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Grand Jury Indicts 13 On Felony Charges

Thirteen persons were named in indictments returned by a 106th District Grand Jury meeting in Tahoka this week. In addition, Judge Carter Schildknecht assessed terms for two persons who entered guilty pleas on felony charges.

Jeremy Daniel Bandy, 22, of Lubbock was sentenced to 18 months in jail in connection with the theft of a John Deere tractor owned by Bobby Martin of Tahoka on Oct. 5, 2001.

Dickie Ford Robertson of Brownfield was given a deferred judgment of a 5-year prison term on charges of endangering a child.

Seven persons indicted on felony charges were not named because officers had not yet arrested the suspects. This included one person indicted for murder in the death of an O'Donnell resident several years ago. The other six were named in drug or theft cases.

Among those indicted were:

Joe Nava, 45, of O'Donnell, delivery and possession of cocaine.

Jose Maria Martinez, 36, and Robert Lee Barrientos, age unknown,

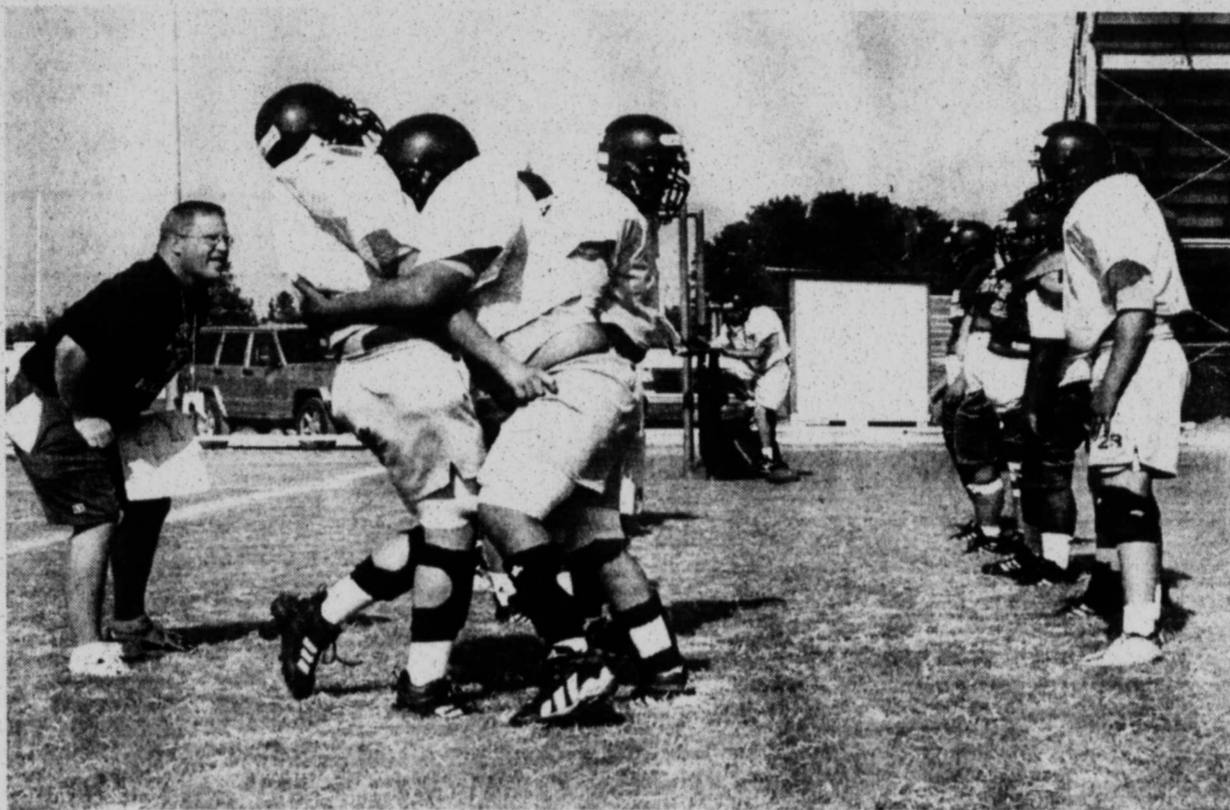
both for driving while intoxicated, addresses unknown.

Jeremy Lawson, Johnny D. Flores and Adrian Garcia, all of Tahoka, all believed to be in their late teens, for burglary of a habitation in Tahoka. Lawson also was indicted on a separate charge of burglary.

Tahoka Police Dept. this week was investigating a report that a teenage Tahoka girl had been touched improperly by a man who was visiting her home on Tuesday. Investigation was continuing as officers sought a 45-year-old suspect who reportedly lives in Idalou.

Items valued at a total of \$1,310 were listed as missing from the home of Luz Elena Mendez in Tahoka after the residence was burglarized while the family was away. Among items stolen were Nintendo games, \$60 from a piggy bank, Magnavox VCR, Aiwa stereo-CD player, a car stereo/CD player and an accordion.

In jail during the week were one person for driving while license suspended and one for possession of marijuana under two ounces plus no drivers license.



THE BULLDOG DANCE - Tahoka Coach Lane Hyde keeps a close eye on team practice Tuesday morning, as the Bulldogs prepare for the 2002 football season. Players lined up across from each other for a little head-on action, which oddly resembles a dance routine as they pair up against each other. The Dogs will travel to Whiteface this Saturday for their first scrimmage, set for 10 a.m. Next Friday, the Dogs will scrimmage Crosbyton here at 6 o'clock. (LCN PHOTO)

All Four County Schools Considering Tax Hikes

All four school districts in Lynn County are considering tax rate increases for 2002-03, mostly to recoup revenue lost from a decline in their tax bases and to maximize state funding. New Home and Tahoka ISD are proposing the maximum \$1.50 Maintenance and Operating (M&O) rate allowed by the state, with O'Donnell ISD close behind with a proposed \$1.48 total tax rate. Wilson ISD, already at the maximum \$1.50 M&O rate and an additional 8-cent Interest and Sinking Fund (I&S) rate for debt service, is proposing a slight increase in their I&S rate.

New Home ISD is proposing the biggest rate hike of 3-cents, from the current \$1.47 to \$1.50, and Tahoka ISD is proposing a 2-1/2 cent increase, from \$1.475 to \$1.50. Neither of these schools has an I&S fund for debt service, which is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

O'Donnell ISD is proposing a 2-cent tax hike, from \$1.46 to \$1.48, which includes a one-cent increase in their M&O rate of \$1.375 to \$1.385 and a one-cent increase in the I&S Fund of 8.5 cents to 9.5 cents.

Wilson ISD is proposing the smallest rate increase, but has the highest overall tax rate of the four school districts in the county with a proposed total rate of \$1.5885. The proposal includes the current \$1.50

M&O rate and less than a penny increase in their I&S rate, from 8-cents to 8.85-cents.

Marquita Scott, Chief Appraiser at Lynn County Appraisal District, told *The News* that even though home values have increased, agricultural values have dropped significantly, which is affecting county and school district tax bases.

"Ag values are based on a five-year average of the annual income from marketable agricultural production in the county, but those five years are counted back from two years ago," Mrs. Scott explained. "This year's appraisal values are based on county farm land production income from 1996-97-98-99-2000. We dropped the last good crop year, which was in 1995, so overall ag values have dropped," she said.

According to figures released by the school districts, none of the tax increases will bring in the same amount of revenue as the previous year except for O'Donnell ISD, whose proposal is their effective tax rate. Just to maintain the same local revenue as last year, Wilson ISD would need an 18-cent increase. Tahoka ISD would need an 8-cent increase, and New Home ISD would need a 7-cent increase - none of which is being considered.

Based on the proposed rates, taxes on the average home would increase

by \$1.88 in O'Donnell ISD, \$6.64 in Tahoka, \$42.64 in New Home, and \$59.08 in Wilson ISD.

All four school districts have scheduled public hearings for their proposed tax rates, with O'Donnell's hearing scheduled Tuesday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. in the OISD Board Room. The other three districts have hearings at 7 o'clock on Monday, Aug. 26, with Tahoka's hearing slated at the Harvick Educational Center, New Home's hearing in their high school library, and Wilson's hearing set in their school library.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug. 7	91	66	
Aug. 8	94	70	
Aug. 9	94	70	
Aug. 10	89	71	
Aug. 11	92	71	
Aug. 12	96	71	
Aug. 13	87	71	Trace

County Tax Rate Hiked 3.4 Cents

Lynn County Commissioners voted unanimously (after a second vote) to raise the county tax rate nearly 3-1/2 cents, from 64.5-cents per \$100 of property value to 67.909-cents. The rate hike is the effective tax rate, which would bring in the same amount of revenue (before adjustments) as the previous year.

Commissioners voted on the tax rate at their regular meeting Monday morning, even though the posted agenda for the meeting did not indicate that the tax rate would be considered. Apparently the tax rate was considered under the agenda item listed as "work on budget for 2003."

According to the official minutes from the meeting, Commissioner Don Blair abstained from voting on the tax rate when the motion was first raised by Mike Braddock and seconded by Don Morton, with J.T. Miller voting in favor. After discussion, Blair moved to amend the motion and Morton seconded, asking the court for another vote, and all four commissioners unanimously approved the rate hike.

For the average homeowner, county taxes will increase about \$15. Figures from the Lynn County Appraisal District show the average

O'Donnell, Wilson Set City Tax Rates

Two cities in the county have set their tax rates for 2002, with the City of O'Donnell following the same pattern as other taxing entities throughout the county and raising their tax rate slightly. The tax rate for the City of Wilson, however, is going to be lower for 2002, an almost unheard-of move for taxing entities.

Before Wilson taxpayers get too excited, however, there is a flip side to the coin: home property values have increased significantly in Wilson, so even with the lower tax rate most taxpayers will be paying more taxes in 2002.

