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Scrimmage Moved To Friday Night

The Bulldogs scrimmage here against Crosbyton, originally scheduled for tonight (Thursday) has been rescheduled for Friday night, Aug. 20. The scrimmage starts at 5 p.m., and Band Boosters will be offering concession items, including grilled hamburgers.



Unusual Ministry

Area residents are invited to an unusual ministry presentation in Tahoka Sunday night, to be held at the 4-H Arena (behind the baseball complex on South 9th Street in Tahoka) beginning at 6:30 p.m. Named the "Round Pen Ministries," the special service will feature Matt Ray and his horse. Ray is the son of Rev. George Ray, a former pastor of First Baptist Church of Tahoka.

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Words of Wisdom

"The greatest calamity is not to have failed but to have failed to try."

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Commissioners Propose 11.6-Cent Tax Hike

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners this week settled reluctantly on a tax rate proposal. that would increase the county tax rate by 11-1/2 cents, and scheduled a public hearing for next Thursday, Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. to hear public comment on the issue. The hearing will be held in the county courtroom in the basement of the courthouse.

If approved, the new tax rate would be set at \$0.96980 - just slightly under the automatic rollback figures released by the Lynn County Appraisal District recently. Last year's rate of \$0.85345 was a 17-cent increase from the previous year's rate of \$0.67909; so this year's proposal would raise taxes 29 cents in a two-year period. For

2006 electronic voting machines and tabulating systems, but the cost for Lynn County to comply is astronomical, in the \$100,000+

"We have worked and worked with this budget, working with all the department heads and trying to cut back to just the barest requirements, but even with the proposed tax increase the budget we have on the table right now is \$87,000 in the red," said Judge

'During our first several budget sessions we included a 3-percent salary increase for all county employees, but we finally had to cut all salary increases," explained Commissioner J.T. Miller.

"If the county left the tax rate at the current rate with this budget, they would be \$317,000 in the red. This new tax rate still does not fund the budget, with an \$87,483 deficit, but it's a lot closer than it would be if they left the tax rate at the current amount." -- Melvin Eaker, auditor for Lynn County

homeowners, the 2004 proposed rate would increase taxes this year by approximately \$61 for a home valued at \$34:455.

Commissioners Don Blair, J.T. Miller, Mike Braddock and Don Morton say they have wrestled with the budget for many hours, along with County Judge H.G. Franklin, County Clerk Susan Tipton, and County Treasurer Janet Porterfield, as well as with assistance from the county's financial auditor. Melvin Eaker. At Thursday's public hearing, commissioners expect to receive public comments on the tax rate proposal. A meeting will be scheduled later * for commissioners to vote on the tax rate and approve the official budget.

It's a convoluted issue, but some of the blame is being laid at the door of unfunded or poorly-funded state mandates, which have created cost increases in several areas. including requirements such as electronic voting equipment for counties who in the past have relied on paper ballots and handcounted ballot tabulations. New mandates require counties to have in place by the year

"We called in every department head and explained to them that we could not keep the salary increases in the budget, and that each office must continue to try to stay within their budget," added Commissioner Mike Braddock

Budget comparisons released by county officials show the tax base for the county has dropped by \$3 million, and that the rate would had to have increased to \$0.88077 just to get the same amount of funds from taxes as last year. Judge Franklin said that the Lynn County Appraiser explained that while home values increased in many instances this year, all the other valuations decreased, with land, ag and productivity values way down, which created the lower tax base.

"If the county left the tax rate at the current rate with this budget, they would be \$317,000 in the red," explained Eaker. "This new tax rate still does not fund the budget, with an \$87,483 deficit, but it's a lot closer than it would be if they left the tax rate at the current amount

INTERESTING NOTE:

Last Year's County Budget was \$172,000 in the red over estimated revenues, and reserve funds have been used this year.



FUN AT SCHOOL - The three-year-olds were having fun in their classroom on the second day of school at Tahoka Elementary, as they learned social and educational skills, shown here under the direction of Virginia Herrera, Assistant for the Head Start program. The children are, from left, Nathaniel Resendez, Gabrielle Garcia, Anne Marie Arce, Jaden Garcia and Marisol DeLaCruz. Mrs. Herrera and teacher Shayla Erickson said the children had "less tears" on the second day of school - as did their mothers as they left their children in the classroom.

(LCN PHOTO)

Commissioner Don Blair said, "We want all the people to know, we have really worked to cut back, but we are still looking at a tax increase. We hate to do it, but the county has to operate.'

County officials noted that several mandates are really costing the county, including costs in indigent defense and healthcare for jail inmates, and costs in areas such as housing and feeding witnesses for trials.

"The state used to provide funding for housing and feeding witnesses for trials, but they have cut back drastically in that area," commented County Clerk Susan Tipton She said there is also no federal aid for providing healthcare for prisoners, and that Texas is the only state that is funded 100 percent by property taxes for indigent health care. Last year's budget listed \$15,000 for medical expenses at the jail, but the new budget's figure is \$35,000.

"The county has to pay for all the medical and dental expenses for county prisoners, and attorney fees for those who can't afford their own attorney to represent them - all that is paid for by the county," Judge Franklin explained.

"Every county department has had to add new software and/or equipment to meet state mandates, and that has impacted the budget. We just don't have any choices when it comes to a lot of these mandates," added Blair. "Plus we've had rising fuel costs affecting the cost of road maintenance, property and liability cost increases - just lots of increases throughout the budget that are frustrating but offer no other options," he said.

2004 Tax Rate Proposal: 96.980 cents per \$100 of property value

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2003 Tax Rate: 85.345 cents

Tax Increase: 11.635 cents

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For comparison, last year's budget estimated \$3,000 in election expenses, but the new budget figure is \$97.000 - and that's for the new electronic voting equipment that the county is being forced to provide for elections. Tipton noted that the county has seen one bid to date on the voting equipment, and that was for \$118,000.

Total anticipated revenue (at the proposed 96+cent tax rate) is \$3,395,894, and total anticipated expenditures for the year is \$3,483,377.

The official 2004 budget will be available to the public after it is approved by Commissioners, no later than Sept. 3, at the Lynn County Clerk's Office.

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OURS IS A SOCIETY which views being fat as ugly and worships slimness, a goal unattainable by most of us, since a recent study showed that in the years 1999-2000 two-thirds of people 20 years and older were overweight, and fully one-third of this group were classified as obese

Billions of dollars are spent annually on diets, most of which don't work for very long, and on stomach surgeries, which are more dangerous to the health of a person than the fat was in the first place.

This assessment of fat as ugly has been going on for years. I remember this verse from a song by Homer and Jethro, to the tune of "Let Me Go, Lover:"

"Let me go, let me go, Let me go, blubber;

Let me scat, like a cat,

Away from you.

