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New Teachers Join Staffs At Lynn County Schools

Twenty-nine new faces will be among the staff of Lynn County school districts when school begins the 2003-04 session, including two new administrators. Tahoka ISD leads the pack with 15 new members on staff, including a new assistant elementary principal, and Wilson ISD has eight new staff members. Both New Home and O'Donnell ISD will each have three new staff members, including a new high school principal at New Home.

Students report to school on Monday, Aug. 18 in Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell, and on Thursday, Aug. 21 in Tahoka.

Following is a list of new employees and their positions, according to information released this week from the respective school districts.

Tahoka ISD

Bill Binder High School Agriculture
Gayle Binder District Counselor
Suzan Dunnum Middle School Science
Jodi Furlow Elementary Teaching Assistant
Richard Jackson High School Teacher/Coach
Alan Lee High School Science
Brent Lucas High School Teacher/Coach
Gloria Moralez Elementary Teaching Assistant
Rosalinda Padilla School Cafeteria Manager
Rebecca Shaw High School Math
Sally Smith High School Science
Drew Stone THS Teacher/Head Boys Basketball Coach
Shelly Stone Elementary Teacher
Steve Wiseman High School Teacher/Coach
Robert Webb Elementary Assistant Principal

Current Employees with New Positions:

Lynn Lankford Middle School History (formerly in Elementary)
Jennifer Marshall Middle School Math (formerly in Elementary)
Sherri McCord Director of Curriculum/Special Programs (formerly District Counselor)

Wilson ISD

Matt Cunningham Middle School Social Studies/Coach
Amy Chauveaux Middle School Language Arts/Coach
Kelly Grelle High School Math
Gena Stephens Business Computers
Rachel Strickland High School Science
LaRue Parramore Counselor
Christy Garcia Fourth Grade Teacher
Kay Hallum Kindergarten Teacher

New Home ISD

Troy Parton High School Principal
Kriston Laws Kindergarten Teacher
Sha Moore Special Education

O'Donnell ISD

Charles Dusty Balderas Assistant Band Director
Victor Lemley High School Girls Basketball Coach/US History
Rob Schmucker HS Boys Basketball Coach/Jr. High Math



A POPULAR ITEM – Rosalinda Padilla, the new Food Services Director at the Tahoka School Cafeteria, stands beside the ice cream snack bar in the cafeteria, one of the new services which will probably be a popular item. A variety of Blue Bell ice cream products will be available daily from the ice cream snack bar in the cafeteria. (LCN PHOTO)

Students, Families Invited To Meet Teachers, Attend Back-To-School Carnival Tuesday

Tahoka Elementary Pride Corp is hosting a Back-To-School Night for elementary students and their families on Tuesday, Aug. 19, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. A street carnival, Bulldog merchandise, face-painting, and more will be offered as students and their families are invited to come meet teachers and bring their new school supplies to put in their classrooms. Various booths will be set up for the evening, according to Pride Corp representatives.

Events will start with students first visiting classrooms, meeting teachers and staff, and putting away their school supplies. While visiting the classroom, each student will be given Carnival tickets (one for each student and one for each of their parents). The tickets may be presented at the Carnival (Atmos Energy Booth), which will be held in the street blocked off between the high school and elementary building, on the west side of elementary. Atmos Energy has generously donated hot dogs and fixings along with drinks, to help kick off the new school year.

There will be a variety of booths set up for everyone to visit – to list a few: homemade ice cream, snowcones, face painting, Bulldog items, promotional information for different organizations, and more, at prices ranging from 25-cents to \$1 (and more for Bulldog items).

Pride Corp will have a booth to sell Bulldog merchandise, including Bulldog t-shirts in adult and youth sizes (\$10 each), Bulldog caps (adult sizes) and Bulldog visors (adult and youth sizes) for \$12 each, Bulldog shoulder bags for \$8, and Bulldog bendy pens for \$3 each. The merchandise will be sold until items run out, and then orders will be taken.

Dawn Howard will also have a display of Bulldog merchandise, including fleece blankets for \$15, school caps and toboggans for \$15, ear warmer bands for \$12, and license plate holders for \$5.

The Tahoka Middle School Cheerleaders will offer face painting, rocket balloons, and Bulldog yard signs for sale, and will also be selling spirit ads for the Panhandle Plains

School Districts Submit Proposed Tax Rates

Lynn County's three other school districts this week are publishing notices of public meetings for proposed tax rates, with Tahoka ISD printing their notice last week which indicated the tax rate would remain at \$1.50. New Home and O'Donnell ISD are also keeping their total tax rates at \$1.50, according to information in their notices, and Wilson ISD is considering going up less than a penny, from \$1.5885 last year to \$1.5928 for a total-tax rate.

Both Wilson and O'Donnell have additional tax rates added for indebtedness on construction/equipment, with a rate set in the Maintenance and Operating fund as well as the Interest and Sinking Fund. O'Donnell is proposing raising their M&O rate three cents, from \$1.39 to \$1.42, but will offset that by lowering their I&S rate three cents, from 11-cents to 8-cents. Either way, the total tax rate will remain at \$1.50, the same as last year.

Wilson ISD is proposing raising their I&S rate from 0.0885 to 0.928, an increase of less than 1-cent, while

leaving their M&O rate at \$1.50, for total tax rate of \$1.5928.

New Home ISD is proposing leaving their M&O rate at \$1.50, and have no I&S fund. Comparisons of taxes due on the average residence show a slight decrease for New Home residents, of \$4.52, according to figures released in the notice (see all three district notices inside this issue), due to the average market value of residences showing a slight decrease. The average market value of residences in New Home ISD last year was set at \$50,245, decreasing to \$49,944 this year.

Wilson ISD comparison of taxes show an increase of \$19.34 on the average residence, with an increase in the average market value of residences going up from \$29,640 to \$30,815 and adding in the less-than-one-cent increase in the total tax rate.

O'Donnell ISD comparison of taxes shows an increase of \$85.06 on the average residence, due to an almost \$6,000 increase in the average market value of residences. Last year's average market value of residences was placed at \$24,390, while this year's value increased to \$30,061.

All three school districts have scheduled public meetings for discussion of their budgets and proposed tax rates. New Home ISD's public meeting will be held Monday, Aug. 18 at 8 p.m. in the board room. The O'Donnell ISD meeting will be held Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. in the board room, and the Wilson ISD meeting has been set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28 in the Wilson school library. All meetings are open to the public.

Driver Seriously Injured In Wreck Near O'Donnell

The driver of a 1993 GMC pickup was seriously injured last Thursday evening as his pickup rolled over several times about a half mile north of O'Donnell on U.S. 87.

Investigating State Trooper Renn Sappington said Stephen Lee Trantham, 18, of Midland, ran his vehicle into the median while headed south, overcorrected and overturned. Lynn County EMS ambulance took Trantham to Lynn County Hospital emergency room, and he later was transferred to University Medical Center in Lubbock. Trantham was alone in the pickup at the time of the accident, about 5 p.m. Aug. 7.