For 2001, City of Wilson tax rate was \$1.00744 (slightly over \$1). Wilson City Council voted unanimously Monday night to lower the tax rate to the effective tax rate of .96924, which is a difference of less than a half a cent (.0382) for 2002. According to figures from the Lynn County Appraisal District, the average home in Wilson in 2001 was valued at \$21,622 with a tax of \$217.83. For 2002, the average home value increased to \$24,887, and taxes (at the new tax rate) figures to be \$241.21, an increase of \$23.38.

Wilson has the highest tax rate of the four cities in Lynn County. O'Donnell follows close behind, currently with a tax rate of 89 cents per \$100 of property value. City Council members voted unanimously (with one councilman, Max Mendieta, absent) Tuesday night to increase the rate by 2-cents, setting the tax rate at 91 cents, which is slightly below their effective tax rate to raise the same amount of revenue as last year. The average home in O'Donnell in 2001 was valued at \$19,374 with taxes of \$172.43. For 2002, the average home is valued at \$19,612, with taxes at the new tax rate figuring \$178.47, an increase of \$6.04.

Tahoka and New Home city tax rates have not yet been set. Currently, Tahoka's tax rate is 68.5 cents, and New Home's tax rate is 49.1 cents.

Pray for our Nation



SOMEONE sent me this letter of advice to all retired husbands, written by an obviously happy guy who understands how a marriage is supposed to operate:

It is important for men to remember that as women grow older it becomes harder for them to maintain the same quality of housekeeping they did when they were younger. When men notice this, they should try not to yell. Let me relate how I handle the situation.

When I chucked my job and took early retirement a year ago, it became necessary for Nancy to get a full-time job, both for extra income and for health insurance that we need. She was a trained lab tech when we met 30 years ago and was fortunate to land a job at one local medical center as a phlebotomist.

It was shortly after she started working at this job that I noticed that she was beginning to show her age. I usually get home from fishing or hunting about the same time she gets home from work. Although she knows how hungry I am, she almost always says that she has to rest for half an hour or so before she starts supper. I try not to yell at her when this happens. Instead, I tell her to take her time. I understand that she is not as young as she used to be. I just tell her to wake me when she finally does get supper on the table.

She used to wash and dry the dishes as soon as we finished eating. It is now not unusual for them to set on the table for several hours after supper. I do what I can by reminding her several times each evening that they are not cleaning themselves. I know she appreciates this, as it does seem to help her get them done before she goes to bed.

Our washer and dryer are in the basement. When she was younger, Nancy used to be able to go up and down the stairs all day and not get tired. Now that she is older she seems to get tired so much more quickly. Sometimes she says she just can't make another trip down those steps. I don't make a big issue of this. As long as she finishes up the laundry by the next evening, I am willing to overlook it. Not only that, but unless I need something ironed to wear to the Monday lodge meeting or to Wednesday's or Saturday's poker club or to Tuesday's or Thursday's bowling or something like that, I will tell her to wait until the next evening to do the ironing. This gives her a little more time to do some of those incidental things like shampooing the dog, vacuuming, or dusting. Also, if I have had a really good day fishing, this allows her to gut and scale the fish at a more leisurely pace.

Nancy is starting to complain a little occasionally. Not often, mind you, but just enough for me to notice. For example, she says it is hard for her to find time to pay the monthly bills during her lunch hour. I offer encouragement anyway, telling her to stretch it out over two or three days. I also remind her that missing lunch completely now and then wouldn't hurt her any, if you know what I mean.

When doing simple jobs, she seems to take more rest periods than she used to. A couple of weeks ago, she said she had to rest when she was only half finished mowing the yard. I overlook these comments, because I know it's just age talking, and I try not to embarrass her when she needs these little breaks. I tell her to fix herself a nice big cold glass of lemonade and just sit for awhile. And while she's at it, she can make one for me and take her break by the hammock so she can talk to me until I fall asleep.

I could go on, but you see what I mean. I know that I probably look like a saint in the way I support Nancy. I'm not saying that the ability to show this much consideration is easy. Many men may find it difficult. No one knows better than I do how frustrating women can become as they get older. My purpose in writing this is simply to suggest that you make the effort.

I know that the average husband may not be able to be as considerate as I am. But guys, even if you just yell at your wife a little less often because of this article, I will consider it worthwhile.

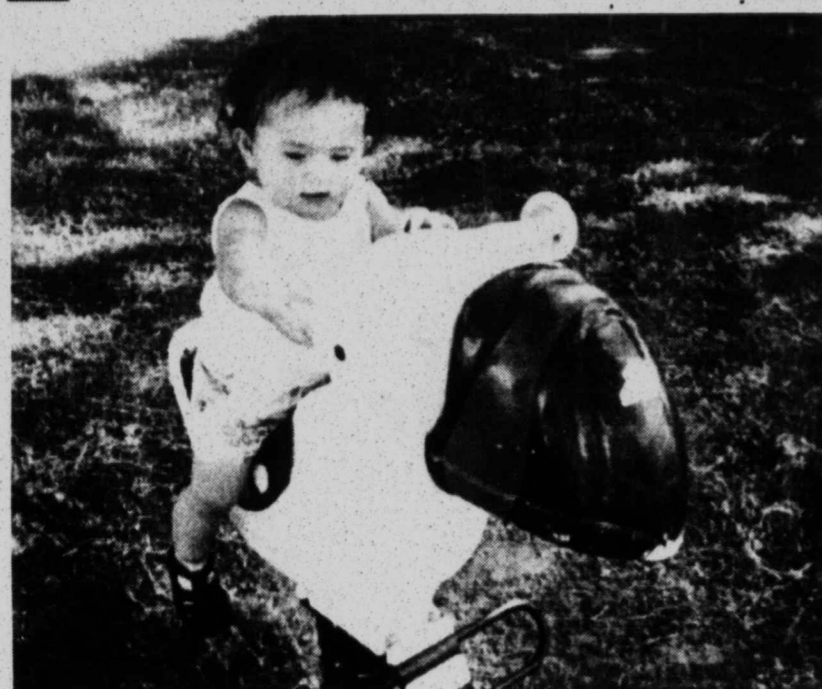
Well, I thought all these ideas were so good, I'd try them myself. I am writing this on a laptop computer in my bed at Lynn County Hospital.



BULLDOG STAFF - Wes Cope, left, Athletic Director and head football coach for the Tahoka Bulldogs, is shown with his staff for the upcoming football season. They are, standing from left after Cope, Brent John, trainer John Lowe, Lane Hyde, and in front, Jacky Dumas, Tony Marsh and Kevin Shepard. The Bulldogs open season Aug. 30, traveling to Sundown for the opener. (LCN PHOTO)

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



LET'S RIDE! - Layney Vega, 14-month-old great-granddaughter of Alton and Wanita Kelley of Tahoka, has fun at the park on a warm summer day. Layney is granddaughter of Tamie O'Connor and John and Yolanda Alvarado. Her parents are Jeremy Vega and Sara Alvarado. *The News* will print summer fun photos through August at no cost on a space available basis (one photo per family please).

Museum To Open During Harvest

Tahoka Pioneer Museum will be open during most of the annual Harvest Festival Saturday, Sept. 21, extending the museum's normal Saturday hours to 4 p.m. The museum normally is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

The decision to extend the hours for that Saturday only was made by the Museum Board which met in quarterly session Monday, with board President Jim Solomon commenting that "We want to give Harvest Festival visitors an extra opportunity to see all the historical items on display."

*Show your colors!
Fly the American Flag
to show your support
for our nation.*

News from the Tahoka Care Center

by **Connie Riojas**

The Center's monthly birthday party will be this Friday at 3 p.m. Residents that will be celebrating birthdays this month include J.W. Inklebarger, Aug. 9; Flossie Hammonds, Aug. 10; Clifford Tankersly, Aug. 14; Myrtle Miller, Aug. 18; and Loretta Jones, Aug. 20. We have one employee birthday this month - Laura Montemayor on Aug. 6. Happy Birthday!

Thank you to everyone who donated bingo prizes and thanks also to the Dixie Dog for donating cokes for the van ride. Thank you to Samantha Riojas for helping a few of the residents play bingo. The residents enjoyed bingo, exercising, Gospel singing, and an ice cream party this week.

Anyone interested in volunteering a few hours a week or wanting to make donations should call me at 998-5018.

Wal-Mart Foundation Awards \$2,000 Grant To Lynn County Pioneers

Wal-Mart of Lubbock has awarded Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center a \$2,000 matching grant. Presentation of the award was made Tuesday, Aug. 6 at the Wal-Mart store located at 4215 South Loop 289 in Lubbock. The store is managed by Nick Salazar.

The amount of the award was based on the amount of proceeds the senior citizens center earned from its July 4th fundraiser. A check for \$2,000 was presented to Renee Brooks, Director of the Lynn County Pioneers, by Patty Lucero, Community Coordinator for Wal-Mart. "This is Wal-Mart's way of giving

back to the community," stated Ms. Lucero.

Mrs. Brooks expressed appreciation for the grant and explained, "This grant comes at a critical time for the Lynn County Pioneers as we have received at this point nearly all of the funds contracted for the fiscal year 2002 from the Texas Department of Aging and the U.S. Department of Agriculture."

"Budget demands for the remainder of FY 2002 will be met through this grant, donations and continued community support we receive so gratefully throughout Lynn County, the director added."

Back To School Night Set For Monday At Tahoka Elementary

Tahoka Elementary School students are invited, along with their parents, to bring their school supplies and meet their teachers at the annual "Back to School Night," which will be held Monday, Aug. 19 from 6-7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Door prizes will be given away.

In addition to locating classrooms, the Pride Corps will be selling t-shirts for \$12. Sign-up sheets will also be available so that parents may volunteer for various projects throughout the school year.

Any student who did not pre-register in May should register from 8 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. in the elementary office, any weekday before Aug. 21. Anyone needing a school supply list may contact the elementary office during those hours.

For more information, contact the elementary office at 561-4350.

