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New staff at Tahoka ISD ... Pictured here are several new staff members at Tahoka ISD, seated from left, Brooke Sanford (BCIS/Coach), Stevi Huffaker (8th Grade Math), and Regina Resendez (High School English); and standing in back, Jesse Garza (High School Math/Coach) and his wife, Shelby Garza (District Counselor), Jay Whitefield (High School History/Coach), and Craig Harris (High School History/Coach). Not pictured is the new Ag teacher, Slate May; Assistant Band Director Johnathan Smith; Deborah Harr, 6th/7th Science; and Day Care Providers Susie (LCN PHOTO)

Check Forgeries Reported In County

Recent incidents of forged checks passed at Allsup's in Tahoka and O'Donnell are being investigated after reports were received by Tahoka Police and Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. last

Checks in the amount of \$132.78 and \$52.50 were passed in Tahoka and a check for \$46.98 was passed at O'Donnell, all about a month ago.

Two persons recently indicted by a 106th District Grand Jury have been arrested. They are Randy S. Garcia, 36, of Slaton, indicted for assault/family violence, and Juan Moreno Gutierrez III, 32, of Tahoka, indicted for failure to stop and render aid and aggravated

assault The body of a Casey Stovall, 35, of Lubbock, was discovered Monday in a vehicle parked at Slide Rd. and County Rd. K in Lynn County. Justice of the Peace Ginger Henry ruled death by self-inflicted gunshot wound.

A Tahoka woman advised police that she had recently learned that her two small children had been sexually assaulted about three years ago by a

suspect she named. Investigation is

Lynn County jail was holding 46 inmates this week, with 16 brought in during the last week. Of the total, 10 were held for Garza County and three for Gaines County.

Those most recently arrested were jailed for public intoxication, driving while license invalid, tampering with evidence, driving while intoxicated, failure to identify fugitive with false information (warrant), expired drivers license plus failure to appear, and criminal mischief.

Lynn County Harvest Festival

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- Queen/King Contest
- Princess Contest
- Starz Singing Contest Classic Car Show



Class of 2006

Legacy ... The Tahoka High School Class of 2006 commissioned this new statue in front of the high school, featuring THS lit on three sides in fiber optics. John Wilson, of W&D Construction and Design Inc., designed and built the statue. (LCN PHOTO)

City Proposes Same Tax Rate

Tahoka City Council met in special session Monday night, Aug. 20, ~ proposing to keep the property tax rate for next year at the same rate, with no increase from the previous year. The city tax rate is just over 74-cents per \$100 of property value, at \$.74703. A notice is printed in this issue of The News detailing the proposal, although it is listed as a tax increase because the rate will bring in more tax revenue dollars than the previous year. That's because of increased property values within the taxing entity.

Total appraised value of all property in the City of Tahoka is \$71,740,610, up more than \$8 million from the previous year's value of \$63,579,100. According to figures in the comparison of residence homestead values, the average taxable value of a residence homestead at \$35,298 last year is now valued at \$40,613 and the homeowner would pay \$39.70 more in property taxes.

City council members voting for the proposal included Clara Calvillo, Rudy Fuentes, Jeff Martin and Ray Don Box. Councilwoman Amy Preston, who was serving as Acting Mayor at the meeting during the absence of Mayor Mike Mensch, did not

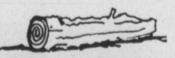
Two public hearings on the issue have been scheduled for Aug. 30 and Sept. 4, at 5:30 p.m. at Tahoka City Hall.

In other business at the meeting, council members voted to change the position of City/County Library Director Claudia Guin to a full-time position, with library hours to change accordingly, effective Oct. 1, 2007. Part-time library assistant is Wanita Kelley. City Administrator Jerry Webster noted that the city and county have agreed to share equally in funding the salary for the city/county library position. New library hours will be printed in The News before becoming effective on Oct. 1.



Steve Patridge, track and field coach at O'Donnell ISD, set a national record in discus at the Senior Olympic Games this summer, and shattered the world record in shot put at the Master's State Championship competition. He threw the shot-put 53.9-1/2 ft. in Dallas at the Master's, and threw the discus 50.3 ft. at the Senior Olympic Games. He planned to compete in the senior games at Lubbock in August.

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LOTTA TAHOKUM, my friend whose relationship to me is sort of like that of Harvey the Rabbit to James Stewart in the 1950 movie, came by and told me she had been reading that the Japanese believe a person's personality is largely determined by his (or her) blood type. "What type blood do you have?" she asked me.

"Well, it's mostly red, with too much sugar in it, and it gets really tired sometimes from all that running around inside me," I said.

