



## Bulldogs Ready For New Season

The Tahoka Varsity Bulldogs are ready for the 1999 football season, which opens next Friday at O'Donnell as the county teams face off in what has become traditional season openers. Members of Tahoka's varsity football team include, in back from left, Justin Antu, Ryan Curry, Brady Raindl, Clay Pittman, Jason Jaquess, James Eudy, Michael Garcia; middle row, Gabriel Castro, Kyle Bueermann, Jeffrey Antu, John Mark Long, Randy White, Blandon Hancock, Fernando Castro; and in front, Martin Garza, Brian Alvarado, Derrick Barrientez, Jordan Vega, Anthony Garza, and Stephen Solorzano. Not shown is Michael Deleon (#55). (LCN PHOTO)

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Weather			
Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug. 18	94	67	
Aug. 19	96	67	
Aug. 20	95	69	
Aug. 21	99	69	.05"
Aug. 22	99	69	
Aug. 23	96	69	.47"
Aug. 24	88	68	
Total Precip. August: 2.00"			
Total Precip. year to date: 16.28"			
Total Precip. this time last year: 7.99"			

## Firemen's Fish Fry Set Here Friday

Begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27 in the Tahoka Mini-Park:  
**All-You-Can-Eat for \$5.00**  
Fish, Fries, Hush Puppies, Cole Slaw, & Drink  
All proceeds benefit the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department



## Booster Club To Host First Tailgate Supper

The Tahoka Bulldog Booster Club will host their first tailgate supper of the year tonight (Thursday) at 6:00 p.m. when the Bulldogs scrimmage Floydada. Cost for a hamburger, chip, and drink will be \$3 per person. The Booster Club will also be painting paw prints on driveways again this year. The price will be \$5 per print. Anyone wishing to buy a paw print may do so at the tailgate supper or contact any Booster Club member by Sept. 18.

Oct. 22—at Seagraves \*  
Oct. 29—Coahoma \*  
Nov. 5—at Stanton \*  
\* district games  
H—homecoming

## Youth Certified As Adult In Fatal Beating In June

A 14-year-old New Home boy accused in the fatal beating of another New Home youth on June 7 has been certified as an adult to face possible murder charges in 106th District Court.

Judge George Hansard last Thursday announced his decision to certify Adam Gonzales to face charges in the death of Jeremy Reyes, 18, who died after a beating on a gin yard in New Home. Gonzales reportedly used fists and feet to kill Reyes, who, although older, was smaller than the accused. The fight may have been over a girl, according to Lynn County Sheriff Jake Diggs, who said Gonzales accused Reyes of "messing with his girlfriend," an accusation Reyes family members disputed.

Lynn County Atty. James Napper said "the circumstances of the offense just led me to believe this defendant needed to be tried as an adult." Napper said Gonzales faces a first-degree murder charge punishable by up to life in prison.

Juvenile court has waived jurisdiction and transferred the case to criminal court, according to district court officials.

The next step in the case will be up to a Lynn County grand jury which will convene Aug. 31, and consider indictment.

A burglary in which items valued at a total of more than \$3415 were stolen at Wilson School headed the list of other reports made to law enforcement agencies in the county during the last week. According to the Lynn County Sheriff's office, the ag shop at the school was burglarized Friday night after intruders broke a

window in the building. A Samsung TV/VCR valued at \$700 and Sears surveying equipment valued at \$1,180 were the most expensive items taken; the others were mostly power saws, drills and other tools.

Tahoka Police Dept. was investigating a report that two money orders totaling \$331.70 had been stolen from the residence of Margie Valdez of Tahoka. Two persons had attempted to cash the money orders at Tahoka businesses, and investigation is continuing.

A traffic accident at the intersection of Cogway and Lockwood Friday resulted in no injuries. Involved were a 1994 Oldsmobile driven by Donna Edwards Stone, 47, of Tahoka, and a 1996 Buick Park Ave. driven by Fern Caswell Barnes, 75, of Rt. 5, Tahoka.

A window was broken out of a John Deere tractor parked behind Taylor Tractor and Equipment Co. Wednesday. And graffiti was painted on an air conditioning unit at Tahoka First United Methodist Church, according to a report last Friday. Cost of repainting the unit was estimated at \$50.

In jail during the last week were 11 persons, on these charges: two counts of failure to pay child support, driving while license suspended (enhanced), Lubbock warrant on theft over \$1500 and under \$20,000, murder, assault, Randall County warrant on theft by check, driving while intoxicated, Lubbock County application to revoke probation on conviction of DWI, failure to identify a fugitive plus no drivers license plus no seat belt plus forgery.

## Bulldogs Picked Last, But Coach, Players Optimistic

By DALTON WOOD

The Tahoka Bulldogs have been tabbed by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal to wind up last in District 3-AA this season, but Coach Troy Hinds and his Bulldogs certainly expect to finish higher than that.

Coach Hinds said the youngsters "have a great attitude" and are looking forward to the challenge of the season. "They're also excited about scrimmaging against Floydada here Thursday night."

That scrimmage will start with junior varsity action at 6 p.m. and then the varsities will scrimmage. Floydada is picked to win Dist. 7-AA.

The Bulldogs, with seven offensive starters returning, did well in their first scrimmage last week at Crosbyton. Tahoka scored 6 times to none against Crosbyton and scored 1-0 when scrimmaging Knox City, which also came to Crosbyton for the three-way event.

"Floydada will be a big test for us," Hinds said. "Our offense should

be able to move the ball this year. "We may have some problems on defense, where we are starting seven sophomores, but they all show a lot of promise."

The offense should be led by senior Brady Raindl, 6-0, 160, a three-year starter at quarterback who Hinds says has improved greatly in the off season. The primary running back is expected to be tailback Blandon Hancock, a 5-8, 150-pound sophomore. The experienced offensive line includes Michael Garcia, 5-11, 215-pound junior, Jason Jaquess, 6-1, 165-pound junior and senior Fernando Castro, 5-8, 160. Senior linebacker Jeffrey Antu, 175, is expected to anchor the defense, along with linemen Garcia, Jaquess and end Ryan Curry, 6-1, 160 junior.

Only four of the Bulldogs' 10 games are at home this season. Tahoka will begin the regular season

Sept. 3 at O'Donnell and will play the following Saturday against Van Horn in Odessa.

### 1999 SCHEDULE

Sept. 3—at O'Donnell  
Sept. 11—Van Horn at Odessa  
Sept. 17—at New Deal  
Sept. 24—Idalou (H)  
Oct. 1—at Ralls  
Oct. 8—Post \*  
Oct. 15—Plains \*

City Tax Rates in Lynn County			
City Taxing Entity	1999 Tax Rate	Effective Tax Rate	Proposed 2000 Tax Rate
(per \$100 of property value)			
New Home	.42531	.42946	.42946
Tahoka	.67500	.68379	.68500
O'Donnell	.89000	.91900	.89000
Wilson	.98000	.98655	.98000

(The Effective Tax Rate is the amount needed to raise the same amount of revenue as the previous year's tax rate.)

## City Entities Set Tax Rates: Two Stay Same, Two Increase

Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell city tax rates are being considered by city officials, with Tahoka and New Home considering very slight increases and Wilson and O'Donnell tax rates to remain the same.

City taxes in Tahoka may be raised one cent this year, from 67.5 cents per \$100 of property value to 68.5 cents. The increase is marginally above the effective tax rate of 68.379 cents.

Under the proposed tax rate, taxes on the average homestead (\$28,400) would increase by only \$2.36, according to figures released by the Lynn County Appraisal District.

A public hearing on the proposal to increase taxes will be held next Monday, Aug. 30 at 5:30 p.m. at Tahoka City Hall, 1612 Lockwood.

In New Home, city officials are considering a less than half-cent increase, from 42.531 cents per \$100 of property value to 42.946 cents, which is the effective tax rate to raise the same amount of revenue as last

year. New Home has the lowest city tax rate in Lynn County.

The City of Wilson, who has the highest city tax rate in Lynn County, will remain at 98 cents per \$100 of property value, even though the effective tax rate is slightly higher, at 98.655 cents. A public hearing has been set for Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Museum Building to hear public comment because total tax revenues will be higher than the previous year due to a very slight increase in property valuations. According to figures from the Lynn County Appraisal District, taxes on the average homestead in Wilson (\$22,870) would increase by \$1.62, even though the tax rate remains the same.

And in O'Donnell, the tax rate will remain at 89 cents per \$100 of property value, according to city officials there. The effective tax rate, to raise the same amount of revenue as the previous year, is 91.9 cents, but city officials are reportedly not considering raising the rate.

## County Considers 5-Cent Tax Increase

Lynn County Commissioners are considering a five-cent tax increase over the current 59.4 cents per \$100 of property valuation, to fund a budget approximately \$50,000 higher than last year's figures. The new budget includes a five percent salary increase across the board for all full-time county employees, including elected officials. A tax rate of 64.5 cents is being considered, a rate which is approximately four cents higher than the effective tax rate of 60.3 cents, but still beneath the 65.1-cent rollback rate.

A public hearing on the budget and proposed tax increase is set for Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 10 a.m. in the Lynn County Judge's Office in the courthouse.