Obituaries



**JERRY WAYNE PEBSWORTH
Jerry Wayne Pebsworth**

Services for Jerry Wayne Pebsworth, 58, of Tahoka were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 10, 2002 in the O'Donnell Church of Christ. Officiating was David A. McNitt. Interment was in Tahoka Cemetery.

Pebsworth died Wednesday, August 7, 2002.

He was born in Brownfield, November 1, 1943 and moved to Tahoka in 1944. He married Jeannie Mace, November 6, 1964 in Crosbyton. He graduated from Tahoka High School and attended Draughn's Business College. He worked as a farmer and was a member of the O'Donnell Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Jeannie of Tahoka; his mother, Vaga Pebsworth of Tahoka; a brother, Edwin Pebsworth of Tahoka; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Freddie James, Milton Farris, Shorty Thompson, Charles McCook, Todd Pebsworth, and Dennis Autry.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Children's Home of Lubbock, 4510 Idalou Road, Lubbock, Texas 79403 or to Hospice of Lubbock, 1102 Slide Road, Suite 3, Lubbock, Texas 79416.

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Happy 15th Birthday, Sasha Marie Rodriguez



Love always -- Your Dad

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**MRS. GEORGE BENITEZ JR. (nee LETICIA ANTU)
Benitez, Antu United In Marriage**

Leticia Antu and George Benitez Jr., both of Dallas, were united in marriage at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002 at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka. Father Rey Sargon officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of John and Janie Antu of Tahoka. The groom is the son of Jorge Sr. and Yolanda Benitez of Austin. He is the grandson of Alexander and Frances Herrera of Austin.

The church entrance featured a column on each side topped with flower arrangements. Clear lights wrapped in tulle and greenery decorated the center aisle while a tulle bow was attached to every other pew. Flanking the altar were tall columns topped with pink and purple wisteria and candelabra featuring greenery and tulle. A Victorian style white bird cage accented with tulle, greenery, and glitter held two doves, representing the theme of the wedding which was "Love Birds."

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a Mon-Cheri dress of silky satin and French tulle. The fitted, boned bodice was covered in Alencon lace and pearls and the satin halter straps were trimmed with beaded Alencon lace. The full tulle skirt was accented with Alencon lace motifs and embroidered with pearls and sequins. The long, detachable Castilian train was made of tulle and featured lace motifs with pearl accents.

A six-pence good luck charm was "something old," "something new" was the wedding dress, "something borrowed" was a handkerchief, and "something blue" was the bride's garter.

The bride carried a Mexican style bouquet accented with a variety of glittered white silk flowers and strings of pearls.

Maid of honor was Barbara Antu of Dallas. Bridesmaids were Rebecca Resendez of Seagraves, Leona Lee of Dallas, Teresa Benitez of San Antonio, Melissa Resendez of Lubbock, Kristi Rangel of Abilene, and Andrea Aleman of Tahoka.

The maid of honor wore a purple floor-length dress featuring a glittered

flower design across the bottom and a full tulle skirt underneath. The bridesmaids wore identical dresses in tuch-sia.

Eliseo Benitez of Austin served as best man. Groomsmen were Justin Reid of Austin, Jamie Southern of Dallas, Jeffrey Antu of Big Spring, Elias Medina of Plainview, Steven Riddle of Abilene and Michael Martinez of Dallas.

Ushers were Mark Antu, Greg Resendez, Jonathan Antu, and Bradley Rangel.

Flower girls were Mikayla Resendez, Allison Antu, Daisy Dehoyoz, and Sydney Anglada. They wore floor-length dresses of ivory satin that featured an off-the-shoulder bodice. The two layer skirt featured two ribbons at the waist that tied into a bow.

Derek Resendez of Plainview served as ring bearer.

Train holders were Reagan Resendez of Plainview and Zachary Riddle of Abilene.

A variety of Spanish music was played during mass by Mariachi Amistad.

Following the ceremony, a reception and dance was held at the Tahoka Activity Center.

The bride's table featured a three tiered cake topped with butter cream icing. The first two tiers offered fillings of pineapple or raspberry, while the top tier was a traditional white cake. The cake was accented with edible pears and doves and featured an array of flowers in fuchsia, purple, yellow, as well as greenery and tulle.

The groom's table featured a hexagon shaped carrot cake with cream cheese icing. Serving at the groom's table was Delia Ybarra of Lubbock, who baked both cakes.

Following a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico the couple will reside in Arlington.

The groom is a graduate of Bastrop High School and is a Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps. The bride, a graduate of Tahoka High School, is employed at Discount Travel Network/Bestfares.com in Dallas.

Happy 40th Anniversary

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August 20, 2002



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Mike & Paige Rivas & kids
Ronnie & Missy Rivas & kids
Bam Bam & Gordon Tomlinson & kids
Cruz & Kim Rivas

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MRS. LEE I Lockaby,

Jacquie Lockaby of Lee Haygood of Canada in marriage at 7 p.m. on S 3, 2002 in the Church Tahoka. Bill Looney of C ated the double ring cer

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Grandparents Mendoza of Tahoka an Ernestine Carrizales o

Kristin and Kell Littlefield announce daughter, Kathryn Eliz 4:41 p.m. on Monday, at Covenant Medical C bock. She weighed 6 was 20 inches long.

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MRS. LEE HAYGOOD (nee JACQUI LOCKABY)
Lockaby, Haygood Wed Aug. 3

Jacqui Lockaby of Lubbock and Lee Haygood of Canadian were united in marriage at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002 in the Church of Christ of Tahoka. Bill Looney of Canyon officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Dan and Eddie Lockaby of Tahoka. The groom's parents are Wayne and Gayle Haygood of Canadian.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore an ivory colored gown of Peau de Soie and lace material. The gown featured an empire waist, square neckline, beaded bodice and detachable train.

She carried a cascading bouquet of orchids, lilies, roses, Calas and greenery.

Maid of Honor was Brenda Mathews of Lubbock, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Cindy Akers of Lubbock; Kristi Lockaby of Tahoka, sister-in-law of the bride; Mary Myers of Amarillo, sister of the groom; and Leslie Osborn of Tuttle, Okla., sister of the groom.

Candlelighters were Morgan Lockaby of Tahoka, niece of the bride; and Katie Osborn of Tuttle, niece of the groom. They also registered guests.

The attendants wore periwinkle colored floor-length dresses featuring a satin bodice with an empire waist and a chiffon skirt and matching scarf.

Ed Hedgecock of Canadian was best man. Groomsmen were Scott Bohlen of Howell, MI; Randy Grelner

of Cushing, Okla.; Todd Lockaby of Tahoka, brother of the bride; and Tim Osborn of Tuttle, brother-in-law of the groom.

Ushers were Sean Myers of Amarillo, brother-in-law of the groom; and Will Osborn of Tuttle, nephew of the groom.

Madison Lockaby of Tahoka, niece of the bride, served as flower girl. She wore a dress of ivory matte satin that featured a lace and pearl bodice and a tulle skirt accented with a satin hemline.

Brit Lockaby of Tahoka, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer.

Soloist was Summer Dean Osborn of Jacksboro. She sang "How Beautiful" and "I Say The Grace." Harpist was Carol Reid of Levelland.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka.

The bride's table featured a white cake topped with butter cream icing and decorated with fresh flowers.

The groom's cake was chocolate and was topped with chocolate dipped strawberries.

Following a honeymoon to San Francisco, the couple will live on the Indian Mound Ranch.

The groom is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and is a managing partner of the Indian Mound Ranch south of Canadian. The bride is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is an assistant professor at Tech.

Golden Trowel Awarded To Pete Stricklin

On Friday, Aug. 2, 2002, the O'Donnell Lodge #1187 met to honor Pete Stricklin with a Golden Trowel Award. This award goes to a Mason for outstanding service.

In April 1, 1958, he was raised as Master Mason. Stricklin is a 32nd degree Scottish Rite, a Shriner, Chapter and Council, Commandry, and Eastern Star.

Stricklin is an Endowed member of O'Donnell #1187, Tahoka #1041, Lamesa #909, State Plains of Big Spring #598, and Tranquility 2000, and Eastern Star #61. He has held every office more than once in all the lodges, was District Deputy '80-'90 for district 80, District Educational Officer '91-'94, Worthy Patron in '77.

A supper was served to his family and a host of friends.

The lodge regularly meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

Beginning Band Auditions Set For Sixth Graders

Sixth grade students at Tahoka Elementary School participate in the band program, and have an opportunity this year to get an earlier start on deciding which instrument each student would like to play. Auditions for all incoming sixth graders are being held this week and next, according to Tahoka band directors, Carroll Rhodes and Lora Smith, who are implementing the pre-school audition process for all incoming sixth graders.

"Each year we have taken an entire six weeks' period to do individual instrument auditions for every sixth grader, seeking to find the best instrument for them to play," stated Rhodes. "By auditioning as many as possible now, it is our goal to have the students on their instruments by the start of the third week, instead of the seventh."

Students are encouraged to sign up for a 15 minute time slot in which they will have a chance to audition on the different types of instruments: a flute, clarinet/saxophone, trumpet, and trombone/baritone. Students are encouraged to bring their parents with them, but it is not required.

The times for auditioning are Monday, August 12 through Friday, August 16, and Monday, August 19 through Tuesday, August 20, from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Students and parents will need to come to the band hall for the auditions as soon as possible. To make a reservation, please call 561-4538 and ask for extension 237 or the band hall and an appointment will be made.



The opening to a cave where a bear hibernates is always on the north slope.