You're too fat, in the first place,

You know it's true; You're too fat in the second place, too."

It's usually some skinny person who tells you that you need to go on a diet. And most overweight people, and just about all really fat people, resent the comments about their size.

Now a group called the National Assn. to Advance Fat Acceptance is mounting a protest against the medical establishment's campaign against obesity and a recent designation of being fat as a disease.

"We're living in the middle of a witch hunt, and fat people are the witches," said a spokesman, who indicated that people deemed overweight are unashamed of their size, fed up with fat jokes and angry at the national obsession with dieting.

Most of the fat-acceptance activists endorse eating healthy food and exercising regularly, but they oppose any fixation on losing weight, and are opposed to stomach-shrinking surgery.

I think it's great to push the idea that it's okay to be fat, or at least heavier than the established medical standards. (The charts show that I am either 20

pounds overweight or 11 inches too short). Talking to an acquaintance who is almost 6 feet tall, I wondered aloud if

there is an activist group for short people. "Probably," he said. "But they are hard to spot in a crowd."

Models in clothing magazines are never fat. Or short. Or old and ugly. This is despite the fact that most of the women buying clothing look more like Roseanne Barr than Britney Spears, while most of us males look more like Dorf than Brad Pitt.

THE SMART KID on Ave. K says it is easier to get forgiveness than permission.

I GOT CAUGHT DEPT.: Week before last, I talked about Billy the Kid and stated that Lincoln, NM is about 220 miles east of here. One reader called and wanted to know where I was when I wrote that, and I wasn't clever enough to tell him I was in San Antonio, NM. Okay, so I meant to say west of Tahoka. I hate it when people read the paper just to see how many mistakes you make.



COME SEE OUR FOUNTAIN - Tanya Wells and her son, Patrick, are shown beside the fountain in their backyard that is surrounded by blooming flowers. The home of Haney and Tanya Wells, at 1617 North 5th Street in Tahoka, is one of five that will be in the 2004 Garden Tour sponsored by Phebe K. Warner Club on Saturday, Aug. 21. The fund-raiser will be held from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., with all proceeds benefiting the club's youth scholarship program. Admission price is \$5, which is good for all homes in

Ballroom Dancers Sought In Area

The U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Assn. is considering a chapter for social or recreational dancers in Lubbock. Members will be enrolled if enough interest is expressed.

The association reported that a study in the New England Journal of Medicine found that ballroom dancing helps prevent dementia, referring to Alzheimer's disease and vascular

Anyone interested in helping start a dance group should call 1-800-447-9047 or send e-mail to central-office@usabda.org

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> formation at 998-5040. Gardens at these homes are on

for local students.

Garden Tour Set

In Tahoka Aug. 21

Tahoka is scheduled for Saturday

morning, Aug. 21, an event spon-

sored by Phebe K. Warner Club to.

raise money for college scholarships

The tour will be from 9 a.m. to

11:30 a.m. and admission fee of \$5

may be paid at any one of the homes

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Tekell of the Phebe K. Warner club,

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A Garden Tour of five homes in

Jerry and Sandra Brown, 2114 N. 8th St. (enter at east gate), Rickey and Maritia Hall, 2121 Ave. L (enter through garage), Robert and Sharron. Smith, 2505 N. 14 St. (enter at east gate); David and Kathy Hale, 1801 S. 3rd St. (enter front gate); and Haney and Tanya Wells, 1617 N. 5th St. (enter by driveway).



THURSDAY'S LUNCH SPECIAL: Meatloaf ... \$595 with mashed potatoes,

FRIDAY'S LUNCH SPECIAL:

Chicken Burritos ... \$550 with salad, sour cream



Two accidents in which drivers of vehicles struck stationary objects were investigated by Tahoka Police Dept. during the last week.

On Friday a 2000 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Stefanie Renee Dotson, 21 of Tahoka struck a tree after jumping a curb in the 1800block of S. Is St. The driver, who was not injured, told officers she was distracted momentarily by a cell phone ringing.

On Saturday a 2000 Hyundai driven by Naomi Aguirre Ayala, 26 of Tahoka backed out of a driveway into the door of a parked 2001 Nissan Maxima owned by Kent Mason of Lubbock. No injuries occurred.

Police also arrested a homeless man from Colorado on a warrant for parole violation.

Jailed during the week were 12 persons, on these charges: grand jury indictments on possession of controlled substance, theft of a vehicle (California), driving while license suspended, possession of marijuana under two ounces, driving while intoxicated, public intoxication, no liability insurance.

Total jail population as of Wednesday was 45, with 14 of these held for Lubbock County and nine for Garza County.

Blood Donors Needed Today

United Blood Services of Lubbock will have a Donor Coach at Thriftway in Tahoka today (Thursday, Aug. 19) from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in response to an urgent appeal for blood donations. Increased use in trauma cases, combined with holiday/summer travel has exhausted all available supplies of O negative blood. All blood types are currently on short supply; hospital orders for O negative are not being filled.

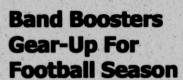
"The demand for blood is constant, even in the summer months,' said Rhonda Teal, Community Relations Representative of United Blood Services. "It is important that people remember to take some time out of busy schedules to donate to help maintain a safe and plentiful supply of blood for our communi-

Anyone wishing to donate blood needs to bring a list of medicines they take and a photo ID. All donors will receive a gift, Requirements are simple: be at least 17 years of age. weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health, and have valid identification. For more information, call United Blood Services at 806/470-4798.



Chelsea and Charles White-Kelsey announce the birth of a daughter, Cailyn Jean. She was born August 11, 2004, weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz., and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Amy White of Arlington, Texas; Tracy White of Lubbock; and Frank and Sandy Kelsey of Garland; greatgrandmother is Janet Porterfield of Tahoka.



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Choice of milk served with each meal. Monday: Pancake on a stick, fruit juice. Tuesday: Breakfast burrito, fresh apple.

HANS MENSCH and ERIN SEARSY

Couple To Wed September +

announce their enagement and approaching marriage. She is the daugh-

ter of Lynn and Patrice Searsy of Ozona. Texas and granddaughter of

Nedra Searsy of Denver City, and LeRoy and LaMont Wells of Brady.

Mensch is the son of Michael Mensch and Linda Mensch, both of

Angelo State University and is employed at Starbucks. The future groom

is a graduate of Tahoka High School and Angelo State University and

The couple plan to marry September 4, 2004 at the San Angelo

The future bride is a graduate of Denver City High School and

Tahoka, and grandson of Harold and Gayla Hahn of O'Donnell.

Erin Suzanne Searsy and Hans Eric Mensch, both of San Angelo.

Wednesday: Apple muffin, fresh fruit. Thursday: Donuts, fruit juice, milk

Museum of Fine Arts.

is employed by Gap. Inc.

