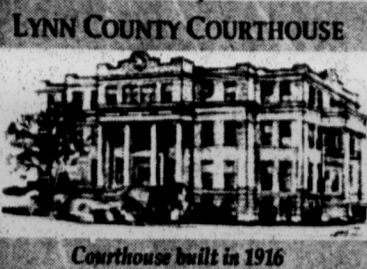


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4-H Horse Show Begins Tonight

The Lynn County 4-H Horse Show will be held tonight (Thursday) and Friday night at the county riding arena, located just south of the baseball field complex in Tahoka. "Western" performance events will begin at 7 p.m. tonight, and the speed events will be held Friday evening, also beginning at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge.

News Office To Change Office Hours

The Lynn County News will initiate new office hours beginning Monday, Aug. 9. The office will remain closed on Fridays throughout the year, but will be open from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and remain open during the lunch hour to accommodate customers. The News Office is located at 1617 Main Street in Tahoka.

TMS Orientation Set

Incoming seventh and eighth grade students and their parents are invited to Tahoka Middle School Orientation next Thursday, Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Weather

| Date | High | Low | Precip. |
|------------------------------|------|-----|---------|
| July 28 | 83 | 66 | 5.15" |
| July 29 | 82 | 65 | 1.62" |
| July 30 | 88 | 65 | |
| July 31 | 89 | 67 | |
| Aug. 1 | 90 | 69 | |
| Aug. 2 | 91 | 71 | |
| Aug. 3 | 93 | 73 | |
| Total Precipitation in July: | | | 8.88" |
| Total Precipitation to date: | | | 15.63" |

Words of Wisdom

"Be careful how you live ... you may be the only Bible some people will ever read."

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 CLOSED FRIDAYS

Officers Fire Shots At Pickup Before Chase Ends

A Dept. of Public Safety trooper fired nine rounds and a Slaton Police officer fired 14 rounds at a stolen pickup during a high-speed chase that ended near Wilson last Thursday afternoon.

The chase began in Garza County where two young men and one female in a Dodge Ram pickup drove away from an Allsup's in Post without paying for gasoline. The chase eventually involved officers from the DPS, including Lynn County, Garza and Lynn Sheriff's officers, and police officers from Slaton and Tahoka.

The driver of the Dodge Ram allegedly attempted to ram officers' units several times during the chase, and led law enforcement through muddied dirt roads and across muddy cotton fields in Lynn County. Before the chase ended, five law enforcement vehicles had reportedly gotten stuck in the mud in the attempt to stop the pickup.

A DPS officer ended the chase by firing two shotgun bursts at the right rear tire of the truck, causing it to get stuck in the mud on County Rd. 14 about a mile west of FM 400, south and west of Wilson.

Arrested were two juveniles and the pickup driver, all from Kentucky. Shawn Naylor, 22, of Offutt, KY was jailed and the two juveniles were held in Garza County detention.

Owners of the vehicle, Berry Rosson and Terrecia Baldwin of Mulhall, Oklahoma, said the cross-country heist began on Monday in eastern Kentucky, where their son had the truck at his place of employment.



TRUCK STOPPED AFTER CHASE - Two juveniles and a 22-year-old male from Kentucky led area law enforcement officers on a chase in this Dodge Ram, which was stopped in Lynn County after officers shot out a tire. The chase began in Garza County, and ended on a dirt road near Wilson after the truck led officers in a chase across muddied cotton fields, leaving five law officers' vehicles stuck in the mud before the chase ended on Thursday afternoon. (LCN PHOTO)

"Our son, who lives in West Virginia, had driven the truck to work in Kentucky and left the keys for the truck at work for his

girlfriend," Mrs. Baldwin told *The News* in a telephone conversation. "Somehow, our nephew and two of his friends got the key-

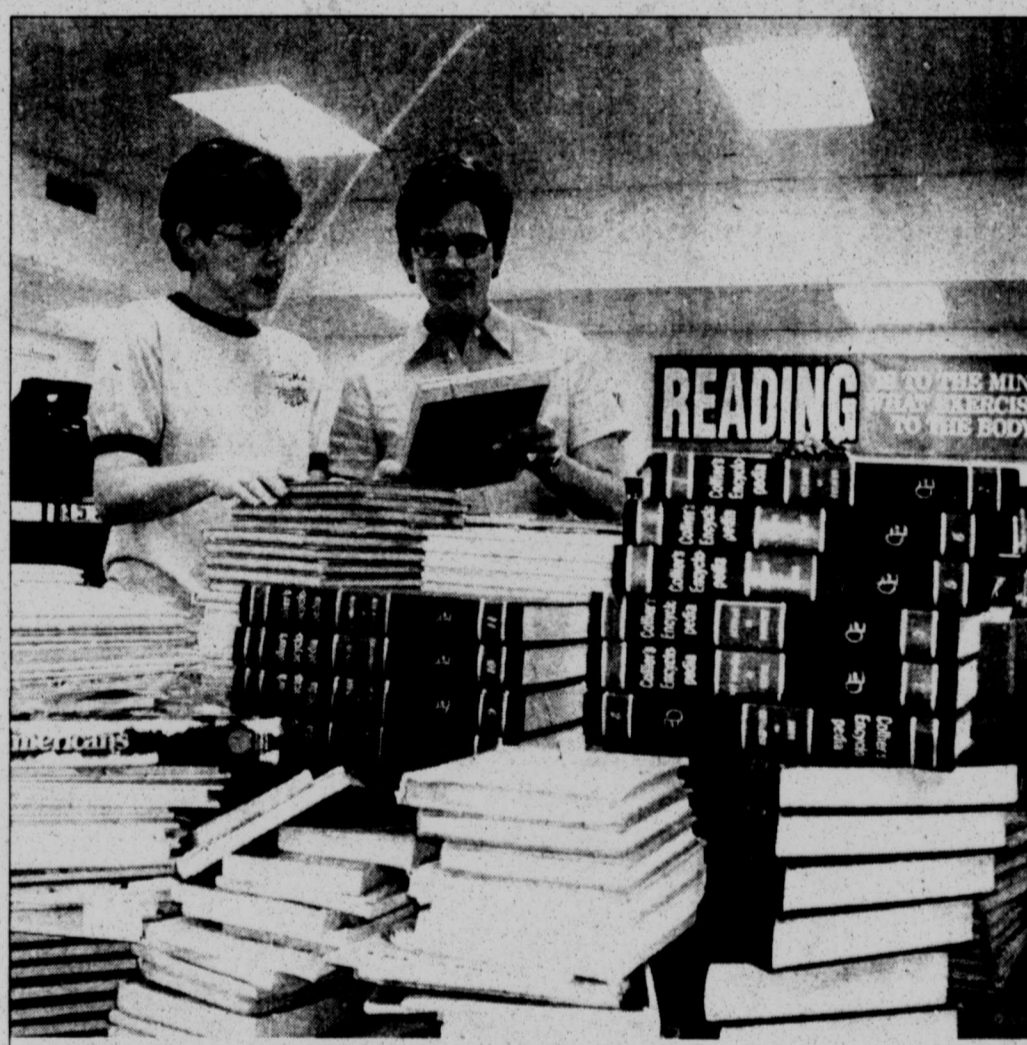
and our son's dog - and just took off in it," she explained, adding that she did not know the other two individuals involved.

"What's strange is that they were stopped just shortly after the truck was stolen, for speeding, but at that time the truck had not yet been reported stolen, so they weren't arrested," said Mrs. Baldwin. "By the time we figured out the truck was stolen and reported it on Tuesday to the state police, they told us that records showed they had already been stopped once. We got the call Thursday afternoon telling us the truck had been found, and we immediately asked how the kids were, then we wanted to know what happened to the dog," she said.