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QUILTING AS FAST AS WE CAN GO! - Dortha Flynn, Angie Gutierrez and Lois Roberts are quilting as fast as they can at the senior citizens center, to finish this king-size quilt for the Lynn County Harvest Festival which is just over a month away. The hearts and flowers quilt was designed by these three and Marcy Raindl and pieced by Ms. Gutierrez. Tickets for the quilt will be sold for \$1, with all proceeds benefiting the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center. Under the experienced hands of these three (Dortha has been quilting 12 years at the center, Angie has been quilting for 20 years at the center where she also works, and Lois started quilting at the center in 1998), the quilt is sure to be finished in time for the drawing at the festival, on Sept. 21. The trio, however, say they would welcome any other quilters who would like to help finish the project. (LCN PHOTO)

Tahoka School Menu

Aug. 21-23 Breakfast
Wednesday: Cereal, Graham Crackers, Apple Juice, Milk.
Thursday: Pancake & Sausage Sticks, Fruit Mix Juice, Milk.
Friday: Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice, Milk.

Lunch
Wednesday: Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Mixed Salad, Vegetable Soup, Mixed Fruit, Milk.
Thursday: Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza, Salad, Cherry Shape Up, Apple, Milk.
Friday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Onion, Pickle, Apple Cobbler, Milk.

Senior Singles Organize Here

The first meeting of the Senior Singles got off to a good start, with 10 persons present. Future events discussed included week-end trips, day trips, the Garza Theater in Post, the Cactus Theater in Lubbock, and eating out at different places out of town. The next meeting will be at the Senior Citizens building, 1600 S. 3rd in Tahoka at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17. Snacks and games are planned. Interested senior singles are invited to attend.

They give you a round bat and they throw you a round ball. And they tell you to hit it straight.

-Willie Stargell

Senior Citizens MENU

Aug. 19-23
Monday: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Italian Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Cake.
Tuesday: Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Cornbread or Hush Puppies, Pine-apple Jello, Cookies.
Wednesday: Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Applesauce or Baked Apples.
Thursday: Beef Pot-Pie, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Purple Plums, Cookies.
Friday: Chicken Patty on a Bun, Tots or Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Fruit Cobbler.

STORK REPORT

Albert and Christine Mendoza of Lubbock announce the birth of a daughter, Sara Alecia, born at 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. She has a six-year-old sister, Mykela.

Grandparents are Junior Mendoza of Tahoka and Raymon and Ernestine Carrizales of Lubbock.

Kristin and Kelly Munson of Littlefield announce the birth of a daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, born at 4:41 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2002 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz., and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Mary and Denny Belew of Tahoka and Alton and Wanda Munson of Hagerman, N.M.

Training Set For Adopting Children With Special Needs

Catholic Family Service, Inc. of Amarillo is in need of couples who are interested in fostering and/or adopting children with special needs who are currently in the Texas Foster care system. Training for prospective families will be held on Aug. 17 at the Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street in Lubbock, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Pride Training will be held in one of the conference rooms of the Library.

Both husband and wife need to attend the session. Single applicants are also welcome. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and, if applicable, married for at least two years.

Please contact Danny Wampler at 1-877-924-kids or Susana Garcia at 806-637-1118 or 806-543-2818 (mobile number) to make your reservation.

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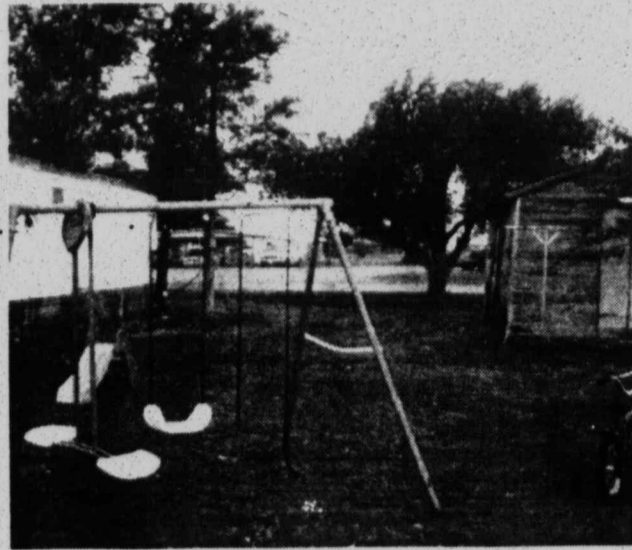
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BEFORE & AFTER - These pictures were taken before and after the clean-up done recently at Andrea Montez' home located at 1728 S. 4th in Tahoka. "Lending Hands" volunteers were Sara Alvarado, Roger Locke, George Sepeda, Joe Barrentez, Urban Garcia and Kerri Cowley.

BBB Warns Of Bogus Solicitation

Like a "bad penny", the solicitation to send business cards to a young man suffering with a brain tumor has re-surfaced here in the South Plains. The Better Business Bureau warns that this solicitation is bogus and any time and effort collecting the business cards is a waste of time.

Several years ago, there indeed was a boy in England that was suffering from a brain tumor and one of his wishes was to be in the Guinness Book of World Records for the most get well cards received. An organization called Children's Wish Foundation International, Inc. out of Atlanta, Ga. helped him fulfill his wish. He is reportedly well and in good health and has grown into a young man.

Reportedly, businesses in the South Plains have received solicitation letters from their friends and colleagues this week asking them to help this young man fulfill his wish to receive the most business cards and have this entered into the Guinness Book of World Records. The letter goes further to give a list

News From Lending Hands "Volunteers Helping Others"

Lending Hands volunteers are still hard at work at Helen Bookman's home located at 1929 Ave. D. Updates have not been made because their public relations person, Ricarda Salina, has been ill.

Within the past three weeks, volunteers have been: George Sepeda, Roger Locke, Odellia Sastre, Sara Alvarado, Megan Alvarado, Eddy Saldana, Mary Lou Saldana, Joe Barrentez, Sandy Autry, Sandy Norwood, and Cassandra Tillman. Bennie Nance provided lunch. Everyone is appreciated.

of companies that have participated. "Unfortunately, this request, which tugs at the heart strings of generous South Plains businesses, is a hoax and all the time, effort and money that goes into sending out solicitation letters is cruel", states Nan Campbell, President of the Better Business Bureau of the South Plains.

New Home School Menu

- Aug. 19-23 Breakfast**
Monday: Cereal, Graham Crackers, Milk.
Tuesday: Donuts, Yogurt, Milk.
Wednesday: Fruit-A-Roos, Milk.
Thursday: Granola Bars, Milk.
Friday: Biscuit, Sausage, Milk.
- Lunch**
Monday: Fried Burrito, Spanish Rice, Carrot, Celery, Cucumber, Blueberry Blooming Cake, Milk.
Tuesday: Pizza, Lettuce, Tomato, Celery, Carrot, Cucumber, Banana Pudding, Milk.
Wednesday: Steak Fingers, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Pear Cup, Texas Toast, Milk.
Thursday: Chicken Quesadilla, Pinto Beans, Lettuce Tomato, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk.
Friday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Cookie, Milk.

Reserve a BOOTH at the Lynn County Harvest Festival Saturday, Sept. 21

Call Booth Chairman **Rebecca Ingle** 561-4440.

The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

An outside luncheon will be held at noon Friday, Aug. 16, at Bob Clem's office in New Home. The luncheon is a fund raiser to help pay for bedding straw for the New Home FFA animals. Extra-thick pork chops will be grilled and served with beans, salad, bread and cobbler.

Cost is \$8 per plate. Everyone is invited to help raise these funds for the FFA program.

For more information, contact FFA advisor James Tabor.

The varsity cheerleaders will the traditional Little Leopard Camp on Thursday, Aug. 29 from 3:30-6:30 in the activity gym. Grades K through six are invited to attend. There is a \$10 fee which includes all of the instructions, a snack, and certificates. Campers will present a pep rally to their parents at 6:30 p.m.

Forms will be sent home in student's daily folders and are due back to Mrs. Durham by Monday, Aug. 26. The Little Leopards will be presented at the varsity pep rally on Sept. 13. This year's Little Leopards will take part in a special presentation in memory of 9-11 heroes and the New Home Leopards. We would like for campers with red, white or blue t-shirts to wear them with shorts at the rally, but it is not required.

The New Home Leopards will be coached this season by Head Coach Shane Moore. Coach Moore has been at New Home schools for three years. He will be assisted by coaches Shawn Harrison and Gene Valentine.

There have been 23 students out for Leopard football during their two-a-day practices.

The New Home varsity cheerleaders need the following:

- white paint or primer in spray cans or to be rolled on paint rollers and paint trays;
- empty cardboard Coke boxes;
- Old records of any size that do not have to be returned.



If the average man had a metabolism comparable to a hummingbird, he would have to eat 285 pounds of hamburger every day to maintain his weight.



CLOSE ENCOUNTER - Close contact was the rule of the day during two-a-day practice Tuesday morning, with players repeatedly charging at each other under the direction of Head Coach Wes Cope and his staff. (LCN PHOTO)

KTXT-TV Schedules August Fundraiser

Texas Tech University's educational television station, KTXT-TV, which is the Public Broadcasting Service affiliate for the South Plains, will conduct an on-air fundraising event Aug. 16-25. Special programming will air on Channel 5 (Cox Cable Channel 4 in Lubbock).

Station officials have set a goal of \$15,000 for the 10-day event, giving residents of the South Plains ample opportunity to support local public television as an essential community resource. Money raised during this special fundraising period will go directly to the purchase of programming.

"Public television is a unique cultural and educational resource that can never be replaced and the August fund-raising period is another opportunity for viewers to show their support of outstanding non-commercial television programming," said Tim Chambers, KTXT-TV's development director.

The August fundraising schedule includes several programs celebrating American music: "More Rock, Rhythm and Doo Wop" and "American Soundtrack: Soul and Inspiration" feature music of the '50s and '60s. Patriotic themes re-presented in "Pat Boone's American Glory." "Jim

Brickman: Love Songs and Lullabies" and "Spirit of American Concert with Daniel Rodriguez." New York City's singing policeman. In addition, music lovers will enjoy "Andrea Bocelli: Homecoming," "Celebrate! With the Celtic Tenors" and "Richard Rogers: Some Enchanted Evening."