There were no salary increases given last year, nor was the tax rate

raised from the 59.4-cents rate of the year before. According to county officials, the last salary increase was two years ago (four percent), so the five percent increase this year is to compensate somewhat for that lapse.

Taxes on the average homestead (valued at \$27,995) would increase by approximately \$15, according to figures released by the Lynn County Appraisal District.

Proposed salary increases for elected officials include the following:

County Official	1999 Salary	Increase Proposed
Sheriff	\$ 22,552	\$ 23,681
County Judge	20,812	21,852
Tax Assessor	20,115	21,122
County Attorney	19,342	21,122
County Clerk	20,115	21,122

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## WOODWORK

by Dalton

ALTHOUGH temperatures have been miserably hot around here for the last few weeks, in a few months we'll have cold weather, and when something I read last week again warned us that Y2K is coming, I was suddenly struck by a thought.

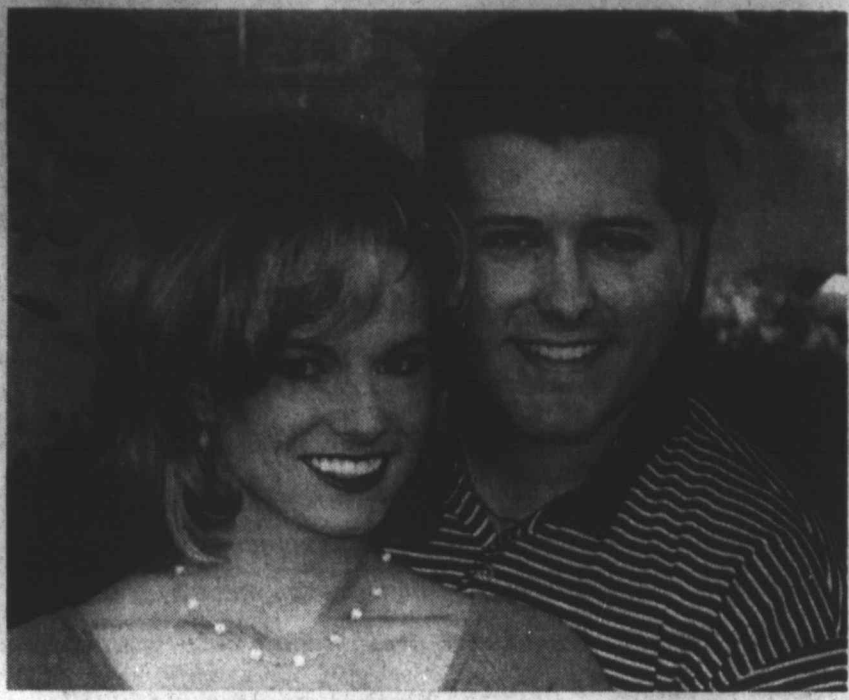
Climbing back up on my feet, I considered what might happen if the doom predictions are right and we don't have electricity, water, gas or television for awhile, starting Jan. 1? The thought was that maybe I should get a bigger pile of wood for the fireplace, just in case we need a fire for warmth and light.

I have two chain saws, neither of which has worked for some time. I used to go to various places and cut tree limbs up, only every time I did I spent most of my time jerking on a starter cord until it breaks, or replacing a chain which broke or got too dull to be useful. I discovered it maybe was not so much fun, but it was a lot more feasible to just buy some firewood.

Firewood probably will get really expensive about Dec. 1 of this year, but I still don't plan to go out and cut a lot of wood. After all, if things get too bad, I can cut up the furniture.

THE PESSIMIST on Ave. P says that the only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.

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CHRISTY HUFFAKER and RICKY BIGHAM

### Couple Plans November Nuptials

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Huffaker of Tahoka announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Christy, to Ricky Bigham, son of Rick and Joanne Bigham of Lubbock.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Mrs. Flo Cribbs of Abilene (formerly of Throckmorton) and the late Harmon Cribbs, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Calloway Huffaker.

The future groom's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Bigness of Lubbock, the late R.L. Bigham, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Quinn.

The couple will marry Nov. 20 at Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Miss Huffaker is a graduate of Tahoka High School and Texas Tech University. She is employed by The Foundation at University Medical Center.

Bigham is a graduate of Coronado High School and the University of Southern Colorado. He is employed by Bigham Automotive and Electric Co., Inc. in Lubbock.

### Tahoka Class of '49 To Celebrate 50th Anniversary At Homecoming

Tahoka High School's Class of 1949 will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its graduation with a slate of activities on the weekend of Sept. 24 in conjunction with the annual Homecoming and Harvest Festival in Tahoka.

The celebration will be kicked off with a meeting of all class members at Mama's Restaurant in Tahoka at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 24, for lunch prior to attending the homecoming program at the high school. Other events have been planned for the remainder of the day and on Saturday, Sept. 25.

Officers of the class of '49 were: Duane Carter, president; Bennie Pridmore, vice-president; Wanda Faye Smith, secretary; Myrla Holcomb, treasurer; and Mary Draper, reporter. Travis Morgan and Margaret Durham were class favorites and Gerald Wayne Tippit was cheerleader.

All class members have been contacted with the exception of five whose addresses are unknown: Bobby Franks, Elva and Belva

Lowrance, Velma Faye Ratliff, and Raymond Wilson. Eight members of the class are deceased.

Questions and/or information regarding the upcoming reunion may be directed to Dr. Duane and Mrs. Bennie Carter at (806) 998-5070 in Tahoka or to Mary (Draper) Fleming at (915) 758-3958 in Seminole.

### Tahoka Care Center News

by Maritia Barham

The residents are having a good time. Barbara, the activity director, is keeping them busy with a new variety of activities along with the routine ones.

Some of our residents are playing more dominoes. Ms. Strickland humbled Ms. Mathis and Barbara Stice in one game. No re-match is scheduled at this time.

Gene DeLeon and Gary Chapa have donated their time playing checkers and dominoes with the residents. Thank you guys.

We have many people and organizations to thank for their donations to Tahoka Care Center. Recent donations of cantaloupe were from Pam Miller and John and Mary Henderson. Shorty Williams dispensed some delicious watermelons. Villa Craig and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Sherrill donated a welcomed variety of snacks.

Thank you to Steve Sanders at Thriftway, J.P. Stice at Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., and AnnBell Stice for your donations of supplies and labor for our new shuffleboard game. The residents will be competitive. Watch out for the flying bean bags.

Thank you, Dayton Parker for the new nail polish. The colors are beautiful. We appreciate you helping our ladies look their finest.

Van rides have resumed once again. The residents enjoyed their time riding around town and seeing the sights. Along with taking in the scenery, they enjoyed an ice cream cone contributed by the Dixie Dog. Thank you Dixie Dog.

The Birthday Party went well. There were many people who attended and wished our residents a wonderful day. Also, there was good cake and ice cream.

We are glad Mr. Hardt is back with us. He is looking well. Mae Summers is still in the hospital. We wish her a fast recovery. We miss her beautiful blue eyes and wonderful smile.

We had a new barber in the facility last week. Melba Thomas gave about eight free haircuts.

Just want to remind the community of Family Night tonight at 6 p.m. Byron Norwood will provide the entertainment and refreshments will be served. Come and enjoy the entertainment.

We have a bake sale scheduled for Sept. 17.

Congratulations to Betty Dickson for her dedication. She has worked as a CNA at Tahoka Care Center for 20 years.



### APRIL TORRES April Torres Competes In Dallas Pageant

New Home Elementary third grader April Torres competed in the Miss Texas American Sweetheart Pageant in Dallas this summer against 75 other girls. She finished as fourth runner-up in the speech contest and received a trophy for placing in the state finals.

In addition to her parents, Martina and Leo Torres, April was sponsored by Moore Crop Insurance, Mr. and Mrs. Don Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, New Home Oil, Country Store, Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Tijerina, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Castro, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Zant, Mr. and Mrs. David Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Segura, Mr. and Mrs. Senn, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brown.

### Harry Howell Golf Tournament Set For Saturday

The annual Harry Howell Open Scramble golf tournament will be held this Saturday, Aug. 28, at T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka with all proceeds going to Howell, a respected O'Donnell resident who has been confined to a wheel chair since being injured in an automobile accident when he was a teenager.

Howell, a member of the O'Donnell Lions Club and an avid sports fan, plays golf from his wheel chair, and will be on hand for the tournament.

Registration will start at 8 a.m., with a tee time of 9 a.m. The entry fee will be \$40 per person, which includes a meal after the first nine holes.

For more information, contact Maurice Jackson at 428-3434 or T-Bar Country Club at 998-5305.

### County ...

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County Treasurer	20,115	21,122
District Clerk	20,115	21,122
Com. Pct. #1	13,804	14,495
Com. Pct. #2	13,804	14,495
Com. Pct. #3	13,804	14,495
Com. Pct. #4	13,804	14,495
Justice of Peace #1 (Tahoka)	16,708	18,740
Justice of Peace #4 (O'Donnell)	13,138	13,795

Additionally, all full-time employees for the county could receive a 5 percent increase in salary (their first increase in two years).

Although salary figures account for the biggest portion of the budget increase, other areas (gasoline, supplies, etc.) have also increased somewhat, officials said.