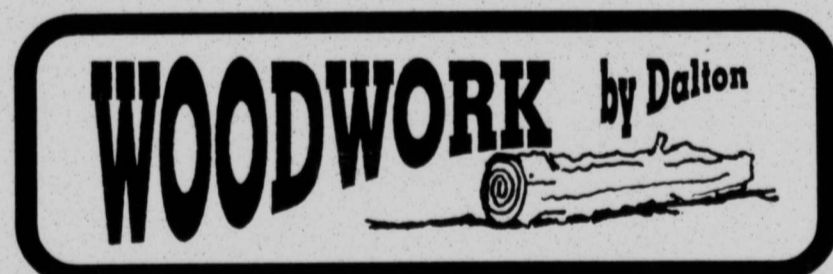
During the last week Tahoka Police Dept. answered calls to several scenes of domestic violence and disputes. A Tahoka woman told police that a 39-year-old Tahoka man had struck her and threatened to kill her. The case was turned over to the county attorney's office for prosecution.

A 19-year-old Tahoka man was arrested on an outstanding warrant for revocation of his probation on conviction of burglary of a habitation.

A 25-year-old man was charged with assault on the complaint of a 44-year-old Tahoka man last Wednesday.

Disorderly conduct charges were filed on a 70-year-old Tahoka man whose neighbor complained that he deliberately sprayed her van with water and shouted profanities at her last Wednesday.

Two persons were arrested for trespassing at the city swimming pool last Thursday. One was a juvenile; the other was a 49-year-old man.



I DON'T KNOW if women have a lot of trouble finding clothing that fits, but I can tell you that if you're a male, shorter than 5-10 and heavier than 175, it can be a chore.

And if you're only 5-6 like me, and weigh a little more 175, it's really tough to find something that fits, because clothing sellers discriminate. That's because they don't think there is enough market out there for clothing for shorties, although I'd bet there are more of us than they realize.

I've read that people get shorter (as much as 2 inches) as they grow older, and most folks get fatter. I wouldn't want to tell God how to do his business, but there's something wrong with that system.

Anyway, I wear really ugly jump suits a lot when I'm just lousing around (more and more frequently) and last week I thought I'd try to find a replacement or two for those crumpling coveralls. Anyway, I checked with about five different stores and never did find the size I wanted.

Noticing they had a section of clothing for tall men, I asked one clerk if they had a department for short, fat men. They didn't, and all the jumpsuits were marked like 44 tall, or 46 regular, but none were marked "short."

The clerk suggested I try A.E. Quest. "They might have something for you," he snickered (A.E. Quest, now Quest & Sons, makes tarpaulins and tents). I would have hit him, but like everyone else over the age of 12, he was bigger than me.

I had to trudge around in 100-plus heat from one store to the next with no success, before giving up. I could have opted for a 44 regular, but after the legs were cut off to fit me, the inseam would have been about a foot off the ground, and I would have looked like Dorf, a really short character invented by Tim Conway.

It's too bad that advertisements for clothing always show models (men and women) slim and trim and disgustingly healthy and attractive, while most of us who buy clothing don't fit that mold.

Anyway, I still haven't found what I'm looking for. Guess I could lose some weight (maybe amputate my stomach), but I doubt that I'll ever be any taller.

I wonder if Quest & Sons really could make me a jumpsuit.

THE JOKER on Ave. J says a mouse trap, placed on top of your alarm clock, will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep when you hit the snooze button.



GARDEN TOUR – Phebe K. Warner Club president Bettye Green (right) and member Mary Belew, with her granddaughter, Kate, are shown in the back yard of Norman and Rhonda Ledbetter, one of the homes on the garden tour sponsored by the club this Saturday. Six homes are included in the tour, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Tickets are available from any of the tour homes, at \$5 per person, and all proceeds benefit the club's scholarship program. See story for a complete list of homes and addresses. (LCN PHOTO)

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GETTING READY - Tahoka Elementary Pre-Kindergarten teacher Terry Proctor readies her classroom for a new group of students, who will begin classes on Aug. 21. Mrs. Proctor, who lives in Brownfield, is beginning her tenth year with TISD. School officials are expecting approximately 365 students in the elementary grade levels. (LCN PHOTO)

Garden Tour Set Saturday

Phebe K. Warner Club of Tahoka will sponsor a garden tour this Saturday, Aug. 16, from 10 a.m. to noon. Gardens included in the tour are:

- Maxine Paris, 1919 N. Main (enter through North gate)
- Norma Thomas, 2412 N. 1st Street (enter through East gate)
- Linda Huffaker, 2500 N. 1st Street (enter through East gate)
- Rhonda Ledbetter, 2525 N. 4th Street (enter through West gate)

•Glo Hays, 2028 N. 4th Street (enter through West gate, refreshments served)

Tickets, good for all five locations, are \$5 each and are available at each garden.

Proceeds from the tour will go to the Lady Stewart and Maurice Bray Scholarships which award \$1,000 each to a senior boy and senior girl at Tahoka High School.

Commissioners Continue Budget Talks; Lynn County Auction Brings \$16,000

Lynn County Commissioners met Monday morning, continuing budget discussions and conducting routine county business. Sheriff Bob Wilson informed commissioners that the county auction raised an estimated \$16,000 with a portion of that amount to go to the City of Tahoka. The auction was held Saturday at the county showbarn, and included several vehicles and surplus materials.

Auditor, Melvin Eaker, met with the court and gave an "unaudited trial balance" for the court to work with for the budget work sessions, which was explained as budget figures for the past year for the different county offices, since the audit has not yet been completed. Eaker said the audit was near completion and that he was waiting for the District Clerk's office to complete books for his inspection.

Commissioners voted to make a change in how the county pays health insurance premiums, deciding unanimously to pay insurance premiums directly to the insurance company and bypass the insurance broker. Employees carrying family members on their health insurance will pay by payroll deduction beginning Oct. 1.

Discussions were begun on the possibility of forming a Lynn County Bail Bond Board. County officials explained that county bail bond boards are required for counties over a certain population, but that smaller counties, such as Lynn, may allow the county sheriff to oversee bail bonds-

men, or may at their discretion form a bail bond board. Sheriff Wilson asked commissioners to discuss the options available to the county, and commissioners instructed County Judge H.G. Franklin to work with County Attorney Jay Napper to obtain more information on the issue, to be presented at a later meeting.

Action was tabled on considering new furnishings for the District Attorney's office, but a computer and printer for the law library was approved, with the installation of a law books program for judicial system access. Bond was approved on county employee Gracie Zapata.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at noon, reconvening at 9 a.m. Tuesday for more budget talks. Another budget session was scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 18.

All four commissioners and Judge Franklin were present for the meeting, as well as other county officials.