Other specials scheduled to air are "Rich Little Starring As The Presidents," a theatrical journey through the country's last 40 years and "The Sid Caesar Collection," featuring new interviews from the comedy legends behind the program. Many of the special programs will offer thank you gifts at various pledge levels.

For those who enjoy the "how to" programs, "This Old House: Timeless Home," "Behind the Scenes of This Old House," "Jerry Baker's Gardening of Herbal Delights" and "One Stroke Painting with Donna Dewberry" are part of this month's special programming.

The Stenocall Call Center in Lubbock will receive all of the pledge phone calls for the drive through a special dedicated line, (806) 741-7015. Viewers outside the local calling area may call (800) 530-4735 and this toll-free number is provided by NTS. Also, viewers may access www.ktxt.org to make a pledge. For more information on KTXT-TV's August pledge drive, or to make a donation, call Chambers at (806) 742-2209.

Trustee Tax Rate

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees is scheduled a public hearing at 7:30 o'clock Monday, Aug. 19, on a proposed tax rate which is the maximum by the state. The hearing is at the Harvick Education Center, Main Street, and trust meeting immediately after the hearing to adopt the tax rate.

School officials say the tax rate, which is 2-1/2 percent, is the current rate of \$1.17. Not bring in the same amount as last year, because of most \$2 million decrease in school district's tax base.

"Even with a tax increase, the district will probably have a lower budget [than last year]," Business Manager Ehlert said.

According to figures from the school district, the tax rate will increase by 8 percent in the same amount of year, at a rate of about 2 percent, the maximum increase.

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PROCRASTINATING

There's that ugly procrastination. A big problem. Why do we do it? It drains us of energy. We could be spending it more really love? It changes your procrastination into productive ones. Treatments of procrastination are effective, however, and the root of the problem is important to understand. You procrastinate most common reason is procrastination, according to Dr. In his book *Feeling Good*, * Helplessness - vinced your moods are control and caused by such as fate, circumstance or other people's evaluation. * Helplessness - vinced by a lack of resources unending and getting that things work and not believing the in the future? * Overwhelming you magnify a task impossible to accomplish. assume you must do once rather than break into smaller, more manageable tasks. Do you obsess about have to do and haven't are paralyzed and overwhelmed? you immediately assume attitude?

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The NEW HOME INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 26, 2002 in the High School Library, 225 N. Main, New Home, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

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	\$ 1.47	\$ - 0 - *	\$ 1.47	\$ 2,288	\$ 4,709
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1,544.25	\$ - 0 - *	\$ 1,544.25	\$ 2,360	\$ 5,349
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.50	\$ - 0 - *	\$ 1.50	\$ 2,292	\$ 5,417

* 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	\$ 48,064	\$ 50,245
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 33,064	\$ 35,245
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.47/100	\$ 1.50/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 486.04	\$ 528.68
Increase in Taxes	\$	\$ 42.64

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 \$1.60425. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.60425.

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)	\$ 611,213.
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ -0-

Tahoka Bulldogs 2002 Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug 17	Whiteface#	There	10:00 a.m.
Aug 23	Crosbyton#	Here	6:00
Aug 30	Sundown	There	7:30
Sept 6	Morton	Here	7:30
Sept 13	Cooper	There	7:30
Sept 20	Slaton†	Here	7:30
Sept 26	Stratford	Amarillo^	7:30
Oct 4	OPEN		
Oct 11	Idalou*	Here	7:30
Oct 18	New Deal*	Here	7:30
Oct 25	Roosevelt*	There	7:30
Nov 1	Post*	Here	7:30
Nov 8	Shallowater*	There	7:30

Scrimmage
 † Homecoming
 ^ Dick Bivens Stadium
 * District Games

Tahoka Bulldogs 2002 JV Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug 23	Crosbyton#	Here	5:00
Aug 29	Sundown	Here	6:00
Sept 5	Morton	Here	6:00
Sept 12	Cooper	Here	6:00
Sept 19	Slaton	There	6:00
Sept 26	OPEN		
Oct 3	OPEN		
Oct 10	Idalou	There	6:00
Oct 17	New Deal	There	6:00
Oct 24	Roosevelt	Here	6:00
Oct 31	Post	There	6:00
Nov 7	Shallowater	Here	6:00

Tahoka Bulldogs Junior High Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept 12	Cooper	There	5:00/6:30
Sept 19	Slaton	Here	5:00/6:30
Sept 26	Sundown	Here	5:00/6:30
Oct 3	OPEN		
Oct 10	Idalou	Here	5:00/6:30
Oct 17	New Deal	Here	5:00/6:30
Oct 24	Roosevelt	There	5:00/6:30
Oct 31	Post	Here	5:00/6:30
Nov 7	Shallowater	There	5:00/6:30

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Trustees Considering 2-1/2 Cent Tax Rate Hike For Tahoka ISD

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees are considering a 2-1/2 cent tax increase, and have scheduled a public hearing for 7 o'clock Monday, Aug. 26 to hear citizen input on a proposed rate of \$1.50, which is the maximum rate allowed by the state. The hearing will be held at the Harvick Educational Center on Main Street, and trustees have set a 7:30 meeting immediately following the hearing to adopt the budget and set the tax rate.

School officials say the proposed tax rate, which is 2-1/2 cents above the current rate of \$1.475, still will not bring in the same amount of revenue as last year, because of an almost \$2 million decrease in the school district's tax base.

"Even with a tax increase, the district will probably have to operate on a lower budget [than the previous year]," Business Manager Nathan Ehlerst said.

According to figures released by the school district, the tax rate would have to increase by 8-cents to bring in the same amount of revenue as last year, at a rate of about \$1.555. However, the maximum maintenance and

operating (M&O) rate allowed by the state is \$1.50, although some schools' tax rates are higher because of debt service for construction or equipment, which is an additional rate tacked on to the M&O rate. Tahoka ISD does not have any debt service to pay off, so the total tax rate being proposed is \$1.50 per \$100 of property value.

Based on a \$30,000 average market value of residences in Tahoka, homeowners in the school district are looking at only \$6.64 increase in taxes.

"This is a benchmark year, which means our state funding for 2003-04 and 2004-05 will be based on the total amount of taxes we collect in 2002-03," Superintendent Jimmy Parker said. "Raising taxes this year will generate only about \$18,000 in local money but if we can max Tier II it will generate about \$160,000 in state funds. Tahoka ISD gets about 80 percent of our revenue from state funding, 3-4 percent from federal funding, and about 17 percent from local taxes. On average, school districts in the state of Texas receive about 43 percent of their money from

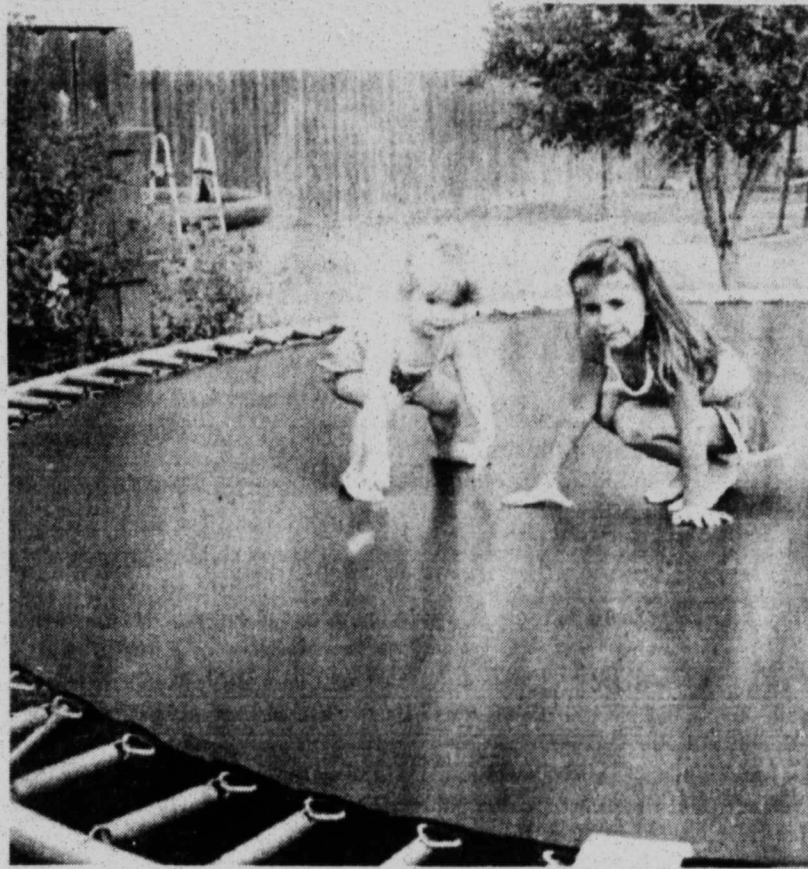
the state, but we get about 80 percent of our funding from the state," he explained.

These issues and others were considered at the board of trustees meeting held last Thursday, when policy updates, insurance, and other routine business matters were approved. Trustees approved a list of extracurricular stipends for teacher/sponsors, adding a \$500 stipend for the sponsor of the middle school one act play, and \$300 for an assistant sponsor, and raising the THS National Honor Society sponsor stipend from \$200 to \$750. Student/teacher/guest lunch prices were raised by 25-cents, and personnel policies were approved.

Tahoka ISD will offer something new this year, providing breakfast to students in all elementary classrooms at the beginning of each school day at no cost to any elementary students. The decision was made at the end of the last school year, when school officials tested the classroom breakfast service. Because so many of the students qualify for free/reduced price lunches and breakfasts, providing classroom breakfasts to all students brings in 100% of those who qualify, bringing more state funding to the school and essentially covering the cost of offering the morning meal to all elementary students.