"No, silly," she said, "I mean what type, like A, B, O or whatever, negative or positive-and don't say something stupid like Z positive, because you positively try to keep zee blood inside you at all times." Chastened, I told her I thought I was type A-"maybe not positive,

but pretty sure." Anyway, she showed me a chart which some Japanese think provides clues to one's personality based on blood type. For example, the chart says Type A people tend to be conservative, introverted, reserved, patient and punctual, and perfectionists. Those are their best traits. The worst traits of Type A persons are: obsessive, stubborn, too self conscious and uptight. Famous Type A people listed included George H.W. Bush, O.J. Simpson, Britney Spears, Alan Alda, Adolf Hitler, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard Nixon

and Jet Li. The problem with the chart is that all of the types have both good and bad traits, so how are you going to judge which ones are dominant? Type Os, for example, show good traits of being ambitious, athletic, self-confident and natural leaders, but also tend to have worst traits of arrogance, vanity, insensitive and ruthless. And the famous examples given included Al Capone, Gerald Ford, Mikhail Gorbachev, Queen Elizabeth II, John Lennon, Elvis Presley and Ronald Reagan.

So I believe the idea that blood type has anything to do with personality is dumb, except that everyone needs some type of blood in order to have any personality at all.

I guess I don't know much about blood, anyway. Lotta asked me to explain the words "plasma" and "corpuscle." I told her I have a new plasma television set, and I thought a Corpuscle was some kind of late model Chevrolet.



Annika Says Hello... Annika Christl from Germany, says hi to friends in Tahoka. Annika was an exchange student last year at Tahoka High School. Skylar and Kami Owens of Tahoka spent three weeks in Altdorf Germany (near Nürnberg), Annika's hometown. This photo was taken at the entrance of the Castle where Annika's parents were married. Pictured from left are Kami, Annika, Skylar, and Annika's little sister, Sara.

Singers Wanted For Starz Contest at Harvest Festival

Singing talent can pay off big at the Lynn County Harvest Festival in Tahoka, where contestants are wanted for the Lynn County Starz Contest. Cash prizes are being offered, and the contest is open to anyone.

The Lynn County Starz Contest, sponsored by the Harvest Festival Committee, is offering cash prizes for the top three singers in both adult and youth categories. The adult category, which is ages 16 and older, will offer a first place prize of \$400 cash, a second place prize of \$300, and third place prize of \$100. In the youth category (ages 15 and younger), the top three winners will win savings bonds worth \$400, \$300, and

Contestants will perform at the Lynn County Harvest Festival on Saturday, Sept. 22, at the courthouse square in Tahoka, with performers to sing live (with taped/ CD accompaniment) in front of the crowd. The Starz contest begins at 5 p.m. Non-local judges will choose the winners.

To enter the Starz contest, a contestant must either sell 50 Harvest Festival tickets (for a chance to win one of three prizes, \$1000 cash, \$500 cash, or \$300 cash), or if they prefer, a candidate can pay a \$50 entry fee instead of selling the 50 tickets.

For more information, or entry forms, contact Susan Tipton at the Lynn County Clerk's Office, 806-561-4750. She can also be reached by email at susanlynn@door.net.

\$7,700 In Scholarships Offered **At County Harvest Festival**

Students in Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell high schools have an opportunity to win a total of \$7,700 in scholarships at the 2007 Lynn County Harvest Festival, with King and Queen contests open to boys and girls who reside in Lynn County. The Harvest Festival Queen's Contest is sponsoring \$4,200 in scholarships, and the King's Contest is sponsoring \$3,500 in scholarships.

Interested students should contact the contest co-chairmen, Karen Huffaker at 561-4302 or Starr Bray at 561-6161 in Tahoka, or in O'Donnell contact Susan Dorman. Karen Huffaker may also be reached on her cell phone at 549-6594, or by email at khuffaker@tahoka.esc17.net.

Signups for the Queen and King contest will open Aug. 22, and deadline to enter will be Sept. 4, in order for candidates to have time to sell their tickets. The tickets this year are also new, offering all cash prizes. Tickets are \$1 chances to win one of three prizes - \$1000, \$500, or \$300. Both King and Queen candidates may earn \$100 cash for every 400 tickets

This year's Harvest Festival Queen will win a \$2,500 scholarship. The first runner-up will receive a \$1,200 scholarship, and

Gospel Jamboree Set in Wilson This Saturday

Wilson's annual community-wide Gospel Jamboree will be held on Saturday, August 25 at 6 p.m. on the lawn of First Baptist Church in Wilson. The event is hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church and First Baptist Church of Wilson.