OBITUARIES



MARGARET LEE STONE
Margaret Lee Stone

Funeral services for Margaret Lee Stone, 76, of Tahoka will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14 at First United Methodist Church of Tahoka with Rev. Marvin Gregory officiating. Interment will follow in the Tahoka Cemetery, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Mrs. Stone died Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003 in Tahoka.

She was born April 2, 1927 in Post, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Augustus and Letha Cook Porterfield. She graduated from Post High School in 1944 and attended Texas Tech University. She married T.A. Stone in Grassland on Aug. 13, 1945. He preceded her in death on March 31, 1996.

Mrs. Stone retired from First National Bank of Tahoka in 1995, after 24 years of service as a bookkeeper. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Wesleyan Circle, and the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka. She was a lifelong resident of Lynn County.

Survivors include three sons, Tommy Joe, Dan Lee and Kent Stone, all of Tahoka; one brother, Dr. D.G. Porterfield of Abilene; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at White Funeral Home in Tahoka.

Memorials are suggested to Lynnwood Assisted Living Center or Lynn County Hospital District EMS.



JUVE "SPEEDY" BALAGUE JR.
Juve Balague, Jr.

Funeral services for Juve "Speedy" Balague Jr., 56, were at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, 2003, at St. Pius X Catholic Church in O'Donnell with Rev. Leonardo Pahmtang officiating. Interment was in Gail Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He was born Sept. 21, 1948 in Dilley, Tex., and moved to O'Donnell in 1970. He was a Catholic. He died Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003.

He is survived by his wife, Jesusa Balague, of O'Donnell; his parents, Jose and Elvira Castillo, of Potect, Tx.; a son, Juventino Balague III, O'Donnell; three daughters, Cindy Massingill, Fluvanna, Vida Gerda, South Lake, Tx., and Thelma Balague of O'Donnell; three brothers, George, Thomas, and Ricky, all of San Antonio; three sisters, Mary, Nelda and Graci, all of San Antonio; and four grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to Borden County EMS and the American Cancer Society.

Alaskan Summer Fun!



Grandchildren of Liz Abell of Tahoka, shown in the photo at right, at the Worthing Glacier in Alaska are Lindsey and Meghan Williams of North Pole, Alaska, with Taylor Abell (center) of Tahoka. In the left photo, son-in-law Michael Williams of North Pole, Alaska caught pink salmon with Taylor at Valdez, Bay of Alaska, in July.

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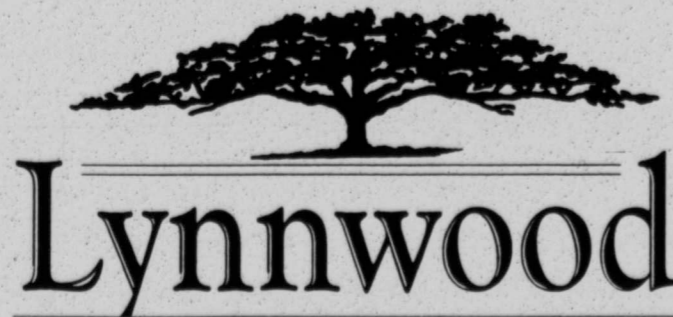
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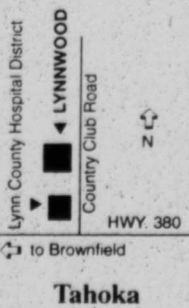
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Circle the wagons on Saturday, August 23rd 3:00-8:00 p.m.

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Tahoka First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School

to be held at the L.K. Corral (Homestead of Leighton Knox, Jr.) (South on US 87, look for Wildcat sign, go 1/4 mile further south and turn right.)

For children 1st-6th grades and their families: Kids come from 3:00-6:00 and then their families are welcome to join them for singing and cookout at the campfire. Bring lawn chairs.

Call 561-4503 for more information.

REGISTRATION FORM

Fill out and return by Thursday, Aug. 21 to the First United Methodist Church office, 1801 Ave. J, Tahoka. • 561-4503

NAME _____
PARENT'S NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE NUMBER _____
Grade in School for Coming Year (1st-6th only, please) _____
If you plan to come for cookout -- expected number of family members (IN ADDITION TO THE CHILDREN) _____

Methodist Slated Au

Circle the wagon: August 23 from 3-8 p.m. fun, learning, faith cookout around the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka is hosting a "S celebration" Vacation Bible School for all youngsters from first grades. Youth and adults are invited to come to the (homestead of Leighton Knox Jr.)

Learning activities for children will be held from the rest of the family come at 6 p.m. for cookout at the campfire. "Bring your lawn chairs to celebrate Jesus with us!" said a church official. Those planning to attend VBS are asked to bring a contribution form (in this is it by Thursday, Aug. 14) to the Methodist Church office, 1801 Ave. J, Tahoka, 8 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003.

For more information, call 561-4503 or visit the church office at 561-Henley at 561-4084, 561-5019, or Diane C. 4786.

The VBS will be held at Leighton Knox Jr. homestead south of Tahoka (look for the Wildcat sign) one mile further south and turn right.

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Methodist VBS Slated Aug. 23

Circle the wagons Saturday, August 23 from 3-8 p.m. for a day of fun, learning, faith-sharing, and cookout around the campfire - the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka is hosting a "Son-tennial Celebration" Vacation Bible School for all youngsters from first through sixth grades. Youth and their families are invited to come to the "L.K. Corral" (homestead of Leighton Knox, Jr.). Learning activities for the children will be held from 3-6 p.m. and the rest of the family is invited to come at 6 p.m. for singing and a cookout at the campfire.

"Bring your lawn chairs and celebrate Jesus with us in Lynn County!" said a church sponsor.

Those planning to attend the one-day VBS are asked to fill out a registration form (in this issue) and return it by Thursday, Aug. 21 to the Methodist Church office. Office hours are 8 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and from 8 a.m.-12 noon on Mondays and Thursdays.

For more information, call the church office at 561-4503, Tina Wuensche at 561-4441, Becky Henley at 561-4084, Kim Mercer at 561-5019, or Diane Gregory at 561-4786.

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FIRE FIGHTING IN IDAHO — Jason Jaquess, son of Jackie and Barbara Jaquess of Tahoka, spent two weeks battling wildfires in Idaho recently. A 2001 graduate of Tahoka High School, Jaquess will return to West Texas A&M, Canyon, this fall to continue his studies.

Cub Scouts To Host Car Wash Fundraiser Saturday

Cub Scout Pack #782 will host a fund-raising car wash on Saturday, August 16 at the Tahoka Methodist Church parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. All proceeds will benefit the Cub Scouts.

Volunteers are also needed to be Den Leaders and Assistant Den Leaders.

"We are in desperate need of adults to volunteer," stated Cubmaster Arlene Rohlf. "The biggest need is for Den Leaders and Assistant Den Leaders. The pack will not be able to function properly without regular den meetings."

Anyone interested may contact Mrs. Rohlf at 561-4461 (home) or 789-0629 (cell) to ask questions or to volunteer.