Property/casualty and fleet insurance for the school district was renewed with Walker-Solomon Agency, which submitted the lone bid for insurance coverage. The teacher appraisal calendar was approved as presented, with Supt. Parker and

"Summer Fun"



JUMP HIGH! - Breklyn James, 2, and Chyenne Hoppe, 6, play on a trampoline in the Vestal's backyard in O'Donnell recently. Breklyn's grandparents are J.E. and Tommy Nance of Tahoka. Chyenne is the granddaughter of Tom Ed and Barbara Vestal of O'Donnell. *The News* will print summer fun photos through August at no cost on a space available basis (one photo per family please).

Bulldog Paw Prints To Be Painted Sunday

The Tahoka Bulldog Booster Club will paint paw prints this Sunday afternoon. Cost is \$5 per print. To order, call Tina Wuensche at 561-4441.

Anyone interested in helping paint the prints should meet at the high school gym at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Service NEWS

Christopher C. Donathan, son of Gary and Cheryl Donathan of Wilson, entered active duty in the U.S. Air Force on Aug. 2, according to SSgt Krier, Air Force Recruiter.

Donathan is a graduate of Wilson High School. Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, he is scheduled to receive technical training in the communications-computer systems operations career field. In conjunction with the vocational skill, he will be earning college credits towards an Associate Degree through the Community College of the Air Force while attending Basic and other Air Force technical training schools.

The Home Front

by Elizabeth Jones
LYNN COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES



PROCRASTINATION, PART II

There's that ugly word again — procrastination. A big word for a big problem. Why do we procrastinate, if it drains us of the energy and time we could be spending on doing things we really love? It IS possible to change your procrastination habits to productive ones. Treating the symptoms of procrastination will be ineffective, however, unless you get to the root of the problem. This means it's important to understand the reason you procrastinate. Here are the most common reasons for procrastinating, according to Dr. David Burns, in his book *Feeling Good*.

* Helplessness — Are you convinced your moods are beyond your control and caused by external forces, such as fate, circumstances, genetics or other people's evaluations of you?

* Hopelessness — Are you paralyzed by a lack of motivation that seems unending and irreversible, forgetting that things were better once and not believing they will be better in the future?

* Overwhelming Yourself — Do you magnify a task until it seems impossible to accomplish? Do you assume you must do everything at once rather than breaking the task into smaller, more manageable steps? Do you obsess about everything you have to do and haven't done until you are paralyzed and overwhelmed?

* Jumping to conclusions — Do you immediately assume an "I can't" attitude?

* Self-Labeling — The more we procrastinate, the more we define ourselves as procrastinators. Do you think of yourself as a procrastinator?

* Undervaluing Rewards — Do you feel like the reward isn't worth the effort?

* Perfectionism — if you settle for nothing less than the best, you may defeat or exhaust yourself with impossible standards and decide to settle for nothing.

* Fear of Failure — Are you terrified by the thought of failure or rejection? Do you tend to focus on the final product, rather than the process?

* Fear of Success — Some people feel that success is based on luck and that they will not be able to keep up that success. Do you worry that people will make even greater demands on you once you're successful?

* Coercion and Resentment — Do you feel under intense pressure to perform? Or that each task is so unpleasant that you just can't bring yourself to do it? This leads to self-labeling and drains your energy.

* Low Frustration Tolerance — Do you work yourself into a panic or rage when reality doesn't match your ideal view of things? This fuels a sense of futility and heightens the urge to simply do nothing.

* Guilt and Self-Blame — Finally, when you feel you've let others down, it's natural to feel unmotivated.

This isn't an either/or situation. The reasons for procrastination are ever-changing. However, it is important to understand your reason for putting something off today. It's the first step towards overcoming this Goliath of a problem. Stay turned for the next segment, where we'll talk about techniques for effectively eliminating procrastination — for good!

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Xcel Energy Home Electric Bills 46 Percent Below Texas Average

Electricity price comparisons by the Public Utility Commission of Texas show Xcel Energy's residential customers are charged less for electricity, consume less than the average Texas customer and receive electric bills 46 percent below the average Texas bill, according to information released this week by Xcel Energy.

Xcel Energy prices for service to a home are about 17 percent below average prices charged by regulated, investor-owned utilities in Texas, the PUCT Market Oversight Division's report shows — and have been for three consecutive months.

Xcel Energy will further reduce prices beginning with sales made during late September, when it's annually lower, Texas winter rates start.

"We're the low-price leader for electric service to businesses and industries, as well as homes, across a huge region. Our lower-cost power benefits more than one million people in both rural areas and more than 100 communities in the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, eastern New Mexico, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas," said Gary L. Gibson, Xcel Energy state vice president.

The survey reports the average Xcel Energy residential customer in Texas in July 2001, last year's peak-use month, used 819 kilowatt-hours of service. At this year's prices Xcel Energy's "regular charges billed" (charges excluding taxes and fees, which differ from one community to the next) for 810 kWh would be \$54.62. By contrast, the PUCT calculates the statewide, regulated average-use July residential bill for regular charges at \$101 — for 1,336 kWh.

It reports Xcel Energy's "regular charges billed" to a home using 500 kilowatt-hours total \$43.64. The charges to a home using 1,000 kWh come to \$65.66, which is about 17 percent below the statewide average for 1,000 kWh — \$78.66, the PUCT reports. The state's price comparisons for charges to homes, businesses and industries are at www.puc.state.tx.us.

Recent hotter weather in the region drove customers' demand on Xcel Energy to two all-time highs this summer, Gibson said. The newer record, set Aug. 1, was 4,214 megawatts — 40 MW above the record set in 2001. One megawatt serves about 1,000 homes.

"Although our customers on average don't use as much energy as customers in the hotter and more humid parts of Texas, we do expect overall demand to continue to grow here," he said. "Even as consumption

campus principals named secondary appraisers.

Present at the meeting were six trustees, including Greg Henley, Joe Calvillo, Tommy Botkin, Leighton Knox, Jr., Math Bartley and Frank McLelland, with trustee Carmen Chapa absent. The next regular board meeting was scheduled for Sept. 10.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The TAHOKA I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 26, 2002 in the Harvick Building, 2129 Main, Tahoka, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.475	\$ - 0 - *	\$ 1.475	\$ 1.626	\$ 6.349
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.55496	\$ - 0 - *	\$ 1.55496	\$ 1.639	\$ 6.336
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.50	\$ - 0 - *	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.627	\$ 6.486

* 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.

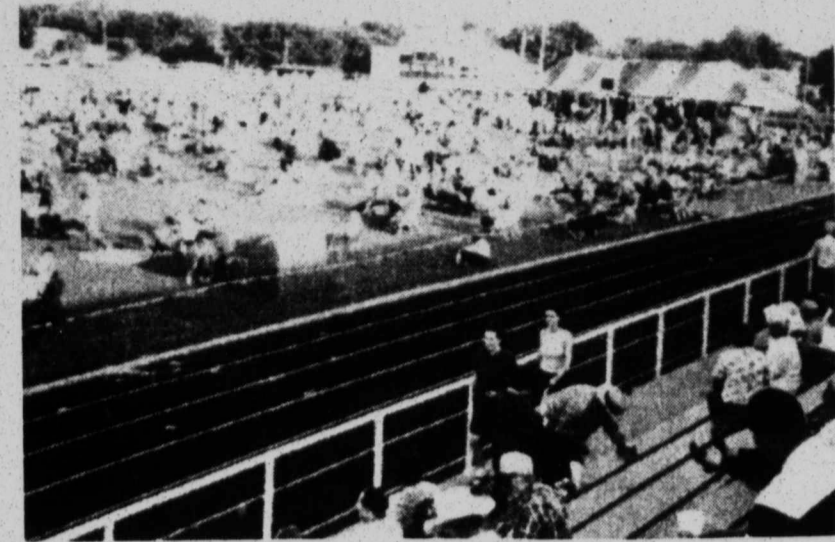
Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 30,071	\$ 30,262
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 15,071	\$ 15,262
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.475/100	\$ 1.50/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 222.29	\$ 228.93
Increase in Taxes	\$	\$ 6.64

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 \$1.61496. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.61496.

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)	\$ 2,031,016.
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ NONE

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LYNTEGAR BARBECUE - Approximately 2,075 attended the annual Lyntegar Meeting and Barbecue at the Tahoka football field Tuesday evening.

Back-to-School Children's Health Tips Provided

It's nearly time for kids to go back to school, and one thing that should be at the top of all parents' back-to-school checklist is keeping their children healthy and safe this school year. The fact is, healthy kids are better prepared to learn in school and succeed in life. As the summer draws to a close, there are some important things to remember about children's immunizations, physical activities, backpacks, street safety, and health insurance.

First, parents should make sure that their children are up-to-date on all immunizations. Most children, ages four to six, are due to receive booster doses of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis as well as polio, measles, mumps and rubella. If your school-aged child has not received these booster immunizations, they should be given promptly. An additional tetanus and diphtheria booster is recommended at age 11-12, and then again every 10 years. Because research is ongoing into developing new and improved ways to protect children from serious diseases, immunization guidelines change from time to time. Check with your family doctor or pediatrician about recommendations for your child.

Second, if your child will participate in sports, make sure they get a pre-season physical. And a wellness check is recommended for all kids, even those not planning to play sports. It's also a good idea for parents to educate their children about the importance of proper exercise and injury prevention. Here are some injury prevention tips for children involved in sports, playground recreation and gym classes:

- Start training before the season or school year begins in order to build up strength and endurance gradually. This will decrease your child's chances for injury due to sudden, heavy workouts.

- In sports, make sure your school matches kids by size and physical maturity rather than age.

- Make sure your child is taught appropriate warm-up and stretching techniques and performs them before workouts or games.

A third back-to-school health issue, often overlooked, is injury caused when children carry backpacks that are too heavy or worn improperly. Experts say that children should not carry backpacks containing more than 10 percent of the child's body weight. With the average textbook weighing 10-15 pounds each, it's quite clear that many children often carry around more than the recommended backpack weight. So what can parents do? For starters, you can talk to your child about eliminating any unneeded items from their backpack and make sure that they are using both shoulder straps in order to spread the load more evenly.