Law enforcement officials detained the two juveniles and the 22-year-old, and the dog was apparently okay. She and her husband drove from Oklahoma to Tahoka to pick up the dog and see the damage to the truck and to recover some items that were inside the vehicle.

"It was just a miracle nobody was hurt," she said, after seeing the damage to the truck. "There were bullet holes in the truck, and the tires were all down to the rim. That truck has a really good four-wheel drive on it, but we never thought it would be used for this! I understand it must have been quite a chase."

"Everyone was just so nice to us, and very helpful," said Mrs. Baldwin of the law enforcement agencies in Tahoka. "We appreciate all the help. I finally asked the driver (the 22-year-old) where they thought they were going, and he said 'California.'"



SCHOOL DAYS AHEAD - Tahoka Elementary librarian Rhonda McNeely (left) and Assistant Principal Jennifer McLelland (right) on Tuesday morning peruse a stack of books ready for distribution in the elementary library as the staff prepares for the return of students on Aug. 16. Students in Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell also return to classes on the 16th. A list of all new staff members in all four schools will be printed in next week's Lynn County News. (LCN PHOTO)

Two Persons Injured As SUV Rolls On 380 West

Two persons in a 1999 Toyota SUV which overturned about 10 miles west of Tahoka Tuesday afternoon suffered only apparent minor injuries, according to an investigating officer of the Dept. of Public Safety.

Taken to Lynn County Hospital by private vehicle were the driver of the Toyota Forerunner, Jeremy Worley, 23 of Lufkin, and a passenger, Lauren Hudgens, 21, of Waco. She suffered a possible fractured wrist and he had cuts and bruises, according to the DPS trooper.

During the last week, Tahoka Police arrested two persons on outstanding warrants and one for disorderly conduct. Police also were advised by Tahoka resident Raul Solorzano that someone had broken out a storm door at his residence. Loss was estimated at \$240.

Dispatchers at Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. processed 247 calls during July, with 115 for City of Tahoka, 100 for the county, 16 for ambulances, 13 for City of O'Donnell and three fire alarms.

woodwork
by dalton

SLEEPING habits, sleep deprivation and a new pod-like device which offers a 20-minute nap for \$14 were being discussed on a radio show I was listening to last week. It was the show of Clark Howard, a guy who mostly advises callers about money matters and scams.

Howard said that around 1900 the average American got more than 9 hours of sleep a night. Now, he said, most Americans average only about 5 or 6 hours of sleep, a factor he thinks eventually results in poor health, and more immediately results in grumpiness.

He made these comments in connection with a report that a "Metro nap" is being offered in some places, like bus stations and places where people have to wait awhile, such as doctor's offices (and checkout lines at Sam's?).

A sleeping pod is being offered in some cities - he probably said where, but I didn't catch that. He said the device looks sort of like a dentist's chair and you get into it, it closes around you offering darkness (but ventilation, I assume) and lets you take a 20-minute nap. At the end of the 20 minutes, it starts vibrating and lights start flashing, to wake you up.

He noted that the 20-minute nap cost of \$14 was not a bad deal when one considers the cost of buying this Metro Nap pod to take home or wherever. The cost is about \$8,000. He also noted that a 20-minute nap is considered just about right by most medical sources. This is supposed to leave you refreshed; any longer than 20 minutes in a nap leaving you feeling lethargic.

He did note, however, that for him, spending \$14 for a 20-minute nap would be a complete waste of money, since it takes him longer than that to go to sleep. I certainly can identify with that, because it usually takes me about 30-45 minutes to go to sleep.

Many people, like my wife, rarely have this problem. It usually takes them less than a minute to go to sleep, once they make up their minds to do this. "Just turn off your thinker and you'll go right to sleep," she tells me. But I can't do that. I lie in bed reviewing all the mistakes I have made that day and planning what I hope to accomplish tomorrow, while some tune keeps running through my head. To know that others are sleeping peacefully while I am turning over about 700 times trying to get comfortable is really no fun.

About the only time I can go to sleep in just seconds is in church, the very place I need to be alert, because that guy up there is stepping all over me.

I wonder what the preacher would think if he looked out there and half the congregation was cozily zippered up in these sleep pods. Well, it probably would give him another sermon topic.

I know this is hard to believe, but some people probably will be sound asleep before they reach the end of this column.



**HALEIGH ROSS
Ross Awarded
Byrd Scholarship**

Haleigh B. Ross, a 2004-Tahoka High School graduate, has been awarded the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 per year. She was selected on the basis of her excellent academic record and anticipated success in college. She will attend Texas Tech University this fall.

Haleigh is the daughter of Cathy Ross of Tahoka and Jay and Patty Ross of Lubbock. Grandparents are Bill and Frances Chaney of Tahoka, Jerry Don Ross of Lubbock and Nancy Ross of Lubbock, and great-grandmother is Johne Mae Cook of Lubbock.

**Wilson School
Open House
Set Tuesday**

The Wilson School will have an Open House for parents and students on Tuesday, August 10, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Parents and students are invited to come and meet the teachers and see building improvements that have taken place over the summer. Parents may also pick up registration material if they have not done so already.

New students must have their birth certificate, social security card, and an immunization shot record showing all immunizations as current. Copies of information will be made and the originals will be returned to students.

**School Supplies
Ready For Pick-Up**

Anyone who ordered and prepaid for school supplies from the Tahoka Pride Corps last May can pick up their order in the Tahoka School Cafeteria on Monday, August 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you have questions, please call Tammy Fisher with Pride Corps at 561-5314.



**MR AND MRS. CHRISTOPHER BRUNSON
(Nee Melissa Styles)**

Styles-Brunson Vows Exchanged

Melissa Styles and Christopher Brunson were united in marriage July 10, 2004 at the Grace Assembly of God Church in Lubbock.

The bride's parents are Richard and Sue Kinast of Shallowater. The groom's parents are Brad and Wanda Brunson of Lubbock. His grandparents are Paul and Mary Brunson of Lubbock and Mary Elrod of Tahoka and the late Jim Elrod.

The couple plan to make their home in Shallowater.

Dress Code Enforced:

**THS Registration
Set August 9-12**

Registration will be held for Tahoka High School on August 9 through the 12th. Students will register in the LRC and are requested to enter the building through the LRC computer outside entrance.

The dress code will be enforced beginning the day of registration. If a student's attire does not meet the Tahoka ISD dress code, he or she will not be permitted to register. Please refer to the dress code information enclosed in the letter that was received by all high school parents. Additionally, all fines and immunizations must be current before a student can register. Please bring payment for fines and/or an updated shot record with you to registration.

All students should be registered at their designated time slot listed below:

Monday, August 9

Seniors:
Last names beginning with:

A-M - 8 a.m. until 10 a.m.
N-Z - 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Juniors:
A-M - 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.
N-Z - 2:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 10

Sophomores:
A-M - 8 a.m. until 10 a.m.
N-Z - 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Freshman:
A-M - 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.
N-Z - 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Any student that cannot make the scheduled registration time may pick up a registration packet from the high school office on Wednesday, August 11 through Friday, August 13 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. until 3:45 p.m.

New students may register Thursday, August 12 and Friday, August 13 from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

LYNN COUNTY COOKS

Lynn County residents may submit recipes to: lcn@llano.net, fax to 561-6308, or mail to P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373.

