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Teenager Wounded In Wilson Shooting

A 15-year-old Wilson youth was shot in the upper left leg early Sunday morning as he walked down the driveway of his home toward the street when he heard loud talking from near the baseball park about a block away.

The young man was taken by

Lynn County EMS ambulance to Covenant Medical Center for treatment and was released from the hospital Monday. The boy and his parents had just moved to Wilson two days earlier and there was no apparent motive for the shooting, deputies said.

The boy said he walked outside the residence about 1:30 a.m. Sunday and down the driveway toward the street. He said he heard a noise like a pop and then felt pain in his left thigh. He told officers that after he fell to the ground he saw some persons get into a vehicle and drive south on FM 400. Sheriff's officers and state troopers searched for the car but could not locate it. Investigation is continuing, officers said.

Wilson I.S.D. Proposes Slight Tax Increase

A tax rate increase of just under 2-1/2 cents is being considered by the Wilson Independent School District Board of Trustees, who have set a public meeting for 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28 to hear public comment about the proposal.

Currently, the Wilson school tax rate is \$1.556, with \$1.49 designated for Maintenance and Operations (M&O) and .066 cents for bonded indebtedness. Trustees are proposing raising the M&O rate one penny to \$1.50, and a slight increase of nearly 1-1/2 cents to .08 cents for bonded indebtedness, for a total proposed tax rate of \$1.58.

To maintain the same revenue, a total tax rate of \$1.59744 would be needed. The rollback rate (the highest rate a district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election) is \$1.65744 for Wilson I.S.D.

The public is invited to comment on the school budget and proposed tax increase at the public hearing on the 28th. The hearing will be held at the Wilson I.S.D. Board Room at 1411 Green Avenue in Wilson.

Tahoka Police officers responded to calls for disorderly conduct and public intoxication during the week, and tires were slashed on a 1998 Ford Contour parked in the 2000 block of South 1st Street, it was reported Friday.

Nine persons were in jail during the past week on the following charges: one on warrant for possession of paraphernalia, four for public intoxication, and one each on disorderly conduct, criminal mischief, assault causing bodily injury to a family member, and warrant for theft by check over \$20 and less than \$500.

During July, sheriff's dispatchers answered 236 calls, including 82 for the city, 114 for the county, one fire, 21 EMS, and 18 O'Donnell calls.



KINDERGARTEN CUTIES - Kaitlyn Ramirez and Taya Bishop are all "dolled up" as they take advantage of some free time and some special dress-up shoes and purses in their kindergarten classroom during their second day of school. Both are students of Mrs. Tina Wuensche at Tahoka Elementary. (LCN PHOTO)

County Gives \$2,000 To Senior Citizens Center

Lynn County Commissioners voted unanimously Monday to give \$2,000 to the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center to help with bills there, approving the amount to be taken out of the general fund. The \$2,000 was in addition to funds which the county budgets each year for the local senior citizens center, which this year amounted to \$3,000.

The Pioneer Center, located at 1600 South 3rd in Tahoka, serves senior citizens in Tahoka, Wilson and O'Donnell with home delivery meals as well as noon meals served weekdays at the center. With a long history of not enough funds to meet monthly costs, the center is constantly striving to make payments while serving the needs of senior citizens in the county.

In other business, commissioners voted to advertise for a supervisor for the county landfill because of the resignation of Domingo Saldana, effective the latter part of August. The landfill is open three days a week.

Monthly bills were approved, and commissioners answered a legislative issues survey. Commissioners again worked on the 2001 budget.

New Home I.S.D. To Hold Taxes At Same Rate

The tax rate for New Home Independent School District will remain the same next year with no increase, according to information released this week by the district which proposes to hold the current tax rate of \$1.435. The New Home Board of Trustees have set a public meeting for 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28 to hear public comment about the proposal.

Currently, the New Home school tax rate is \$1.435, with no bonded indebtedness. To maintain the same revenue, a tax rate of \$1.478 would be needed. If the district maintains the current tax rate, taxes on residences would decrease slightly due to a slight decrease in property valuations, according to the information released by the district.

The rollback rate (the highest rate a district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election) is \$1.52 for New Home I.S.D.

The public is invited to comment on the school budget and proposed tax rate at the public hearing on the 28th. The hearing will be held at the New Home I.S.D. Board Room at the Superintendent's Office at 225 Main in New Home.

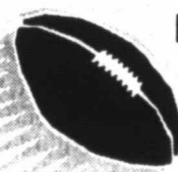
O'Donnell I.S.D. Proposes 7-Cent Tax Increase

A tax rate increase of seven cents is being considered by the O'Donnell Independent School District Board of Trustees, who have set a public meeting for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29 to hear public comment about the proposal.

Currently, the O'Donnell school tax rate is \$1.39, with \$1.2986 designated for Maintenance and Operations (M&O) and .0914 cents for bonded indebtedness. Trustees are proposing raising the M&O rate to \$1.365, and a slight increase to .095 cents for bonded indebtedness, for a total proposed tax rate of \$1.46.

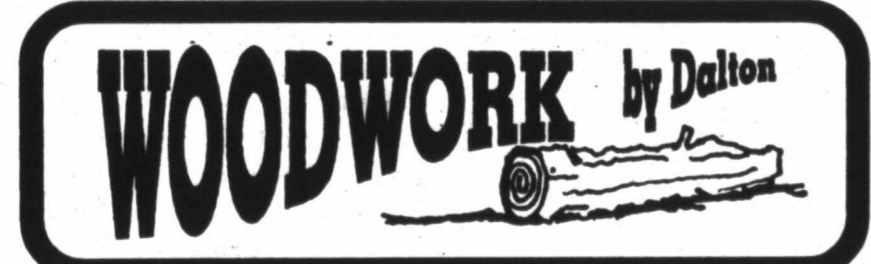
To maintain the same revenue, a total tax rate of \$1.42973 would be needed. The rollback rate (the highest rate a district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election) is \$1.48973 for O'Donnell I.S.D.

The public is invited to comment on the school budget and proposed tax increase at the public hearing on the 29th. The hearing will be held at the O'Donnell I.S.D. Board Room at 501 5th Street in O'Donnell.



Bulldogs To Scrimmage Plains

The Tahoka High School junior varsity and varsity football team will travel to Plains this Saturday for a scrimmage. JV will scrimmage at 9 a.m., with the varsity scrimmage to follow at approximately 10 a.m.



ACCORDING TO doctors and mental health experts, a person's ability to learn and remember declines with age, and one recent article in a magazine called *Better Nutrition* assures readers that some degree of memory loss is a normal part of aging, so don't always be terrified of the possibility of Alzheimer's disease when your memory fails you temporarily.

One thing the health magazine claims will improve your memory and thinking ability is something called ginkgo biloba (wasn't this the guy who discovered the Pacific Ocean?). This article was written for health food stores, so there are several other concoctions promoted as helping memory.