Tahoka

SCHOOL MENU

August 23-27

Breakfast

Friday: Fruit cup, wheat toast, milk, Lunch Caesar salad and PBJ sandwich offered

daily as an entrée choice; milk variety offered each meal. Monday: Pepperoni pizza, chef salad. red grapes, assorted fruit, tossed salad,

Tuesday: Turkey w/ gravy, cranberry sauce, wheat roll, green beans, assorted

Wednesday: Baked potato, fruited jello, assorted fruit, broccoli florets Thursday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce. mix veggies, assorted fruit, garlic bread. tossed salad

Friday: Steak fingers, chef salad, cream style potatoes, garden salad, assorted fruit, wheat roll

Memorials and donations may be made to the

Lynn County Pioneers (Senior Citizens) 1600 S. 3rd • P. O. Box 223 Tahoka, Tx 79373

The Tahoka Band Boosters

would like to invite everyone out to the scrimmage between Crosbyton and Tahoka this Friday, August 20 starting at 5 p.m. The Band Boosters will have a concession stand open with Allen Elrod cooking hamburgers on the grill. The usual Friday night items will also be available in the concession stand. Everyone's support is greatly-appreciated.



Reunion Has Good Turnout

There were 52 attending the Weatherby/Snider Cousin's Reunion held Sunday. Aug. 15 at The Housing Development Center in Tahoka. with cousins coming from Mississippi, New Mexico, Missouri, California. Iowa and Oklahoma as well

"Mary Lee and I would like to thank each of you who came. brought food, items for the silent auction and stayed and helped clean up afterwards," stated Katie Slone of



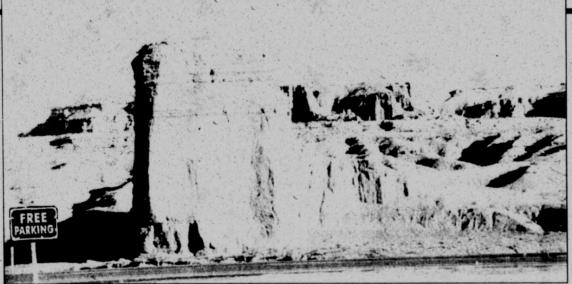


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METHODIST MINISTERS - Reverends Jeff Bayley (right) and his fiancee, Toni Bailey are both Methodist ministers. Jeff is the new pastor at First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, and Toni is an Associate Pastor at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Lubbock. The couple, who plan to be married Sept. 4 in Amarillo, will live in the Methodist parsonage at 2421 N. 4th in Tahoka. Rev. Bayley already lives at the parsonage, and he and Toni hosted an Open House Sunday afternoon for the Tahoka congregation to view the parsonage, which has received a facelift with new carpeting and tile and other updates.

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Services for Ripple Scott. 72, of Lubbock were held at Resthaven's Abbey-Chapel in Lubbock Saturday. Aug. 14. Burial followed at Resthaven. Son-in law, Ron Reeves officiated.

She died Friday, August 13. 2004. Ripple (Rip) Venable Scott was born May 5, 1932 in Wills Point. Texas to Inez and Howard Venable. She attended Tahoka High School and Abilene Christian University. She lived in Lubbock for almost 50 years and was employed primarily by two companies. Lubbock School Supply and Townsend-Strong. She was a skilled seamstress,

gardener, dancer, and bridge player. Survivors include a sister, Jacquelyn Baker; step-mother Mildred Venable; four daughters. Jackie Alberg, Rhonda Koetting, Nancy Reeves and Gina Nichols; a son Stuart McMeans; 10 grandchildren, and numerous nieces and neph-

Toni Lee Brewer

Graveside services for Toni Lee two great-great-grandchildren. Brewer, 81, of Eastland and formerly of Midland and O'Donnell were held Wednesday, August 18 at O'Donnell Cemetery in O'Donnell. Services in O'Donnell are under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died Saturday. August 14. 2004. She was born on October 17. 1922 in Valley Mills to William and Christine Cummins-Wise. She married John D. Brewer on April 29. 1039. She worked as an administrative assistant fo4 Texaco Oil and Mobil Oil and Gas in Midland until her retirement in 1987, she then moved to O'Donnell. She was a former Mrs. America representing the state of Nevada and Mrs. Senior

America representing the state of Texas. She was a Baptist. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband John D. Brewer who died April 1, 1989.

Survivors include two sons, David R. Brewer of Eastland, and Jon A. Brewer of Saudi Arabia; and five grandchildren.

San Juana Honesto

Rosary for San Juana "Janie" Honesto, 65, of O'Donnell, was held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in O'Donnell with Father Eduardo Teo officiating. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19 at St. Pius Church Burial will follow in O'Donnell

Mrs. Honesto died Aug. 16, 2004. She was born Feb. 23, 1939 in San Marcos, TX. She was a Guadalupana and Crusillista. She was preceded in death by her father, Luis Laureles in 1990, and her brother, Luis Laureles Jrs. in 2002.

Survivors include three sons, Pedro Honesto of Draw, and Adam Laureles and Cecil Honesto, Jr., both of O'Donnell; five daughters, Mary Alice Lozano and Irene Cantu, both of Lubbock, San Juana Garza and Eve Rodriguez, both of Waco, and Celestine Suarez of Moore, OK; two sisters. Guadalupe Lopez of Plainview and Manuela Laureles of San Marcos; three brothers, Domingo Laureles of Tulia, and Joe and Jesse Laureles, both of Slaton; 27 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and

Pallbearers were grandsons Richard Montez, Joey Montez, Domingo-Gonzales, David Perales, Michael Cantu and Christopher Lozano.

City Proposes To Keep Same Tax Rate

The city tax rate in Tahoka will remain at 69.5-cents per \$100 of property value, Tahoka City Council members decided Tuesday night in a special budget work session.

Officials set a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 at City Hall, after voting unanimously to propose the same rate.

While the tax rate may remain the same, most city taxpayers will pay more in taxes because of increases in home evaluations during the past year. According to figures released by the Lynn County Appraisal District and city officials. taxes would increase by \$32.32 for a home valued at \$30,443 last year because that same home value has increased to approximately \$35,093.

All five city council members were in favor of the proposal, including Jay Dee House, Amy Preston, Clara Calvillo, Rudy Fuentes and Ray Don Box.

BULLDOG Booster **Club News**

Meet the Bulldogs was held last Friday evening. The cheerleaders, coaches, cross country runners and the football team were introduced. The Tahoka 3-D band played the fight song and the school's Alma Mater. Tahoka 3-D Band Booster Club Members and Tahoka Athletic Booster . Club members brought homemade ice cream to be served to everyone attending the event. Thanks to all that brought the ice cream and to all that helped serve.