Recipes from "Texas T-Bones to Tiramisu" by Amy Preston and Kay Keller

Hershey Bar Cake

- 8 Hershey Bars
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 sticks butter
- 4 eggs
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup buttermilk

Melt together Hershey bars and butter in a double boiler. While melting add in sugar and other ingredients. Bake 1 hour & 15 minutes at 300° in loaf or tube pan.

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Contact MELODY LOCKE for appointment to view, 561-1528

REGISTER and Vote

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET**

The LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2005 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, August 23, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. at the Lynn County Appraisal District Office, 1636 Avenue J, Tahoka, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed appraisal budget. \$ 127,668.00

The total amount of increase from the current year's budget. \$ 7,512.00

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget. 2
(full-time equivalent)

The number of employees compensated under the current budget. 2
(full-time equivalent)

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

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

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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS
BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The Tahoka Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 16, 2004 in the TISD Administration Building, 2129 N. 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.

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 - * | \$ 1.50 | \$ 4,727 | \$ 6,462 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | | | | | |
| Proposed Rate | \$ 1.5305 | \$ - 0 - * | \$ 1,5305 | \$ 1,681 | \$ 6,508 |
| Proposed Rate | \$ 1.50 | \$ - 0 - * | \$ 1.50 | \$ 1,664 | \$ 6,446 |

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction equipment, on 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 | \$ 31,787 | \$ 35,479 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 16,787 | \$ 20,479 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.50/100 | \$ 1.50/100 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$ 251.81 | \$ 307.18 |
| Increase in Taxes | \$ | \$ 55.37 |

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 \$1.81677/\$100.00. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.81677/\$100.00.

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) | \$ 2,174,605.00 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) | \$ -0- |

THS Yearbook Now Available

The Tahoka Kennel yearbook is available Friday, August 12 noon and August 16 until 2 p.m. Student yearbooks are available August 16.

Yearbooks must be paid for. Extra yearbook first come basis for a plastic cover. For additional message for adviser, at 561-4...

Graduation Ready For Pictures

Anyone who has pictures taken at the High School will be ready for school pictures to be picked up...



D'Maris Tahoka Plays In Softball

D'Maris participated in the Pitch Softball Tournament at 18. Murillo Blue team, w games before in the champ second. Over for Lubbock teams from Mexico participated.

Reunion In Southland

A Reunion Southland Saturday, August 14, who has lived school in Southland at 3:00 p.m. will be at 6:00 furnished. Call you them about it.

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THS Yearbooks Now Available

The Tahoka High School 2004 Kennel yearbooks will be distributed Friday, August 6 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon and August 13 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Students can also pick up yearbooks after school beginning August 16.

Yearbooks ordered on deposit must be paid for when picked up. Extra yearbooks are available on a first come basis. The cost is \$25, \$2 for a plastic cover.

For additional information, leave a message for Rachel Lehman, adviser, at 561-4538.

Graduation Pictures Ready For Pick-Up

Anyone who ordered graduation pictures through Tahoka High School needs to pick their order up at the High School office during normal school hours. Pictures have been ready for some time now and need to be picked up.



D'MARIS MURILLO
Tahoka Youth Plays In All-Star Softball Tourney

D'Maris Murillo of Tahoka participated in the 14-and-under East Pitch Softball West Texas All-Star Tournament held in Odessa, July 16-18. Murillo played on the Lubbock Blue team, which won five straight games before falling to Odessa Blue in the championship game, to place second. Overall tournament record for Lubbock Blue was 7-3. Sixteen teams from West Texas and New Mexico participated in the tournament.

Reunion Set In Southland

A Reunion will be held at Southland School Building on Saturday, August 7, 2004 for everyone who has lived in Southland, attended school in Southland or taken part in the community. Registration will be at 3:00 p.m. and a Potluck supper will be at 6:00 p.m., the meat will be furnished. The speaker will be Curtis "Curt" Lancaster.

Call your classmates and tell them about the reunion.



NEW ADMINISTRATIVE FACE - Jennifer McLelland is one of the new, but familiar, faces at Tahoka Elementary School this year. Formerly a teacher, Mrs. McLelland is now the Assistant Principal, working with Principal James Baker at the elementary school. She taught for 10 years at Tahoka Elementary, most recently in sixth grade. (LCN PHOTO)

USDA Rural Development To Hold Outreach In Lynn County, Aug. 25

The USDA Rural Development Local Office in Lubbock, serving the Texas Panhandle area, which includes Lynn County, will be holding an office day Wednesday, August 25, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. A staff member will be available to discuss housing programs for very low, low and moderate income families, various community program loans and grants, and business and industry loans and to provide guidance in applying for USDA Rural Development assistance. The USDA Rural Development office day will be held at the Lynn County Courthouse in the County Court room.

There are several programs available to provide assistance to very-low, low and moderate-income applicants. Loans are available depending on repayment ability, acceptable credit and the location of the home or building site.

The direct home ownership loan is designed to provide very-low and low-income applicants with financing to build, purchase, or repair homes to provide adequate affordable housing. Funds may also be used to modernize or repair a home already owned by an applicant. For moderate-income applicants, there is the Guaranteed Rural Housing Program.

Two significant advantages of the direct home ownership loan program are that no down payment is required, and there is no requirement for mortgage insurance. Loans may be made for up to 100% of the appraised market value, which may allow the closing costs to be included. The loan term is typically 33 years. The interest rate is fixed and is currently 6.375%. Payment assistance is available, based on family size and income, which may reduce the monthly interest payment to as low as one percent (1%).

There are also home repair loans and grants for very-low income homeowners. Grant funds are available to homeowners age 62 and over who cannot repay a loan. Grant funds are used to remove health and safety hazards such as repairing roofs, heating, electrical, plumbing, water and waste disposal, handicapped accessibility, etc. The home repair loan amount cannot exceed \$20,000, and grant assistance may not exceed \$7,500. Loans under this program are made with a 1% interest rate and have a maximum term of 20 years.

Home improvement loans may include similar purposes, but may also be used to modernize and bring a home up to standards, make changes for convenience, add a

School Lunch Prices Raised

School lunch prices for students and adults will be slightly higher this year at Tahoka Independent School District. Trustees approved a price increase of 25-cents for student and staff lunches in the school cafeteria. Student lunches will be \$1.75 and staff lunches will be \$2.50. Adult guest lunches will remain at \$2.50.

Snack bar, salad bar and ice cream bar menus will continue to be offered at the cafeteria, on a per-item price basis.

Tahoka Trinity Church Plans Night For Youth

On Friday, August 6, at 7 p.m. the Tahoka Trinity Church is planning an evening of fun for local youth. "All youth are invited to come and join in the fun, food and music," said a local sponsor.

room, remodel and make overall improvements to the home.

All applicants must meet basic eligibility requirements such as being unable to obtain a loan from other conventional lending sources on terms they can afford; being without ownership of decent, safe and sanitary housing; have sufficient and dependable income for loan repayment, taxes, insurance, living expenses and other existing debts; possess the legal capacity to incur debt; and have an acceptable credit history.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, please contact the Lubbock Local Office at 806-785-5644, Ext. 4.



JESSICA E. WILKE and BRADY W. BOBLING

Couple Announce Engagement

Craig and Karen Wilke of Wilson announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica E. Wilke, to Brady W. Bobling, son of Bobby and Gayle Bobling of Robert Lee, Texas.

The future bride-elect is the granddaughter of Lloyd and Oneida Hagens and Curtis and Linda Wilke, all of Slaton. The future bridegroom is the grandson of Leota Bobling of Grandberry, and Maudy Conley of Robert Lee and the late John Conley.

The couple is planning a September 25 wedding at 6:30 p.m. at the Grace Lutheran Church in Slaton.