Entertainers from around the area will showcase their talent and St John's Youth will present a puppet show. Free hamburgers with all the trimmings and dessert will be served. All ages are invited. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. For more information, call 628-6333.

the second runner-up will receive a \$500 scholarship. Any high school girl living in Lynn County may be a contestant (unless married, pregnant or a mother). The contest involves interviews with judges who will base their decisions on personality, poise, appearance, and intelligence. To be a finalist, a candidate must sell at least 250 tickets, but the winners are chosen solely by judges from among those finalists.

The King contest offers a \$2,000 scholarship to the winner, a \$1,000 scholarship to the first runner-up, and a \$500 scholarship to the second runner-up. King candidates will also sell tickets, and must sell 250 tickets to be considered a finalist in the contest. Lynn County businessmen/women will judge this contest, with candidates to present a community service project proposal of their choice, to the panel of judges. The candidates do not have to actually perform a community service, but would present a proposal of what they would like to see done in their community.

Obituaries

Joe M. Vasquez

Services for Joe M. Vasquez were held Friday, August 10, 2007 at St. Pius Catholic Church in O'Donnell. He died Monday, August 6, 2007 in Plainview.

He was born November 13, 1969 to Juan and Lupita Vasquez of O'Donnell.

Survivors include his parents; three brothers, Javier Vasquez of Seguin, Juan Vasquez Jr. of Plainview and Jorge of O'Donnell; three sisters, Janie Vasquez of San Antonio, Linda Rosales of O'Donnell and Christina Longoria of Lubbock: 23 nieces and nephews and three great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Julian Vasquez, Sr.



Mrs. Charles Bradley Swan (nee Tiffany Dawn Nettles)

Nettles-Swan Vows Exchanged

Tiffany Dawn Nettles of New Home and Charles Bradley Swan of Anton were united in marriage at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, August 10, 2007 at the New Home Baptist Church in New Home. Bro. Ray Perryman of Shallowater officiated the ceremony

The bride is the daughter of Alan and Sharee Nettles of New Home, and the granddaughter of Diana Nettles and the late Harold Nettles, Melvin Barley and the late Mary Barley and Ruth Moon. The groom is the son of Charlie and Chloe Swan, and the grandson of Weldon and Connie Swan and Zade and Dorothy Hooper.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a white royal satin strapless wedding gown with a scalloped neckline embellished with silver beading and embroidered lace on a fitted bodice. The gown featured a dropped waist skirt and train decorated with silver pickups and silver beaded appliqués at each pickup. She wore a jeweled tiara with a veil attached, and carried a bouquet of white and fuchsia roses with pearls and ribbon.

Serving as maid of honor was Keely Nettles of New Home, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were

Kaci Wied, Stephanie Kieth, and Heather Anderson, all of New Home, and Julie Montgomery and Mandy Pritchard of Lubbock.

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Jarrod Swan, brother of the groom, of Anton, served as best man. Groomsmen were cousins of the groom, Clayton Swan of Lubbock, Clint Stephenson and Cory Stephenson, both of Anton, and Jordan Blount and Jerrod Kerr, of Lubbock

Ushers were Brandon Nettles, brother of the bride, of Lubbock, Ross Fillingim, Keaton Askew, both of New Home, Riley Barnett of Tahoka, and Colter Blount of Anton. Flower girls were Ann Marie Powell, cousin of the bride. of Corpus Christi, and Sterlin Richardson of Lubbock. Serving as candle lighters were Nicole Taylor of New Home, and McKinzie Smith, cousin of the groom of San Angelo. Ring bearer was Bryce Nettles, nephew of the bride, of Lubbock. Kelly Fillingim of New Home registered

A reception followed at the Merket Alumni Center at Texas Tech University. Following a wedding trip to Puerta Vallarta; Mexico, the couple will reside in



Emergency workers want to be able to find you as soon as possible. Putting your address on your home is the homeowner's or resident's responsibility. Some people have their house numbers painted on the curb. While these are visible during the day, they are very difficult to see at night.

are a few suggestions to make it easier for us to find you:

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- · Use numbers made from a material or paint that will reflect light at night

If you are unable to put your address on your home, there are other ways you can help us find your home. If possible, always turn on your porch light and have someone wait outside. When they see the emergency vehicle approaching, they can wave their arms and flag us down. Even if no one is outside, we'll be looking for that porch light. Especially late at night, when all of the other houses. on a block are dark except yours. The house that has all the lights on may be the one waiting for us. Most delayed response times are due to difficulty in locating a patient's address.

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WHERE ARE YOU? Imagine yourself being

called in the middle of the night to an area that you may or may not be familiar with by a person needing help. You have an address, but since it's dark and you are not familiar with the area, you're not sure where to go. Add to that the urgency of the call. After all, that person said they needed help. Maybe they said what kind of help they needed. Or maybe they were too upset or panicked to be able to give that information. But, hey, no problem, you have the address, right? You arrive in the area, start looking for the address only to realize, there are no addresses on the houses!