The booster club met again Tuesday August 17. Coach Hines was present and introduced the Lady Bulldog Coaches. Coach Fancher, Coach Hoch and Coach Craft were all present, Coach Boyd was not present but the booster club is looking forward to meeting her. Also Coach Wiseman, Rivas, Galley and Jackson were present, as was cheerleading sponsor Michelle Wiseman. Coach Hines reported on how the scrimmage against O'Donnell went and also gave an injury report. Josh Schwartz will be having surgery next week on an injury received before the season began. Please keep Josh in your prayers and pray for a full recovery. The Booster Club had a great turn out -32 Bulldog supporters showed up.

Vice Presidents for this year are Steve and Carol Miller Mitch and Donna Raindl. Odelia Sastre. Gordan and BamBam Tomlinson, Jimmy and Christy Bingham and Mike and Paige Rivas.

The booster club is selling BLUE shirts to promote school spirit, we would like to fill the stand with blue all season. Anyone wishing to buy a shirt may contact a booster club member. Shirts will be sold Friday night Aug. 20th at the scrimmage; also anyone that has already ordered a shirt may pick them up at the scrimmage or go by Cathy Ross' home at 2101 Main. The shirts will be sold through Aug. 30 and cost \$10 - \$19 depending on style and

size. Caps should be available soon. Paw Prints are still being sold for \$5.00 each. They will be painted Sunday August 29th. Anyone wishing to help, needs to be at the gym parking lot at 1:00pm. Contact any booster club member or call Cathy at 998-5363 to get a paw print in your

Anyone wishing to join the Tahoka Athletic Booster Club may do so at the next booster club meeting which will be held Tuesday Aug. 24 at 8:00 pm in the high school

Methodist VBS Set For Aug. 28

The First United Methodist Church of Tahoka is hosting their 2nd Annual Fall Bible School on Saturday, August 28th, from 5-9 p.m. at Leighton'Knox Jr.'s corral (located approximately 6 miles south of Tahoka on US 87 - look for the flags at that location).

There will be a shuttle service that leaves from the Methodist Church parking lot at 4:45 p.m. and returns at 9:00 p.m. Children from Kindergarten age to 6th grade are invited to attend the "One Nation Under God" Fall Bible School.

There will be activities from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for the children; then families are welcome to join their children for food, fellowship, music and entertainment from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Sun visors will be provided. Children need to be dressed in play clothes, and are also asked to wear sunscreen and insect repellent. There will be some sunscreen and insect repellent available if needed.

"Come join us for an afternoon of fun! Please call the church office at 561-4503, if your child needs a ride or you have any questions." stated a spokesperson.

Senior Citizens MENU

August 23-27

Monday: Chili, onion, peppers, carrot raisin salad, cornbread, banana

beets with onion, corn, hot roll, pumpkin crunch Wednesday: Turkey & dressing. green beans, sweet potatoes, cran-

Tuesday: Roast, lima beans, harvard

berry sauce, apple cobbler Thursday: Polish sausage, baked

potato, fried okra, apricots, cornbread, oatmeal cookie

Friday: Beef stuffed peppers. blackeye peas, asparagus, wheat rolls, strawberries and bananas

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WEATHER MAN APPRECIATED - Haney Wells (center), who has recorded the official weather temperatures and precipitation measurements for Tahoka for the past 15 years, was presented last week with an appreciation plaque by Johnny S. Wallace (right), Data Acquisition Program Manager for the National Weather Service. Wallace told Haney and his wife, Tanya (left), that he and the National Weather Service appreciated his outstanding record of public service in providing valuable information that is used by many organizations.

TISD Board Adopts Budget, Keeps Same Tax Rate

. The current tax of \$1.50 will remain in effect for 2004 for Tahoka Independent School District, and trustees approved a \$6,277,508 budget following a public hearing Monday night during which no public comments were presented. All seven trustees were present for the hearing and special meeting, and voted unanimously to approve the budget and tax figures.

In regular session last Thursday. routine business was considered and trustees approved several agenda items including property/fleet insur-

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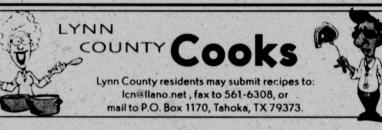
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ance to Walker-Solomon Insurance Agency, an Athletic Policy as presented, naming of administrators as second appraisers, and approving the PDAS calendar for teacher appraisals.

Trustees did retire to closed session for personnel discussions, but upon returning to open session did not take any action regarding salary schedules of at-will employees, and no resignations or selections were

A public hearing was held on the district's FIRST Rating Report, but no public comments were made.



TORTILLA MEAT CASSEROLE

1 lb. cheddar cheese 1 lb. ground beet

1 10-ct. pkg. tortillas

Sauté onion and garlic in 1 butter until clear. Combine cheese, soup, water and milk. Heat until cheese melts, then add garlic, onions and green chilies. Brown meat and drain. In greased 2-qt. casserole, alternate layers of meat, torn tortillas, and cheese mixture, ending with cheese mixture on top. Bake at 350° until bubbly

Recipes from "Feeding The Flock" First United Methodist Church of Tahoka

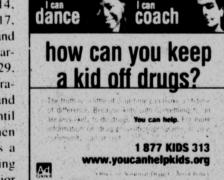


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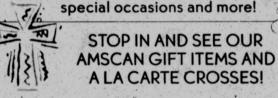


SEND-OFF CEREMONY - A send-off ceremony was held in Lubbock recently honoring the Texas Army National Guard soldiers being called into duty, including Spc. Walter R. Hinkle (holding the flag) who was a postal clerk in Tahoka. Hinkle is leaving Friday for training at Ft. Hood to prepare for a tour in Iraq. His wife, Shawnette and son, Zach, live in Kalgary.

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Aug. 14	Cotton Center/		
	Jayton (scrim.)	Here	10:00
Aug. 20	Dawson (scrim.)	Here	5:30
Aug. 27	Klondike	There	7:30
Sept. 3	Loop	Here	7:30
Sept. 10	OPEN		
Sept. 17	Spur	There	7:30
Sept. 24	Amherst*	There	7:30
Oct. 1	Spade**	. Here	7:30
Oct. 8	Ropes*	. There	7:30
Oct. 15	Meadow*	Here	7:30
Oct. 22	Whitharral*	There	7:30
Oct. 29	Southland*	Here	7:30
Nov. 5	New Home*	There	7:30

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value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

AGAINST the proposal: None

ABSENT: None

Average residence homestead value

(amount available on the average homestead,

not including senior citizen's or disabled

General exemptions available

person's exemptions)

Average taxable value

Tax rate

Tax

PRESENT and not voting: None

Tahoka City Hall.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Tahoka will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax rev-

individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending

on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. at the

Rudy Fuentes, and Ray D. Box.