Miss Wilke is a graduate of Wilson High School and employed by Smith Ford in Slaton. Bobling is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and is employed by Quest and Sons.

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Call Before Digging To Prevent Cuts In Underground Lines

West Texans love to get outside during the summer and plant flower beds and trees or install a new fence or a backyard pool. Unfortunately, this upsurge in home improvement activity can also result in increased telephone service disruptions due to line cuts.

In addition to silence when attempting to use telephones, line cuts can result in Internet, alarm systems, and even 911 disruptions. This past year, for example, a cable cut by a construction crew in Wolfthorh resulted in telephone service outages for approximately 12 hours.

"We're always concerned with customer safety, just more so in the summertime because property development activity can soar in the warmer weather. And with that can come a greater risk for injury or damage as homeowners and businesses come in closer proximity to underground utility lines," said

Danny Ammons, vice-president of operations for Valor Telecom's West Texas division.

"It's vital for homeowners, contractors, landscapers, and anyone else who will be digging, to contact the Texas One Call Center and have those utility lines located at least two days prior to digging. It's an important safety precaution that can help curb the kind of damage we see on a regular basis," Ammons said.

Valor Telecom experiences some type of facility damage every day in Texas, and this damage can result in loss of service to any of the company's 108 serving areas in the western portion of the state.

Beyond the safety concerns, digging that results in major property damage or physical injury can mean a federal fine of \$50,000.

So, before digging outdoors this summer, Valor asks West Texas customers to keep these helpful tips in mind:

- Contact the Texas One Call Center at 1-800-245-4545 to locate underground utilities at least 48 hours or two business days prior to digging.
- Have the underground utility lines clearly marked.
- Give the marked lines a wide berth when digging nearby. A minimum distance of two feet or more is best.
- Dig only in calm, dry weather since the combination of surface moisture, lightning, and exposed lines can prove dangerous to people, digging equipment, and the line themselves.

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Taxing Entities Now Considering Tax Rates For 2004 Year

Taxing entities within Lynn County, including all four school districts, four cities, the hospital district, and the county, are in the process of considering tax rates for 2004. Advertisements in this week's *Lynn County News* show figures released by the taxing entities working in conjunction with the Lynn County Appraisal District.

No changes are proposed in tax rates for school districts in Tahoka and New Home, where the tax rates are already at the maximum allowed by the state, at \$1.50 per \$100 of property valuation. Property owners in the Tahoka school district, however, may see their taxes increase because of an increase in their property evaluations in Tahoka.

According to figures provided by the Lynn County Appraisal District, the average market value of residences in the Tahoka school district have gone up approximately \$3,692, with a home that was valued at \$31,787 last year now having a market value of \$35,479. That's an increase of about \$55.37 in taxes for that same home since last year.

Those whose property evaluations have increased will also pay more for all their other taxes too (city, county, and hospital) based on the new valuations, unless the tax rates decrease, which is an unlikely scenario.

School taxes do not increase, however, for those property owners over the age of 65. 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 if the 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.

A new law also allows disabled individuals to have the same tax freeze on school taxes, as of 2003, according to information from the Appraisal District.

TISD will hold a budget hearing at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16 at the Harvick building, open to the public.



In the New Home school district, property evaluations have decreased slightly, according to Appraisal District figures that show a home valued at \$49,944 last year now valued at \$48,492. Taxes due on the average residence in the NHISD should decrease approximately \$20.78 based on those figures. A budget hearing will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23 in the school library, open to the public.

O'Donnell ISD is proposing a 4-cent tax increase to get back up to the \$1.50 limit, up from last year's rate of \$1.46, which included a Maintenance and Operating (M&O) rate of \$1.37 and Interest and Sinking

(I&S) fund of 9-cents, to pay debt service. The tax proposal increases the M&O rate to \$1.42 but lowers the I&S rate to 8-cents, for a total of \$1.50. However, property values decreased in the district, with figures showing a home valued at \$30,061 last year now valued at \$28,128, with a decrease in taxes of \$22.97. The school district has set a budget hearing for 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 in the boardroom.

Tax rate proposal figures from Wilson ISD were not available this week from the Appraisal District (expected to be published in next week's paper), but the district is currently at a tax rate of \$1.59280, which includes the \$1.50 limit on M&O and .09280 in I&S debt service.

Effective and rollback tax rates for Lynn County Hospital District, Lynn County, and all four cities within the county are published in this week's *News*, provided by the Lynn County Appraisal District. The figures do not indicate what tax rate the taxing entities are proposing, but all entities must adopt tax rates by September 30 at the very latest.

The current tax rate for Lynn County is 85.345-cents per \$100 of property value, and the effective tax rate (to bring in the same amount of revenue as the previous year) increases by nearly three cents, to .88077.

"While residential homestead valuations increased about 8 percent in the county, ag values dropped by

about 6 per cent, and 30 per cent of values dropped. The hospital district set the home... County," said Appraiser for... The Lynn County Appraisal District's current rates, and the county is less than half a cent, Scott said the district are... for Lynn County... City tax rates are as follows: rate, 69.5-cent effective; O'Donnell County with an increase rate, to .953; tax rate, 49.8-cent decrease in... .49248; and... 96.924-cents effective tax

NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for LYNN COUNTY for the six taxing entities listed below. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculation at:
LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
 1636 AVE. J - TAHOKA, TEXAS 75791
 Name of person preparing this notice:
MARQUITA SCOTT, CHIEF APPRAISER
 Date prepared: **JULY 28, 2004**