In addition to the pills, though, were suggestions on "How to stay sharp as a tack." They mainly say exercise your brain and it won't die on you quite as soon. Included are these tips:

1. Tackle a crossword puzzle or brainteaser every day.
2. Memorize your shopping list, using the first letter of each item as a clue, like A for apples, K for ketchup, etc. Your list will just be a bunch of letters (like news releases we get from the government, with FHA, FMA, USDA, REA, etc.)
3. Play cards or other challenging games like Scrabble. (Or try to balance your checkbook?)
4. Turn off the television and go for a walk. The less junk food you feed your mind, the better it works. (It's interesting that they recognize that most of us eat junk food while watching TV. I guess it is better to turn off the TV and go for a walk, as long as you don't walk toward the refrigerator.)
5. Take dancing lessons. You not only get exercise and oxygen, but the challenge of memorizing dance steps is a great way to keep those brain cells fired up.

Sorry, but I don't think dancing lessons would help my brain much, and it certainly wouldn't help my dancing partner. It has been years since I tried to dance, with one bad leg and a heavy, built-up shoe. Seems to me the last time I tried it, that big shoe came down on some lady's foot, injuring her so that for a month she walked just like I do.

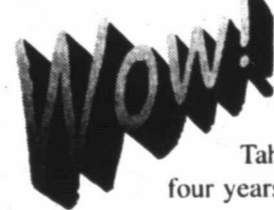
AT SUNDAY School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Charlie was especially intent listening to how Eve was created out of Adam's rib. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as if he were ill, and she asked him what was wrong.

He responded, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

It's A Million!

Tahoka Elementary Reaches Its Goal Of A Million Pull Tabs

What does a million of something look like?



Area residents can find out on Thursday, Aug. 24, when Tahoka ISD students will celebrate the completion of their goal to collect one million soda can pull tabs.

Tahoka Elementary students began collecting the tabs four years ago as a way for students to comprehend how much a million of something is, and the Pride Corps, a parent led elementary support group, picked up the challenge because they wanted students to know what it was like to not give up on a goal.

The celebration, which is open to the public, will take place at 2:30 p.m. next Thursday at the Tahoka football field. The event will feature balloons, refreshments, and speakers, including Krista Kirkland Gerlich, member of the Lady Raider national champion basketball team and current Tahoka coach.

"We would like the public to come celebrate with us, since this would not have happened without them," said one Pride Corps member. Anyone who donated tabs from out-of-state is asked to contact Tonda Freitag at 998-4928.

Suburban Purchase Approved

A new Suburban for Tahoka Independent School District was approved during regular session of the Board of Trustees last Thursday, among other routine business. Trustees awarded the bid for a 2001 Chevrolet Suburban to Robert Hall Chevrolet in the amount of \$30,500 and amended the budget for that amount.

In other business, the board approved all principals and Superintendent Jimmy Parker as second appraisers, and approved monthly bills. Business Manager Nathan Ehler reported the 1999 tax collection totaled \$1,076,548 as of July 31, which is 96 per cent complete.

Donna Raindl addressed the board regarding middle school volleyball and asking that the program not be cut from the curriculum.

Principals presented reports to the board, noting that campuses were reading for the beginning of school. District counselor Sherri McCord reported that registration had gone well and said 759 students were enrolled for the year.

One resignation was reported to the board, of Nancy Rodriguez in the school cafeteria.

Supt. Parker reported that district staff were to be drug tested on Aug. 11. Drug testing for all students in extracurricular activities would be conducted in the same manner as last year, with a one-time mandatory drug test and random testing throughout the year.

The next regular board meeting was scheduled for Monday, Sept. 11. The board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22 for a public hearing on the proposed tax rate.

All seven trustees were present at Thursday's meeting which adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



KINDERGARTEN IS FUN! - Learning can be fun, as seems to be the case here as these kindergarten students of Mrs. Kim Mercer learn about math and shapes with building blocks. They are, from left, Cynthia Flores, Damien Montez, and Smith McLelland. Students reported to school Monday in Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO)

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MRS. ROBERT GUTIERREZ (nee LYDIA ALVARADO)

Alvarado, Gutierrez United In Marriage

Lydia Alvarado and Robert Gutierrez, both of Lubbock, were united in marriage at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2000 at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka. Father Rey officiated the ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Juan and Tome Alvarado of Tahoka. The groom's parents are Filiberto and Mary Gutierrez of Justiceburg.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held at the Tahoka Activity Center. The couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico.

STORK REPORT

Eric Rodriguez and Cassandra Escobedo of Ropes announce the birth of a daughter, Kelsi Gillian, born at 1:11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 11, 2000 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Tony and Angie Rodriguez of New Home, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Escobedo III of Ropes.

Great-grandparents are Sofia Estrada of Wilson, Eufemio Rodriguez Sr. of New Home, and Mr. and Mrs. Raul Martinez and Andrew Escobedo II, all of Ropes.

Kindra Jolly and Kody Ruthardt of Lubbock announce the birth of a daughter, Aspyn Jade, born at 3:30 p.m. Monday, July 31, 2000 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Isabel Senerez of Lubbock, Carlton and Yolanda Jolly of Post, Kim Lasater of Whiteface and Darryl and Kelli Ruthardt of Hobbs, N.M.

Great-grandparents are Dob and Betty Jolly and Marcial and Geneva Salinas, all of Tahoka, Windall and Joyce Peters of Whiteface and Floyd and Sandy Ruthardt.

Great-great-grandparents are Buelah Hubbard of Tahoka, and Mrs. Hernandez of Bryan.

Michael and Dana Peek of New Home announce the birth of a son, Hayden Douglas Peek, born at 11:34 p.m. Thursday, July 27, 2000 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Jim and Judy Peek of New Home and Mary Price of Sabinal and the late Ike Price.



A Gift to the AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY MEMORIAL PROGRAM will help in the war against cancer.

Bulldog Booster Club Invites Participants

The Bulldog Booster Club, which supports all athletic programs at Tahoka Independent School District, invites all interested parents and/or supporters to attend the weekly Booster Club meetings.

The club meets every Monday at 7 p.m. in the high school library, and all meetings are open to the public. Booster Club membership is \$5 per family.

At each meeting, coaches report on athletic events, and club members may discuss fund raisers and other activities.

Revival Set This Week In Tahoka

Pastor Donald Kelly of Life Line Ministries of Houston will be featured in a revival Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Aug. 16-18 in Tahoka.

The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly and will be held in the Center for Housing and Community Development, located at 1400 Avenue K.

The public is invited to attend.

Class of 1990 Needs Addresses

Members of the Tahoka High School Class of 1990 are making plans for their 10th high school reunion to be held in conjunction with Homecoming and Harvest Festival activities the weekend of Sept. 29.

Reunion organizers are in need of addresses for former classmates and ask that anyone with that information contact Lanae Gwin by e-mail at lg@uswest.net or at 5928-A Ware Street, Fort Carson, CO 80913; or J.P. Stice at stice@esc17.net or P.O. Box 984, Tahoka 79377.