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$32.32,

adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$ 0.00 per

or 15 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without

\$100 of taxable value or 0 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax

rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Last Year

\$30,443.00

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\$0.69500/100

211.58

This Year

\$35,093.00

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\$35,093.00

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243.90 (proposed)

taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be

higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

FOR the proposal: Jay Dee House, Amy Preston, Clara Calvillo,

enues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 9.487 percent. Your

4-H Golf Tourney Planned Aug. 21

A four-person open scramble golf tournament sponsored by Lynn County 4-H will be on Saturday. Aug. 21, starting at 1 p.m. at the T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka. Cost for the event will be \$120 per team. which includes a meal.

Cash prizes will be paid back to teams along with contests for the longest drive and closest to the pin. More than \$1,200 was paid out to golfers last year. Door prizes and raffle tickets for a 3-day/2-night stay at the Innsbruck Village Condos in Ruidoso will be available. All proceeds will benefit Lynn County 4-H members

There also will be a putting contest. Contestants will pay \$5 for a chance to qualify for the final puttoff. Five individuals will compete in the finals with the winner receiving \$120 and the runner-up getting \$80. This year's putting contest is sponsored by the Ag Texas Farm Credit Services.

To sign up, or for more information, contact T-Bar Country Club at 998-5305.

Harry Howell Golf Tourney Set For Aug. 28

The annual golf tournament benefiting O'Donnell resident Harry Howell will be held Saturday, Aug. 28 at the T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka

Entry fee is \$40 per person. Sign up will be from 8-9 am; start time is 9 am. Lunch will be served after the first nine holes and there will be door prizes as well as prizes for the longest drive and closest to the pin.

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

Proceeds from the tournament will go toward living expenses for Howell, who has been wheelchair bound since childhood and is an active resident in the O'Donnell community.



DEDICATION SERVICE - Richard Calvillo, left, is shown with several guests who spoke at the dedication ceremonies Sunday for the new Calvillo Funeral Chapel of Lynn County. They are, from left, Rev. Sam Ibarra of Primera Iglesia Bautista in O'Donnell; Rev. James Alan Ehlo, Ph.D., Rector of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Posey; Deacon Frank Aguilar; Rev. Domingo Chapa of Gethsemane Baptist Church in Tahoka; and Rev. Eduardo Teo of St. Pius X Catholic Church in O'Donnell and St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka. Several attended the ceremonies and Open House at the new funeral chapel, located at South 4th and Ave. M in Tahoka



NEW CHAPEL - The interior of the new Calvillo Funeral Chapel of Lynn County is shown prior to **Dedication Services Sunday afternoon.**



CHRISTOPHER TINDELL

Air Force Airman Christopher D. Tindell has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training. the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and

special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Tindell, a 2003 graduate of Tahoka High School, is the son of Kim Wellman of Tahoka.

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SPC Offers Tips For **Last-Minute Decisions**

It's down to the wire for fall registration Wednesday and Thursday (Aug. 25-26) at South Plains College, and admissions personnel are offering tips for last-minute decision

Prospective students need to pick up a registration time permit in person from the Levelland or Reese campus, depending on which campus they plan to attend this fall, said Andrea Rangel, dean of admissions. At registration, they need to

bring their completed application for admission (which can be found in the college catalog or downloaded at www.southplainscollege.edu) and an official transcript of high school or college work they have completed. This is very important," said Rangel.

Students who have not yet taken a state-required college skills assessment need to contact the SPC Testing Center at Levelland or Reese as soon as possible for a test date. SPC offers the Quick THEA (Texas Higher Education Assessment) and Accuplacer, a computer adaptive test. Students who have not been tested will be restricted as to the courses they can sign up for, noted Rangel.

SPC's fall registration is 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-5 p.m. Wednesday (Aug. 25) at the Levelland campus. Administration Building, and 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-6 p.m. Thursday (Aug. 26) at Reese, Building 8, Administrative Offices. Reese registration will also target students attending the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center,

Classes begin Aug. 30, and late registration is scheduled Aug. 30-

For testing information, contact SPC's testing centers at 894-9611. ext. 2367 or 2530 or 885-3048, ext. 4631 or 4689.



Football Ticket Sale TAHOKA BULLDOGS RESERVED SEAT

Football tickets for the 2004 season are on sale now at the School Business Office (Harvick Educational Building). Last year's season ticket holders have an

option on the same tickets again this year. They may pick up these tickets any time until August 27, at which time those seats will be made available to the public. Other reserved seats are available now.

BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

The general admission price for all games will be \$3.00. Reserved seat tickets for any single game will be \$5.00.

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Sept. 10 - Ralls		
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FORMER LYNN CO. DOCTOR GOING TO KUWAIT - Col. Bruce Fried (right), former practicing physician at Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka, now has taken command of all Army medical facilities in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Qatar. Col. Fried has been in command of the U.S. Army Health Clinic at Mannheim, Germany for the last three years. Col. Fried is shown here in a change of command ceremony on July 16 with incoming commander Lt. Col. Robert Smith (left), and Heidelberg Medical Dept. Activity commander Col. David Krieger, as they salute during the playing of the national anthem. (Photo reprinted from the Herald-Post/July 29, 2004)

Dr. Bruce Fried In Command Of Army Hospitals In Kuwait

homa in 1972 and received his

M.B.A. from Texas Tech University

in 1993. He has practiced medicine

as a civilian in Lubbock, Beaver,

OK, Tahoka, and Abqaiq, Saudi

Arabia. He is currently on military

leave of absence as Associate Clini-

cal Professor of Family Practice and

Community Medicine with Texas

Tech University Health Science Cen-

the U.S. Air Force as a reserve Medi-

cal Service Corp officer while in

medical school and as a Medical

Corps Captain upon graduation. He

served two years as a general medi-

cal officer at Reese Air Force Base

in Lubbock from 1972 to 1974. He

remained in the USAF inactive re-

serve until 1988 when he accepted a

commission in the U.S. Army Re-

bilization Augmentee to the 45th

Hospital in Vicenza, Italy and the

97th General Hospital in Frankfurt,

Germany. He was mobilized to

USAMEDDAC. Wuertzburg during

1995. He was assigned to reserve

units in Lubbock and commanded

the 7231st Mobilization Support

Unit until Dec. 2000. Col. Fried

transferred to the Active Component

in June 2001, and was assigned to

Mannheim, Germany and assumed

Meritorious Service Medal, the

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New Home

SCHOOL MENU

August 23-27

Breakfast

Cereal and vogurt offered at breakfast

Lunch

Monday: Sausage wrap, lettuce/tomato,

Tuesday: Fiesta salad, refried beans,

Wednesday: Sub sandwich bar, pickle

spears, carrots, cucumbers, orange

Thursday: Texas Chicken nuggets, mac

& cheese, green beans, carrot/cucumber.