Commissioners met in regular session Monday morning, approving the proposed budget to be filed in the county clerk's office for public inspection, approving the publishing of elected officials' proposed salaries; and setting the budget hearing for Tuesday.

Other routine business was also conducted, with monthly bills approved, including a motion to pay Great American Leasing for a copy machine that had been leased by the County Attorney's office which is now in the possession of Bryan Wright. Dues of \$682 were approved for the county as coalition members for the Port-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition, and county fee increases were approved, including \$25 for civil cases pertaining to divorce actions involving minor children, and a \$15 increase from \$20 to \$35 for law library fees.

Commissioner Sandy Kizer sought the court's permission to negotiate for a building located in O'Donnell to be used as the Precinct 3 barn, and the request was approved.

Lynn County Judge J.F. Brandon presided at the meeting, at which all four commissioners were present, including Mrs. Kizer, Don Morton, J.T. Miller and Mike Braddock.

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**City Of Tahoka Has New Website!**

Find out more about the City of Tahoka by visiting the new computer website at [www.tahokatx.com](http://www.tahokatx.com)

The site has information about city government, officials, churches, city services, health services and more!

If you coat baked potatoes with vegetable oil before you pop them in the oven, they'll come out a beautiful golden brown.

**ROUGH WEEK AHEAD**

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St. John Lutheran Church, Wilson (Block S. of 211, next to the school) 628-6573  
 Sunday School 9:30; Worship 10:45  
 Melinda Morton, Interim Pastor

### Tahoka School Menu

Aug. 30-Sept. 3 Breakfast

Monday: Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Pineapple Bits, Milk.  
 Tuesday: Cinnamon Raisin Bagel or Cereal, Apple Juice, Milk.  
 Wednesday: Pancakes or Cereal, Fruit Juice, Milk.  
 Thursday: Breakfast Sausage Sticks or Cereal, Mixed Fruit, Milk.  
 Friday: Cereal, Toast, Orange Juice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Cherry Jello, Hot Rolls, Milk.  
 Tuesday: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Pink Applesauce, Sugar Cookie, Hot Roll, Milk.  
 Wednesday: Chicken Burger, Tator Tots, Lettuce, Tomato, Cherry Cake  
 Thursday: Beef Burrito w/Chili, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Cookie, Milk.  
 Friday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Pickle, Onion, Peach Cobbler, Milk.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The **CITY OF WILSON** will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by .6026 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 31, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at The Museum Building, Wilson, Texas.

**FOR the proposal:** Lupe Guzman, Oscar Follis, Mark Holeman, Victor Steinhauer

**AGAINST the proposal:** NONE

**PRESENT and not voting:** NONE

**ABSENT:** Janie Zavala

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$22,705.00	\$22,870.00
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Average taxable value	\$22,705.00	\$22,870.00
Tax rate	0.98/\$100	0.98/\$100
Tax	\$222.51	\$224.13

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would INCREASE by \$1.62 or .73 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would neither increase nor decrease by \$0 per \$100 of taxable value or 0 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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 By JUANEL  
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# Tahoka ISD Trustees Approve Deficit Budget

By JUANELL JONES

Following a public hearing Monday night, Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved a school budget for 1999-2000 of \$5,717,855, an amount which is \$144,532 in the red at the current tax rate of \$1.32. The budget proposal reflected the additional \$85,000 cut in expenditures which trustees had requested during a previous budget session.

Trustees expect to set a tax rate in September, but have not indicated whether they are considering a rate hike, although the effective tax rate is approximately five cents higher, at 1.37, to raise the same amount of revenue, according to figures released by the Lynn County Appraisal District. It would also take \$1.37 tax rate to fund the 1999-2000 budget which was set Monday night.

Trustees explained to the few citizens in attendance at the hearing that the state sets biennium benchmarks every two years for school tax rates, and that this year is a benchmark year. What that means, in laymen's terms, is that if the school district were considering raising taxes either this year or next, raising taxes this year would garner additional funding from the state but next year would not.

"For every penny we raise local taxes, the school district gets \$7,785 in local revenue," Board President Greg Henley explained. "This year (a benchmark year), that same penny in taxes would raise an additional \$22,314 in state funding for a total of approximately \$30,000 per penny. Next year, in the mid-biennium, that

additional state funding per penny of additional tax won't be given to us, and a penny in taxes would only garner the \$7,785 in local revenue. We don't know why the state sets biennium benchmarks, but they just do," he said.

"Yes, we could fund this year's deficit budget from fund balance, without raising taxes, and that probably wouldn't be much of a problem this year. However, we're looking ahead at next year, too, which could present major problems ... and adding to the tax rate next year won't do us much good," he added.

Trustees set a tax rate hearing for Sept. 14, and expect to adopt a tax rate that same night following the public hearing. The regular board meeting will also be held that night. Board President Henley invited the citizens in attendance to the public hearing for tax rate discussions.

In other business following Monday's public hearing, trustees had a few agenda items to consider, including approval of additional substitute teachers and approving a request from the Lynn County Appraisal District to sell a delinquent tax property, both of which trustees okayed.

The board went into closed ses-

sion for about 30 minutes to discuss personnel, but took no action on personnel upon returning to open session.

Superintendent Jimmy Parker spoke briefly about accountability ratings which had been released recently by the Texas Education Agency, noting that Tahoka ISD as a district had dropped a rating, from "Recognized" to "Acceptable". The high school campus was rated "Recognized", middle school was "Recognized", and the elementary campus was rated "Acceptable."

"In a nutshell, our subgroup performances hurt us, with the economically disadvantaged subgroup dropping in reading scores, and the African American subgroup scores dropped as well. Our attendance rate and dropout rates were fine, however," Parker told the board. "Where we did not do well will be addressed in our campus improvement plan," he assured trustees.

Present at the meeting were all seven trustees, school administrative staff and business manager, the district's attorney, Lynn County Appraisal District chief appraiser Marquita Scott, and visitors including Dana Barnett, Frank McClelland, John Krey and Juanell Jones.



**BROWNIE TROOP HONORS COMMUNITY WOMEN** - Tahoka Brownie Troop 297 members (lower photo) honored several women of the community with a Tea in April. Their guests (shown above) shared information about their jobs with the Brownie Troop. Troop members shown include Amanda Lopez, Ashley Salinas, Kourtney Sodd, Paris Duran, Sarah Duus, Samantha Pridmore and Sara Morad-Ali, led by troop leaders LeAnn Duus and Tammy Sodd (not shown). The top photo includes, from left, Debbie Engle, Jewel Parker, Joy Morad-Ali, Carolyn Boydston, Retha Pittman, Beth Huffaker, Lucinda Mann, Amy Preston, Dee Dee Pridmore, Claudia Flippin, Kathy Druessedow and Vera Reno.

## Brownie Troop Ready For New Year Of Activities

Tahoka Brownie Troop 297 is preparing for a new year, with registration set for Tuesday, Aug. 31 for girls in second and third grades. Registration will be held 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Life Enrichment Center, located at 1717 Main Street. Sign-up fees are \$25 (national fee), and \$12 for sashes and patches for new members.

There are scholarships available for the national fee (\$25) and a payment plan can be set up for the remaining fee, according to troop sponsors. Troop 297 meets twice each month and the girls will also have 50-cent dues each meeting. For more information on Troop 297, call L. Duus at 998-4347.

For other ages interested in forming new troops and interested adult volunteers, the Caprock Girl Scout membership specialist Hilda Cordero will be available in Tahoka during registration time on Aug. 31, or she may be contacted at (806) 745-2855.

Last year, Troop 297 participated in many activities, including several local field trips to the Farm Service Agency where Brownies studied plants, observed outdoor surroundings, monitored trees for a year and learned outdoor signals. During meetings held at the Life Enrichment Center, Brownies exercised through dance, created puppets, dolls and plays, studied the weather, and learned about knots. After painting and designing shapes on paper, the Brownies recycled their art into Christmas cards which they gave out to residents of Tahoka Care Center. They also honored women of the

community with an April "Tea", and ended their 1998-99 year with a bowling party.

The troop expresses their appreciation for the support of parents, the community, and troop leaders, support for their cookie sales, and for the use of the Life Enrichment Center. Special thanks goes to the Lynn County NRCS and Lynn County SWCD for their assistance and use of their outdoor facilities.

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### How Do School Districts In Lynn County Compare To Other School District Tax Rates?

Taxing Entity	1998-99 Tax Rate (per \$100 property value)
Seminole	0.83
Falls	1.28
Tahoka ISD	1.32
O'Donnell ISD	1.388
Lorenzo	1.40
Denver City	1.40
New Home ISD	1.41
Seagraves	1.41
Coahoma	1.42
Crosbyton	1.445
Post	1.45
Lamesa	1.46
Slaton ISD	1.50
New Deal	1.50
Roosevelt	1.50
Sundown	1.50
Plains	1.50
Brownfield	1.50
Wilson ISD	1.51
Shallowater	1.53
Lubbock Cooper	1.579

(Tax rate figures from TASB Bench Marks 1998-99)

### STORK REPORT

Sami Taylor and Brandy Bailey of Lubbock announce the birth of a son, Gage Dustin Bailey, born at 10:34 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, 1999 at Covenant Medical Center Lakeside in Lubbock. He weighed 5 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19 1/4 inches long. He has an older brother, Tyson, 9.