Obituaries

Bobby Mark Stubblefield

Graveside services for Bobby Mark Stubblefield, 46, of Lubbock were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 10 at Resthaven Memorial Park with Chaplain Ken Cartwright of Lubbock State School officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He died Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2000 in Lubbock.

He was born Nov. 25, 1953 in Lubbock. He attended Milams Training Center and was a lifetime resident of Lubbock.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charlie, and two brothers, Eldon and Larry.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Minnie Stubblefield Mason and Roy Mason of Lubbock; and uncles, Norman Ledbetter of Tahoka and Herman Ledbetter of O'Donnell.

Senior Citizens MENU

Aug. 21-25

Monday: Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Coleslaw, Biscuit or Roll, Baked Apples.

Tuesday: Beef Tips w/Brown Gravy, Hominy or Corn, Brussel Sprouts, Carrot Sticks, Cornbread, Peach Cobbler. **GAME NIGHT—6 p.m.**

Wednesday: Roast Turkey, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/1000 Island Dressing, Wheat Roll, Cranberry Dessert.

Thursday: Chicken Pattie on Bun, Fries or Tater Tots, Carrots, Pickle, Pineapple & Orange Gelatin, Gingerbread.

Friday: Cheese Enchiladas, Butter Beans, Rice, Relish, Mixed Vegetable, Tossed Salad/Italian Dressing, Wheat Roll, Pineapple Cake.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precp.
Aug. 9	93	71	
Aug. 10	93	70	
Aug. 11	95	70	
Aug. 12	96	69	
Aug. 13	96	71	
Aug. 14	100	70	
Aug. 15	95	71	

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 Total Precip. year to date: 15.35"
 Total Precip. this time last year: 16.30"



MR. and MRS. JOHN QUINTANILLA (nee SALLY LARA)

Couple Married In Las Vegas

Sally Lara and John Quintanilla, both of Tahoka, were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony on Saturday, July 1, 2000 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Local Couple To Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George Sepeda Sr. of Tahoka will celebrate their 27th wedding anniversary with a commeration hosted by their children on Aug. 19 at the Center for Housing and Community Development in Tahoka. A reception and private dance will follow.

Sepeda married the former Andrea Barrientes on Aug. 19, 1973 in Tahoka. The couple's children include Eric and Andrea Montez, George and April Sepeda, David Louis Sepeda and Jennifer Louisa Sepeda. They have three grandchildren.

The Sepedas have lived in Tahoka for the last 15 years.

Summer Books Due At Library

City-County librarian Shirley Draper has asked that any books checked out by children for the summer reading program or just for pleasure over the summer, be returned to the library as soon as possible. Students will not be allowed to check out books for the Accelerated Reading program until all overdue books are turned in.

"Look under your beds and in your closets and get those overdue books back to us so that you may check out books for AR," said Mrs. Draper.

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Pool To Open On Weekends

City of Tahoka officials have announced that the swimming pool will be open from 1-6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays beginning Aug. 19. The price for weekend swimming will be \$1 for all ages.

The pool will be open Aug. 19-20, Aug. 26-27, and Sept. 2-3. The season will end with a Labor Day Bash on Monday, Sept. 4 with a pool party to benefit to Lynn County Pioneers (senior citizens). Admission to the Labor Day party will be two cans of food.

Officials also remind citizens that the pool may be reserved for pool parties until Labor Day by calling Suzanne Baker at 998-4733.

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Unique Wood Crafts now displayed in two areas inside Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. 1704 Ave. H • Tahoka
 New items added periodically!

THS Class of 1995 In Search Of Classmates

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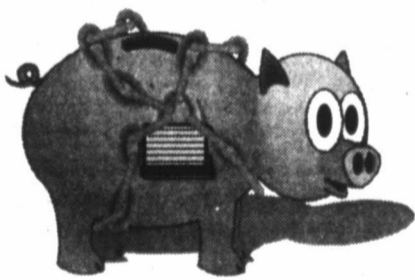


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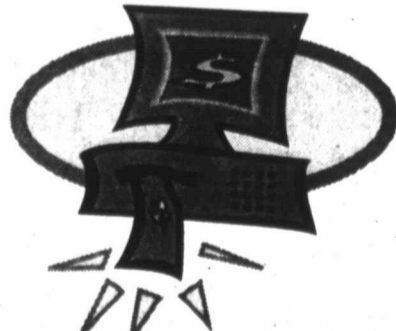
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Tahoka School

Aug. 21
 Breakfast

Monday: Sausage & Biscuits, Peach CUPS

Tuesday: Sausage & Cereals & Toast, Apple

Wednesday: Donuts or Grape Juice, Milk

Thursday: Cinnamon Toast, Fruit Punch Juice

Friday: Cheese Toast or Juice, Milk

Lunch

Monday: Corn Dogs, Milk

Chocolate Chip Cookies

Tuesday: Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Peach CUPS, Milk

Wednesday: Pepperoni Salad, Cherry Shape Ups, Milk

Thursday: BBQ Chicken, Beans, Coleslaw, Sugar

Friday: Hamburger on Lettuce, Onion, Pickle

Apple Cobbler, Milk

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COUPLE CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY - Hazel and Homer Hancock, residents of the Tahoka Care Center, celebrated their 77th wedding anniversary at the center on Friday, Aug. 11. The couple, who have lived at the Care Center since 1996, were married Aug. 11, 1923.

Protect yourself from sun, urges Texas A&M expert

COLLEGE STATION - Scarlett O'Hara got at least one thing right. Scarlett and her female contemporaries never ventured out in the sunshine without a parasol to protect their skin from the sun, said Doug Johnson, an environmental health and safety expert at Texas A&M University. In the 19th century, women disdained tanned skin and considered freckle-free skin the feminine ideal.

But nowadays, to be bronze is thought to be beautiful and healthy, Johnson said. And this cultural bias is especially unfortunate in light of the sun's harmful effects on the skin.

The sun radiates ultraviolet (UV) light, invisible, high-energy light that penetrates into the skin, where it causes damage. Tanning is the skin's response to the insult of the sun's rays.

"If you have UV damage from the sun," Johnson said, "it's never going to be to the lungs or to the blood vessels. It's always going to be to the

outermost layer of the body - the skin."

The damage caused by unprotected exposure to ultraviolet radiation is quite serious and can lead to precancerous, or even cancerous, lesions. Basal and squamous cell carcinomas are the two most common types of non-melanoma cancers and are easily dealt with early on, the Texas A&M health physicist said. The real danger is melanoma, which can metastasize, or spread, into the lungs and other organs throughout the body.

And if that's not reason enough to protect yourself from the sun, consider this: Over a long term, unprotected sun exposure coarsens and thickens the skin, giving a leather-like appearance.

To be bronze and beautiful when you're young may mean having a leathery face when you're older, Johnson said.

Experts predict active hurricane season

COLLEGE STATION - The Atlantic hurricane season, now well under way, could still be a real doozy, experts say.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has warned Gulf and East Coast and Caribbean island residents to prepare for an "above-average" Atlantic hurricane season, with stronger and longer storms possible. NOAA said La Niña conditions and warmer than usual Atlantic Ocean temperatures conducive to stronger storms are the likely culprits for the increased hurricane activity.