| | LYNN COUNTY | LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT | CITY OF TAHOKA | CITY OF O'DONNELL | CITY OF NEW HOME | CITY OF TAHOKA |
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| LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE: | | | | | | |
| Last year's operating taxes | \$ 1,471,948.00 | \$ 611,412.00 | \$ 317,246.00 | \$ 113,476.00 | \$ 24,368.00 | \$ - |
| Last year's debt taxes | \$ 313,507.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 12,800.00 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Last year's total taxes | \$ 1,785,455.00 | \$ 611,412.00 | \$ 317,246.00 | \$ 126,276.00 | \$ 24,368.00 | \$ - |
| Last year's tax base | \$ 209,204,425.00 | \$ 210,468,905.00 | \$ 45,647,048.00 | \$ 13,876,514.00 | \$ 4,883,592.00 | \$ - |
| Last year's total tax rate | \$.85345/ \$100 | \$.29050/ \$100 | \$.69500/ \$100 | \$.91000/ \$100 | \$.49898/ \$100 | \$ - |
| THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE: | | | | | | |
| Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) | \$ 1,783,691.00 | \$ 610,881.00 | \$ 316,456.00 | \$ 126,109.00 | \$ 24,368.00 | \$ - |
| + This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) | \$ 202,512,900.00 | \$ 203,878,770.00 | \$ 48,493,453.00 | \$ 13,228,720.00 | \$ 4,947,970.00 | \$ - |
| = This year's effective tax rate | \$.88077/ \$100 | \$.29962/ \$100 | \$.65257/ \$100 | \$.95329/ \$100 | \$.49248/ \$100 | \$ - |
| x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing | \$.90719/ \$100 | \$.30860/ \$100 | \$.67214/ \$100 | \$.98188/ \$100 | \$.50725/ \$100 | \$ - |
| THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE: | | | | | | |
| Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) | \$ 1,453,684.00 | \$ 610,881.00 | \$ 316,456.00 | \$ 113,637.00 | \$ 24,368.00 | \$ - |
| + This year's adjusted tax base | \$ 202,512,900.00 | \$ 203,878,770.00 | \$ 48,493,453.00 | \$ 13,228,720.00 | \$ 4,947,970.00 | \$ - |
| = This year's effective operating rate | \$.71782/ \$100 | \$.29962/ \$100 | \$.65257/ \$100 | \$.85901/ \$100 | \$.49248/ \$100 | \$ - |
| x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate | \$.77524/ \$100 | \$.32358/ \$100 | \$.70477/ \$100 | \$.92773/ \$100 | \$.53187/ \$100 | \$ - |
| + This year's debt rate | \$.19460/ \$100 | \$ -/ \$100 | \$ -/ \$100 | \$.10750/ \$100 | \$ -/ \$100 | \$ - |
| = This year's rollback rate | \$.96984/ \$100 | \$.32358/ \$100 | \$.70477/ \$100 | \$ 1.03523/ \$100 | \$.53187/ \$100 | \$ - |
| STATEMENT OF INCREASE / DECREASE | | | | | | |
| | If LYNN COUNTY adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.88077 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2003 taxes by \$30,585 | If LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.29962 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2003 taxes by \$10,477 | If CITY OF TAHOKA adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.65257 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2003 taxes by \$9,046 | If CITY OF O'DONNELL adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.95329 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2003 taxes by \$98 | If CITY OF NEW HOME adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.49248 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2003 taxes by \$988 | If CITY OF TAHOKA adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.65257 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2003 taxes by \$9,046 |
| SCHEDULE A - Unencumbered Fund Balances | | | | | | |
| The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation. | | | | | | |
| TYPE OF PROPERTY TAX FUND | GENERAL | | GENERAL | GENERAL | GENERAL | |
| BALANCE | \$ 164,488.00 | | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 69,365.00 | | \$ - |
| SCHEDULE B - 2004 Debt Service | | | | | | |
| The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable). | | | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION OF DEBT | BUILDING & EQUIPMENT | | WATERWORKS G.O. BONDS Series 1977 | | | |
| PRINCIPAL OR CONTRACT PAYMENT TO BE PAID FROM PROPERTY TAXES | \$ 252,038.00 | | | \$ 8,000.00 | | |
| INTEREST TO BE PAID FROM PROPERTY TAXES | \$ 129,149.00 | | | \$ 4,400.00 | | |
| OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE PAID | \$ - | | | \$ - | | |
| TOTAL PAYMENT | \$ 381,187.00 | | | \$ 12,400.00 | | |
| Total required for 2004 debt service | \$ 381,187.00 | | | \$ 12,400.00 | | |
| - Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A | \$ - | | | \$ - | | |
| - Amount (if any) paid from other resources | \$ - | | | \$ - | | |
| - Excess collections last year | \$ - | | | \$ - | | |
| = Total to be paid from taxes in 2004 | \$ 381,187.00 | | | \$ 12,400.00 | | |
| + Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95% (anticipated collections) of its taxes in 2004 | \$ 20,062.00 | | | \$ 1,852.00 | | |
| = Total Debt Levy | \$ 401,249.00 | | | \$ 14,252.00 | | |
| SCHEDULE D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties) | | | | | | |
| The LYNN County Auditor certifies that LYNN County has spent \$0 in the previous 12 months beginning JANUARY 1, 2003, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. LYNN County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs. | | | | | | |
| SCHEDULE F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures | | | | | | |
| The COUNTY OF LYNN spent \$0 from 1/1/03 to 09/30/03 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$0. | | | | | | |

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about 6 percent, mineral values dropped 30 percent, and industrial values dropped 3 percent, which offset the homestead increase for Lynn County," said Marquita Scott, Chief Appraiser for the Appraisal District.

The Lynn County Hospital District's current tax rate is 29.05-cents, and the effective tax rate is less than half a cent more, at .29962. Mrs. Scott said the values for the hospital district are slightly different than values for Lynn County because of certain allowances mandated by the state.

City tax rates within the county are as follows: Tahoka current tax rate, 69.5-cents, with a decrease in the effective tax rate, to .65257; O'Donnell current tax rate, 91-cents, with an increase in the effective tax rate, to .95329; New Home current tax rate, 49.898-cents, with a slight decrease in the effective tax rate, to .49248; and Wilson current tax rate, 96.924-cents, with an increase in the effective tax rate, to .99955.



VEHICLE ROLLOVER - A man and woman were transported by private vehicle to Lynn County Hospital after rolling this 1999 Toyota SUV Tuesday afternoon on Hwy. 380, about 10 miles west of Tahoka. Their injuries were not serious. (LCN PHOTO by Kym Hammonds)

OBITUARIES



Emma Maeker

Funeral services for Emma Maeker, 95, of Slaton and formerly of Wilson, were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 4, 2004 in Wilson's St. Lutheran Church with Tonda Freitag officiating. Interment was in Green Memorial Cemetery in Wilson.

Mrs. Maeker died Monday, August 2, 2004 in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock after a short illness.

She was born June 14, 1909 in Bartlett, TX and had moved to the Wilson area in 1924. She graduated from Morgan School in 1925 and attended Texas Lutheran Academy.

She married Walter Maeker on February 15, 1935 in Winters, TX. They farmed in Lynn County until their retirement in 1983. They moved to Slaton shortly after their retirement.

She was a homemaker and member of St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson where she was a Sunday school teacher for many years and active with the church choir and Women of ELCA organization.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, on July 16, 1985; two daughters, Barbara Wuensche on March 11, 1983 and Janis Wilms on February 15, 2003.

Survivors include her daughter, Eileen Schultz of Slaton; two sisters, Dora Noack of Bartlett, and Marie Klesel of Lubbock; two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to St. John Lutheran Church, PO Box 17, Wilson, TX 79381.



Santos Garza

Rosary for Santos Garza, 70, of Pampa, formerly of Tahoka, was held at 7 p.m. Sunday, August 1, 2004 at White Memorial Chapel. Funeral Mass was held at 2 p.m. Monday, August 2, at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Tahoka with Father Eduardo Teo officiating. Interment followed in Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home.

Garza died Friday, July 30, 2004 in Pampa, TX.

He was born on July 30, 1934 in Tynn, Texas to the late Jose Garza and Inez Del Leon. He married Gloria Moya in 1967 in Tahoka. He retired from farming in 1995. He was a member of the Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by one daughter Ermelinda Herrera.

Survivors include his wife,

Gloria Garza of Tahoka; three sons, Vince Garza of New Home, Ramiro Garza of Pampa, and Raul Garza of Tahoka; three daughters, Inez Villareal of Pampa, Trinidad Herrera of Tahoka, Martina Alvarado of Pampa; two brothers, Juan Garza of O'Donnell and Ramon Garza of Brownfield; eight sisters, Antonia Ramirez of Houston, Lupe DeLosSantos of O'Donnell, Josefina Flores of Post, Juanita Garcia of Dallas, Mary Tejada of Kingville, Manuela Herra of Slaton, DeLores Herrera of Arizona, Ruthie Moya of O'Donnell; 20 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Senior Citizens MENU

August 2 - 6

Monday - Hamburger on bun, all the trimmings, spicy red beans, French fries, apple cobbler

Tuesday - Salmon pattie, green peas, cauliflower, cheese sauce, wheat roll, pears, gingerbread

Wednesday - Baked ham, navy beans, carrots and zucchini, tossed salad, cornbread

Thursday - Roasted turkey, boiled cabbage, cornbread, oven fried potatoes, cranberry dessert

Friday - Chicken fried steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, jello cake

Lynn County merchants appreciate your business!

Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF LYNN

In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given as follows: TO

J.E. Nance, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: PAR#0009166, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6, Block 3, Inside Addition to the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 107, Page 242, Volume 273, Page 388 of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$4,252.54, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Lynn County Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on May 1, 2002, in a certain suit styled the Lynn County Appraisal District et al vs. Billy Miller, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, 106th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 02-05-02248, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 6th Day of September, A.D., 2004, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Lynn County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, this the 23rd Day of July, A.D., 2004.

/s/ Sandra Laws
Clerk of the District Court,
Lynn County, Texas, 106th Judicial District

Delivered This 27th day of July 2004.

Bob Wilson
Sheriff of Lynn County
/s/ Jason Tucker, Deputy

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF LYNN

In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given as follows: TO

Anthony Mae Brown AKA Anthony Bryson and Tracy Bryson, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: Lots 6 & 7, Block 57, North Tahoka Addition, City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 185, Page 167 (Lot 6) and Volume 179, Page 189 (Lot 7), of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$7,875.89, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Lynn County Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on September 14, 1993, in a certain suit styled the Lynn County Appraisal District et al vs. Anthony Mae Brown, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, 106th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 1970, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

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This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, this the 23rd Day of July, A.D., 2004.

/s/ Sandra Laws
Clerk of the District Court,
Lynn County, Texas, 106th Judicial District

Delivered This 27th day of July 2004.

Bob Wilson
Sheriff of Lynn County
/s/ Jason Tucker, Deputy

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Summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT AVE. J - TAHOKA, TEXAS 79373

Name of person preparing this notice:
QUITA SCOTT, CHIEF APPRAISER
Date prepared: **JULY 28, 2004**

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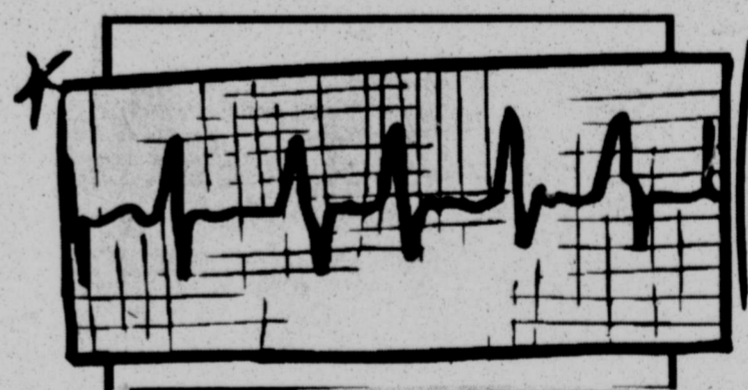
IF CITY OF NEW HOME adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$ 49248 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2003 taxes by \$988

IF CITY OF WILSON adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$ 99955 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2003 taxes by \$343.

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Chest Pain • Heart Attack Coronary Artery Bypass

(Words that nobody wants to hear.)



Lynn County Hospital District in Tahoka proudly announces the opening of its very own

CARDIAC REHABILITATION PROGRAM

If you or someone you know has had any heart related problems then you know the anxiety associated with trying to cope with heart disease. Let the staff at LCHD Cardiac Rehab help with a second chance on life. Call, visit or go online to learn more about the services provided by Lynn County Hospital District.



Lynn County Hospital District

2600 LOCKWOOD • TAHOKA, TX 79373
www.lchdhealthcare.org

Program Director: Richard Tamplen, M.S.
806 998-4533, Ext. 213

Back-To-School Carnival Planned

Plans are underway for the Second Annual Back-To-School Carnival for Tahoka Elementary School, hosted by the Pride Corp. The Carnival will be held Friday, Aug. 13, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. on the school grounds. Any individual, group, or organization that would like to have a booth at the carnival should call now to reserve space. To make arrangements for a booth, or for more information, call Pride Corp representative Christy Bingham at 561-4726 or 561-4562.

"The more booths we have the more fun it will be. Now is the time to call," said Mrs. Bingham.

Band Boosters To Meet August 5

The first meeting of the Tahoka Band Boosters is scheduled for Thursday, August 5. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude with a concession stand clean-up time around 7:00 p.m. All Middle and High School parents are encouraged to attend this meeting. We will be discussing some very important information about this coming year's events. Sign up sheets for concession stand workers will be passed around at this meeting.

Volunteer and help others -- it will do your heart good!



4-H STATE TRAP SHOOT COMPETITORS - These Lynn County 4-Hers' competed in the 4-H State Trap Shoot in San Antonio on July 15-17. Pictured are, in back row from left, Dusty Burris, Matt McLelland, Jessica McLelland, Chris Ashbrook; front row from left, Graham Henley, Brit Wuensche, Smith McLelland, Rance Nickelson, and Lance Lankford. Chris Ashbrook, Lance Lankford, and Dusty Burris won second place in the three men team competition in the Senior Division. They are coached by Charles Ashbrook (not shown).

BULLDOG Booster Club News

The Bulldog Booster Club met Tuesday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. in the High School LRC. Meetings have been set for Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at the LRC, and anyone wishing to help support the Tahoka athletes - junior and senior high - are invited to join. The Bulldog Booster Club supports all school sports.

Club members will be selling caps and t-shirts to help promote school spirit. Also, club members will be selling football program ads for area businesses, through Aug. 17. Anyone wishing to purchase an ad who is not contacted by a member may call Shi Dotson at 561-5364 for prices, to get your ad in the program.

Paw prints are also being sold at \$5 each. Contact Cathy Ross, 998-5363, or Brenda Dotson, 561-4337 or 561-4364, by Aug. 28. The paw prints will be painted on Aug. 29.

Texas Plains Trail Region Hires Coordinator

The Plains Trail Region board recently named Melissa Shackelford as regional coordinator. The Texas Plains Trail Region is the sixth trail in the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Heritage Trails Program, a regional tourism initiative that helps Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies and foster community leadership through historic preservation.

Shackelford will assist in the development and promotion of the 52 counties in the Texas Plains Trail Region, located throughout the Panhandle/Plains area. Her office is located in Borger and she will serve as the local contact for the program.

"Growing up in the Panhandle area, I have a strong connection to the region's heritage," said Shackelford. "I want travelers to discover this heritage for themselves, ultimately bringing more tourism dollars to communities while preserving history for future generations."

Shackelford holds a bachelor's degree in mass communications from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, TX.

Shackelford is traveling the region to evaluate heritage tourism sites and will soon begin educating communities about the benefits of heritage tourism. She will also recruit volunteers who are interested in strengthening tourism and historic preservation for the Texas Plains Trail Region.

The Texas Plains Trail Region consists of 52 counties: Armstrong, Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallas, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Foard, Gains, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Howard, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Scurry, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler and Yoakum.

For more information about the Texas Heritage Trails Program or the Texas Plains Trail Region, visit www.the.state.tx.us/travel. To request free brochures highlighting Texas's unique heritage, call toll free at 866/276-6219.

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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 Agriculture. 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.

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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) 998-4538 ext. 226, and the Section 504 Coordinator, Jimmy Parker, at P.O. Box 1230, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 998-4105.

FORMA DE MUESTRA

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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 Titulo VI de las Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, segun enmienda; el Titulo IX de las Enmiendas en la Educacion, de 1972, y la Seccion 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitacion de 1973, segun enmienda.

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INDIVIDUAL NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FREE OR PART PAY MEDICAL CARE

Lynn County Hospital District will provide at least \$80,000.00 of free and part pay care this fiscal year, October 1, 2004 - September 30, 2005. This care is available to individuals who cannot afford to pay for their medical care.