You can't get spoiled if you do your own ironing.
—Meryl Streep

Governor Rick Perry Announces Plan To Help Rural Schools

Texas Governor Rick Perry announced this week that he has worked with Texas Education Agency (TEA) officials to prevent more than 40 rural school districts from losing state aid as a result of the action of 11 Democrats who walked off the job two weeks ago and shut down the legislature.

"These school districts were facing serious financial hardships," Perry said. "While this fix is not permanent and the legislature still must eventually address the situation, the action today will mean that schools will not suffer financial setbacks just as they are gearing up for students to return to the classroom."

The governor said TEA will advance payments to the schools that demonstrate need to eliminate loss in state aid they otherwise would have suffered. More than 40 rural schools were facing a significant loss of state aid as a result of a new state law that impacts how property appraisals are

figured in the school finance formula.

"Legislators overwhelmingly voted to fix the problem in the first special session, but 11 Democrat senators killed that bill when they walked off the job and moved to Albuquerque two weeks ago," said Gov. Perry.

State law allows TEA to advance payments to school districts out of future funds owed to them. Without a legislative fix to the new state law, however, school districts will eventually have to pay back the additional funds.

"The 11 Democrats who continue to violate their oaths of office need to come back to Texas and get back to work on important issues - including funding for rural school districts," Perry said. "Democrats who contend they are standing up for rural Texas need to explain why they were willing to jeopardize the education of the many young Texans who attend rural schools."

Catch That Baby If You Can

(NAPS)—If you're trying to keep up with baby, you know that capturing the moments that matter can be tough. Digital cameras provide parents with a way to save and share baby's firsts. With the ease and flexibility of digital photography, you may be able to make sure memories never fade.

• **Exercise teamwork**—Babies are easily distracted, so use that to your advantage. Have a relative or friend keep the baby's attention with a toy or noise while you capture the moment.

• **Take a Baby's Eye View**—Don't take photos from way up above. Get down to baby's level so you can catch shots straight on.

• **Capturing Clutter?**—Make baby the focus of your photo by keeping the background simple.

• **Light of Your Life**—If your kids are making sand castles at the beach and you've got a glare, check your digital camera for optional Scene Modes. Some digital cameras have pre-programmed settings to capture pictures under specific circumstances such as extreme light and darkness.

• **Sweet and Sour**—Always have your digital camera out and ready to go so you don't miss baby's first taste of a lemon or a cake. Unexpected facial expressions can make the best photos.

• **Burpie, Blankie, Battery**

Pack—Don't forget to charge your battery and pack an extra. Most digital camera batteries last about 90 minutes so if your little one's antics last all day long, be ready with backup.

• **Red-Eye Got You Blue?**—To show baby's true colors, use a camera that has a Red-Eye Reduction feature or software with One-Touch Red-Eye Fix.

Tahoka Grad Fights Wildfires During Summer Break From College

Jason Jaquess recently completed a wildland fire fighting tour with the Texas Forest Service. Jaquess began his adventure on Thursday, July 17, and served a 14-day tour battling Slims Fire of the Nez Perce National Forest in Idaho, which is located in the heart of North Central Idaho.

Jaquess obtained his Red Card in order to work with the Texas Forest Service last spring. In addition to completing three classroom training courses, Incident Command Systems, Wildland Fire Management, and Engine Academy, Jaquess had to master a physical ability test which included carrying a 45-pound pack while walking three miles in less than 45 minutes. Once Jaquess completed the classroom hours and skills test, he received his certification from the Texas Forest Service.

Jaquess traveled to Idaho with a team of 20 Texas Forestry Firefighters, also known as the Texas Flatlanders. The crew fought the powerful Slims Fire for 16 hours each day and was responsible for clearing fire breaks through the forest, igniting back-burn fires, and laying hose lines for water supplies. In addition to the ground crews, the Slims Fire also had helicopters and airplanes dropping water and flame retardant

from the air. While battling the Slims fire, the crew slept in tents and had their food and water delivered to them in 5-gallon buckets that were lowered to the ground by helicopter.

Each day the Slims Fire behaved differently, Jaquess reported. The changes were due to humidity levels, thunderstorms and erratic winds. Jaquess explained that one afternoon, following a severe thunderstorm, the Texas crew had to immediately evacuate the forest as the fire and heavy smoke began to close in on their team.

Even though each day's activities included many dangerous obstacles, Jaquess commented, "This opportunity gave me a chance to meet dedicated firefighters working together to preserve a national landmark. This was an amazing, yet challenging experience and I'm looking forward to another opportunity to work with the Texas Flatlander crew."

Jason, a 2001 THS grad, and the son of Jackie and Barbara Jaquess of Tahoka, will return to West Texas A&M, Canyon, in the fall. He will continue to serve on the Canyon Volunteer Fire Department and work part-time for the Texas Forest Service and the Canyon ambulance service.



Bacteria were first seen in 1676 by Anton van Leeuwenhoek, a Dutch merchant. He is often called the father of bacteriology.



Treehouse Pre-School

Under Direction of DAWN HOWARD!

New classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 3rd
Classes held once a week on Wednesdays.

Starting age is 3 years old and must be potty-trained.

Cost: \$30/month plus \$10 registration fee
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MENU WELCOMES STUDENTS - The daily menu posted at the Tahoka school cafeteria is already listing the first day's menu and welcomes students to "Bulldog Alley" as they enter the cafeteria line. Students and staff will see a change in the cafeteria this year, with four entrees available daily as well as a new snack bar grill, salad bar, and ice cream bar adding to the variety of choices. The cafeteria also boasts a bright new cheerful look, brought about by new lighting, new flooring, and freshly painted walls. (LCN PHOTO)

School Cafeteria To Offer New Restaurant-Style Fare

by JUANELL JONES

"What's for lunch?" has a whole new meaning for students at Tahoka ISD this year.

A salad bar, an ice cream snack bar, a snack bar/grill, and a daily cafeteria menu featuring four entrees daily will offer Tahoka Independent School District students and staff a new restaurant-style bill of fare this year while providing a wide variety of choices. The cafeteria is sporting a new look as well, for a total package that is providing a delightful change from the cafeteria of old.

"All of these changes are being made to provide more of a restaurant-feel than a school cafeteria," says Rosalinda Padilla, the new Food Services Director for the school. "We're taking great pride in the new cafeteria, and we invite parents - and even those who don't have students in school - to come and eat with us and see the difference," she adds.

Even the breakfast menu will see some changes, with fresh-baked cinnamon rolls and other items added to the breakfast fare which is served free daily in classrooms to all students in grades pre-K through eight. Others who would like to purchase

breakfast will pay 75-cents for full price, 30-cents for reduced-price.

Fresh fruits and vegetables will be available, and a variety of freshly-prepared salads will be offered daily at the salad bar, which will be adjacent to the new Blue Bell ice cream snack bar which will offer a variety of ice cream products. Both will be self-serve areas in the southwest corner of the cafeteria.