Benjamin Giese, an oceanographer at Texas A&M University, said La Niña, a cooling pattern of the tropical Pacific Ocean, produces much less precipitation than her stormy brother, El Niño, a warming of the Pacific waters. Because air rises over warm water to produce storms, Giese said, hurricane activity in the Pacific Ocean increases during El Niño years and decreases during La Niña years.

With fewer Pacific storms in La Niña years, storm activity in the Atlantic increases, the Texas A&M researcher said.

Tahoka Care Center News

by Beverly Zuniga

On Friday, Aug. 11, the Center celebrated the 77th wedding anniversary of residents Homer and Hazel Hancock. The couple married Aug. 11, 1923 in O'Donnell Methodist Parsonage. They lived in Borden County for five years and then moved to O'Donnell in 1928. They are the parents of Raymond Hancock and the late Weldon Hancock. They have seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Homer farmed in Lynn, Dawson, and Borden County and Hazel was a homemaker until the couple moved the Tahoka Care Center in Sept. 1996.

We also had a "meet and greet" for Jerry, Charlotte and Janet Jasper on Friday. Thanks to all who came to visit and to help welcome our new administrator and his family.

Thank you to Louise Durham who played and sang for the Center Thursday as a special event.

Also, thank you to Katie Webster who played the piano last Monday.

Thanks also for the great donations - Ann Roberts, Helen Farr, Dorothy Craig, Ronald Sherrill, Jay and Debbie Durham, Bill and Wayla Bueermann, Villa Craig, Betty Cranford, Patricia Hogg, TEL Sunday School Class and D.R. Adamson. We appreciate your giving spirit.

We have four new admissions, J.B. Reese, Ruth Slough, Grace Prohl, and Otiqio Flores.

Birthdays for this week are Clifford Tankersley and Hazel Hancock.

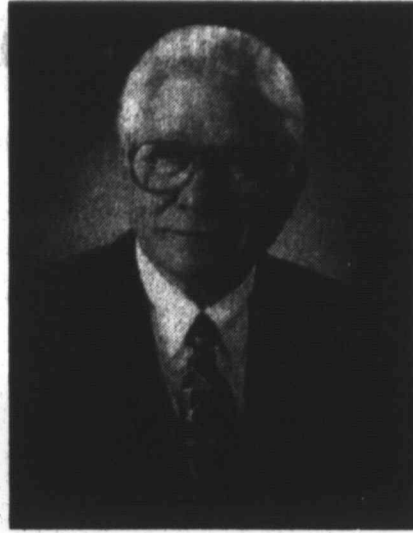
Emergency Funds Available For Utility Bills

South Plains Community Action Association (SPCAA) announces the receipt of Federal Emergency Funds to assist low-income families with high utility bills resulting from the recent extreme heat wave. Funds may also be used to purchase portable window evaporative air conditioners for eligible applicants who do not have a cooling appliance or who may have an inoperable unit.

Eligible households will be defined as households that contain an elderly (60 years or more) and/or disabled person, households with children under the age of six, or households with family members with a documented medical condition that requires air conditioning (the condition must be verified by a doctor's written statement).

The Emergency Funds will be administered through the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program.

For additional information concerning this program, contact Sara Alvarado or Odellia Sastre at the Tahoka SPCA office, 1629 Ave. J, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, phone 998-4521.



DR. ED ROBB

"Spiritual Discovery" Revival Slated At Methodist Church

Evangelist Ed Robb will lead "Three Days of Spiritual Discovery" at First United Methodist Church in Tahoka, beginning Sunday, Aug. 20 and continuing through Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Dr. Robb will speak at the Sunday morning service at 11 a.m., and at evening services Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, at 7 p.m. Breakfast sessions will be held at 6:30 a.m. Monday and Tuesday in the church fellowship hall.

Pastor Marvin Gregory invites all area residents to attend any or all services at the church, located at 1801 Ave. J.

Ed Robb, who has served as a pastor for more than 20 years and an evangelist for over 30 years, was recently named by "Good News" magazine as one of the ten United Methodist leaders who shaped the decade of the '90s. He has written a book entitled *The Spirit Who Will Not Be Tamed*, which documents the great movement to the Holy Spirit throughout the world and interprets its significance and doctrinal implications. As Executive Secretary of the Ed Robb Evangelistic Association, he has preached in every area of the nation and in numerous countries around the world. He and his wife, Martha, have five children.

New Home ISD Sets Open House

New Home Independent School District will have Open House on three different dates for different grade levels, on Aug. 24, 28 and 29.

New Home Junior High/High School, grades 7-12, will hold their annual Open House on Thursday, Aug. 24 from 6-7 p.m. All parents are invited to attend and become familiar with the school and see the new additions.

On Monday, Aug. 28, elementary grades Kindergarten through third will have their Open House, from 6-7 p.m. Grades 4-6 will have an Open House on Tuesday, Aug. 29 from 6-7 p.m.

All parents are urged to attend.

The NEW HOME News
by Karon Durham
924-7448

Couples are invited to a wedding shower for Andrea and Brandon Nettles from 7:00-8:30 p.m. this Friday, Aug. 18, in the New Home Baptist Church. Selections are at J.C. Penney and Target. Kitchen colors are blue and yellow. The living room is blue, green and yellow.

Boots are still needed for Red Ribbon Week and empty soup cans are needed for a pep rally. The articles can be turned in to Karon Durham at the school.

In last week's column, Lauren Wied's name was left off the list of cheerleaders. Sorry about that!

New Home School Menu

Aug. 21-25

Breakfast

- Monday: Waffles, Milk.
- Tuesday: Granola Bars, Milk.
- Wednesday: Cinnamon Roll, Milk.
- Thursday: Cherry Muffins, Milk.
- Friday: Breakfast Taco, Milk.

Lunch

- Monday: Tamale, Bean & Cheese Burrito, Lettuce, Tomato, Spanish Rice, Pineapple Rings, Milk.
- Tuesday: Chicken Fried Steak, Whipped Potatoes, Corn, Carrots, Fruit Cup, Hot Rolls, Milk.
- Wednesday: Grilled Ham & Cheese, Waffle Fries, Pickle Spears, Apples w/ Carmel Sauce, Potato Bar, Milk.
- Thursday: Spaghetti or Corn Dog, Garlic Sticks, Breaded Okra, Lettuce, Tomato, Celery/Carrot Cup, Fruit Cup, Milk.
- Friday: Chili Cheese Dog, Tator Tots, Chili Beans, Apricot Cobbler, Milk.

New Home ISD Board Meets

The New Home Independent School District Board of Directors met Aug. 14. Superintendent Herb Youngblood provided the following board summary.

Supt. Youngblood reported that 210 students enrolled for the first day of school, with 104 in high school and 106 in elementary.