These are situations EMS, firefighters and police deal with all the time. Most of the time, firefighters can look for smoke. but obviously, this is not a good

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Tahoka Fire Department Gets New Fire Truck

A new fire truck arrived in choosing to pay the \$3.00 dona-Tahoka Friday at the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, and volunteer members got a look at the new vehicle at their Monday night meeting. The truck features some much-needed new equipment that is replacing some 25-year-old equipment on the department's old truck, and firemen were busy equipment onto the new truck as

Cost of the new truck was \$122,325, and city officials made a down payment of \$18,000 with funds from the \$3.00-per-month Fire Dept. Donation account. Monthly payments on the truck will also be made from that same account, which accumulates funds from donations made on city water

"Right now, the Fire Dept. Donation fund generates \$1500-\$1600 a month, and we plan to make the monthly payments on the new truck from that," said Tahoka City Administrator Jerry Webster. "We would like for the fund to generate \$2,000 a month, where we could pay off the truck sooner," he added

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Webster says the city mails out 1100 water bills each month, and all include the optional \$3.00 fire department donation on the bill. Only about 500 citizens are ule.

tion along with their water/sewer bills.

"When it first was added to water bills, the donation portion generated nearly twice what it does now," said Webster. "We want to assure our citizens that this money does not go into the city's general fund - it goes directly into incorporating some of their other a special account at the bank designated only for the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, and that money is spent only for fire department equipment and/or vehicles. It is vital that we keep this fund going to help pay for this new truck, and to keep our fire department in good shape. We encourage our citizens to continue to support our fire department by including the monthly donation on their water bills. We have an excellent fire department, and the money is well-spent in protecting our citizens not only in Tahoka but throughout the rural portions of the county as well, when needed," he added.

The fire department also conducts their own annual fund raisers to buy additional equipment. The annual fish fry at the Tahoka Mini Park is set for Friday, Oct. 5. Usually held in September, this year's fish fry will be on the open date of the Tahoka football sched-



New Fire Truck ... This new 2007 GMC C5500 4x4 fire truck was delivered to the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department last week, featuring new equipment to replace the 25year-old equipment that the VFD has been using. The new truck will be the department's first-responder vehicle, carrying not only a 300-gallon water supply but also the Jaws of Life, air packs, emergency lights and other emergency response equipment that may be needed first on-scene at a vehicle accident or fire scene.

2007 Tahoka Junior Yigh Football

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Sept 20	Seagraves	Home	5:00/6:30	
Sept. 27	Floydada	Away	5:00/6:30	
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Oct. 11	Slaton	Away	5:00/6:30	
Oct. 18	Idalou	Home	5:00/6:30	
Oct. 25	Post	Away	5:00/6:30	
Nov. 1	Denver City	Home	5:00/6:30	
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Aug 18	Ralls scrimmage	Home	TBA
Aug 24	Crosbyton scrimm.	Away	TBA
Aug 30	Sundown	Away	6:00
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Back-To-School Night Is Aug. 23 At Elementary

Pride Corp will be hosting a Back-to-School Night for Tahoka Elementary students on Thursday, August 23 from 6-7 p.m. The event will be held at the Elementary school on the South playground next to the cafeteria.

This is an opportunity for students and parents to locate classrooms, meet their teacher for the 07-08 school year, as well as welcoming back fellow students for the upcoming year. Students will receive a ticket for themselves, as well as attending parents, to present to a booth outside as Atmos Energy will again be donating hot dogs and drinks. No food or drinks are allowed inside the building. Various booths will be set up for information, such as, Lynn County 4-H. Bulldog Booster Club, and softball signups, and other merchandise. The Tahoka Fire Department and the High School Cheerleaders and Bulldog mascot will be there also.

Pride Corp will be selling the new Tahoka Bulldog T-Shirts for \$10 each. Pride Corp has a new group of representatives who are looking forward to meeting par-

ents and students, and would be happy to talk to anyone interested in volunteering to help with various projects throughout the school year for Tahoka Elementary students and teachers.

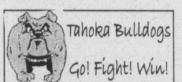
Also, anyone interested in setting up a booth for this event, or would like to be a Pride Corp Volunteer please contact Heather Jester, Pride Corp President at 561-4584, or 543-3584 or Virginia Lee, Pride Corp Vice

Middle School Sets **Back To School Night**

President at 561-5132

Tahoka Middle School students and parents are invited to attend Back To School Night this Thursday, Aug. 23 from 6-7 p.m. at Tahoka Middle School.

For more information, contact Middle School Principal Tom Thomas at 561-4538.