Grandparents are Quaydene and Venson Caswell of Tahoka and Brenda Taylor of Cameron, West Virginia.

Great Grandparents are Ima and Ralph Robinson of Tahoka, Mamie and Howard Moore of O'Donnell, and Cleo Minton of Cameron, West Virginia.

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Tracye and Cody Swafford of Lamesa announce the birth of a daughter, Cambrie Pearl Swafford, born at 12:34 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, 1999. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Lacye Scott of Lubbock, Kenneth and Marquita Scott of Tahoka, and Jerry and Nancy Swafford of Lamesa.

Great-grandparents are Ellen Sansom of Lubbock, W.P. Scott of Tahoka, Dink and Evelyn Swafford of Lubbock, and Ruth Walker of Lubbock.

### NEW AT THE LIBRARY

*The Nicholas Effect*  
by Reg Green

From his father comes the story of Nicholas Green's death and its effect in the world. It is the intimate story (behind the headlines and talk shows) of the Green family's fateful trip to Italy, and how a botched robbery changed their lives when son Nicholas was killed.

Reg and Maggie Green's decision to donate their son's organs thrust them into the world spotlight. The world's response to the Green's tragedy is called the Nicholas Effect. No matter their nationality or calling, people respond from the heart. Organ donor cards are signed, poems are written, pictures painted, parks dedicated, scholarships established, medals given, and children hugged.

The Effect continues today, stronger than anyone could have predicted. More than a tale of loss, this is a testament to the power of healing and love.

Available at the City-County Library, located inside the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street, Tahoka; phone 998-4050. Open Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (closed 1-2 p.m. for lunch); Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-7 p.m.; and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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## A WORD IN SEASON

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### Don't Let Evil Get The Best Of You...

When shock-rocker Marilyn Manson was scheduled to play Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 28, 1999, the climate was ripe for a confrontation. Only a few days earlier, the band's music had been linked to the violence at Columbine High School. According to Mark Forstrom, youth pastor at New Covenant Bible Church, a local movement was already opposing the concert with pickets and protests. Local law enforcement and media seemed to be poised for an ugly scene. The outlook was grim.

As the concert day arrived, tension filled the community. Some Manson fans actually were fearful of going downtown because of what the "Christian freaks" might do to them. Then something amazing happened. Through e-mail exchanges, another movement suddenly sprang to life. Scores of Christians from churches all over Linn County and as far away as Des Moines (a two-hour drive) converged on the concert site to do two positive things: to pray and to show unmistakable love.

People prayed in huddles on the sidewalks outside the concert site, while pastors and Christian leaders went into the concert arena to pray. Youth gathered for prayer, groups walked around the concert site praying, and churches around the city held special prayer meetings.

But prayer wasn't all that was going on! Outside the concert hall, Christians gave away over 100 pizzas, 1200 drinks and candy to Manson fans standing in line. A local youth group even collected money to pay for parking fees. "We'd like to show you God's love by paying for your parking tonight," they told concert goers.

Many Manson fans showed a "this does not compute" look as they scratched their heads in bewilderment. Inside the hall, Marilyn Manson abruptly ended his concert after only an hour. At least three concert goers came to faith in Christ. (Taken from American Family Association Journal, August 1999)

As I read this story, I remembered a short but powerful two-sentence challenge the apostle Paul gave through the Spirit to Christians in Rome: "Don't let evil get the best of you, but conquer evil by doing good." (Romans 12:21, New Living Translation). It's easy to be reactive when we consider the things in our community that trouble us. But as we face the concern we have, let's be creative and proactive in our solutions ... let's do some good!

Marvin Gregory, pastor, First United Methodist Church, Tahoka

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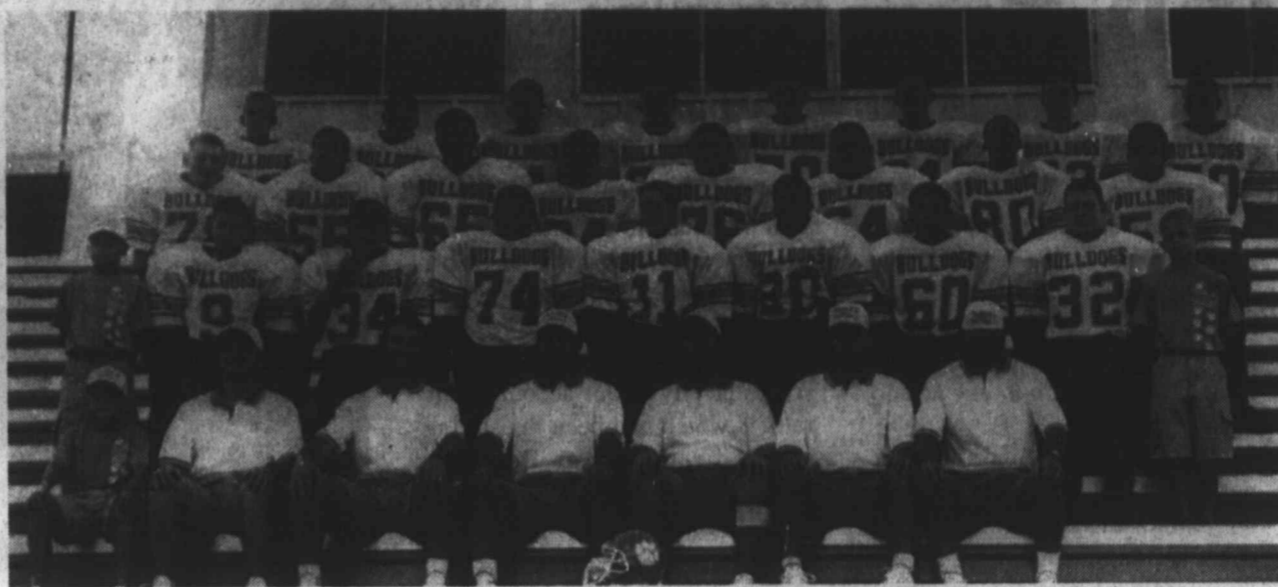
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### Tax Rebates Up Over Last Year

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently delivered a total of \$272.3 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,098 Texas cities and 117 counties, a 6.4 percent increase over the \$255.8 million allocated in August 1998. Year-to-date, payments to cities and counties are running 6.5 percent ahead of last year.

"Texas continues to gain new businesses and new jobs, and consumer confidence remains high as the state economy continues to expand," Comptroller Rylander said.

August sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers during April, May and June, and reported to the Comptroller in July.

Lynn County received \$9,489.87 this year versus \$11,688.58 last year, for a loss of 18.81 percent. O'Donnell showed the biggest decrease (23.41 percent), receiving \$1,978.12 this year and \$2,582.81 last year. Tahoka didn't do much better, receiving \$6,786.05 this year as opposed to \$8,478.45 last year, for a drop of 19.96 percent. Wilson showed an in-

crease of 15.68 percent, with rebates of \$725.70 this year, and only \$627.32 last year.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made earlier than usual, on Thursday, Sept. 2.

### New Home School Menu

Aug. 30-Sept. 3  
Breakfast

Monday: Churros, Juice, Milk.

Tuesday: Applesauce Coffee Cake, Juice, Milk.

Wednesday: Pancakes, Juice, Milk.

Thursday: Hash Browns, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Friday: Breakfast Taco, Juice, Milk.

#### Lunch

Monday: Chicken Fajitas, Cheese Cup, Lettuce, Tomato, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Fruit Cup, Milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti or Corn Dog, Lettuce, Tomato, Fried Okra, Fruit Cup, Garlic Sticks, Milk.

Wednesday: McRib, Salad Bar (7-12), Waffle Fries, Baked Beans, Fruit Cup, Milk.

Thursday: Grilled Ham & Cheese, Seasoned Wedges, Pickle Spears, Apple Crisp, Milk.

Friday: COOK-OUT: Hot Dogs, Pickle Spears, Baby Carrots, Cherry Tomatoes, Watermelon, Milk.

### The NEW HOME News

by Karon Durham  
924-7448

Little Leopard camp will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 3:30 to 6:30 in the activity gym. The camp is open to boys and girls in grades K-6. Registration forms and a \$10 fee must be returned to school by Sept. 1. Little Leopards will learn a cheer, chant, jumps, and dance from the cheerleaders or mascot. They will show off what they have learned during a pep rally at 6:15 and will also perform at the varsity pep rally on Thursday, Sept. 16. Students participating in the camp will be provided with a snack and will receive awards. For more information, contact any varsity cheerleader, or their sponsor, Karon Durham at 924-7524.

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This Friday (Sept. 3) new administrators Mr. Youngblood, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Helms will be cooking hot dogs starting with the elementary lunch at 11:20. Visitors are welcome to take part in the cookout, with adult plates costing \$1.75, children \$1.25, and carry out plates \$2.25.

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Junior high and high school held an open house on Monday, Aug. 25. The parents were acquainted with the new rule changes and were given an opportunity to visit with their child's teachers.