Fourth, parents should consider talking to their children about issues of school bus and street safety. While school buses are very safe, safer than cars in fact, accidents can happen. Most school bus-related injuries occur not during a crash but while students are getting on or off the bus. Here are a few school bus safety tips to share with children getting ready to return to school:

- Wait for your bus in a safe area, away from traffic and the street.

Producers Requested To Tell TBWEF About Spray Activities

Cotton producers use several insecticides to control pests in their fields, such as Furadan for aphids. So Texas Boll Weevil Eradication officials request that growers contact their district office with information on when a field has been treated with any chemicals and what chemicals were used.

Although fields that have been treated must be posted, contacting eradication personnel will help ensure that employees take the necessary precautions to protect their health and safety when working in these fields.

The Foundation also wishes to avoid unnecessarily treating fields, as some of the pesticides growers use provide control of boll weevils. For more information, growers may contact their local eradication office.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.

- When being dropped off, get off the bus and walk ten giant steps away from the bus, away from traffic and toward the closest curb. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are away from the bus.

- Use the handrail when getting on and off the bus.

- Be aware of the street traffic around you.

Students who walk or ride a bike to school should use caution as well. Here are a few basic safety tips to share with your children:

- Keep a sharp eye out for cars and trucks! Never just assume they can see you.

- Observe all traffic signals — never cross the street when the light is red, even if you don't see any traffic coming.

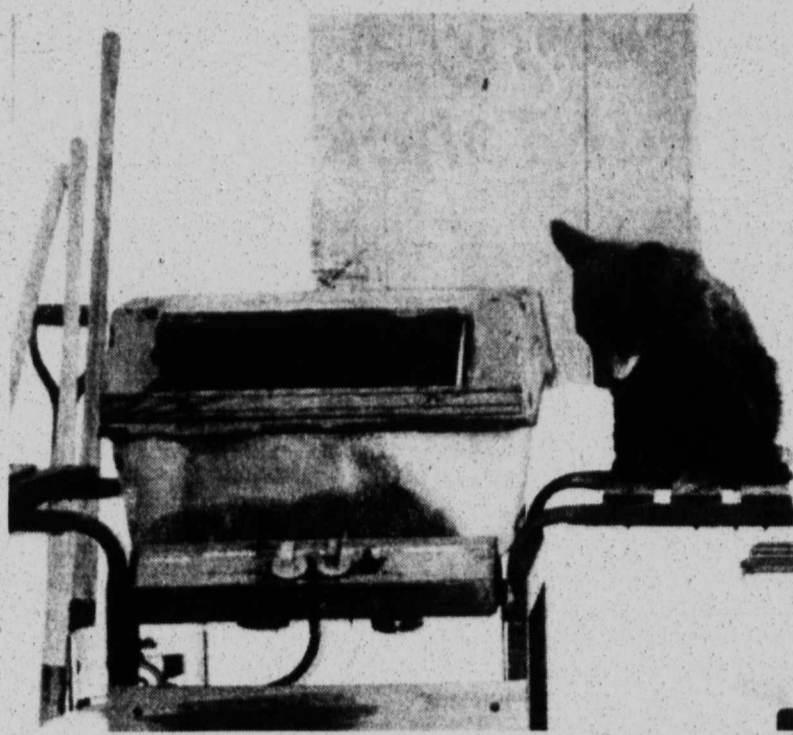
- Walk your bike through intersections.

- Walk with a buddy when you can.

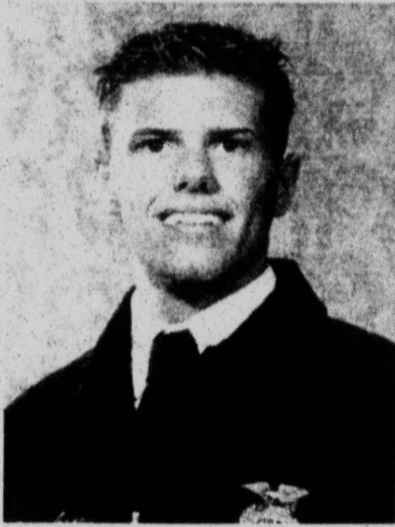
The fifth and perhaps one of the most important things a parent can do to help make sure their children are healthy, safe and ready for school is to enroll them in children's health insurance. In fact, every parent with uninsured children should put applying for children's health insurance through TexCare at the top of their back-to-school checklist.

TexCare has two ways to insure children: Children's Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program known as CHIP. Both programs give kids access to many benefits, including check-ups, shots, prescriptions, hospitalization, dental, vision and mental health care. TexCare has a simple application to fill out, which makes applying easy. To apply, call 1-800-647-6558 or visit www.texcarepartnership.com.

And, if your child or children are already covered through CHIP or Children's Medicaid, don't forget to renew. After all, it only costs \$18 dollars a month or less to cover all your children.



LET'S BBQ! - An orphaned bear cub sits on the backyard grill at Doug and Leah Taylor's home in Colorado. Due to the prolonged drought, many cubs were left orphaned and are wandering up to homes looking for food. The cub was placed in a refuge with several other orphaned bear cubs.



KEATON ASKEW Awarded \$10,000 Scholarship

When 70 Texas FFA members received a helping hand with their dreams of higher education through Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarships, Keaton B. Askew of New Home, was among the outstanding recipients.

The New Home FFA Chapter member plans to study agriculture development at Texas A&M University. Keaton's parents are Eddie and Carolyn Askew.

The four-year \$10,000 scholarships were presented during the 2002 Texas FFA Convention July 11 in Fort Worth.

Water District Suspends Enhancement Program

Effective Aug. 9, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, suspended its rainfall enhancement program until further notice.

"The High Plains Water District has a long history of listening to its constituents. Criticism emanating from residents of Bailey County and some adjoining counties has alerted us to their concerns regarding the program," said Jim Conkwright, manager of the district.

All the back-to-school safety tips in the world can't protect children from every illness or accident. That's why making sure children are covered by health insurance is so important. Minding these safety tips will increase your children's chances for staying healthy, safe and ready to learn. And, covering your kids with children's health insurance will give you peace of mind as they prepare to return to school.

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COLTON & LITTLE BURRO - Colton Taylor of Tahoka poses in front of a tree at his grandparents' home in Colorado. Hiding in the tree is Little Burro (so named by Colton), an orphaned bear cub that wandered up to the ranch. Colton's grandparents are Doug and Leah Taylor of Tahoka.

Taylor Family Hosts Orphaned Bear Cub

Leah and Doug Taylor of Tahoka have been spending the summer months on their ranch near Trinidad, Colorado and on a recent early morning, the couple and their grandson Colton were awakened by the barking of their yellow Labrador retriever, Miss Yellar. The cause of the dog's excitement turned out to be a small bear cub that had wandered up to the house looking for food.

According to Mrs. Taylor, many bear cubs have been orphaned due to the prolonged drought in Colorado. Colton named the cub "Little Burro," a take-off on the name of the ranch, Burro Canyon. The cub sat on the Taylor's barbecue grill and then jumped down to eat a cinnamon roll that was offered to him. Following his meal, Little Burro climbed a tree by the house and posed for a picture with Colton.

Las Animas County game warden Bob Holder arrived at the ranch and captured the cub. He was taken to a refuge in Del Norte, Colo. where a woman is currently caring for approximately 40 orphaned bear cubs. Little Burro will be tagged and eventually released back into the wild with the other cubs.

Hospice Of Lubbock Seeking Volunteers

Hospice of Lubbock, the only non-profit hospice in this region, is offering volunteer training classes. Class times are as follows:

Oct. 4, 6-10 p.m.; Oct. 5, 9-6 p.m.; Oct. 6, 1-6 p.m.; Oct. 8, 6-10 p.m.; Oct. 10, 6-10 p.m.; Oct. 15, 6-10 p.m.; Oct. 17, 6-10 p.m.

"Volunteers are a vital part of the team at Hospice of Lubbock," said Elena Rauscher, Volunteer Services Manager.

For more information, contact Ms. Rauscher at 795-2751 or 1-800-658-2648. Training will be held at Hospice of Lubbock, 1102 Slide Road, Suite 3.

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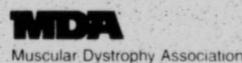
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For further information, contact Jerry Webster, City Administrator, at the City Hall at #61-4211. 33-1tc

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Tahoka Independent School District (TISD) offers career and technology education programs in Business Technology, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, and Agri. Admission to these programs is based on attendance, attitude, and career goals.

It is the policy of TISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of TISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

TISD will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Glo Hays, at P.O. Box 1230, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 561-4538 ext. 226, and the Section 504 Coordinator, Jimmy Parker, at P.O. Box 1230, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 561-4105.

FORMA DE MUJESTRA

Tahoka Independent School District (TISD) ofrece programas vocacionales en business technology, familia, career and community leaders of America, y agricultura. La admision a estos programas se basa en asistencia, actitud, y carrera goals.

Es norma de TISD no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento, en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de las Leyes de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

Es norma de TISD no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento o edad, en sus procedimientos de empleo, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, las Leyes de Discriminación por Edad, de 1975, según enmienda, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

TISD tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua inglesa no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos vocacionales.

Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX, Senora. Glo Hays, en P.O. Box 1230, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 561-4538, ext. 226 o el Coordinador de la Sección 504, Señor Jimmy Parker, en P.O. Box 1230, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 561-4105. 32-2tc

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



BACKYARD FUN - These cousins enjoy some pool time together, cooling off in the hot afternoon sun. They are (from left) Jordan Rivas, Meghann Rivas, Dane Rivas, Brandon Tomlinson, and Justin Rivas. Jordan and Justin's parents are Missy and Ronnie Rivas; Mike and Paige Rivas are Meghann's and Dane's parents; and Brandon is the son of Gordon and Bam Bam Tomlinson. Grandparents are Cruz and Mary Rivas, Shirley McInroe, and Billy Tom and Jolene Tomlinson, all of Tahoka. *The News* will print summer fun photos through August at no cost on a space available basis (one photo per family please).

