineral value has increased 73, almost 74 percent in value. In 2021, the mineral value itself was \$162,195,858 and this year it is at \$280,937,125, which brings your total taxable value an increase of 16 percent from last year. I thought ya'll would like those numbers," said Olivas.

With the increase in oil prices, the value of the property has gone up and adding other factors into it, the total property value in Terry County has gone up to \$1,228,519,789 with a difference of \$141,438,242 from last year's property values. -- from the Brownfield News

Vehicle size, weight restrictions suspended for agricultural use

LAMESA - Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller is reminding ag producers about the suspension of size and weight requirements on vehicles involved in agricultural activities due to the drought and heat wave.

Texas issued a disaster declaration on March 18 and amended it on July 23 due to the drought. This declaration helps those involved in industries and professions that are part of the overall disaster assistance effort, including farmers, ranchers and companies serving the agriculture community.

Examples of disaster assistance include, but are not limited to, vehicles engaged in the transportation of relief workers, food, hay, water, clothing, equipment, medical supplies, materials, fuel, shelter, and other supplies to the disaster areas, as well as vehicles used to restore utilities and to remove debris from the areas listed in the disaster declaration.

"Many farmers and ranchers are being forced to go much further distances than normal to buy hay and other supplies to feed horses and cattle, so this can provide enormous benefit," Miller said.

Details on the disaster declaration can be found at: Important Information for Motor Carriers (txdmv.gov).

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Did you know turtles snack on jellyfish tentacles?

Apparently a fairly nutritious snack, jellyfish can be prey to young green sea turtles. As they age, green sea turtles become more herbivorous and stray away from eating just anything. In this video, you can see a young green sea turtle munch down on jellyfish tentacles and swim away.



Champions ... The Red Storm team, league basketball team out of Lamesa, won second place in San Antonio and were Champions of Hub Court Tournament in Roosevelt recently. The team includes, in back from left, Emma Torres, Mila Carden, Aubree Guzman, Bella Benitez, Braylynn Contreras, Madelyn Arabie, Lilliana Morales, Angelina Morales, and kneeling in front, Kamryn Ramos of Tahoka, Kynleigh Meza, and Miarah Barron.

Annual Lamesa Rodeo is Aug. 4-6

LAMESA - The annual Lamesa Rodeo takes place at 8 p.m., Aug. 4-6, at the rodeo arena, located at 1363 S. Houston Ave. in Lamesa. The rodeo will have all the events: bareback riding, bull riding, calf roping, team roping, saddle bronc, Major increase in mutton bustin, barrel racing and break-away roping.

It is not known how many rodeo athletes will participate in the event since they do not register until a week before the rodeo, but organizers predict it will be a big turnout for rodeo

Tickets are \$10 at the gate or they can be purchase from rodeo queen contestants. Each \$10 ticket allows one adult or two kids under the age of seven into the rodeo.

There are two concerts scheduled for Aug. 5-6. Tickets to both concerts are \$20 each. Country music singer TG Sheppard will take the stage Aug. 5. Songwriter and vocalist Carson Jeffrey performs during the Aug. 6 show.

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Area News

from area newspapers

ANDREWS a record setting year for certified taxable value in

Andrews County. The figures released late last week by Andrews County Appraisal District revealed

That's a new high for Andrews County, surpassing the previous record amount of \$7.3 billion in 2014.

It's also the first time in several years certified values have reached the \$7 billion

The \$7.5 billion is 49 percent higher than the current year taxable value of \$5.03 billion, according to figures from the appraisal district. In monetary terms, the recently released values are \$2.47 million more than the present

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- The first frozen margarita machine was invented in Dallas. Restaurateur Mariano Martinez, who drew inspiration from the Slurpee machines at 7-11, adapted a soft-serve ice cream machine to make frozen margaritas and called it "The World's First Frozen Margarita Machine." It is now on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.
- · Bugs Bunny's catchphrase "What's Up, Doc?" originated in Dallas. Looney Tunes animator Tex Avery, who attended North Dallas High School, introduced the phrase. He later said that he didn't think much of it because it was a common certified values of \$7.5 billion. phrase used where he grew
 - The Six Flags Over Texas theme park is named for the six countries that have ruled over Texas. These six countries are Spain, France, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, the United States, and the Confederate States of America. The six flags can be found on the reverse of the Seal of Texas.

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- . The colors used on the Texas flag are the exact same as those used on the United States flag. The red, white, and blue colors used on the flag are required to be an exact match to those on the national flag. Each color has its own meaning: red for bravery, white for purity, and blue for loyalty.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT (NOR!) RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 54889 APPLICATION. Wells Farmers Cooperative Gin, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 54889, which would authorize continued operation of a Cotton Gin located at 990 Farm to Market 213, O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas 79351. 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.lexas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=33.022777&Ing=-101.930833&zoom=13&type=r. The existing facility and/or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air aminants: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less and sulfur dioxide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on July 25, 2022. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the O'Donnell Justice of the Peace Office, 1015 9th Street, O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Lubbock regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

PUBLIC COMMENT. You may submit public comments to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application and the executive director will prepare a response those comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. You may request a contested case hearing if you are a person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[liwe] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy

The deadline to submit a request for a contested case hearing is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. If a request is timely filed, the deadline for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to 30 days after mailing of the response to comments.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and

safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period, issues such as property values, noise, traffic

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Further information may also be obtained from Wells Farmers Cooperative Gin, 990 Farm to Market 213, O'Donnell Texas 79351-3301 or by calling Mr. Duncan McCook, Manager of Regulatory Affairs, Texas Cotton Ginners' Association at (512) 615-1104

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