The cafeteria line menu, from which students may use their meal tickets, will feature four entrees daily, accompanied by a variety of fruits, vegetables, desserts and milk. The first day of school, those entrees include pepperoni pizza, cheeseburger, Caesar ham salad, or peanut butter and jelly (PBJ) sandwich. The PBJ sandwich will be an entrée which will be offered daily, according to Mrs. Padilla.

The big draw for older students, however, will most likely be the new Snack Bar and Grill, located in the small room adjacent to the cafeteria line (where students formerly took their meal trays and utensils for disposal). The snack bar menu includes a Bulldog Special (double meat cheeseburger, fries/tots and drink), burgers, steak-finger baskets, chicken tender baskets, nachos, ham/cheese sandwich, sub sandwich, personal pizza, burritos, frito chili pie, chili dogs and corn dogs. Additional grill items include curly fries, waffle fries, shoe string fries, cheese tater tots, onion rings and cheese stix. Funnel cakes, candy, chips, fried apple pie, and slushes are also on the menu. Bottled water, with the Tahoka Bulldog logo, will also be available, as well as Capri Sun drinks, tea and coffee.

The Snack Bar and Grill, salad bar, and ice cream bar will be available on a cash-only basis, according to Mrs. Padilla. Students with meal tickets may use them in the cafeteria line as usual. However, Mrs. Padilla says that parents may, if they desire, pre-pay for items at the snack bars so that children won't have to bring money daily.

"If they choose to do so, parents can come and pay \$20 or whatever they would like to pay as pre-payment for their child, and their snack

bar purchases will be deducted from their accounts. These accounts will be kept separate from their cafeteria meal tickets," she explained.

A fresh new look to the cafeteria has been added as well, with more light fixtures brightening the freshly painted white walls offset by Bulldog blue, and new white floor tiles contributing to a brighter, more cheerful atmosphere. Inside the kitchen area, colorful yellow and green stripes zip around the walls and a lattice-type awning trimmed in green ivy brings a warmer tone to the serving line. Round tables and chairs have been added to the dining area for teaching staff, and students may sit on stools at the long tables.

Mrs. Padilla said that cafeteria workers are also being trained in food presentation for the restaurant-type feel, and that students and staff should see a real difference in their school cafeteria this year. Meal ticket prices, however, will remain the same, at \$1.50 for students (or 40-cents for those who qualify for the reduced price), and \$2.50 for visitors.

School staff will get to see the changes first-hand on Aug. 18. "That's when we will have our first 'catering' job, providing a welcome-back-to-school breakfast for all the staff, and we're excited about doing that," said Mrs. Padilla. "On the 19th, we will have additional training to prepare for when students return to school," she added. Cafeteria staff working with Mrs. Padilla include Rose Resendez, Diane Resendez, Elvia Aguilar, Deborah Garcia, and Lupe Garcia.

Mrs. Padilla has many ideas for making the cafeteria a vital part of the school, including a contest to name the Snack Bar and Grill, in which students can submit their entries. The student submitting the winning entry will win a certain amount of credit at the snack bar and grill, she explained, adding that the contest will be offered to students after school has begun on Aug. 21.

"We're very proud of the new look and menu variety offered at the cafeteria this year, and we invite everyone to come see the difference," said the director.



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Aug. 18-22

Monday - Pepper steak, rice, squash, tossed salad with dressing, wheat roll and cherry cobbler.

Tuesday - Roast beef, potato salad, turnip greens, cornbread and jello salad.

Wednesday - Sloppy Joe on bun, baked beans, okra, cornbread and fruit salad.

Thursday - Chicken with mushroom sauce, blackeyed peas, asparagus, wheat rolls and cake.

Friday - Tacos, bean salad, cucumber onion salad, and pear crisp.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Lynn County Pioneers want to express our thanks to the Lynn County News for your support and promotion of our August 2nd Ice Cream Social and Auction. Also to all the businesses and residents of Lynn County who made our special day a great success.

For all of you that came by and participated, whether it be donations, attendance or the help with the activities, we are so very grateful. We were blessed and raised over \$3,500 at the event.

All citizens are welcome at the Center.

Sincerely,

Nancy Guilliams

Senior Citizens Center Director

To the City-County Library Friends:

The Lynn County Harvest Festival will be celebrated Sept. 13. Once again the Library Board will conduct a silent auction to raise additional funding for books.

For the first time in many years, we are operating the library without grant funding for collection development. You have been so generous with your time, energy and money in the past!

Would you please help us again this year by donating an item(s) we can sell? We'll be contacting you in late August and will appreciate any help you can give us!

Thanks!

The City-County Library Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The NEW HOME INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 8:00 p.m. Monday, August 18, 2003 in the Board Room, New Home High School, 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	\$ 1.50	\$ - 0 - *	\$ 1.50	\$ 2,518	\$ 5,922
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.9402	\$ - 0 - *	\$ 1.9402	\$ 3,161	\$ 5,279
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.50	\$ - 0 - *	\$ 1.50	\$ 2,420	\$ 4,995

* 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	\$ 50,245	\$ 49,944
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 35,245	\$ 34,944
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.50/100	\$ 1.50/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 528.68	\$ 524.16
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$	\$ (4.52)

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 \$1.74489. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.74489.

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) \$ 691,946.
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) \$ -0-

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Aug. 29 - Sundown	7:30 p.m.
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Oct. 24 - Roosevelt	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7 - Shallowater	7:30 p.m.

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New Home School Menu

Aug. 18-22
Breakfast
Monday - Cinnamon rolls
Tuesday - Pancakes
Wednesday - Blueberry
Thursday - Cinnamon
Friday - Biscuit/sausage
Lunch
Monday - Burrito, lettuce sauce, carrot/cucumber, ranch cup.
Tuesday - Steak fingers, potatoes, green beans, milk, Texas toast, gravy.
Wednesday - Pizza, lettuce, corn, banana pudding, ranch.
Thursday - Beefy nachos, lettuce/tomato, hot sauce, slice.
Friday - Hamburger or lettuce/tomato, pickles, cookie.

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The NEW HOME News
by Karon Durham
924-7448

Donations from New Home area citizens for the City-County Library's Silent Auction at the Lynn County Harvest Festival Sept. 13 can be left at the school with Karon Durham on or before Aug. 29.

New Home School Menu

- Aug. 18-22
Breakfast
Monday — Cinnamon roll.
Tuesday — Pancakes.
Wednesday — Blueberry muffins.
Thursday — Cinnamon toast.
Friday — Biscuit/sausage.
Lunch
Monday — Burrito, lettuce, tomato, hot sauce, carrot/cucumber, orange half, ranch cup.
Tuesday — Steak fingers, whipped potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit cup, Texas toast, gravy.
Wednesday — Pizza, lettuce, tomato, corn, banana pudding, ranch cup.
Thursday — Beefy nachos, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato, hot sauce, and pineapple slice.
Friday — Hamburger or cheeseburger, lettuce/tomato, pickles, french fries, cookie.