### Shop In Tahoka!

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you because I just heard that Dr. Durham died. My husband and I stopped by Tahoka a few years ago, and also I visited a cousin there and went to church, The First Baptist, and saw Dr. Durham and Truett Smith. They were both cordial and Dr. Durham and his wife on one of the visits took us through their home. It used to be our home that we left in 1939, 60 years ago. My grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Hogan, Sr. lived about a block east of us. I guess this was about the end of the depression but Papa Hogan held on through the 30's. I was born in Tahoka in 1926 and left when I was 13, but to me it is still home where I had a wonderful childhood. Mrs. Marcus Edwards taught piano, from whom my brother George and I took lessons. We started to school in a very old elementary school in the south part of town and then they built a new school close to the high school.

Who is the editor of the paper now, or is there one? Dr. Durham, I believe they said, was 97. That's wonderful, he lived a long and productive life.

I notice I didn't mention we, or the Hogan family, had Hogan Dry Goods on the corner, across from Mr. English's Picture Show. On down the street from there was Gagnat Hardware, next to our store was Boulian's Grocery, and Tahoka Drug was next to them, which reminds me that Bitsy Haney was there with her husband, one of the Wells boys, when we stopped about 10 years ago. I also saw Peggy Fenton and Mary Beth when we were there one of the times.

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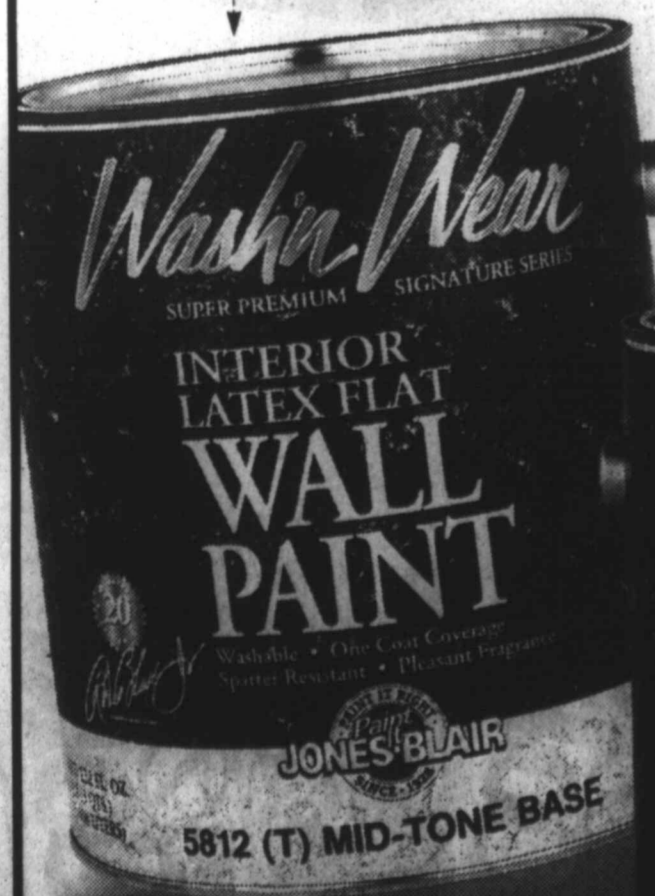
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BILL BARHAM

### Bill Barham

Services for Billy Newton "Bill" Barham, 74, of Tahoka were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Becknal officiating.

Burial was in Nevels Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He died Tuesday, Aug. 19, 1999.

He was born Feb. 28, 1925, in Lynn County. He graduated from Tahoka High School and was a lifelong resident of Lynn County. He married Catherine Thomason on Dec. 13, 1960, in Wellman. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II. He was a farmer and a member of First Baptist Church. He was a Mason and a past master of the Tahoka Lodge.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Frank of Lubbock and Doug of Tahoka; a daughter, Cynthia Steele of Lubbock; a brother, Newt of Del Rio; two sisters, Jo Curry of Hale Center and Jean Blackard of Gallup, N.M.; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church, Box 1547, Tahoka 79373; or to the Lynn County Pioneers Sr. Citizens Center, Box 223, Tahoka 79373.

### Robert Villarreal

Rosary for Robert V. Villarreal, 40, of Lubbock was recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday and today (Thursday) at Guajardo Funeral Chapel.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with the Rev. Cornelio Ramirez officiating.

Burial will be in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery.

He died Saturday, Aug. 21, 1999, in Florida.

He was born April 9, 1959, in Mathis. He worked for Lakewood Pipes for eight years. He was a resident of Lubbock and attended Tahoka High School. He also worked for Diga-Tec Construction in Charleston, S.C.

Survivors include his parents, Leopoldo and Paula Villarreal of Lubbock; two sons, Christopher and Gabriel, both of Lubbock; two daughters, April Villarreal and Tamara Villarreal, both of Lubbock; six brothers, Reynaldo, Andres and Valdemar, all of Lubbock, Richard of Wimauma, Fla., Johnny of Charleston, S.C., and Raul of Houston; five sisters, Elodia Ozuna and Viola Arce, both of Lubbock, Elva Martinez of Wimauma, Fla., Nora Marze of Orlando, Fla., and Lupe Lashway of Tampa, Fla.; and one grandchild.

### Mary Lou Eason

Services for Mary Lou Eason, 76, of O'Donnell will be held at 11 a.m. today (Thursday) at First Baptist Church in O'Donnell with Rev. Richard Rush, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in O'Donnell Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died Monday, Aug. 23, 1999 at Bender Terrace in Lubbock.

She was born Nov. 19, 1922 in Caddo. She attended schools in Palo Pinto, Strawn and O'Donnell. She married Ray Eason on Dec. 2, 1942 in O'Donnell. He died Oct. 21, 1992. She moved to O'Donnell in the late 1920's and to Lubbock in 1992. She was a bookkeeper for Ford Motor Company in O'Donnell and an operator for the O'Donnell Telephone Company. She attended Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Eldon Ray Eason of Arlington and Michael Dean Eason of Lubbock; a brother, Bobby Joe Gantt of Toledo Bend; three sisters, Elizabeth Ann Heard of Belaire, Peggy Joyce Fiest of Marble Falls and Doris Nell Marshall of San Angelo; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### Pat Copeland

Graveside services for Pat Copeland, 46, of Tucson, Ariz., were held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 23, in the City of Lubbock Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Gertl, pastor of Indiana Avenue Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in City of Lubbock Cemetery.

He died Monday, Aug. 16, 1999 in Tucson.

He was born July 22, 1953, in Ralls. He married Darla Kay Davis on June 4, 1984. He was employed by K&B Asphalt in Tucson.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Jason Golleher of Big Spring; two daughters, Cristy Garcia of Lubbock and Beverly Davis of Wisconsin; four brothers, Melvin of Artesia, N.M., Tommy of Colorado City, Jerry of Ranger, and Bobby of Tahoka; and nine grandchildren.

### Edward Crouch

Graveside services for Edward Lee Crouch, 63, of Phoenix, Ariz., were held at 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, at Tahoka Cemetery.

Burial was in Tahoka Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1999.

He was born July 27, 1936, in Tahoka. He attended Tahoka and Lubbock schools. He served in the U.S. Marines during the Korean War. He was a self-employed carpet cleaner. He married Pamela Marshall on Nov. 27, 1993. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Bobby of Hobbs, N.M., and Donny of Phoenix; a stepson, Christopher Marshall of Phoenix; two daughters, Jennifer Crouch of Phoenix and Susan Odum of Fort Worth; two sisters, Grace Harwell of Hobbs and Fay Brashear of Fort Worth; 14 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.



MILTON BROWN, SR.

### Milton Brown, Sr.

Services for Milton Brown Sr., 74, of Tahoka were held at 2 p.m. Aug. 25 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Tahoka with Rev. Gloria Moore officiating.

Burial was in Nevels Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He died Saturday, Aug. 21, 1999 in Lubbock.

He was born Aug. 14, 1925, in Buckholts. He attended school to Buckholts and moved to Tahoka in 1968 from Cameron. He was a retired farm hand.

He was preceded in death by two daughters and a son.

Survivors include seven sons, Jim of Florida, James of Tahoka, Milton Jr. of Cameron, Lonnie and Charles of Belton, Melvin of Temple, and Henry of Huntsville; four daughters, Ella Mae of Florida, Judie of Temple, Nancy of Belton and Frances of Florida; a brother, Eddie Brown, Jr.; and two sisters, Eddie Mae Shackleforth of Roger and Carrie Mae Moore of Cameron.

### Johnnie Raindl

Services for Johnnie Jessie Raindl, 76, of Tahoka were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Becknal officiating. Rev. Bert Mead assisted with graveside services.

Burial was in Nevels Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1999.

He was born March 8, 1923, in Shiner. He attended schools in Dixie and Wilson. He moved to Lynn County in 1932 and married Ima Lou Newman on July 8, 1950, in Portales, N.M. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was a self-employed carpenter most of his life and was a volunteer fireman for 20 years.