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 | \$ 9,310 |
| 2 | 12,490 |
| 3 | 15,670 |
| 4 | 18,850 |
| 5 | 22,030 |
| 6 | 25,210 |
| 7 | 28,390 |
| 8 | 31,570 |

For families with more than 8 members, add \$3,180 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.

NOTICIA INDIVIDUAL DE APLICABILIDAD DE PARTE DEL PAO DE CUIDADOS MEDICOS LIBERS

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Lynn County Hospital District proveerá al menos \$75,000.00 de parte de pago de los cuidados gratis de este año fiscal, October 1, 2003-September 30, 2004. Este servicio es aplicable a aquellos individuos que no pueden pagar la cuenta de sus cuidados médicos.

Para determinar elegibilidad (elección) por este servicio, Lynn County Hospital District usa maximos niveles de sueldo tamaño apropiado de la familia, el cual esta establecido por la HHS Income Poverty Guidelines. El corriente (común) nivel de sueldo son dados de la siguiente manera:

| Tamaño de la familia | Niveles de sueldo |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | \$ 9,310 |
| 2 | 12,490 |
| 3 | 15,670 |
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Para familias de unidad con mas de 8 miembros, agregat \$3,180 por cad miembro adicional.

Este servicio será provisto a aquellos que primero lo requirieran hasta el nivel requerido a llenar por este periodo fiscal.

Para hacer un requerido por servicios no compensados, por favor pongase en contacto con administrador or ministroador de credito en la oficina de la negociacion. Este miembro del equip hara un escrito determinado de sus requerimiento en dos dias de su requesto.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The O'DONNELL I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, August 26 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.

| 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 | \$ 1.37 | \$.09 * | \$ 1.46 | \$ 2.118 | \$ 6.140 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.42 | \$.08 * | \$ 1.50 | \$ 2.118 | \$ 6.267 |
| Proposed Rate | \$ 1.42 | \$.08 * | \$ 1.50 | \$ 2.063 | \$ 6.267 |

*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 | \$ 30,061 | \$ 28,128 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 15,061 | \$ 13,128 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.46/100 | \$ 1.50/100 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$ 219.89 | \$ 196.92 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | \$ | \$ (22.97) |

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 \$1.73312. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.73312.

Fund Balances

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

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| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$ 800,000. |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) | \$ 125,000. |

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GARAGE SALE - 2228 N. 1st, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. til 2 p.m. Ladies' and Men's Plus size clothes, Junior clothes, boy's clothes, toys, movies and lots of odds and ends. 32-1tc

YARD SALE: 1819 N. 6th, Thursday, Aug 5th from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. 32-1tp

Card of Thanks

For all the lovely displays of concern and love shown to our family during the loss of my father and during my mother's surgery, which occurred immediately after, we are immensely touched and forever grateful and changed.

To each who has reached out with many, many gifts of love, food, precious cards, flowers and memorials we are truly blessed. We hold close all the kind words and hugs, for it is these things that have made these journeys bearable.

Richard and Carole Harbison, we were fully blessed by your music as well as Richard's tender message at the cemetery service. Your ministry before and continued ministry to our family is not only refreshing and comforting, but is a true display of grace and love.

To my "girlfriends", An only child gets to choose her "sisters"; your love has sustained me and continues to -- what would I have done or what would I do without you? Thank you for being there these last months -- all those before and all to come.

For those who traveled to Plainview for the service, we extend to you our deepest thanks, we realize you gave up your Saturday to be with us; certainly it helped soothe our broken hearts.

For all who prayed throughout congregations in Tahoka, that is why I love living here -- we are bound by faith and we truly love one another and care. To the Emmaus Men's Reunion group, thanks for the prayers; you are a wonderful and dedicated group. To the "Beth

Moore" prayer chain ladies at FBC, every link in our prayer chain remains strong from our mutual commitment to our Lord, to prayer and to study.

To the Jerry Ford family, you've seen we were never in want or need of anything whether in Plainview or at the hospital or home. We are grateful for your servants' hearts.

Steve Sanders, God used you in a mighty way when he beckoned you to purchase that awesome book. It has not only filled many long days while sitting in the hospital, it has sustained and taught my aching heart.

We are forever changed by the loss of my dad, but we are strengthened and find hope in the joy of everyone's care.

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32-1tc

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Notice

WILSON ISD PUBLIC NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Wilson ISD offers career and technology education programs in vocational office and vocational agriculture. Admission to these programs is based on grade level and pre-requisites taken.

It is the policy of Wilson ISD 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.

Wilson ISD will take steps to assure 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, Mike Jones, at 1400 Green Street or P. O. Box 9, Wilson, Texas 79381, (806) 628-6271, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Mike Jones, at 1400 Green Street or P. O. Box 9, Wilson, Texas 79381, (806) 628-6271. 32-tc

Wilson ISD ofrece programas vocacionales en vocacional office y vocatropal agriculture. La admision a estos programas se basa en grade level y pre-requisites taken.

Es norma de Wilson ISD no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, o impedimento, en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, talo como lo requieren el Titulo VI de la Ley de Deprechos Civiles de 1964, segun enmienda, el Titulo IX de las Enmiendas en la Educacion, de 1972, y la Seccion 504 de la Ley Rehabilitacion de 1973, segun enmienda.

Wilson ISD tomar las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua ingles no sea obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para informacion sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuniquese con el Coordinador del Titulo IX, Mike Jones, at 1411 Green Street or P. O. Box 9, Wilson, Texas 79381, (806) 628-6271, y/o el Coordinador de la Seccion 504, Mike Jones, at 1411 Green Street or P. O. Box 9, Wilson, Texas 79381, (806) 628-6271. 32-tc

WILSON ISD PUBLIC NOTICE

OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS

It is the policy of Wilson ISD 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.

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New Home Elementary School Supplies Listed

KINDERGARTEN

Please label with students name
 4-pocket folders (no brads, pockets only)
 1 box 16-count crayons
 Fiskar scissors
 Watercolor set
 1 pkg large dry erase markers
 Do not label the following items:
 1 pkg of #2 pencils
 2 boxes of tissue
 1 pkg multi-color construction paper
 1 pkg large erasers (not pencil tops)
 1 glue stick
 1-4 fluid oz. bottle of glue
 1 box ziplock sandwich bags
 1 pkg multi-colored pipe cleaners
 1 bottle anti-bacterial hand cleaner
 1 pkg paper plates
 Large T-shirt to paint in
 No school boxes

large bottle of glue
 1 box of Kleenex
 1 pair scissors (pointed)
 1 pkg. 9oz. Plastic cups
 1 box Ziploc sandwich bags
 3 red pens
 big eraser
 2 dry erase markers
 Dow Bathroom Cleaner
 12 inch ruler (inches/centimeters)
 3 cloth book covers
 spiral notebook
 pencil sharpener

FOURTH GRADE

2 pkgs wide ruled notebook paper
 1 heavy duty zipper bag
 1 ruler with inches and centimeters
 1 Fiskar pointed scissors
 2 boxes tissues
 2 glue sticks
 1 box colored pencils
 4 pocket folders with brads (red for Math)
 12 #2 pencils
 3 blue or black erasable pens
 3 red pens
 1 box 24 count crayons
 1 box markers
 2 dry erase markers
 2 highlighters
 Pencil sharpener with lid
 1 or more big erasers
 1 box Ziplock bags
 1 pkg cups
 2 spiral notebooks (red for Math)

FIRST GRADE

School box (not large type)
 2 dry erase markers
 2 boxes of Kleenex
 30 No. 2 pencils
 Ruler with inches/centimeters
 1 pair scissors
 16 ct. box of Crayons
 Spiral notebook
 1 pkg. Assorted color construction paper
 1 pkg. Plastic cups
 2 big erasers
 Pencil sharpener
 2 fabric book covers
 3 large pocket folders (red, blue, purple), NO brads
 1 pkg. Map colors
 Bottle of glue (NO glue sticks)
 1 can Clorox wipes
 1 box Ziploc sandwich bags
 (Please put names on all items, including pencils and crayons. Your child will have homework every night in math that will require crayons and pencils, so you will want to have those supplies on hand.)