Friday: Chili cheese dog, tator tots, chili

lettuce/tomato, hot sauce, mixed fruit

daily; milk served with each meal.

Monday: Cinnamon roll

Tuesday: Granola bars Wednesday: Biscuit/Sausage

Thursday: Pancakes

Friday: Cinnamon toast

carrot/cucumber, fruit cup

wedge, chips

beans, peach cobbler

serve Medal (two awards).

Col. Fried has been awarded the

command in Sept. 2001.

He served as an Individual Mo-

serve as a medical officer.

Dr. Fried was commissioned in

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Col. Fried has been in command of the U.S. Army Health Clinic at Mannheim. Germany for the last three years. In a ceremony July 16 in which a change of command was implemented, the accomplishments of the health clinic during the tenure of commander Col. Fried were praised by the Heidelberg Medical Dept. Presiding Officer, Col. David Krieger.

Dr. Fried arrived in Kuwait on July 20, and his wife, Betty, advised the Lynn County News that she would be joining him in Kuwait as soon as permanent housing could be located.

"Usually only embassy families are allowed," she said. "I seem to be an exception since we've lived in the Middle East before.

Col. Fried's assignment will be for two years. He will oversee all Army medical facilities in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

Dr. Fried left Tahoka in June 2001 after serving as a physician at Lynn County Hospital District for two and a half years.

Col. Fried is a 1968 graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University with a B.S. in Biology. He received his M.D. from the University of Okla-

The NEW HOME News

by Karon Durham 924-7448

On August 19, all parents of Kindergarten students will meet at 3:30. On August 20. New Home football team will scrimmage at home. Saturday. August 21 Senior will have Senior pictures made. August 24 individual pictures for K-11th grade will be taken. Open Housw will be held at 6pm on August 24.

To remind everyone all students must check in to school with Mrs. Maeker in the High School office following an absence. Students must also check out of school with Mrs. Macker. All new students must also check in at the High School office.

New Home Leopards will be having the 2004 homecoming pep rally on September 17 at approximately 2 pm. The Varsity cheerleaders would like to invite you to participate in the pep rally. Practice will be held on September 15 at 8 pm in the High School gym. The cheerleaders will work on a couple of cheers and the football players will work on a huddle chant, speech, and football

We are hoping that you might could also bring something to display from your high school days at "NHS". If you need more information, please call Karon Durham at 924-7524.

The WILSON News

by Lett Hernandez etthernandez_1106@yahoo.com

We're counting down to the good times at the annual Gospel Jamboree which will be held on Saturday, Aug. 28 on the grassy area between St. John Lutheran Church and the First Baptist Church in Wilson. The churches in Wilson sponsor this event, so come for free hamburgers, wonderful music and great fellowship! Serving begins at 6 p.m. If you would like to perform, contact Nancy Walker at 628-6381. The Unity Choir will also perform again this year. We've had one rehearsal, but there is still time for anyone to join us. The next and final rehearsal will be August 22 at 8 p.m. at Faith Evangelical Church in Wilson. Come for the good fun. great fellowship and wonderful music!

Wilson SCHOOL MENU

August 23-27

Breakfast Choice of cereal and toast or hot entrée daily; milk served with each meal, Monday: Cinnamon roll, juice Tuesday: Sausage, egg, toast, juice Wednesday: Breakfast taco, juice Thursday: Biscuit and gravy, juice Friday: Breakfast on a stick, juice

Lunch Monday: Cheese Burger, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, fries, fruit Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, fruit Wednesday: Corn dog, chili beans. corn, carrot sticks, fruit Thursday: Beety Nachos, beans, salad.

Friday: Pizza, salad, carrot sticks, fruit

Brownfield To Host Bluegrass Festival

Brownfield is hosting the first ever Rialto Bluegrass Festival, to take place Aug. 20-22 at the Careyville Mobile Home Park.

The three-day event features some of the hottest bluegrass bands in the region and will be held Friday from 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday from 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday from 9:30 a.m.-noon. The Sunday performance will feature a variety of bluegrass gospel music.

To find the Festival, take U.S. 380 into Brownfield. Turn left at the intersection with the Lubbock Road/ Seagraves Highway; continue on the Seagraves Highway, and turn right on Highway 137. Turn right on Webb Street just before the railroad crossing and follow the signs to the Careyville Mobile Home Park.

Admission for the festival is \$8 for the Friday performances and \$14 for the Saturday events. Sunday's performance is free. However, fans can purchase a weekend pass for \$20. All children 12-under get in free with an

A variety of food vendors will be in attendance; no outside food or drink permitted. Those in attendance are asked to bring their own lawn chairs. Also, RV hook-ups are available for a small fee. For RV reservations or for more information. call (806) 637-3218.

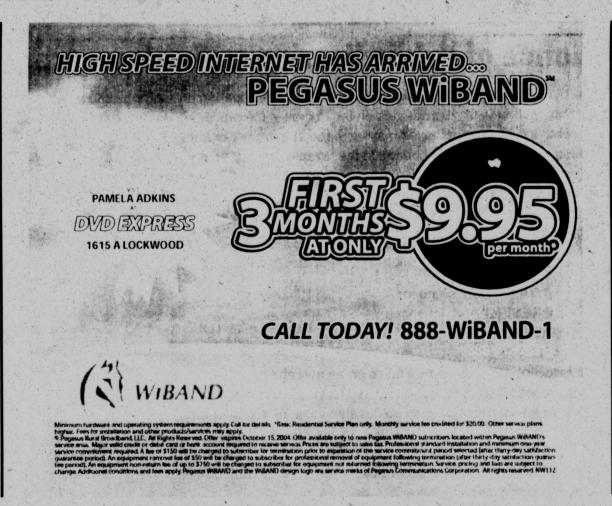
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WELL-BEHAVED 4-YEAR-OLDS - The 4-year-old class at Tahoka Elementary obligingly stopped for a quick photo during their passage across the hall at Tahoka Elementary School on Tuesday. Mrs. Terry Proctor (standing right) is their teacher. The line of children were quiet and well-behaved, and seemed to be enjoying their second day of school.



ANNUAL MEETING DRAWS BIG CROWD - Lyntegar Electric Cooperative's 66th Annual Meeting drew a big crowd on Tuesday, Aug. 10 at the Tahoka High School football field. Barbecue meals were served to 1,923 people prior to the business meeting.