He was preceded in death by a son, Dennis Cline.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Pam Miller of Tahoka, June Goolsby of Lubbock, and Mary Gail Raindl of Loveland, Colo.; a brother, Joe of Waco; three sisters, Pauline Brosch of Lubbock, Claudia Workman of Hobbs, N.M. and Josephine Zick of New Braunfels.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church Mission Program, Box 1547, Tahoka 79373; or to the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, Box 300, Tahoka 79373.

### Winnie Vickers

Graveside services for Winnie Belle Vickers, 90, of Snyder were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at Tahoka Cemetery with Robert Burton of Snyder officiating.

Burial was under direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 1999, at Snyder Oaks Care Center in Snyder.

She was born Oct. 8, 1908 in Goulbus. She graduated from high school in Coleman. She moved to O'Donnell in 1934 then to Snyder in 1984. She married George Eli Vickers on Dec. 10, 1935, in Slaton. He preceded her in death on May 3, 1988. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of Tahoka.

Survivors include two daughters, Kathryn Dabney of Snyder and Daonne Curry of Jefferson; six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

### Katherine Cade

Graveside services for Katherine Cade, 76, of Lubbock were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, in Englewood Cemetery with Rev. Tom Mills of St. Luke's United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial was in Englewood Cemetery in Slaton.

She was born on the Wagner Ranch near Herald on Aug. 27, 1923. She grew up in Circle Back and graduated from Sudan High School. She married Herbert M. Cade on Aug. 24, 1945, in Lubbock. She graduated from Texas Tech in 1949 and taught school in Woodrow, Wilson, Roosevelt and Idalou. She also taught at Sanders and Bayless in Lubbock. She had lived in Lubbock since 1949. She was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Stephen of Slaton; four sisters, Bennie Rampe of El Paso, Ena Bess Gatewood of Seminole, Ada Austin of Lubbock, and Ola Cagle of Waco; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Kidney Foundation.

### Senior Citizens MENU

Aug. 30-Sept. 3

**Monday:** Ham, Peas & Carrots, Kraut Salad or Slaw, Hot Roll, Apple.  
**Tuesday:** Chicken or Beef Enchiladas, Mexican Corn & Beans, Stewed Tomatoes, Tossed Salad/Ranch Dressing, Peach Short Cake.

**Wednesday:** Chicken Pasta Casserole, Blackey Peas, Brussel Sprouts, Cornbread, Apple Cobbler.

**Thursday:** Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad/1000 Island Dressing, Biscuit, Brownie.

**Friday:** Chicken & Dumplings, Pea Salad, Cake.

### YOUTH CURFEW

Tahoka youth ages 17 and under are subject to a CITY YOUTH CURFEW 11 p.m. Weeknights  
Midnight on Fridays & Saturdays



WINDOW IN A ROCK - Ridge and Bailey Hall, children of Ricky and Maritita Hall of Tahoka, take time to pause for a picture during a visit to Window Rock, Arizona. The *Lynn County News* will print "Summer Fun" photos on a space available basis through August (one photo per family please).



Wind from the west, fishing is best; wind from the east, fishing is least. Or so they say.

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The COUNTY OF LYNN will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 6.4285 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 31, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in the Judge's Office in the Lynn County Courthouse, Tahoka, Texas.

<b>FOR</b> the proposal:	Commissioners: Don Morton, Mike Braddock, Sandra Cox Kizer, J.T. Miller
<b>AGAINST</b> the proposal:	None
<b>PRESENT</b> and not voting:	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$ 27,740	\$ 27,995
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizens' or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Average taxable value	\$ 27,740	\$ 27,995
Tax rate	.59471 / \$100	.6450 / \$100
Tax	\$ 164.97	\$ 180.57

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would INCREASE by \$15.60 or 9.4562 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$.05029 per \$100 of taxable value or 8.4562 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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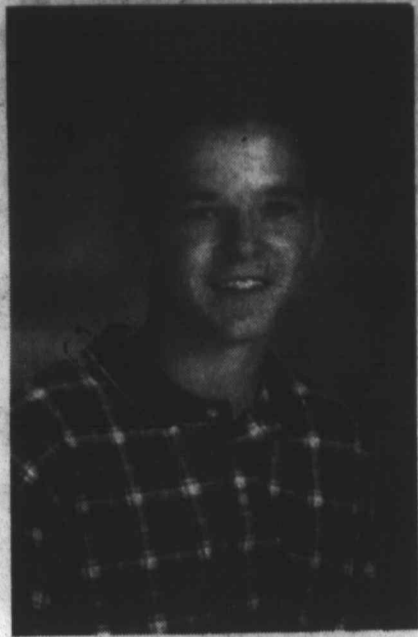
Football tickets for the 1999 season are on sale now at the School Business Office (Harvick Educational Building). Last year's season ticket holders have an option on the same tickets again this year. They may pick up these tickets any time until Sept. 10, at which time those seats will be made available to the public. Other reserved seats are available now. **BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!** The general admission price for all games will be \$3.00. Reserved seat tickets for any single game will be \$3.50.

**Sept. 24 - Idalou HOME COMING 7:30 p.m.**  
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**MATT SANDERS**  
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Matt Sanders, a junior at Tahoka High School, has been nominated to receive honorary award recognition and have his biography published in Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99.

Who's Who is the largest publication in the nation recognizing students for their achievement in academics, athletics and extracurricular activities. Who's Who students are automatically eligible to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship in addition to recognition in the College Referral Service.

Only 5% of high school students are honored in Who's Who among the nation's 24,000 high schools. These individuals are nominated by faculty members, youth groups and educational organizations.

Sanders is the son of Steve and Judy Sanders of Tahoka.

## Seat Belt Law Change Includes Children Under 15

The current seat belt law has been broadened to cover all children under the age of 15 in a vehicle, no matter where they are seated, according to information released by the Texas Department of Public Safety this week.

All children under the age of 15 must be properly restrained, whether they are seated in the front seat or back seat, according to the new law. Children under two years of age must still be seated in an approved car seat.

The law also requires seat belt usage for all adults in the front seat of a pickup - up to and including one-ton pickups, closing a loophole that had exempted one-ton pickups from the seat belt law.

Another new traffic law drops the DWI threshold from 0.10 to 0.08 blood alcohol concentration. This change in the law also will affect the Administrative License Revocation program, which allows for the civil suspension of drivers licenses for those who register a .08 or above, as well as those who refuse a breath test.

And, a speed limit change will allow large trucks (including 18-wheelers), assorted vehicles pulling trailers and school activity buses to drive the same speed limit as cars on interstates and highways numbered by the federal and state government - a maximum speed limit of 70 mph days and 65 mph nights. The truck speed limit will remain the same, (maximum 60 mph day/55 mph night) on farm-to-market (FM) roads and ranch-to-market (RM) roads.

Although legislation to raise the driving age had been introduced during the session, no changes were passed. The standard legal driving age in Texas remains 16.

The Jerusalem artichoke has nothing to do with either Jerusalem or artichokes. It is actually part of the sunflower family.



**INDIANAPOLIS, HERE WE COME!** - Ashlee and Amanda Anderson enjoy a spin around the yard in the new Jeep they received for their birthday. The 2-year-old twin girls are the daughters of Keith and Mary Angel Anderson of Tahoka. The *Lynn County News* will print "Summer Fun" photos on a space available basis through August (one photo per family please).

## Buying A New Car? Request TT&L Be Paid To Lynn County

Lynn County lost its only new car dealership last April, when Al Griggs Autocenter closed its doors in Tahoka. Not only did the county lose a business, but also revenue from tax, title and license fees was cut considerably in the county - but that's something that county residents can do something about.

"Anytime you buy a new vehicle outside of Lynn County, you can request that the tax, title and license fees (TT&L) go to the county in which you reside," says Sherry Pearce, Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector.

That also means, says Pearce, that new car buyers may pick up their new license plates at the Lynn County Courthouse, where the tax assessor/collector office is located.

According to the State Transportation Code, Sec. 501.022, "an individual who purchases a vehicle outside the county of his residence may file an application for title in the county in which he resides or the county in which the vehicle is purchased... If the vehicle is unregistered, registration may also be issued in the county in which the application for title is filed. The application and registration receipt must indicate the owner's correct resident address."

It is not a well-known fact, and Pearce says that few county residents take advantage of the opportunity to request the fees be paid to Lynn County. Although there are no forms which a prospective car buyer can take with them, she says, a buyer need only request (at the time of purchase) that the tax, title and license fees go directly to Lynn County.

"The fees will still be included in the purchase price of the vehicle, and the buyer will not need to make out

two different checks," Pearce explained. "The automobile dealer, or the financial institution through which the vehicle is being paid for, will then issue a check to Lynn County. It does not cost any additional fees to the buyer, although the dealer or financial institution may deduct a fee before sending on the remaining portion to Lynn County."

There are no hidden additional charges, and county residents who buy elsewhere can still support their own county. Pearce said some dealers may initially resist when buyers request that TT&L be sent to their own county, but said that buyers have the right, by law, to insist the fees be sent.

Pearce said that automobile sales tax revenue dropped drastically when Griggs Autocenter closed.

"In April, Lynn County received \$15,000 in automobile sales tax. Griggs closed at the end of April, and in May the county received only \$8,000 in automobile sales tax," noted Pearce, who said there is one used car salesman in the county, near Wilson, from which the county receives auto sales revenue.