STORK REPORT

Aaron and Melissa McCleskey of Tahoka announce the birth of a son, Aaron Bek, born on Saturday, August 11, 2007 at 7:09 p.m. at University Medical Center. He weighed 8 lbs. and 2 ozs. and was 19-1/2 inches long. He has one sister, Skyler, and one brother, Blake.

Grandparents are Brenda and Delbert McCleskey of Grassland, Alton and Angie James of Tahoka, and Nelda James of Clyde. Greatgrandparents are Peggy Galloway and Laverne McCleskey of Grassland and Jackie and Warren Jones of Fredricksburg.

Tipton Graduates From TAC Leadership Class

Lynn County Clerk Susan Tipton was honored at a graduation ceremony for the 2006-07 Leadership Class of the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Leadership Foundation. The class, which takes eight months to complete, instructs county leaders on their roles in the world of county government and in leadership skills like interpersonal communication, developing collaborative skills and team building, along with such topics as servant leadership and the importance of being a proactive agent of change. This is the third year the class has been held, and enrollment is limited.

Tipton believes that the skills and knowledge she gained through her participation in the 2006-07 Leadership Class will be very beneficial to her and her county, and that building alliances with other county leaders can only make her own county organization stronger. Tipton's professional history includes serving as director for Region II County and District Clerks Association (2004-06), Lynn County Safety coordinator and chairman of the Lynn-County Centennial. Additionally, she is a Lynn County Child Welfare Board member, a member of the Lynn County Juvenile Board,

and past Rotary Club President. The Texas Association of Counties is a statewide organization whose members are county government officials in Texas. Its Leadership Foundation serves as an educational resource. for county officials.

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THS Senior Photos Set For Aug. 29

Tahoka High School Class of 2008 Senior Photos for the yearbook will be taken Wednesday, Aug. 29. Photos will be taken at school during English

Students should receive letters within the next week with more information. Contact Mrs. Lehman for more information, at 561-4538.

Back-to-School 2007 THS Junior Varsity Football Schedule Labor Day FISH on Friday, August 31st Includes Fish, Fries, Hushpuppies, Coleslaw, PLUS a Single Dip all for only Ice Cream Cone! "MALT SHOP" 1515 S. 15T IN TAHOKA Deli, Bakery & Catering For Catering Needs, Call 561-6507

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MESSAGE FROM:

Ron Fant, Minister, Tahoka Church of Christ

ARE YOU TIRED?

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He would discriminate against them but that they simply did not see the

and I will give you rest" (Mt. 11:28). We must see the need. Those who are

answer is yes. Yes, if they lead us to realize our need for the Lord. Paul said,

'rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice" (Phil. 4:4). Sometimes

it takes some bad news to get us to see the truly Good News of Christ.

It would be great if we had all the money and physical things we thought

I think Jesus said it is difficult for a rich man to go to heaven. Not that

Jesus put it this way, "come unto me all who are weary and heavy laden

So should we be thankful when we have problems? Perhaps the

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First Baptist Church

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(806) 428-3236

PASTOR: SCOTT HENSLEY

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship:

10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.

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Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

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1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6333

PASTOR: BILLY PARMER

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training - 5 p.m. Sunday Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Mtg-6 p.m., Youth 7 p.m.

Wilson

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Wednesday Bible Study-7:00 p.m.

New Home United Methodist Church



350 N. Main New Home, TX 79383 (806) 924-7549

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Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m. **Youth Activities**

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Bible Class - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service - 6 p.m.

Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Tahoka Trinity Church 1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka, TX 79373 Phone (806) 561-5317

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PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

Youth - Sundays at 7 p.m. For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317



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Virtual Classroom Program Offers Access For TISD Students

by JUANELL JONES

Stock shows, athletic competitions, student conventions all of these activities are good for students and provide new opportunities for learning and lifelong values. But what of the classwork the students are missing while they are gone? And what happens when an illness prevents a student from attending classes for several days?

The answer is a virtual classroom - a computer technology that hooks up students with their teachers and classwork. This does not mean that the local teacher is out of the equation. In fact, very much the opposite, as the teacher is in control of the information sent to students. All it requires is computer access and a willingness to complete assignments.

Tahoka Independent School District implemented the new virtual classroom program last year, allowing teachers to incorporate the new teaching tool as much - or as little - as they desired. Several teachers embraced the new teaching tool with enthusiasm, and it is expected that the tool will be used extensively this year as well.

James Crawford, Technology Director at TISD, is the brains behind installing the new technology at the local school, and he says that Tahoka ISD is in the South Plains area that offer such technology.