Joe Helms, Athletic Director, reported that 21 boys are out for high school football and 16 are out for junior high football. He also reported that 22 girls were in high school athletics and 17 girls are enrolled in junior high athletics.

The FFA calendar was given to all members.

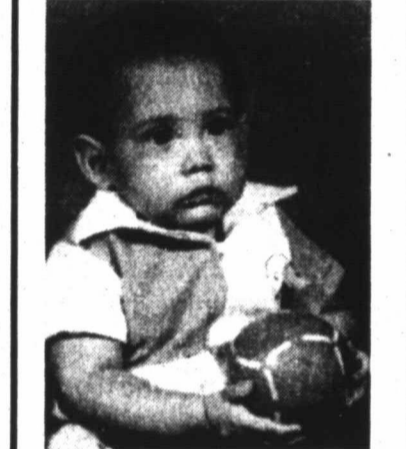
Board member Marinda Tyler presented a report on the county appraisal district and the concerns of the hospital district.

Andy Maeker, Rick Clem and Marinda Tyler will attend the Texas Association of School Boards Convention in Houston Sept. 22-24.

The board discussed the preliminary budget for 2000-01 and decided to have a special meeting on Aug. 28 to adopt the budget and set the tax rate. The public is invited to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. to discuss these matters.

Other business included the approval of the Elementary Student Handbook and Athletic Handbook for the 00-01 school year and the approval of a new roof for one of the school's houses.

Happy 25th Birthday August 15th



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Tahoka School Menu

Aug. 21-25

Breakfast

- Monday: Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal & Biscuit, Peach Cups, Milk.
- Tuesday: Sausage & Egg Burritos or Cere. & Toast, Apple Juice, Milk.
- Wednesday: Donuts or Cereal & Toast, Grape Juice, Milk.
- Thursday: Cinnamon Rolls, Cereal & Toast, Fruit Punch Juice, Milk.
- Friday: Cheese Toast or Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.

Lunch

- Monday: Corn Dogs, Mixed Slad, Apple, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk.
- Tuesday: Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Peach Cups, Hot Roll, Milk.
- Wednesday: Pepperoni Pizza, Mixed Salad, Cherry Shape Ups, Orange Halves, Milk.
- Thursday: BBQ Chicken on Bun, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Sugar Cookies, Milk.
- Friday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Onion, Pickle, French Fries, Apple Cobbler, Milk.

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FIRST GRADE LESSONS - First graders Randall Lee (left) and Harley Reynolds look up from their math building blocks during a lesson in Mrs. Judy Sanders' classroom at Tahoka Elementary. School began Monday for Tahoka students, and this photo was taken during the second day of school. (LCN PHOTO)

Regional Hearing On Redistricting Slated In Lubbock August 25

A regional hearing on redistricting will be held in Lubbock Friday, Aug. 25 from noon to 4 p.m. at the International Cultural Center of Texas Tech University, 601 Indiana Ave. This is one in a series of meetings held across Texas by the Redistricting Committee of the Texas House of Representatives and the Redistricting Committee of the Texas Senate. It is open to the public.

A special feature of this session will be a presentation by officials from the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Speaking about the status of the census in Texas will be Regional Director Al Mirabal and Deputy Regional Director Henry Tow of Dallas. Marshal Turner, Chief of the 2000 Redistricting Data Office of the Bureau of the Census in Washington, D.C., also has been invited to attend.

Chairman of the House Redistricting Committee and host for this meeting is Rep. Delwin Jones of Lubbock. Other members of the House Committee are Representatives Bob Glaze (Vice Chairman), Fred Bossee, David Counts, Jim Dunnam, Kent Gruesendorf, Bob Hunter, Kenny Marchant, Paul Moreno, Jim Pitts and Ron Wilson. State Senators Troy Fraser and Mario Gallegos co-chair the Redistricting Committee of the Senate. Other Senators on this committee are Gonzalo Barrientos, Robert L. Duncan, Mike Jackson, Eddie Lucio, Frank Madia, Jane Nelson, Steve Ogden, Florence Shapiro and Royce West.

The legislative committees will be drawing district lines for Congressional districts, state House and Senate districts and State board of Education districts during their work in the 77th Session which begins in January of 2001.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Q. How often does redistricting take place?
A. Redistricting takes place every ten years. A census of the U.S. is taken at the turn of the decade, i.e. 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000. Redistricting is done the year following so in

the year 2001, we will have redistricting. Districts for Congressional seats, for seats in the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate, along with the Texas Board of Education, will be considered.

Q. Who is charged with the responsibility of redistricting?

A. In Texas, there is a Redistricting Committee of the House of Representatives and a Redistricting Committee of the Senate. These are the committees holding the hearing on Aug. 25. The full Texas Legislature must vote on the plans developed by these committees. A simple majority of each branch is needed to approve the plans. The plans passed by the Legislature then go to the Governor for his approval or veto.

Q. If the Texas Legislature is unable to approve a redistricting plan, what is the next step?

A. The task of drawing House and Senate districts would then go to the Redistricting Board which is comprised of the Lt. Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General, the Land Commissioner and the Comptroller. Should this board not reach agreement, then the courts would be involved. The Congressional Districts and the Board of Education Districts can only be drawn by the Legislature.

Q. What is the recent history of redistricting in Texas?

A. In 1971, 1981, and 1991 redistricting wound up in court. In 1991, a federal court determined the redistricting plan for Texas.

Q. What are the population guidelines?

A. The number of persons represented in each district is determined by taking the total population of the state and, for House seats, dividing by 150; for the Senate dividing by 31. Congressional seats are allocated to the states based on the population of each state. It is anticipated that Texas will gain two seats, giving it 32 seats.

Q. What political or geographical boundaries are considered in setting districts?

A. All districts are to be made up of "whole" counties as much as possible. Common sense and experience recognize city, school districts and "natural boundaries" (rivers, and main highways, or main thoroughfares) as much as possible.

Q. What is the anticipated time frame for this process in 2001?

A. The Census Bureau is expected to have data together by February or March. They must have this data to the Legislature by April 1. So the Legislature has April and May to work on the plan before the end of



ANNUAL MEETING ATTRACTS CROWD - A crowd of 2,375 people attended the annual meeting of Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, held Aug. 8 at the Tahoka High School football field.

the Legislative Session.

Q. What changes are anticipated in Texas' districts?

A. With population increases in the Austin and Dallas/Ft. Worth and San Antonio areas, some changes can be expected.

Q. What is the purpose of the Aug. 25 meeting in Lubbock?

A. This meeting is one of a series of regional meetings for the House and Senate Committees to hear public testimony on local issues and concerns affecting districts. Also at this meeting, Census Bureau officials will be present to discuss the progress of their work in Texas and the nation. The Aug. 25 hearing is open to the public. The primary purpose is to allow the general public the opportunity to give the Committees their input as to the best configuration of districts in the West Texas area from their perspective.

Lyntegar Annual Meeting Held Here Tuesday

Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. held its annual barbecue and meeting of members at the Tahoka High School football field on Aug. 8, with a total of 2,375 people present for the event.