SECOND GRADE

School box (not large type)
 Small pkg. Assorted construction paper
 3-ring, 2-inch Notebook
 1 pkg. Notebook dividers with tabs
 30 #2 pencils
 24-ct. box of Crayons
 1 box map colors
 1 set watercolors

FIFTH GRADE

3 blue erasable pens
 1 pair Fiskar scissors
 1 pkg large dry erase markers
 1 glue stick
 1 pkg map colors
 1 box 16 count crayons
 12 #2 pencils
 ruler with inches / centimeters
 2 pkg of wide ruled notebook paper
 2 highlighter markers
 5 spiral notebooks, single subject
 1 box Kleenex
 1 pkg plastic cup
 1 pkg of multi-colored construction paper
 10 folders with brads and pockets
 Useful items (optional)
 * Random House Notebook Dictionary (available at Wal-Mart)
 * Hand held pencil sharpener
 * 1 box of markers



GRAVE MARKER ON WRONG PLOT - City of Tahoka officials are seeking information on this grave marker, believed to have been mistakenly placed on the wrong plot at the old city cemetery. The marker, a small stone bench, is in Block 12, and was placed sometime during the last year. Anyone with information on the marker should call Tahoka City Hall at 561-4211. (LCN PHOTO)

The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

New Home Varsity Cheerleaders attended an NCA Camp at San Angelo University on July 30-August 2. The squad received superior ribbons at all seven camp evaluations. All nine squad members received All American nominations. Stephanie White, Natalie Bruton, Joslyn Harmonson, and Sarah Ussery were named to the All American team. New Home Leopard Mascot, Meghan O'Rourke, was also named to the All American team. Meghan was also named Top Camp Mascot and received a trophy for her outstanding efforts. Leopard football kicks off on August 27 when the Leopards travel to Borden county.

If you are an ex-New Home cheerleader or football player, you are wanted for the Homecoming Pep Rally on September 17. Practice will be held on Sept. 15 at 8:00 if you are interested in participating in the Pep Rally. You may call Karon Durham at 924-7524 for more details.

I am planning most of the Red Ribbon activities around board games. If you have any clip art that I can copy for

projects, I would appreciate borrowing it. I also need any old game boards, game pieces, blocks, or Legos that you no longer need.

Thank you, Karon Durham

Wilson News by Lett Hernandez lethernandez1106@yahoo.com

Small Population - High Expectations

The Wilson Mustangs kicked off their football season to an early start. When I say early, I mean early! August 2, 2004 at 12:01 a.m. Wilson's new Head Coach Mike Bailey and his assistant Jeff Vaum introduced the team at a local event Midnight Madness. I must say the team certainly looks promising this year and they are getting off to a great start. When you look at the film, they have all the ingredients for success. A Senior whose biggest motivation is that this is his last year to show the community what he really can do; a few experienced Juniors who have always had a lot of high expectations placed upon them and in the past have more than lived up to them; a Sophomore with a positive attitude and knows what it takes to win; the upcoming Freshman who are full of potential, two brand-new coaches to the team who's enthusiasm and pride will no doubt bring us to victory, cheerleaders who have never, and will never lose faith in their team and a school and community who's spirit never dies.

The Mustangs first scrimmage will take place on August 14, in Jayton at 10 a.m. There, they will face the Jayton Jaybirds and the Cotton Center Elks. This being their first time on the field, as a team, against these teams this season, would be the perfect opportunity to show the guys we support them all the way. Go Get 'em boys! And Good Luck with your season.

MUSTANG QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Attitude defies limitation and exceeds expectation." - unknown

If you have any Wilson news you'd like mentioned you can email me at lethernandez1106@yahoo.com or call me Sunday evening between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. at (806)549-6540.

Hernandez Named All-American At Cheerleading Camp

Leticia "Lett" Hernandez, along with her cheerleading teammates from Wilson High School, recently attended a National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) Summer Cheerleading Camp at Tarleton State University, with many other cheerleaders in attendance from the surrounding states.

Lett was named an All-American Team Member, the most prestigious award in cheerleading camp, based on motion technique, jumps, tumbling, spirit and enthusiasm, voice projection and overall crowd appeal. She is eligible to perform at various NCA special events such as the Hula Bowl All-Star Football Classic and/or the FedEx Orange Bowl to perform during halftime.

She was also an All-American Nominee, for outstanding individuals who display strength in cheer motions and technique, leadership ability and/or overall attitude at camp.

Award selections are part of the four-day camp curriculum. The NCA selects award winners at each of the over 1200 camps it administers around the world each summer, for individual as well as team accomplishments.

Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS
 Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)
 Dist/Div: Lubbock
 Contract 6118-01-001 for MILLED SHOULDER TEXTURING IN LYNN County will be opened on August 30, 2004 at 10:30 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$12,555.88.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
 NPO: 13733

| State Office | Dist/Div Office(s) |
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| Constr/Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540 | Lubbock District District Engineer 135 Slaton Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771 Phone: 806-745-4411 |

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 31-2tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF LYNN

In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given as follows: TO L.E. King and L.E. King, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: Lot 5, Block 97 Original Townsite to the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, being that property more particularly described in Vol. 162, Page 352 of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas, and 0004635, Lots 7 & 8, Block 95, Original Townsite to the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, being that property more particularly described in Vol. 323, Page 584 of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$5,923.46, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Lynn County Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on December 3, 2003, in a certain suit styled the Lynn County Appraisal District et al vs. Thomas Jolly et al, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, 106th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 03-12-02279, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 6th Day of September, A. D., 2004, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Lynn County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, this 23rd day of July, A. D., 2004.

/s/ Sandra Laws
 Clerk of the District Court,
 Lynn County, Texas, 106th Judicial District
 Delivered This 27th day of July 2004
 Bob Wilson
 Sheriff of Lynn County
 /s/ Jason Tucker, Deputy 31-2tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF LYNN

In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given as follows: TO R.J. Barnett, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: Lots 5, 6 and 7, Block 11, Shook Addition to the town of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, being that property more particularly described in Vol. 66, Page 443 and Vol. 54, Page 567 of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount \$1,770.07, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Lynn County Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on October 30, 2003, in a certain suit styled the Lynn County Appraisal District et al vs. R.J. Barnett, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, 106th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 03-10-02277, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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 Bob Wilson
 Sheriff of Lynn County
 /s/ Jason Tucker, Deputy 31-2tc

If the 20th century has taught us anything, it is to be cautious about the word "impossible."
 —Charles Platt

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The NEW HOME ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 23, 2004 in the New Home 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 | \$ 1.50 | \$ | \$ 1.50 | \$ 2,321 | \$5,208 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.5120 | \$ | \$ 1.5120 | \$ 2,321 | \$ 5,252 |
| Proposed Rate | \$ 1.50 | \$ | \$ 1.50 | \$ 2,285 | \$ 5,357 |

* 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 | \$ 49,944 | \$ 48,492 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 34,944 | \$ 33,492 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.50/100 | \$ 1.50/100 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$ 524.16 | \$ 502.38 |
| (Decrease) in Taxes | \$ | \$ (21.78) |

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 \$1.68571. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.68571.

| 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) | \$ 607,300. |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) | \$ -0- |

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