"To my knowledge, Tahoka and Littlefield are the only school districts offering this type of technology," said Crawford. He set up the program to allow teachers to put student assignments on the computer, which in annually. For less than \$600 a turn "flows out" to all students in the class. The student gets the document online, on a computer wherever he/she desires to access it, and completes the re-The student then sends the document back to the teacher (there are filters in place to only allow the teacher access to the document), who then reviews it, grades it, and if desired, sends it same opportunities, technologyback to the student.

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through the school system," Crawford is quick to point out. "The programs necessary to manage and oversee student email systems are very expensive, as federal law requires filters, and there are just too many issues **James Crawford** virtual **Technology Director** Tahoka ISD

classroom access. And when a

student has to be away from the

classroom, this program allows

confidential access to teaching

assignments for a student to keep

up with his classwork," he

Jessica Crabb said the new vir-

tual classroom was very helpful

to her students last year. "I

started using the virtual class-

room for my speech class," she

explained. "I have a unit I teach

on creating Persuasive

PowerPoint presentations. The

students were required to do a

couple of week's worth of activi-

ties on the computer, and this

tool was extremely helpful to me

in keeping up with what they

were working on. The students

were able to submit their work to

me online, and this saved me so

much time. It also allowed stu-

dents to be introduced to more

the virtual classroom, he also

oversees and manages it daily -

along with overseeing all the

technology programs, hardware

and software repairs, and com-

puter technology for the entire

school district in classrooms

from pre-kindergarten through

the high school level, as well as

Tahoka ISD has close to 500

computers, and Crawford can

"remote" into any of them at any

most, to keep up with the up-

grades, repairs, and software/

hardware issues for one com-

puter, let alone for hundreds of

Saturday, August 15, 2007

from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

at the home of Mrs. Jane Doe

12345 Quaker Road in Tahoka

It's a mind-boggling job for

given time.

Crawford not only installed

technology," she said.

THS Theatre/Speech teacher

classroom allows information to flow only from the teacher to individual students. The students don't have access to each other, and their information only returns to the teacher," he explained.

He is quick to credit the actions of the administration and school board at Tahoka ISD for allowing him to implement the new virtual classroom technology. "If not for the support of the school board and administrators, we would not have any of this they absolutely gave me 100% backing for implementing this program, and I have the utmost respect for all of them. They are genuine in wanting to do their best for our students," Crawford

Cost wise, the two programs one of only two school districts Crawford uses for the virtual classroom initiative was relatively inexpensive for the district. "It costs about 50-cents per student per year to manage the program, and with 600 students that's \$300. And there was a onetime \$1600 start-up cost, with a renewal fee of less than \$300 year, we can give access to all students all the time - that's technology money that is well-

It's not his objective, howquired assignment, all online. ever, to replace classroom time all administrative offices. with the virtual classroom. "It is not my objective, ever, to have a student not go to school," emphasizes Crawford. "But I do want our students to have the wise, as the richer school dis-"It's not an email program - tricts, and many colleges and there are no student emails universities offer this type of

computers. Crawford, a former farmer and rancher, says he taught himself the ins-and-outs of the computer world. He was a technology director at Stamford before he came to Tahoka.

"I learned it all from the seat of a tractor and the saddle of a horse," he insists: "I farmed and ranched for 26 years before I did this. That's all you have is time to think while you're sitting there, and that's what I did. If you get hungry enough to learn it, you'll do it," he says with a grin. "Of course, sometimes it's just 'black magic' - there's just no explaining how some technology works," he laughs.

Crawford says he feels teachers will implement the program more and more at Tahoka ISD as they learn how the virtual classroom program works. "The students knew instantly what to do with it - some of the teachers did and some need a little time to get adjusted. I am very pleased with our staff using the program. I check in on the log for the program, and can see who is using the virtual classroom. On average during the last school year, there were 2-15 students using it nightly, and about 2-10 teachers accessing it as well," he

He says administrators can implement the program as well, to allow teachers to turn in their

Technology for school districts is growing daily, with almost limitless capabilities. "Within another year, all student TAKS testing may be done online. I have done several tests with the state online regarding the TAKS test, and this is something that is coming in the future. We've got a lot of schools who have never done online testing in ESC 17, but our kids will already be familiar with online work," he

The virtual classroom program at Tahoka ISD is preparing students for the technology of the future, as well as providing them the capability to keep up with classwork when outside of the classroom. For any school system, that's good news - for a Class AA rural school district, it is commendable that administrators and trustees are providing Tahoka ISD students with the opportunity to access such tech-

Set In Brownfield

Dystrophy Concert featuring Kenny Maines, of the Legendary Maines Brothers Band, and Lamesa's Nikki Lee will be held August 25 at the Coleman Park Amphitheatre in Brownfield, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Admission is free, donations will be accepted to benefit the MDA. Also appearing will be Buddy Holly's niece, Sherry Holly and the former Buddy Holly band member, Tinker Carlen. Karla Todd, former Cactus Theatre performer, will appear as well as Lynn Alexander

There will be a chance to win a Texas Tech autographed football and a Texas Tech Bob Knight Autographed Basketball as well as other unique items.