Two incumbents were re-elected as directors of the cooperative, with Earl Brown Jr. re-elected to district 2 and Marlin Hawthorne re-elected to district 5.

The annual report to members indicated that total revenue for the calendar year 1999 was \$31,179,014 and total expenses were \$32,210,517.

This year, the cooperative will issue \$1,000,000 in capital credit refunds, bringing the total capital credits refunded to members to \$16,439,434.10.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The WILSON I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 28, 2000 in Wilson I.S.D. Board Room, 1411 Green Ave., Wilson, Texas 79381. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.49	\$.066 *	\$ 1.556	\$ 2,319	\$ 5,299
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.52171	\$.07573*	\$ 1.59744	\$ 2,418	\$ 5,362
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.50	\$.08 *	\$ 1.58	\$ 2,557	\$ 5,097

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 25,005	\$ 25,300
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 10,005	\$ 10,300
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.556/100	\$ 1.58/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 155.68	\$ 162.74
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$	\$ 7.06

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.65744. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.65744.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 506,498.14
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 135,464.15

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feel it meets the nomination criteria." All for-profit South Plains businesses, members and non-members of the Bureau, which are located in Bailey, Borden, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Kent, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry and Yoakum counties are eligible to enter.

"The purpose of this award is to recognize annually those businesses in our community committed to maintaining exceptionally high standards of ethical behavior in buyer and seller relationships," said Nan Campbell, president of the South Plains Bureau. "I encourage the many outstanding companies in the South Plains that work to uphold the trust and respect of their customers to submit an entry for this prestigious award. I also encourage customers to submit a nomination for companies that they have done business with and

"Businesses do not have to have any formal ethics program," stated Campbell. "We are just looking for companies that have maintained a desire to do what is right and fair in the marketplace as they go about their daily business dealings." An individual may nominate the company he/she works for, owns or is affiliated with, or may nominate a peer company, a company the individual does business with or any company meeting the award parameters set forth in the entry form. Official Award Entry forms are available from the BBB at 916 Main Street, Suite 800, Lubbock 79401, by calling (806) 763-0459 ext. 221 or (800) 687-7890 ext. 221, or by e-mail at info@bbbsouthplains.org. The Torch Award entry form is also located at the Bureau's web site at <www.bbbsouthplains.org>. Nominations will be accepted through Sept. 8.

"Summer Fun" Photos submitted by area readers depicting summer activities will be printed as space is available.



WE CAUGHT A FISH THIS BIG! - Josh Hawthorne and Kyle Preston could back up their "tall tales" fishing stories after catching this big one at the Preston's ranch near Goldthwaite. They are the sons of John and Lisa Hawthorne, and Danny and Amy Preston, all of Tahoka. Summer Fun photos will be printed through the end of August.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The O'DONNELL I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 29, 2000 in O.I.S.D. Board Room, 501 5th St., O'Donnell, Tx. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.2986	\$.0914 *	\$ 1.39	\$ 1,851	\$ 6,000
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.3342	\$.09553*	\$ 1.42973	\$ 1,851	\$ 5,800
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.365	\$.095 *	\$ 1.46	\$ 1,918	\$ 5,800

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 23,510	\$ 24,521
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 8,510	\$ 9,521
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.39/100	\$ 1.46/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 118.29	\$ 139.01
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$	\$ 20.72

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.48973. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.48973.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 500,000.
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 75,000.

SCHEDULE FOR THE 2000 TAHOKA BULLDOGS FOOTBALL TEAMS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 19	Plains	There	TBA
Aug. 25	Hart and Crosbyton	Here	TBA
Sept. 1	Floydada	There	7:30
Sept. 8	Kress	There	7:30
Sept. 15	Lockney	Here	7:30
Sept. 22	Shallowater	Here	7:30
Sept. 29	Seagraves	Here	7:30
Oct. 6	OPEN		
Oct. 13	New Deal	There	7:30
Oct. 20	Ralls	Here	7:30
Oct. 27	Post	There	7:30
Nov. 3	Idalou	There	7:30
Nov. 10	Sundown	Here	7:30

Homecoming - October 13
Winter Game - November 10

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 19	Plains	There	TBA
Aug. 25	Hart and Crosbyton	Here	TBA
Aug. 31	Floydada	Here	6:00
Sept. 7	Kress	Here	6:00
Sept. 14	Lockney	There	6:00
Sept. 21	Shallowater	There	6:00
Sept. 28	Seagraves	There	6:00
Oct. 5	OPEN		
Oct. 12	New Deal	Here	6:00
Oct. 19	Ralls	There	6:00
Oct. 26	Post	Here	6:00
Nov. 2	Idalou	Here	6:00
Nov. 9	Sundown	There	6:00

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 14	Lockney	Here	5:00-6:30
Sept. 21	Shallowater	Here	5:00-6:30
Sept. 28	Seagraves	Here	5:00-6:30
Oct. 5	OPEN		
Oct. 12	New Deal	There	5:00-6:30
Oct. 19	Ralls	Here	5:00-6:30
Oct. 26	Post	There	5:00-6:30
Nov. 2	Idalou	There	5:00-6:30
Nov. 9	Sundown	Here	5:00-6:30

Bryan Gerlich- Athletic Director-998-4414
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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Defense downsize shuffles jobs

Since 1988, Congress has recommended closing or reorganizing more than 500 military bases in the United States — seven of them in Texas. Jobs were lost, but local economic development strategies restored jobs and created others.

Base	Year Closed	Jobs Lost†	Jobs Created and Restored†
Chase Field NAS — Beeville	1993	1,801	2,219
Carswell AFB — Fort Worth	*	8,359	13,454
Bergstrom AFB — Austin	1993	6,678	3,500
Dallas NAS — Dallas	1997	1,642	+
Reese AFB — Lubbock	1997	2,492	1,450
Kelly AFB — San Antonio	2001	19,452	12,000
Red River Army Depot — Texarkana	*	4,512	2,900
Total		44,936	35,623

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LIFE IS LIKE A BOX OF CHOCOLATES - Clay and Valerie Sosa of Tahoka sat down with Forrest Gump on a recent trip to the Wax Museum and Ripley's Believe It or Not in Grand Prairie. Their parents are Robert and Susie Sosa of Tahoka. *The News* will print "Summer Fun" photos at no charge through August as space permits (one photo per family please).

High Plains Farmers, Bracing For Second Wave Of Pest, Are Urged To Avoid Sparking A Third

As West Texas cotton growers battle the region's worst outbreak of beet armyworms since 1980, they now must brace for a second wave of insects targeting their fields. Extension personnel are reporting high counts of cotton bollworm moths and egg masses, and expect bollworm counts to increase over the next two weeks.

Moreover, they stress that careful insecticide selection is vital to avoid the flaring of a third wave of pests - aphids.

A phenomenal level of bollworm egg laying has been reported in Hockley and Cochran counties. And, in Lamb County, egg laying has ranged from 1,446 to 10,649 eggs per acre. Even though high temperatures, low humidity and natural predators are accounting for some egg and small larvae mortality, many fields likely will see threshold numbers and require treatment.