Lose an hour in the morning, and you will be all day looking for it.

—Richard Whately



LENDING HANDS — Several members of Lending Hands, a local volunteer organization, painted the home of Roman Bermea at 2029 S. 2nd Street in Tahoka on Saturday, Aug. 9.



Dog Days of Summer Can Be Canine Killers

Hot weather can be deadly for dogs, who cannot perspire the way humans do and can only pant to cool themselves. It is especially dangerous for those left in parked cars— even with the windows partially rolled down—where temperatures can climb well above 100°F in a matter of minutes. In May, a dog died after being

locked in a parked car on a sunny, 67°F day in Albany, N.Y., even though the car windows had allegedly been left open a crack. Heatstroke can come on quickly in dogs, resulting in brain damage or death. Symptoms include restlessness, excessive thirst, heavy panting, lethargy, lack of appetite, dark tongue, rapid heartbeat, fever, vomiting, or lack of coordination. PETA makes the following suggestions for keeping canine companions safe:

- * Never leave a dog in a parked car. On a 78°F day, the temperature inside a shaded car is 90°, while the inside of a car parked in the sun can reach 160°F in minutes. Animals can succumb to heatstroke in just 15 minutes.

- * If you see a dog in a car and in distress, take down the car's color, model, make, and license-plate number, have the owner paged inside nearby stores, and call local humane authorities or police. If the dog's life appears to be in imminent danger, find a witness (or several) who will back your assessment, take steps to remove the animal, and then wait for authorities to arrive.

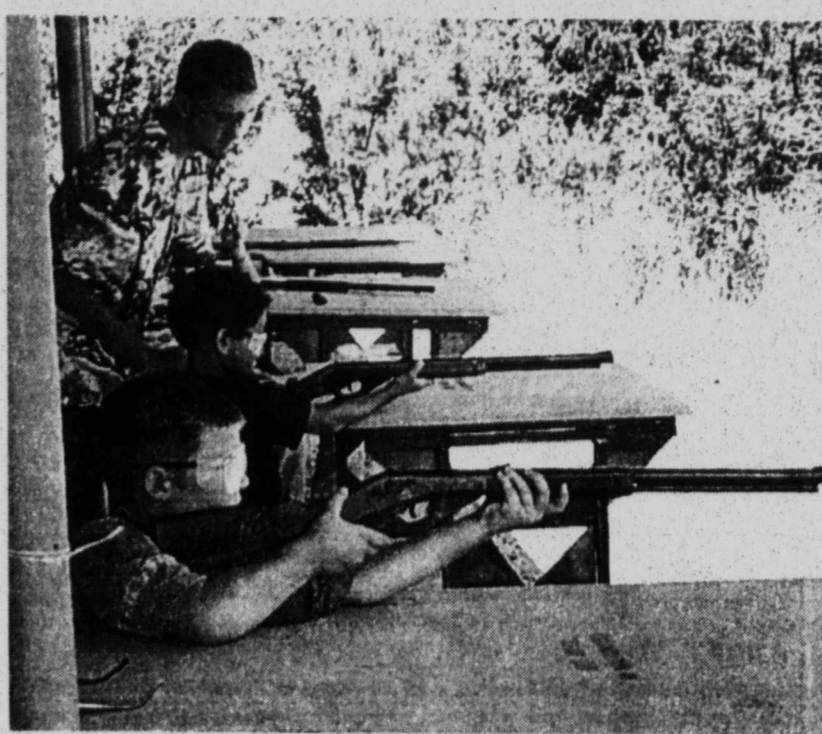
- * If you see a dog showing symptoms of heatstroke, get him or her to shade immediately and call a veterinarian. Lower body temperature gradually by providing water to

News From Lending Hands

On Saturday, Aug. 9, Lending Hands volunteers painted the house of Roman Bermea at 2029 S. 2nd. Volunteers included Barbara Santos, Mary Lou Saldana, E.J. Cantu, Lindsey Barrientez, Joe Barrientez, Jesse Alvarado, Sara Alvarado, Megan Alvarado, George Sepeda, and Odi Sastra.

Melody and Roger Locke Jr. and Jackie Swinford provided drinks; paint was provided by Wal-Mart.

The following donated school supplies for needy youngsters: St. Jude Catholic Church Bingo Dept., Sara Alvarado, Odelia Sastra, Connie Hallmark, and Virginia Herrera.



BOY SCOUT TARGET SHOOTING — Kordell Baker (middle) and A.J. Rohlf (front), both of Tahoka, learn to shoot BB guns from a Boy Scout instructor at Camp Post in June.

O'Donnell Eagles 2003 Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug 16	Roby [^]	Away	TBA
Aug 22	LCHS [^]	Home	6:00
Aug 29	OPEN		
Sep 5	Midland Trinity	Home	7:30
Sep 12	Seagraves	Away	7:30
Sep 19	Ralls	Home	7:30
Sep 26	Roscoe	Away	7:30
Oct 3	Wink	Away	7:30
Oct 10	Plains [#]	Home	7:30
Oct 17	Sundown [*]	Home	7:30
Oct 24	Morton [*]	Away	7:30
Oct 31	Whiteface [*]	Home	7:30
Nov 7	Smyer [*]	Away	7:30

[^] Schrimmage
[#] Homecoming
^{*} District Game

O'Donnell Eagles 2003 JV-Junior High Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sep 11	Seagraves	Home	5:00/6:30
Sep 18	Ralls	Away	5:00/6:30
Sep 25	Roscoe	Home	5:00/6:30
Oct 2	Wink	Home	5:00/6:30
Oct 9	Plains	Away	5:00/6:30
Oct 16	Sundown	Away	5:00/6:30
Oct 23	Morton	Home	5:00/6:30
Oct 30	Whiteface	Away	5:00/6:30
Nov 6	Smyer	Home	5:00/6:30

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Uncompensated services for Lynn County Hospital District are limited to all inpatient services, all day surgeries, all outpatient diagnostic and radiologic examinations, all emergency room services, and all ambulance services performed by LCHD employees at the Lynn County Hospital District.

To determine eligibility for this care, Lynn County Hospital District uses maximum levels of income, for the appropriate family size, which are established by the HHS Income Poverty Guidelines. The current maximum levels of income are given below:

Family Size	Income Guidelines
1	\$ 8,980
2	12,120
3	15,260
4	18,400
5	21,540
6	24,680
7	27,820
8	30,960

For families with more than 8 members, add \$3,140 for each additional member. The services will be provided to those who first request it until the compliance level is met for this fiscal period.

To make a request for uncompensated services, please contact the administrator or financial officer in the business office. This staff member will make a written determination of your eligibility or non-eligibility for the services within 2 working days of your request.