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Tahoka ISD

Web address: www.tahoka.esc17.net

Administrators: Superintendent: Jimmy Parker High School Principal: Troy Hinds Middle School Principal: Tom Thomas **Elementary Principal:** James Baker

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New Staff:

Slate May - Ag teacher Craig Harris - High School History/Coach Jesse Garza - High School Math/Coach Shelby Garza - District Counselor Deborah Harr | 6th & 7th Science Johnathan Smith - Assistant Band Director Stevi Huffaker - 8th Grade Math

Brooke Sanford - BCIS/Coach Jay Whitefield - High School History/Coach Regina Resendez - High School English Susie Garcia - Day Care Provider D'Lynn (Stone) Gill - Day Care Provider

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*Number of years as trustee

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TISD Ready for students: Sixth Grade Students Now

At Tahoka Middle School

A new school year begins Monday, Aug. 27 at Tahoka Independent School District. Sixth grade students at TISD will no longer have classes on the elementary campus, instead moving across the street this year to join the middle school campus. And, a new art class is being offered to high school students this year, taught by theater arts teacher Jessica Crabb.

Middle school students (grades 6-8) should have received their student schedules in mid-August, according to Principal Tom Thomas. "Adjustments to schedules will be made during the first week of school, and registration packets will also be handed out on the first day of school," said

High school students should have picked up their registration packets Aug. 14-15. Several forms within those packets must be comby Aug. 24, according to THS Principal Troy Hinds. Hinds is excited about an-

other new school year beginning. "Our teachers work together so well, and we're going to be able to offer a new art class this year for our students. We still believe our college credit classes are very important, and we're really going to push UIL academics again we've got a bunch of young kids that are real excited about that after

doing so well last year. Our TAKS

scores from last year were so good

- we did very well compared to

everyone else," said Hinds.

Back-to-school night will be tonight (Thursday), with activities scheduled from 6-7 p.m. at both the elementary campus and middle school campus. Elementary students and parents may visit classrooms and the south playground where hot dogs will be served, and middle school activi-

Away

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pleted and returned to the school ties will be at their campus.

Date	Opponent	Site	-Time	
ug 18	Ralls scrimmage	Home	TBA	
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lug 31	Sundown	Home	7:30	
Sep 7	Shallowater	Away	7:30	
Sep 14	O'Donnell	Home	7:30	
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Oct 19	Idalou*	Home	7:30	
Oct 26	Post*	Away	7:30	
Nov 2	Denver City*	Home	7:30	

2007 THS Varsity Bulldog Schedule

* District Game ** Homecoming

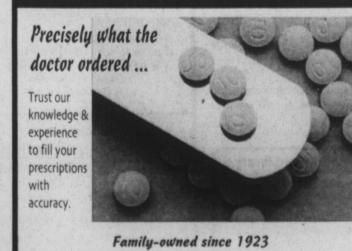
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For all Tahoka Elementary Students

TONIGHT! Thursday, Aug. 23 from 6-7 pm AT THE TAHOKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SOUTH PLAYGROUND (next to the Cafeteria)

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New Home ISD

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Administrators: Superintendent: Leland Zant Principal: Shane Fiedler

New Staff: Suette Green - 5th Grade Velvia Keithley - English and Theater Arts Jeff Miller - Science Teacher, Asst. Basketball Coach Candace Wilkins - Computer Teacher, Girls Basketball Coach

New Home ISD Board of Trustees:

Kevin Mitchell - President *(6 yrs) Andy Maeker - Vice Pres. (16 yrs) Angie Kieth - Secretary (5 yrs) *Number of years as trustee

Paula Ford (3 yrs) Michael White (16 yrs) Travis Smith (1 yr)



New Leopard staff ... New staff members at New Home ISD this year are, from left, Velvia Keithley, Jeff Miller, Candace Wilkins, and Suette Green.