To compound the problem, beet armyworm populations remain at high levels throughout the High Plains. In a newsletter from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Dr. Jim Leser reminded growers that square, bloom and boll feeding will exceed leaf feedings as August progresses. Growers should treat armyworm and bollworm infestations using a threshold of 10,000 worms per acre, counting only the smaller worms. Leser noted that Tracer Naturally insect control works well in situations where bollworms and armyworms are the target pests.

Leser advised growers to be cautious in choosing products to control excessive worm populations because cotton aphids are currently being found in many fields. With some county reports showing aphids in 90

percent of fields, making the proper insect control decision is key to keeping the aphid population at a manageable level.

"If aphids are present but not at economic threshold levels, it is important growers select a product that will leave beneficial insects in the field," said Bill Hendrix, customer agronomist with Dow AgroSciences. "These natural predators play a vital role in keeping aphids below threshold."

Extension personnel stress that two applications of a pyrethroid 10 to 14 days apart have been shown to promote a rapid increase in aphid numbers. Hendrix said a better alternative is Tracer.

"Tracer can help effectively control bollworm and armyworm while leaving most beneficials in the field to suppress aphids and other secondary pests such as loopers," Hendrix said.

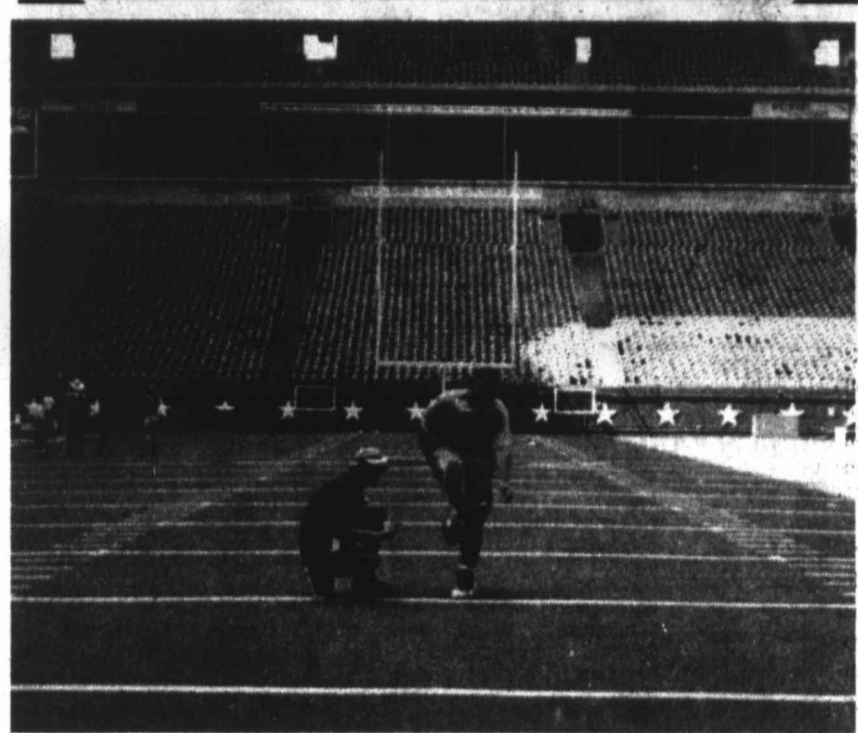
Spray coverage during late-season applications also is critical to achieving optimum control because the plant canopy becomes more dense. Increasing the spray pressure and using a methylated seed oil and organosilicon surfactant will increase coverage and improve the consistency of performance.

"Another major factor in achieving effective control is the timing of the application. As worms grow, they become more difficult to control," Hendrix explains. "The mode of action of Tracer extends the application window. It not only controls worms through contact and ingestion activity, but also works on eggs and hatching worms."

Contact local Extension agents or insecticide providers for more information.

"Summer Fun"

Photos submitted by area readers depicting summer activities will be printed as space is available.



FUTURE COWBOYS - While taking a tour of Texas Stadium in Dallas, the Bueermann family of Tahoka took the opportunity to try for a field goal out on the turf. Kyle holds the ball for his brother as Kody attempts the field goal (he missed, nailing his dad, Bill, who was taking the picture). Now THAT's Summer Fun! Summer Fun photos will be printed until the end of August.

PIRATE Not An Option For Beet Armyworm

LUBBOCK, August 11, 2000 By Shawn Wade

Despite the efforts of Plains Cotton Growers, the Texas Department of Agriculture and many others it appears that there is no chance that growers will be able to utilize Pirate against growing Beet Armyworm infestations throughout the Texas High Plains.

Conservative estimates that over 500,000 acres of High Plains cotton will eventually trigger economic treatment thresholds made little impression on Environmental Protection Agency personnel that visited the area August 7-8.

Even after listening to scientific arguments for the release of the product, it appears obvious that EPA will not make a decision allowing grower use of Pirate this year. Depleted supplies of Intrepid, Denim and Confirm further limit grower treatment options.

EPA officials voiced sympathy for the situation facing growers. However, sympathy won't kill worms.

Growers need to rethink their options and concentrate on making the best possible use of both money and application resources to get them through.

Promises from Dow Agrosciences of adequate supplies of Tracer™ and Lorsban™ 4E, and from DuPont to increase production and delivery of Steward™ should help growers weather the storm.

The bad news is that nothing comes cheap and runaway infestations that have resulted from a near continuous egg-lay will probably require multiple treatments to contain.

Tough decisions will have to be made regarding marginal crops or treatment of fields that have already sustained significant yield altering damage. Secondary considerations for growers also include the need to control additional pests such as aphids, boll weevils or any of several other worms pests such as bollworms, fall armyworms and yellow-striped armyworms.

Growers are advised to follow treatment recommendations closely and include recommended additives plus adequate water to ensure total plant coverage regardless of treatment method. Check out this week's issue of the *Focus on Entomology* newsletter from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to see what the latest situation report shows and options for control. Focus can be found on the internet at: <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/ipm/AgWeb/index.html>

Fund Usage Explained In Weevil Eradication Program

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. this week released information explaining how assessments which growers pay are used in the eradication effort.

An analysis of the zone's spend-

ing from the beginning of the program last year through June 2000 shows the bulk of the funds was spent on the treatments that will eliminate the weevil, the report says. For every dollar expended on eradication in the zone, about 77 cents was spent on insecticide and aerial applications.

"Lots of vehicles and employees are needed to successfully run an eradication program, but surprisingly these items require a much smaller bite of the eradication dollar. Salaries and wages accounted for slightly more than 9 cents of every dollar, and vehicle expenses consumed a little more than 4 cents of each dollar spent," explained a representative of the foundation.

The rest of the eradication dollar, says the report, went for trapping supplies, 2 cents; equipment costs, 1 cent; interest, 4 cents; and rent and supplies, 2 cents.