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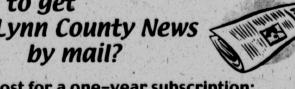
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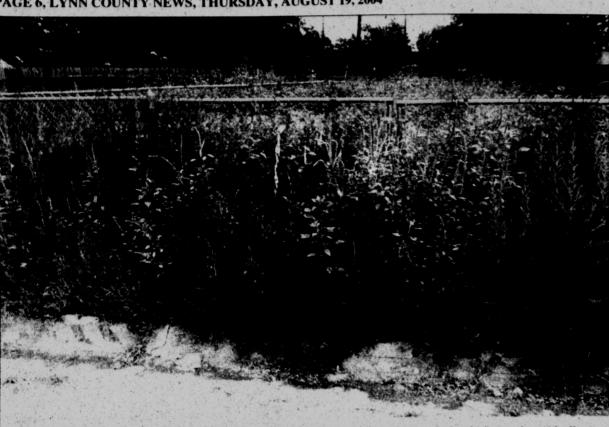
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WEED WARNING - City of Tahoka officials urge residents to mow weeds in their yards and alleys, especially since the recent rains have boosted a growth spurt and in some cases, as shown at one home in Tahoka, the weeds are nearly taller than the fence. "Weeds are unsightly and unhealthy, and keeping them mowed with help keep the mosquito population down," said City Administrator Jerry Webster. "The city will begin enforcing the city ordinance if necessary, and writing citations, if weeds are not mowed down," he warned. (LCN PHOTO)

TCEQ To Collect Recyclables In O'Donnell Aug. 20

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-FARM NEWS-

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is offering rural Texans the opportunity to dispose of properly rinsed plastic pesticide containers, used motor oil,

oil filters, and lead acid batteries free of charge.

The purpose of the Texas Country Cleanup campaign is to offer rural areas the same recycling oppor-

1,946 used lead acid batteries.

This collection is from 8 a.m. noon and will be held at the following location: Friday, August 20 -O'Donnell Co-op Gin, corner of Highway 87 and Southeast 8th, O'Donnell.

Empty plastic pesticide containers must be clean, triple-rinsed, or high-pressure rinsed to be accepted. No hazardous waste or tires will be accepted. There is a two-drum limit per participant on oil filter recycling and filters will not be accepted from

Texas Country Cleanup is cosponsored by the TCEQ's Small Business and Environmental Assistance Division, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Department of Agriculture, and USAg Re-

tunities as metropolitan areas. In 20 cleanups last year, 1,236 participants recycled 15, 962 empty pesticide containers; 17,400 gallons of used motor oil; 35,460 used oil filters; and

businesses that change oil for a fee.

cycling. 872-75739.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students Must Get Vaccines

Dear Editor.

Texas laws require students to have current health records in order to attend school. Because of this new law, there have been some shortages of vaccines, including local availability during the last week. Because our community was out of some of the needed vaccinations, Tahoka Independent School District allowed students to begin school without current health records.

However, these children must still comply with immunization requirements, and all vaccines are now available at Lynn County Hospital District's Family Wellness Clinic and physicians offices. Students have been notified previously that his/her health records are incomplete. Parents, please make arrangements to have your student's health records . current immediately. The school nurse MUST receive verification of all health records by August 30.

Students not having current health records by Monday, August 30, will not be allowed to attend school until the health records are current. Absences by students missing school because their health records are not current will be unexcused and truancy charges will be

Your student's health records must be current by August 30, 2004.

Sincerely: Carol Miller, R.N. Tahoka ISD School Nurse

Kudos to Care Center

I've been wondering how many in our community have noticed we have an old, but at the same time a new "gem" in our midst. I am referring to the Tahoka Care Center. Yes, that's right! The Care Center is not new as far as the building and loca-'tion are concerned, it has been here awhile, some would even call it old. However, after recently coming under new ownership, it is indeed very new in so many ways.

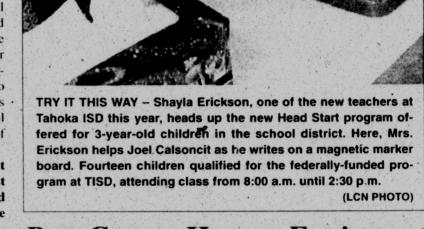
When you enter for a visit, there is a totally new atmosphere. You sense a real joy from the staff in their work, smiles on their faces and friendly greetings. Also you sense a dedication and compassion for the residents, resulting in a spirited glow on some of those faces that had been missing for quite some time.

There is a homey, "grandmother's house" type of feeling so much of the time when I go

I credit all these wonderful changes to the caring, dedicated vision of the new owner, Mr. Bruce Burgamy. It seems he has put together a staff from administrator, nurses, to cooks, cleaning and activities that really care for the residents and it shows.

I've personally had four family members that needed extra care, I've dealt with a lot of different circumstances, needs, and faeilities; therefore I consider myself qualified to put my own style of "Betty Crocker" approval on the old Care Center that is now new again from attitude to

I certainly hope to see that our community acts on the sign at the



Raw Cotton, Harvest Equipment Movement May Be Restricted

Cotton harvest has begun in the southern parts of the state and will begin soon in other areas. Custom harvesters move from area to area as from areas outside of either a supthe season progresses, and growers pressed or functionally eradicated have to move the harvested cotton to the state's gins for processing.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation would like to remind cotton producers and custom harvesters that the commissioner of agstate to be suppressed or functionally eradicated of the cotton boll weevil, and movement of raw cotton products and harvesting equipment into or through these zones may be regulated.

The Rolling Plains Central zone, surrounding Abilene, and the Southern Rolling Plains zone, surrounding San Angelo, are functionally eradicated. The El Paso/Tran Pecos, Permian Basin, Western High Plains, Southern High Plains Caprock. Northwest Plains, Northern High Plains and Northern Rolling Plains , zones are suppressed. These zones make up a large portion of the west-

edge of town declaring us "the friendliest small town," embracing Mr. Burgamy and his efforts to fill a much needed gap of service and care for many of our residents. As he strives to make the Care Center a "home away from home," the community, hopefully will extend a friendship toward him, giving him a home away from home also.

Just being new is not always a positive in life; add love to old, stir in compassion and the old becomes

Support the whole community. Our area is very special. Some of our residents have very special needs. I urge you to visit and see for yourself how a new owner with a new attitude changed old to new at the Tahoka Care Center.

Melba Thomas

ern and northern portions of the state's cotton-growing areas.

Harvesting equipment moving zone cannot be brought into one of these areas until the equipment has been thoroughly cleaned. Raw cotton cannot be moved into or through suppressed or eradicated zone unless a protection plan has been filed with riculture declared several areas of the the Texas Department of Agriculture

> TDA has developed a protection plan template for growers who fall under these restrictions and wish to gin cotton in a suppressed or eradicated zone. TDA also has developed guidelines for ensuring harvesting equipment is properly cleaned before entering one of these zones.