Laney Elected Chairman-Elect Of The SLC

Texas House Speaker Pete Laney has been elected chairman elect of the Southern Legislative Conference, SLC, a regional legislative group operating under the Council of State Governments.

Laney, who has served as the group's vice chairman since July of 2001, was unanimously elected chairman elect at the SLC's 56th Annual Meeting held Aug. 3-7 in New Orleans, La. Texas will host the SLC's next annual meeting, Aug. 9-13, 2003, in Fort Worth.

Laney is a long-time active member of the SLC, which fosters and encourages intergovernmental cooperation among its 16 member states. Its annual meeting has grown to become one of the largest regional gatherings of state legislators in the country and is the best attended meeting held under the umbrella of the Council of State Governments, CSG.

"The Southern Legislative Conference provides lawmakers from southern states an opportunity to discuss issues of mutual concern," Laney said. "As regional neighbors, we share ideas for improving government and seek solutions to common problems. I am honored that my colleagues chose me for this leadership position."

The SLC, founded in 1947, is the largest of four regional legislative groups operating under the CSG. Texas is in a regional group with Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

Wilson ISD 90th Celebration Events Slated September 5-6

A two-day celebration is planned for Wilson Independent School District's 90th Anniversary, on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 5-6. All former graduates, employees, trustees and others with ties to Wilson ISD are invited to participate in the celebration, according to Helen Stephenson and Kim Lindsey, co-chairpersons of the celebration committee.

Kicking off the celebration is a parade planned for 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, followed by a hot dog supper on the parking lot and open house at the school. A bonfire and pep rally will follow, as Wilson's Homecoming events are coinciding with the celebration. The Lions Club is also hosting a blood drive from 1-4 p.m. that day on the school parking lot.

On Friday, attendees may begin registering at 10 a.m. in the hospitality room inside the school library. Open House will continue throughout the day, and "decade rooms" will be set up in the high school for visitation after registration. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the school cafeteria, at a cost of \$5 per person.

An assembly begins at 1 p.m. which will include stories of Wilson ISD's 90-year history, as well as honoring veterans who served in military service. Dedication of an anniversary marker will take place on school grounds. A pep rally will follow at 2:30 p.m.

A catered barbecue dinner will be served from 5-7 p.m. Friday, at a cost of \$8 per person, with all who plan to attend requested to send an RSVP and payments for lunch and dinner (make checks payable to Wilson ISD) to Wilson ISD 90th Anniversary Committee, Rt. 1, Box 216, Wilson TX 79381.

The Homecoming football game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., and halftime events are planned. Those who would rather visit during the game may visit in the high school rooms which will be open, but all are requested to be on the football field for halftime events. On Saturday, Sept. 7, rooms will be available in the high school for individual class reunions, please notify if needed.

For more information, contact Helen Stephenson at (806) 628-6313.



MY BALL - Tahoka High School football players were serious about keeping the ball in hand Tuesday morning, as tackling techniques were practiced under the watchful eyes of the coaching staff. (LCN PHOTO)

Wilson School District Earns "Recognized" TEA Rating

Wilson Independent School District board of trustees met in regular session last Thursday night, proposing a less-than-one-cent tax increase among other routine agenda items, and hearing good news of WISD's accountability rating from the Texas Education Agency.

For the third consecutive year, Wilson Independent School District earned the rating of "Recognized" from TEA for outstanding passing rates of all students tested by the state. Superintendent Mike Jones informed trustees.

"Setting goals, helping and supporting our staff, students, and parents achieve this high level of success is the reason individuals want to be board members, this is the payoff!" said Jones. "This year, for the first time, the eighth grade social studies test counted toward the district's accountability rating and 100% of our eighth graders passed the test. I just could not be more pleased for our staff and students. The fact that they have worked so hard to reach this level and to maintain that level when the test is becoming more difficult each year, is quite remarkable!" said Jones.

In other business, trustees approved publishing a notice for a proposed tax rate which is a slight increase of less than a penny over the current \$1.58 rate. The proposed rate is \$1.5885, which includes the maximum current rate of \$1.50 in Maintenance and Operations, and an increase from 8-cents to 8.85-cents in the Interest and Sinking Fund for debt service. A public hearing was scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, August 26 to hear comments on the budget and proposed tax rate, after which trustees will adopt the budget and set the tax rate. The meeting will be held in the school library.

The teacher appraisal calendar was approved as presented, and property/casualty and fleet insurance coverage was approved from the Texas Association of School Boards. Policy updates were approved and trustees agreed for Wilson ISD to participate in the Texas Rural Systemic Initiative through West Texas A&M University. Mascot selection rules and procedures were approved, and trustees decided to leave unchanged the recently approved semester test exemption policy. Lynn County Appraisal District operational costs were approved for collecting WISD's taxes. Trustees agreed to not offer a fifth grade beginning band program this year.

Supt. Jones presented preliminary budget figures for the board to examine and discussed run-off claims estimates from the current health insurance coop, which will cease operations after Aug. 31, 2002 when the district joins the state employee health insurance program for educators.

The next regular board meeting was set for Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. Present at Thursday's meeting were four trustees, including Dennis Bednarz, Doug Bolyard, John Henderson and Clyde Wilke, with trustees Lonnie Donald, Rosie Taylor and Mike Taylor absent.

Fall Nursing Home Volunteer Training To Begin Soon

South Plains Association of Governments' Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is scheduling fall training beginning in September for nursing home volunteers. The regional AAA is searching for men and women to advocate for residents in 36 homes on the South Plains. Training emphasis is on nursing home care and why there is a need to have advocates oversee the quality of life for residents through a program called the Ombudsman.

Individuals must be willing to attend several classes in Lubbock of comprehensive training in a three-month period. Mileage reimbursement will be given out-of-town travelers. Volunteers commit to weekly visits at an assigned nursing home in their community, prepare short monthly reports and attend continuous training each year. Volunteers are needed at several Lubbock facilities as well as facilities in 15 surrounding counties.

Even with stronger federal and state regulations, quality care in nursing homes is still not where it needs to be. Most nursing home residents do not know who to turn to when they have problems, concerns, or complaints. Contact the AAA to receive more detailed information and dates for upcoming training sessions. In the Lubbock calling area, call 762-8721; outside of the Lubbock calling area, call 1-800-858-1809. E-mail is also available at pmooe@spag.org.

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Wilson Lions Club
The Wilson Lions Club will be hosting their annual Broom Sale on Friday, August 23rd. Brooms, mops, and other quality product will be sold. The caravan truck and all items will be on display at the Wilson School Parking lot where you may make your purchase directly. You may also call Victor Steinhauer at 628-6270 to have your order delivered.

End-of-Summer Gospel Jamboree and Picnic
Everyone is invited to visit the Wilson City Park on Saturday, August 24th at 6 p.m. for fellowship, music and food! Local churches and musicians will be performing live!

Brisket sandwiches and all the fixings will be served!

So far, The First Baptist Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, and Faith Chapel Community Church are signed up to be a part of this community-wide Christian event. If you don't have a church home, there are plenty to choose from. If you do have a church home, come support your congregation! For those interested in singing the closing songs, rehearsals will be at Faith Chapel Community Church at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, Aug. 15 & Aug. 22.

Call Nancy Walker at 628-6381 for more information or questions.

The Brashears in Concert
The Brashears will be giving a free concert at Faith Chapel Community Church at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 31. A love offering will be taken. The Brashears have been performing gospel music all across America since 1972.

Get right with God on the radio?
You can now hear Wilson's own Faith Chapel Community Church on 92.7 FM. Both Pastor Frank Taylor and Pastor Mike Taylor will be giving sermons on the radio, every hour starting at 8 a.m. on Sundays.

City of Wilson Water Rate Increase

The City Council of Wilson voted unanimously in last Monday night's meeting to increase the water rates effective September 1, 2002. The rates have been increased due to the cost of needed repairs to the following:

- 1) water tower
- 2) water line replacement
- 3) sewer plant size increase.

The rate increase is \$14.00 flat fee on water for the first 3000 gallons, \$1.50 per 1000 gallons thereafter and \$10.00 flat fee for sewer.

Return Enrollment Forms

Parents please return all student enrollment, handbook and code of conduct forms to the school by Wednesday, Aug. 21.

Wilson School Menu

- Aug. 19-23
Breakfast
Monday: Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk.
Tuesday: Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: French Toast Sticks, Juice, Milk.
Thursday: Sausage Pancake on Stick, Juice, Milk.
Friday: Donuts, Juice, Milk.

- Lunch**
Monday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Greenbeans, Fruit, Milk.
Tuesday: Cheeseburger, Lettuce & Tomato, Fries, Fruit, Milk.
Wednesday: Spaghetti w/Meatballs, Garlic Toast, Salad, Mixed Fruit, Milk.
Thursday: Baked Potato w/Ham & Cheese, Salad, Fruit, Milk.
Friday: Fish Sticks, Hush Puppies, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, Milk.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The WILSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 26, 2002 in the Wilson School Library, 1411 Green Ave., Wilson, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

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	\$ 1.50	\$.0800 *	\$ 1.58	\$ 2.767	\$ 6,092
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.6838	\$.0825 *	\$ 1.7662	\$ 3.207	\$ 5,645
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.50	\$.0885 *	\$ 1.5885	\$ 2,740	\$ 6,140

* 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	\$ 25,980	\$ 29,640
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 10,980	\$ 14,640
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.58/100	\$ 1.5885/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 173.48	\$ 232.56
Increase in Taxes	\$	\$ 59.08

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 \$1.78359. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.78359.

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)	\$ 453,740.29
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 23,664.75

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