"Growers in the zone should be happy to discover they are not bearing these costs by themselves," said the representative. "Although they paid \$6.4 million in 1999, state and federal funding has provided \$9.5 million toward the effort."

"One of the largest expenses growers incur in producing a crop has always been the cost of pest control. But experience in other areas of the country has shown that a successful eradication program drastically reduces that expense, resulting in a higher quality crop at lower production costs," said the eradication foundation representative.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The NEW HOME I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 28, 2000 in the Board Room - Supt's. Office, 225 Main, New Home, Tx. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.435	\$ -0-	\$ 1.435	\$ 2,474	\$ 4,859
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.478	\$ -0-	\$ 1.478	\$ 2,417	\$ 3,492
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.435	\$ -0-	\$ 1.435	\$ 2,381	\$ 3,492

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 47,840	\$ 47,318
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 32,840	\$ 32,318
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.435/100	\$ 1.435/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 471.25	\$ 463.76
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$	\$ (7.49)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.52. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.52.

Fund Balances

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF WILSON
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
The City of Wilson will submit a Texas Community Development Program Community Development Fund application for \$250,000 for water improvements throughout the City. The application(s) will be available after August 17, 2000 for review at Wilson City Hall during regular business hours. 33-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF TAHOKA
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
The City of Tahoka is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is \$250,000 for water system improvements in the central section of town. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. 33-1tc

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Summer Fun
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WHEN IN ROME - Romero Rodriguez and Michelle Bertreaux of Tahoka (center) take a minute to pose with the gladiators in front of the Colosseum in Rome, Italy while on vacation last month. *The News* will print "Summer Fun" photos at no charge through August as space permits (one photo per family please).

The Wilson News
by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

Wilson Volunteer Fire Department Tip of the Week: Labor Day is just around the corner and with it comes the last big fling of summer activity. Many people will be heading to the lake for a weekend of boating and skiing. Before you put your boat into the water, be sure that all the fuel lines and the boat's fuel system is free of leaks. Also be sure that the engine compartment is free of combustible material such as rags or other debris and that a mouse has not built a nest around the engine. A little preventive maintenance could save a big fire loss.

Also make sure that you have an approved fire extinguisher on the boat and that it is in proper working order. Most fire extinguishers need to be checked and serviced once a year to make sure that the unit is working properly.

Also make sure that there are enough life jackets on board so that each person on the boat is wearing one.

Local news media has recently reported that the little Brown Recluse spider is showing up in increasing numbers on the South Plains. One recent instance reported that residents of one home caught about 50 of them on sticky paper placed about their home. Entomologists think that the increased incidents are caused by the increase of home building in rural areas and the fact that the South Plains has not had a severe winter for several years and the spiders have been able to over-winter.

These spiders are quite dangerous and their bite can cause major tissue damage and even death. If you come across one of these spiders, or think you have one, contact a reputable pest control company and have them check it out. Regular, home remedies probably will not help if you have a major infestation so seek help as soon as possible. A bite from one of these spiders will require medical attention as soon as possible, so don't "wait and see," get help immediately. The best way to avoid problems with the Brown Recluse is to be careful and if you come across one, seek competent help.

The Wilson Mustang Booster Club meets every Monday night at 7 p.m. in the Wilson school cafeteria. All area residents interested in supporting Wilson students are invited to attend and become a member. There are no dues this year, the only requirement for membership is a desire to help support the Wilson student body.

The first scrimmage of the season will be on Saturday, Aug. 19 at 9 a.m. (notice the a.m.). This will be a three way scrimmage with Wilson scrimmaging Whitharral at 9 a.m. and then Whitharral scrimmaging Valley.

The concession stand will be open and they will be serving hamburgers. Come out, watch the scrimmages and have lunch with all your friends and booster club members.

UH-DUH
The U.S. Air Force Survival School, in its survival training manual, states, "Avoid all yellow berries, avoid all white berries, and don't get over-confident about red berries either. Half of them are poisonous."

Maybe they should leave out the berries and just carry a Whopper or Big-Mac.

The Wilson Lions Club will meet in a special meeting this Thursday. The Wilson school staff are the invited guests of the club and, after supper, the new faculty members will be introduced.

Upcoming Lions Club activities include the annual Broom and Mop Sale, and the Homecoming BBQ.

Watch for more information on the broom and mop sale, make up your list of needs, and then come out to the sale which will be on the school parking lot. Watch for dates.

The annual "Meet the Mustangs" event is planned and in the works. Watch for more information on this event next week.

Wilson School Menu

- Aug. 21-25 Breakfast**
Monday: Breakfast Burritos, Juice, Milk.
Tuesday: Pancakes, Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, Juice, Milk.
Thursday: Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Milk.
Friday: French Toast Sticks, Juice, Milk.
Lunch
Monday: Cheeseburgers, Lettuce & Tomato, Fries, Cookies, Milk.
Tuesday: Corn Dogs, Pork & Beans, Chips, Fruit Salad, (HS-Potato Bar), Milk.
Wednesday: Fish Sticks, Hush Puppies, Coleslaw, Corn (HS Alt. Entree-Burritos), Milk.
Thursday: Beef & Bean Chalupas w/ Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato, Sliced Pears, (HS Alt. Entree-Burritos), Milk.
Friday: Pizza, Salad, Crackers, Banana Pudding, Milk.



TAYLORS IN THE TANK - The Taylors, great-grandchildren of E.L. and Dink Short of Tahoka, knew just how to cool off from the hot summer sun, as they went swimming in the tank near Grassland. Colton gets a ride in the lap of his cousin Meliah, and cousin Trey is just an innertube away. Summer Fun photos will be printed through the end of August, so turn them in soon.

ISSUE UPDATE

with *Mac Thornberry*

The EPA is Overstepping in Its Attempt to Impose New Water Regulations on Our Area

The future of our water supply is a subject on the minds of many people in our area.

Some of our cities are rationing water due to drought, and others are dealing with the possibility that their growing populations won't have an adequate supply in the future. We know that an abundant and clean water supply is essential.

Unfortunately, the Environmental Protection Agency, under the guise of cleaning up our water, recently passed new rules that would force states, municipalities, businesses and landowners to implement costly and burdensome water regulations.

The EPA was given the authority to regulate pollution that comes from a pipe, called point-source pollution, in The Clean Water Act of 1972. Regulation of non-point pollution (runoff from farms, forests and urban areas from

heavy rains) was given expressly to the states.

Now the EPA wants to regulate both sources and have authority over farming, ranching and forestry operations to meet its own limits on water runoff from the soil. This rule, a one-size-fits-all regulatory nightmare that is not based on sound science, has drawn more than 30,000 comments and has been the subject of 12 congressional hearings, but the EPA moved forward to implement the rule. That's why I've co-sponsored a bill to keep this regulation from taking effect until the cost-effectiveness of the rule is studied.

Here in the Panhandle, we understand the importance of water. We also understand that the states -- not Washington and not the EPA -- are in the best position to form voluntary partnerships with cities and landowners to keep our water as clean as possible.

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