> Many of these restrictions are placed on the movement of raw cotton and harvesting equipment from a suppressed area to a functionally eradicated area.

Brochures that provide more specific information on the restrictions are available from TDA or from the boll weevil foundation. Contact your local TDA office, or write the foundation at Box 5089, Abilene, TX 79608 to obtain a brochure.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Lynn County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by thirteen (13) percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, August 26 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lynn County Courtroom in the Courthouse Basement.

FOR the proposal: ALL AGAINST the proposal: **PRESENT** and not voting: ABSENT:

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$32,008.00	\$34,455.00
General exemptions available		
(amount available on the average homestead,		
not including senior citizen's or disabled		
person's exemptions)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Average taxable value	\$32,008.00	\$34,455.00
Tax rate	.85345/100	.96980/100
Tax	\$ 273.17	\$ 334.14

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$60.97, or 22 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$.11635 per \$100 of taxable value or 13 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures:

The County of Lynn spent \$200 from 2293 to September 30, 2003 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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Lynn County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and the right to waive

By order of the Commissioner's Court of Lynn County

H.G. Franklin, Lynn County Judge

NOTICE OF SALE

In accordance with the Uniform Traffic Law Code of the State of Texas related to Abandoned Motor Vehicles, the City of Tahoka will offer for sale by sealed bids the following

- (7) 1991 Mazda Pickup (8) 1993 Chevrolet Van
- (2) 1994 Lincoln Continental (3) 1993 Dodge Minivan
- (9) 1992 Ford Van
- (4) 1981 Datsun Pickup
- (10) 1994 Chevrolet Van
- (5) 1993 Ford Econoline Van (6) 1995 Chevrolet Van
- (11) 1985 Chevrolet Blazer

The vehicles may be inspected at the Tahoka Police Department located at 1712 Main Street, between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm. Monday through Friday. The sealed bids may be mailed to the City of Tahoka, P.O. Box 300, Tahoka, Texas 79373, or delivered to Tahoka City Hall, located at 1612 Lockwood Street. Bids will be accepted from August 16, 2004 until August 27, 2004. The vehicles will be sold As Is and the terms of the sale will be cash. cashiers check, or money order to be paid the day of the sale.

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The facility is proposed to be located at the intersection of Farm to Market Road 400 and County Road R. approximately 1.5 miles north of the city limits in Lynn County. Texas. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on August 17, 2004 PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING:

The City of Tahoka will hold a public meeting on this application at the following date. time and location

DATE: September 22, 2004

TIME: 5:00 pm **LOCATION: Life Enrichment Center**

Comments made during this public meting will not be treated as formal public comments and will not be considered by the Commissioners. However, additional notice of this application will be provided in the future, at which time formal comments may be submitted to the TCEO. The Commissioners will consider formal comments before reaching a decision on a permit

INFORMATION: The permit application is available for viewing and copying at City Hall. 1612 Lockwood Street, Tahoka, Texas and Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517.74th Street, Lubbook, Texas, Further information may be obtained from the City of Tahoka at the address stated above or by calling Matt Hopper, P E. at (214) 773-2966.

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MINISTRY TEAM - Matt Ray and his horse will present a Christian message at the 4-H Arena in Tahoka Sunday night, at 6:30 p.m. Ray, who founded the Round Pen Ministries, says he tries to illustrate ways in which the Christian walk with the Lord is similar to the relationship between horse and rider. Area residents are invited to attend.

'Round Pen' Ministry To Feature Matt Ray & Horse, Here Sunday

Area residents are invited to an unusual ministry presentation in Tahoka Sunday night, to be held at the 4-H Arena (behind the baseball complex on South 9th Street in Tahoka) beginning at 6:30 p.m. Named the "Round Pen Ministries," the special service will feature Matt Ray and his horse, and will include illustrations and scripture readings, prayer, and a question and answer time, closing with an invitation. Following the service, there will be a fellowship held at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

According to information in its brochure, Round Pen Ministries is an "illustration of glorifying the Lord in all we do."

Matt Ray, son of Rev. George Ray who is a former pastor of First Baptist Church of Tahoka, founded the ministry with his wife, Debbie.

There was no question the Lord had influenced my life through

horses and horsemen. With my background, it seemed very apparent the Lord wanted me to train horses. So, I began an independent study of other trainers and their methods to increase my knowledge. With 20 years experience in horses and horsemanship as a background, then the Lord laid upon my heart to glorify him and turn my work into a minis-

"Again, through walking with the Lord and surrounding myself with wise Christian counsel, the Lord showed many ways in which our walk with Him is very similar to the relationship between horse and rider. I am a Christian horse trainer trying to glorify God in all that I do," said Ray.

"Most 50-minute sermons have a 2-minute illustration or story. What we do is about 50% illustration and 50% scripture reading." Ray ex-

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Your Floating Check Just Sprung a Leak: **New Check Processing Will Access Bank Funds Faster Than In Past**

Beginning in October, new legislation becomes effective which eventually may put an end to "floating" checks. At one time or another, many people have probably "floated" a check. Perhaps it was close to the end of the month and they bought groceries on Friday. knowing that the check they wrote couldn't get back to their bank before payday on Monday.

While more people are using debit cards to pay for purchases. many consumers still rely on paper checks taking 2-3 days to clear their

After October 28, this may be more difficult. That is when Cheek. 21 becomes effective. The primary. purpose of Check 21 is to provide an alternative to the nation's reliance on processing paper checks. You will still be able to write a check, but once it leaves your checkbook, the banking system will handle it differently. Should our nation experience another tragedy like 9/11, our dependence on moving paper checks could result in serious consequences for our national financial system. This situation was the impetus for the adoption of Check 21.

Another reason for Check 21 is to stifle white-collar criminals who write checks on a regular basis knowing that they have insufficient

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then transmitted electronically through the system. If your bank is , set up to receive electronic images, the transaction reaches your bank account for payment on the same day. If your bank is not set up with electronic imaging, it could take a day for the money to be deducted from your account

Rather than using paper checks. the new law would permit financial institutions to use "substitute checks"—a digital image of the original paper checks with all of the information contained on the original check. The "substitute check" would be required to contain the words, "This is a legal copy of your check. You can use it the same way you would use an original check."

Although it will take several years for most banks to move to paperless transactions, you can eventually expect to see the end of "float" periods as well as the end of returned paper checks in your bank statement. Rather, you'll receive replicas or images of the original checks, or those payments may appear as electronic withdrawals on your bank

While electronic presentment is not mandated for banks and other financial institutions, it may prove beneficial not only to the bank, but to its customers. Currently, it can take up to five days to access funds on an out-of-state check. Under Check 21, bank customers will be able to access these funds more quickly.

If you have any questions or concerns about Check 21, don't hesitate to contact your local community banker.



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