Lynn County Hospital District
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Tamano de la familia	Niveles de sueldo
1	\$ 8,980
2	12,120
3	15,260
4	18,400
5	21,540
6	24,680
7	27,820
8	30,960

Para familias de unidad con mas de 8 miembros, agregar \$3,140 por cada miembro adicional. Este servicio sera provisto a aquellos que primero lo requirieran hasta el nivel requerido a llenar por este periodo fiscal.

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Lynn County Hospital District 33-1c

drink, applying a cold towel or an ice pack to the head, neck, and chest, or immersing the dog in lukewarm (not cold) water.

- * Keep your dog indoors. If he or she must stay outside, avoid the hottest part of the day. Provide shade, water, and a "kiddie" pool. Keep drinking water in an anchored bucket or a heavy nontip bowl.

- * Don't carry your dog in the bed of a pickup truck. This is always dangerous, but the heat carries with it the added danger of burning dogs' feet on the hot metal.

- * Don't take your dog jogging—except on cool mornings or evenings—and don't force exercise. On long walks, rest often and bring plenty of water. Hot pavement can burn dogs' pads; choose shady, grassy routes. A dog will try to keep up, so watch for signs of exhaustion.

- * Clip heavy-coated dogs' fur, but leave an inch for protection against insects and sunburn. Keep an eye on areas where hair is thin, like eyelids, ears, and noses, as animals can get sunburn and even skin cancer.

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Pest Management News

by Tommy Doederlein, Extension Agent-Pest Management
Lynn and Dawson Counties

"Spaghetti root" is a new term to most all of you, unless you were in Randy Boman's or my pocket over the last few days. We coined that term to describe a condition that I started to observe in area dryland fields. I was brought some plants in which the root system was not developed and about two inches below the soil the tap root was swollen up into a knot where a small root, about the size of a spaghetti noodle, was pushing down from this knot. I went to the field where these plants came from and started looking around; there were dead plants and badly wilted plants scattered about so I pulled those plants and they all had this "spaghetti root" system. I wanted to see the root structure in as intact condition as possible so I got my sharp shooter to dig the plants up and I could not push the sharp shooter into the soil near the plants. I finally chiseled out some plants, dead ones and healthy looking ones, and they all had this same root development.

I have now started to observe this in a few other fields, including the AG-CARES farm. This "spaghetti root" development was observed up around Ropesville in 2001 and what I from what I understand, also down around Flower Grove a couple years ago. This is the first time I have seen it. I have noticed it in fields that were planted "in the hole" and "on the

bed." The condition is a result of a hard pan caused by rainfall and the subsequent drying out in and around the time of planting to the seedling state. The field in Ropesville in 2001 experienced high rainfall amount from a storm when the plants were in the seedling state. I will have to do some questioning to find out the conditions or state of the plants during the early spring rains for the fields I am observing this in this year.

A conceivable future problem that may occur due to this condition is harvest. It was mentioned to me that when any field has poor root development for whatever reason, they tend to break off during harvest and cause producers to use language not appropriate for children's ears. I do not know how wide spread this condition may be in our area but it is one you might be watching for.

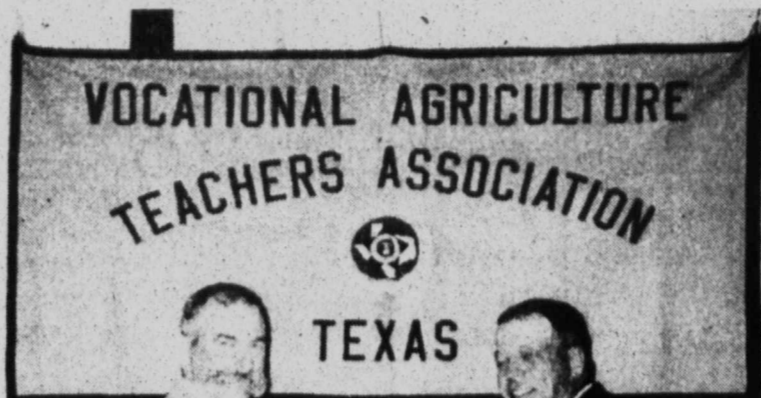
One of the oldest human needs is having someone to wonder where you are when you don't come home at night.

—Margaret Mead

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HONORARY LIFE AWARD—Denny Belew of Tahoka, (right), received the Honorary Life Award at the annual Professional Development Conference for Agricultural Science and Technology Teachers of Texas, held in Wichita Falls, July 28-Aug. 1. The Honorary Life Award is given by the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association to retiring agricultural science teachers who have dedicated themselves to agricultural education and the VATAT. Belew retired from Tahoka ISD after 34 years of teaching. The distinguished honor was presented by Jack DeSharo, VATAT President, at the VATAT awards ceremony.

Intelligence is quickness to apprehend as distinct from ability, which is capacity to act wisely on the thing apprehended.
—Alfred North Whitehead

Reserved Seat Football Tickets On Sale Now

Reserved seat football tickets for the Tahoka High School Varsity Bulldogs home games are now available at the TISD Business Office, located at the Harvick Educational Building at 2129 N. Main in Tahoka.

According to school officials, last year's ticket holders have an option on the same seats again this year, if purchased by Aug. 21. After Aug. 21, those seats will be made available to the public. Other reserved seats are available to the general public now.

General admission price to all games is \$3, and reserved seat tickets are \$5 per game. There are only four home games this season, with a season reserved ticket available for \$20. Home games include Sundown on Aug. 29, Cooper on Sept. 12 (Homecoming), Roosevelt on Oct. 24, and Shallowater on Nov. 7.

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Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug 16	Ralls/Whiteface^	Ralls	TBA
Aug 22	Crosbyton^	Away	TBA
Aug 29	Sundown	Home	7:30
Sep 5	Morton	Away	7:30
Sep 12	Cooper#	Home	7:30
Sep 19	Slaton	Away	7:30
Sep 25	Stratford	Amarillo	7:30
Oct 3	OPEN		
Oct 10	Idalou*	Away	7:30
Oct 17	New Deal*	Away	7:30
Oct 24	Roosevelt*	Home	7:30
Oct 31	Post*	Away	7:30
Nov 7	Shallowater*	Home	7:30

^ Scrimmage
Homecoming
* District Game

Tahoka Bulldogs 2003 Junior Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug 16	Ralls/Whiteface^	Ralls	TBA
Aug 22	Crosbyton^	Away	TBA
Aug 28	Sundown	Away	6:00
Sep 4	Morton	Home	6:00
Sep 11	Cooper	Away	5:30
Sep 18	Slaton	Home	5:30
Sep 26	OPEN		
Oct 2	OPEN		
Oct 9	Idalou*	Home	6:00
Oct 16	New Deal*	Home	6:00
Oct 23	Roosevelt*	Away	5:00
Oct 30	Post*	Home	6:00
Nov 6	Shallowater*	Away	6:00

* District Game

Tahoka Bulldogs 2003 Junior High Football Schedule

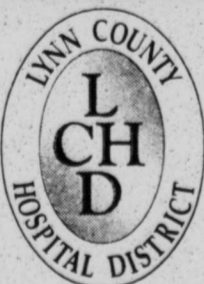
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Service will be for the general public, fares will be charged for the service. Funds for additional vehicles to provide the service are not being requested in this grant application. The public hearing will be at 1:30 p.m. on August 14, 2003 at the Texas WorkSource Center - Meeting Room 2, 1218 14th Street, Lubbock, Texas. Written comments can be forwarded to SPCAA, Attn: SPARTAN, P.O. Box 610, Levelland, Texas 79336.