"All of the licensing fee stays in Lynn County, and the county is allowed five percent of the state sales tax from automobiles, which during a year's time could amount to a sizeable portion," Pearce explained.

The bottom line is that even though county residents may be forced to look outside the county for new vehicles, a simple request to the dealer will still allow Lynn County to benefit from new car purchases. For more information, or questions about the process, contact Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector Sherry Pearce at 998-4112.

the process. Later, the company acquired PCS licenses throughout West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

WILSON MUSTANGS VARSITY FOOTBALL 1999				
DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Friday	August 20	Guthrie (scrimmage)	Away	6:00 p.m.
Friday	August 27	Lazbuddie (scrimmage)	Away	6:00 p.m.
Friday	September 3	Borden County	Home	7:30 p.m.
Friday	September 10	Whitharral	Away	7:30 p.m.
Friday	September 17	# Cotton Center	Home	7:30 p.m.
Friday	September 24	* Wellman	Away	7:30 p.m.
Friday	October 1	* Meadow	Home	7:30 p.m.
Friday	October 8	* Southland	Home	7:30 p.m.
Friday	October 15	* Klondike	Away	7:30 p.m.
Friday	October 22	* New Home	Home	7:30 p.m.
Friday	October 29	* Dawson	Away	7:30 p.m.
Friday	November 5	* Loop	Home	7:30 p.m.

# = Homecoming  
\* = District Game

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Date of the first of three weekly publications of this notice: August 19, 1999, in the Lynn County News, published in Lynn County.

1. Notice is hereby given that the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0869, has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for a State permit to conduct weather-modification operations to change, or attempt to change, the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized herein below.

2. The Colorado River Municipal Water District has a valid Texas weather-modification license that was originally issued in 1975 and has been renewed annually. The most recent license renewal was granted by the Commission on October 16, 1998 and expires on August 31, 1999. An application by the District for renewal of its license for 2000 was filed by the CRMWD on June 15, 1999 and is now being considered by the Commission.

3. The purpose of weather-modification operations is to increase rainfall to affect the inflow of fresh water into the J.B. Thomas and E.V. Spence reservoirs located in Borden, Coke, and Scurry Counties of Texas. The requested period of the permit is four years from the date of issuance by the TNRC.

4. The proposed weather-modification operation is to be conducted by and on behalf of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0869.

5. The proposed weather-modification operation is to be carried out in both an operational area and a target area to cause the intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area includes the counties of Lynn, Garza, Kent, Fisher, Nolan, Coke, Sterling, Glascock, Martin, and Dawson.

6. The area to be affected by the proposed weather-modification operation is the target area. The target area is that area described as bounded by a line beginning at a point of origin at Big Spring, in Howard County, and running along Highway 87 in a northwesterly direction to Lamesa; thence, north-northeast on Highway 87 to the north border of Dawson County; thence, east along the northern boundary lines of Dawson, Borden, and Scurry Counties to Highway 84; thence, southeast along Highway 84 to Roscoe, in Nolan County; thence, south-southeast to Maryneal; thence, southerly to Robert Lee, in Coke County; thence, westerly to Highway 87 at a point approximately thirteen miles northwest of Sterling City, in Sterling County; and thence, northwesterly along Highway 87 to the point of origin at Big Spring, Texas. That is, the target area includes all or part of Howard, Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Nolan, Coke, and Sterling Counties.

7. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation include a licensed meteorologist who will select cumulonimbus or other appropriate clouds for seeding, using a weather-radar display, standard meteorological analyses, forecast techniques, surface weather observations, and pilot reports. The licensed meteorologist will direct one or more aircraft equipped with flare racks or generators to dispense either glaciogenic or hygroscopic seeding material into the updraft portions of selected clouds to perform seeding operations.

8. Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact George Bomar, MC-160, TNRC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-0770.

9. A public hearing on this application may be called by mailing a petition that requests a hearing to the Executive Director, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. The petition must contain (1) the signature, full name, address and phone number of each person requesting the hearing; (2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and resides or owns property in the operational area; and (3) a description of each person's interest and how that interest would be adversely affected. Requests for hearing must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the last date the Notice of Intention is published in week one of the mandatory three-week period required by 289.17(j) of Commission rules. If at least 25 eligible persons make written request, the Commission shall hold a public hearing on an application prior to issuance of a permit.

Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting procedures, should call the TNRC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. For more information concerning citizen participation, contact Blas J. Coy, Jr., Public Interest Council, MC-103, TNRC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-6363. 33-31c

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Over 22,000 people are registered to attend the conference, Sept. 22-25 at the Ernest Morial Convention Center near New Orleans' famous French Quarter.

Poka Lambro is a rural telephone cooperative, formed in 1950, providing local and long distance telephone service to a 4,200 square mile area of West Texas. Sims has led Poka Lambro since 1989, moving the company into the cellular, fiber optics, direct broadcast service, and competitive local exchange carrier business.

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## Card of Thanks

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Dora Moore & Family  
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We would like to thank everyone for the prayers and many acts of kindness shown in the loss of our sister Valerie Green. We appreciate the many lovely cards that were received and those of you who prepared food, the memorials, the flowers and those who traveled to Floydada. Thank you very much.  
The Et Bartley Family  
The Wayne Tekell Family  
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## Card of Thanks

Dear Friends,  
We appreciate the kindness shown during Bill's illness and passing. Your prayers, visits, and other acts of support will always be appreciated.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE OF 2000 BUDGET HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given that there will be a public hearing at a special meeting of the Lynn County Commissioner's Court on the proposed Lynn County Budget on Tuesday, August 31, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Judge's office in the Lynn County Courthouse located at South First and Main Street in Tahoka, Texas. Any and all citizens of Lynn County are welcome to attend this hearing and have the right to give written and oral comments on the proposed budget. A copy of the complete proposed budget is available for inspection in the Lynn County Clerk's office.  
/s/ J.F. Brandon  
Lynn County Judge  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that the proposed 2000 Annual Salaries of the Elected Officials of Lynn County are as follows:

		5% Increased Proposed
Sheriff	1999	2000
County Judge	22,552	23,681
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County Attorney	20,115	21,122
County Clerk	19,342	20,122
County Treasurer	20,115	21,122
District Clerk	20,115	21,122
Commissioner Pct #1	13,804	14,495
Commissioner Pct #2	13,804	14,495
Commissioner Pct #3	13,804	14,495
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**SWEET BABY JAMES** - James Loving, 1-year-old son of Tangela and Jimmy Loving of Dallas, seems to enjoy splashing around in his inflatable pool at while visiting at "Nana's" house this summer. He is the grandson of Larry and Marinda Tyler of New Home. The Lynn County News will print "Summer Fun" photos on a space available basis through August (one photo per family please).

### Apple Butter Festival Sept. 4-5 In Idalou

The annual Apple Butter Festival benefitting the South Plains Food Bank will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 4-5 at Apple Country Orchards. Admission to the event will be \$1 per person.

The event will feature a BBQ lunch for \$5, craft booths, square dancing, live music, fresh apple butter, a trip raffle, and pick-your-own apples.

Apple Country Orchards, located four miles east of Idalou on Hwy. 62/82, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.: year round, with a picking schedule of July to early November.

**Mark Your Calendars  
for the  
Lynn County  
Harvest Festival  
Saturday,  
Sept. 25, 1999**

### Your HEALTH TIP



DAYTON PARKER

New Test May Reduce Need For  
Some Prostate Cancer Biopsies

A new blood test (hk2) combined with one already available and in use (PSA) will offer men a less invasive way to determine their risk of prostate cancer. Every year 184,500 U.S. men develop prostate cancer and more than 41,000 die from it, according to the American Cancer Society. The new test will help diagnose it sooner. Early detection increases the chances for survival.

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## The Wilson News

by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

**Wilson Fire Department Tip of the Week:** A large portion of structure fires can be traced back to an electrical cause. Check all your appliance and extension cords for worn and frayed spots. These just invite shorts and can be a primary cause of fire. Also, check your home for loose connections in switches or wall receptacles. Broken switches and wall plugs can also be a cause of shorts and fire. Don't overload your electrical system. Several appliances connected with extension cords and plugged into one wall plug is an invitation to disaster.

The Wilson Lions Club will be holding their annual Broom and Mop Sale this Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Caravan for the Blind truck will be on the school parking lot and several teams will fan out to bring brooms to Tahoka, New Home and other area business establishments. The Wilson Lions Club uses the profits from this drive to fund local and district Lions charitable projects. All area residents are invited to come by and purchase some of these items for your home or business.

The annual "Meet the Mustangs" will be held at 6 p.m. Aug. 30 at the football field. A light meal consisting of a burger, chips, and drink will be available for \$3. The Wilson coaches, football team, marching band and cheerleaders will be introduced during the event. All area residents are invited to come out and "Meet the Mustangs."

The Wilson Mustang Booster Club has a meeting scheduled for Monday, Aug. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This is the same night as "Meet the Mustangs" so boosters should attend that event and then come to the club meeting. There is a possibility that the meeting will be canceled so be sure to come to "Meet the Mustangs" and then find out whether or not the meeting will be held.

The Wilson Lions Club met last Thursday and after the meal, John Johnson from PCCA presented a program on the denim mill at Littlefield and the new mill that has been acquired at New Braunfels. Mr. Johnson spoke about the dying operation at the Littlefield mill and the diversity of other fabrics woven at the New Braunfels mill. He told of the goals of PCCA in increasing the markets for cotton by adding new lines of fabric, such as upholstery fabric. Johnson also showed samples of fabrics woven by the

new mill and explained that these fabric lines were helping to contribute to the value added concept of marketing Texas products as a finished product rather than as a raw material product.

Wilson Elementary, Junior High and High School will hold open house Sept. 14 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Parents are encouraged to come and meet their child's teachers. Curriculum materials will also be available for parents to view.

### WILSON ISD NEWS by WISD Journalism Students

#### Mustangs Excited About New Season

The football team has been working very hard this summer and are excited about the upcoming season. They started the year off right with their victory of 9 touchdowns to 4 over Guthrie on Aug. 20.

They are also glad to have the help of their new assistant coach, Phillip Timmons.

The Mustangs recently held a lift-a-thon to raise money to pay for meals after away games. They raised around \$700.

"Thank you for donating money to the first annual Mustang Lift-A-Thon," said coach Buffa and Coach Timmons.

Billy Cavender, Michael Donathan, Brian Martin, J. Paul Kirk, Steven Deanda, Cody Kirk, and Josh Benevides all made the 1,000 pound club.

The Mustangs will travel to Lubbock Friday for a scrimmage and will play Borden County for their first game on Sept. 3.

"Come and support the Mustangs," said quarterback Casey Donald.

#### Cheerleaders Attend Summer Camp

The cheerleaders attended camp at the Wayland Baptist University instructed by the National Cheerleader Association on July 26-29.

They received a total of three spirit sticks and an award for superior motions throughout the week.

The following week they started practices to review the many cheers, chants, and dances they learned.

The cheerleaders are selling large magnetic signs for vehicles. Anyone wishing to purchase a sign can contact Mrs. Dakroub or one of the high school cheerleaders: Briana Fields, Kameron Livingston, Amber Wilke, Carla Pabon, Victoria Flores, or Lizette Bloom.

#### Wilson FFA Begins A New Year

The Wilson FFA held its annual banquet in May at which newly elected officers for the 99-00 school year were installed.

The officer team consist of Casey Donald, president; Jessica Wilke, vice president; Aaron Bednarz, secretary; Jordan Bednarz, treasurer; Heath Talkmitt, reporter; Quinn Whisner, sentinel; and Crystal Pharam, historian.

Wilson FFA members were busy this year. Jordan, Aaron and Crystal attended the Area II Leadership Camp at Howard College in Big Spring.

Casey, Jessica, Jordan, Aaron, Heath, Quinn, Crystal, Michael Donathan, D'Andra Wilke, Amber Fields and Kimberly Compton attended the State FFA Convention in Amarillo.

While at the convention, FFA members attended several general sessions and a fun night that included a talent show, a dance, and a performance by country singer Brad Pasley.

"Leadership Camp and State Convention went very well and I am looking forward to this year," said Mr. McDonald.

#### Vasquez And Curb Lead Annual Staff

The 1999-2000 Wilson High School annual staff has new members this year. Kameron Livingston, Briana Fields, Billy Cavender, Casey Donald, Heath Talkmitt and Angelica Ariaz are first year members.

The returning members are Vicki Vasquez, annual staff editor; Joe Vasquez, student life editor; and Jenny Curb, sports editor.

#### Band Members Ready To Take The Field

The Mustang Marching Band is off to a great start this year.

With 39 members, including Jay Mac Yowell as drum major, they have already fielded the first marching set and are in the process of learning the tunes.

The marching tunes for this year include the themes from "Jurassic Park", "Back to the Future", "Somewhere Out There" featuring a trumpet solo, and "Raiders of the Lost Ark" for the closer.

Some upcoming events the band will be attending are the Fair Day Parade



**RIDE 'EM COWBOY** - Little Colton Taylor of Tahoka is hanging tough on a rowdy carousel horse while visiting Wonderland Park in Amarillo this summer. Colton's mom Carrie and his uncle Clay accompanied him on the ride. Grandparents are Leah and Doug Taylor of Tahoka. The Lynn County News will print "Summer Fun" photos on a space available basis through August (one photo per family please).

on Sept. 25, the Tech Marching Festival on Oct. 2, and the U.I.L. Marching Contest on Oct. 12.

"The band would appreciate your support at all of these events," said a band member.

#### Michelle Evitt New 1st Grade Teacher

Michelle Evitt is the new 1st grade teacher. Ms. Evin was born and raised in Lubbock. She lived in Dallas for two years then moved back.

She graduated from Coronado High School in 1988. In 1992 she graduated from Texas Tech University with a Communications Degree.

Ms. Evitt said she wanted to be a teacher mainly because her mother was and she loved being around the children.

This is Ms. Evitt's second year teaching 1st grade. She taught last year in Brownfield.

Ms. Evitt has a 4 year old daughter named Hannah. She attends Pre-K at Wilson. What Ms. Evitt likes best about Wilson is since it is small, the kids get the individualized attention they need.

Ms. Evitt is a member of the Junior League of Lubbock. Her hobbies include spending time with her daughter and shopping. She also said she's excited to be here and plans on being at Wilson for many years to come.

He is married and has a baby on the way. His hobbies include his Volkswagen, reading, and learning about computers. Mr. Greene's goal for this year is to instill a sense of achievement, pride, and success in each student that he teaches.

His most embarrassing moment was when he forgot to take attendance for three days in a row.

When asked what he liked best about Wilson so far, he said the overall atmosphere.

### Wilson School Menu

Aug. 30-Sept. 3  
Breakfast

**Monday:** Waffles, Fruit, Milk.  
**Tuesday:** Cheese Toast, Fruit, Milk.  
**Wednesday:** Not available.  
**Thursday:** Not available.  
**Friday:** Not available.

**Lunch**

**Monday:** Sloppy Joe, Fries, Fruit, Milk.  
**Tuesday:** Tacos, Pinto Beans, Fruit, Milk.  
**Wednesday:** Not available.  
**Thursday:** Not available.  
**Friday:** Not available.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The **CITY OF TAHOKA** will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by .0058 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 30, 1999 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1612 Lockwood, Tahoka, Texas.

<b>FOR</b> the proposal:	Jay Dee House Amy Preston John Chapa Jr.	Ray D. Box Clara Calvillo
<b>AGAINST</b> the proposal:	NONE	
<b>PRESENT</b> and not voting:	NONE	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	NONE	

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$28,400.00	\$28,330.00
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$28,400.00	\$28,330.00
Tax rate	0.67500/\$100	0.68500/\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$191.70	\$194.06 (proposed)

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would INCREASE by \$2.36 or 1.2 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would INCREASE by \$0.01 per \$100 of taxable value or 1.5 percent-compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED GAS RATE CHANGE

On August 4, 1999, Energas Company filed Statements of Intent to change its gas rates with each incorporated city listed below. The proposed changes will take effect no sooner than 35 days after filing. Each city may suspend the proposed effective date for an additional 90 days.

The Company proposes to increase rates to General Service (residential and commercial), Small Industrial Service, Large Gas Air Conditioning and/or Electric Generating Gas Service, and the Air Conditioning Rate Rider. The company may implement a different rate design than proposed provided the increased revenue does not exceed that specified herein.

The proposed changes are expected to increase the company's annual revenues by approximately 8.8 percent or \$9.8 million. The proposed changes to the rates are unrelated to gas cost which the company will continue to charge only cost paid to its supplier. The proposed changes could affect approximately 200,000 gas consumers in the following communities:

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|----------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Abemathy             | Lamesa*      | Quitaque           |
| Amherst              | Levelland*   | Ralls              |
| Anton                | Littlefield* | Ransom Canyon      |
| Big Spring*          | Lockney      | Ropesville         |
| Bovina               | Lorenzo      | Seagraves          |
| Brownfield*          | Los Ybanez   | Seminole           |
| Buffalo Springs Lake | Lubbock*     | Shallowater        |
| Canyon*              | Meadow       | Silverton          |
| Coahoma              | Midland*     | Slaton*            |
| Crosbyton            | Muleshoe     | Smyer              |
| Dimmitt              | Nazareth     | Springlake         |
| Earth                | New Deal     | Stanton            |
| Edmonson             | New Home     | Sudan              |
| Floydada             | Odessa*      | Tahoka             |
| Forsan               | O'Donnell    | Timbercreek Canyon |
| Frona                | Oton         | Tulia              |
| Hale Center          | Opdyke West  | Turkey             |
| Happy                | Palisades    | Vega               |
| Hart                 | Pampa*       | Wellman            |
| Hereford*            | Panhandle    | Wilson             |
| Idalou               | Petersburg   | Wolfforth          |
| Kress                | Plainview*   |                    |
| Lake Tanglewood      | Post         |                    |

\*The level of revenue increases in these communities constitutes a "major change" as defined by state law.

Copies of the filing are available at the Energas Office at 5110-80<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock, Texas 79424.