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Band Boosters Meet Tuesday

Tahoka Band Boosters will meet Tuesday night, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m. at the THS Band Hall. All interested parents are invited to attend.

Boosters To Meet Wednesday Night

Tahoka Bulldog Booster Club will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, outside underneath the home football stands for a short meeting. All interested persons are invited to attend.

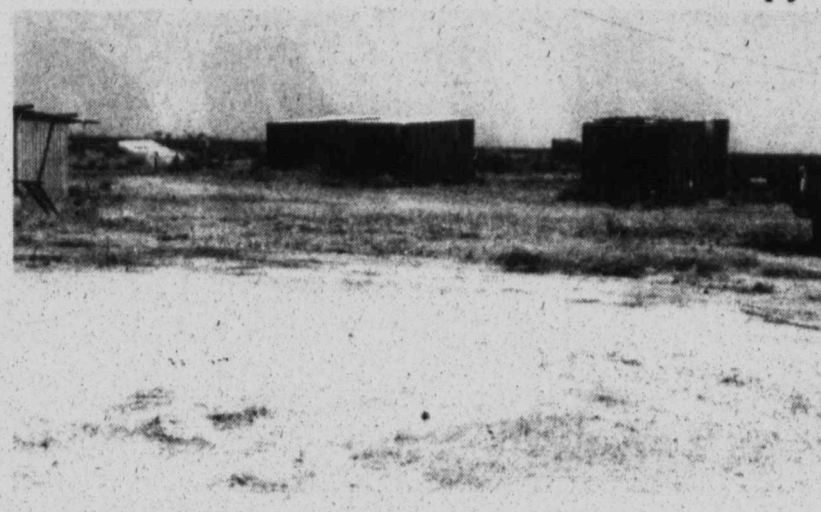
New Student Registration Set Today

New students may register at Tahoka High School today (Thursday) from 8 a.m. until 12 noon and 1-3 p.m. at the Tahoka High School LRC. Students should bring immunization records, social security card, transcript, birth certificate and proof of residence.

For more information, call Tahoka High School at 561-4538.



BEFORE & AFTER - Approximately 20 FFA members and parents met at the Tahoka FFA Project Center on Saturday, Aug. 9, for a clean-up day. Weeds were cut, old buildings torn down, and loose scraps were picked up. Workers removing debris in the photo at left include Brady Askew, Tyler Hawthorne, Ty Askew, Billy Miller, and Butch Reynolds. The photo at right shows the project center following the clean-up. Hamburgers were prepared at the ag building for lunch. "Thank you goes out to those that attended and provided tractors," said Bill Binder, ag teacher.



The WILSON News
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Cover the School in Prayer: There will be a Prayer Walk Sunday, August 17, at 7:30 P.M. in Wilson. Please plan to meet on the school

parking lot at this time and join us as we walk around the school praying, giving our students and teachers a positive beginning for the new year. Help us support our school and those who are such an important part of our children's lives.

The Wilson football team will begin their season Saturday, August 9th with a scrimmage at Southland. The team is hard at work gearing up for the upcoming season. Support the team and school by being a part of the games this year.

The Wilson teachers have begun their new year. Students should report Monday, August 18th. Good luck on your new beginning.

Wilson School Menu

Aug. 18-22

- Monday** — Donut, Juice.
- Tuesday** — Egg, Sausage, Toast, Juice.
- Wednesday** — Sausage Pancake Stick, Juice.
- Thursday** — Egg, Hash Browns, Toast, Juice.
- Friday** — Cinnamon Roll, Juice.
- Lunch**
- Monday** — Corn Dog, Carrot Sticks, Tator Tots, Fruit.
- Tuesday** — Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Fries, Fruit.
- Wednesday** — Chicken Fried Steak, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Hot Rolls, Fruit.
- Thursday** — Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, Fries, Texas Toast, Fruit.
- Friday** — Pizza Slice, Carrot Sticks, Fruit.

Wilson Mustangs 2003 Junior High Football Schedule

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Sep 18	Spur	Home	5:30
Sep 25	Amherst	Away	5:30
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Oct 16	Meadow*	Home	5:30
Oct 23	Southland*	Away	5:30
Oct 30	Wellman*	Home	5:30
Nov 6	Ropes*	Away	5:30

* District Game

Wilson Mustangs 2003 Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug 16	Southland/Motley Co.^	TBA	TBA
	Spade/Wilson	TBA	TBA
Aug 22	Dawson^	Home	TBA
Aug 29	Klondike	Home	7:30
Sep 5	Rochester	Away	7:30
Sep 12	OPEN		
Sep 19	Spur	Away	7:30
Sep 26	Amherst	Home	7:30
Oct 3	Dawson	Away	7:30
Oct 10	New Home*	Home	7:30
Oct 17	Meadow*	Away	7:30
Oct 24	Southland*#	Home	7:30
Oct 31	Wellman*	Away	7:30
Nov 7	Ropes*+	Home	7:30

^ Scrimmage
*# Homecoming
* District Game
*+ Senior Night

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The WILSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., August 28, 2003 in the Wilson School Library, 1411 Green St., 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.

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.50	\$ 0.0885 *	\$ 1.5885	\$ 2.964	\$ 6.348
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.8659	\$ 0.0928 *	\$ 1.9586	\$ 3.932	\$ 5.353
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.5000	\$ 0.0928 *	\$ 1.5928	\$ 3.154	\$ 5.029

* 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.

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 29,640	\$ 30,815
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 14,640	\$ 15,815
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.5885/100	\$ 1.5928/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 232.56	\$ 251.90
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$	\$ 19.34

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 \$1.79340. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.79340.

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)	\$ 499,248.
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 217,000.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The O'DONNELL I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 26, 2003 in the O'DONNELL I.S.D. Board Room, 501 5th St., O'Donnell, 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.

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.39	\$.11 *	\$ 1.50	\$ 1,780	\$ 6,400
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.41	\$.08 *	\$ 1.49	\$ 2,118	\$ 5,944
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.42	\$.08 *	\$ 1.50	\$ 2,133	\$ 6,000

* 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.

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 24,390	\$ 30,061
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 9,390	\$ 15,061
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.50/100	\$ 1.50/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 140.85	\$ 225.91
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$	\$ 85.06

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 \$1.89868. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.89868.

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)	\$ 825,000.
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 150,000.