New Home ISD To Offer New Pre-Kindergarten Program

A new program will be offered at New Home Independent School District this year. For the first time, Pre-Kindergarten classes for children at least 3-1/2 years old will be offered, taught by Kriston Laws. Prior to this year, the earliest program for children at NHISD was the kindergarten pro-

Students return to class on Aug. 27, according to the school calendar. School maintenance staff are in the final stages of summer renovations and returning classrooms to order for the new school year. Superintendent Leland Zant and Principal Shane and to Southland on Sept. 7. Fiedler head the administrative Homecoming is set Sept. 21, when

*District game

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Wellman-Union

Four new staff members have been hired for the 2007-08 year, including Suette Green, who is the new fifth grade teacher; Candace Wilkins, girls basketball coach and computer teacher; Jeff Miller, science teacher and assistant basketball coach; and Velvia Keithley, English and Theater Arts teacher. Sandra Tijerina has been hired as a full time teacher's

The New Home Leopards will open with two away games in six-man football competition, traveling to Borden County for their season opener on Aug. 31 the Leopards host Petersburg.

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2007 New Home Leopard JH/JV Football Schedule Aug. 30 Borden County Away Sept. 6 Southland JH/JV Away 5:00 Sept. 13 Grady JH/JV Home 5:00 Petersburg JH/JV 5:00 Sept. 20 Home Sept. 27 Dawson JH/JV Away 5:00 Oct. 4 Lorenzo Home 5:00 Oct. 11 Whiteface JH/JV 5:30 Away Oct. 18 Meadow JH/JV Home 5:30

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11th Annual Labor Of Love Blood Drive Set

Mix 100 and United Blood Services invite the citizens of Tahoka to be a part of the 11th Annual Labor of Love Blood Drive, to be held Monday, August 27, at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka, from 1:00-

Each donor will receive a Labor of Love t-shirt and will be registered to win a Nintendo Wii. Also, every day, one lucky donor will win a MP3 player with one full gigabyte of memory and a FM receiver. All donors 21 years or older are eligible to win a trip to Vegas.

Blood donors must be 17 years or older and in good health. Donors are asked to bring a photo ID and United Blood Services Donor Card every time they donate. New donors receive a donor card with their blood type in the mail shortly after their first donation.

SPCAA Still Taking Applications For Head Start Program

South Plains Community Action is currently accepting applications for the Head Start program at Tahoka ISD for the 2007-08 school year. To qualify, children must be three or four years old by September 1, 2007.

Parents must have the following documents for review: birth certificate, updated shot record, social security card, current month Medicaid, income verification: 2006 income Tax return or W-2's, if applicable, proof of TANF Benefits, (cash, WIA, CCS and transportation assistance) and/ or SSI (Supplemental Security Income). SSI or Child Support will need a schedule of last 12 months payments from Attorney General's office.

For more information call 1-800-658-9632, or the local Head Start Center, Bennie Nance at Tahoka ISD at 998-4123.

Letters To The Editor -- POLICY --

Our readers are encouraged to express their opinions in Letters to the Editor.

Letters to the Editor are accepted by the Lynn County News in person (1617 Main Street); by mail (P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka 79373); or by fax (806-561-6308).

All'letters must be signed with a handwritten signature, and all are subject to editing for length. The editor reserves the right to refuse any letter because of vulgarity or libel issues.

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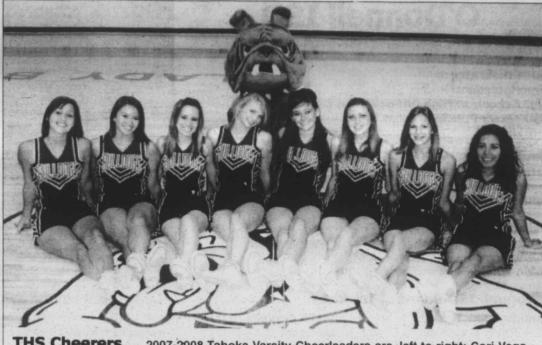
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THS Cheerers ... 2007-2008 Tahoka Varsity Cheerleaders are, left to right: Cori Vega, Valeria Sosa, Taylor Ford, Samantha Pridmore, Bailey Hall (head), Kalee Wuensche, Kenzie Angeley, Marissa Villegas and in back Sabrina Morales (mascot).

Letter to Editor

Fond Memories Of Thalia Burks Dear Editor.

As a former student at THS, I was glad to see that the Class of 1977 had honored a wonderful and unique teacher, Thalia Burks, I think it's safe to say that not only was she a favorite teacher of that particular group, but my classmates and, I'm sure, many others consider her a favorite also.

It seems rare these days that people love and are passionate about their jobs; even though we might not have known it at the time, looking back I realize now that Mrs. Burks was truly an exception to that rule. She was vehement in her desire that her students actually learn something in her class - she was demanding but at the same time, her sense of humor offset any pressure we may have felt to make sure we did our best. Most people can look back on their academic lives and point to one teacher that inspired them to do better in life; Mrs. Burks was that

Congratulations on the honor, Mrs. Burks; you truly are a gem. Sincerely, Claudia Guin THS Class of '79

Harvest Festival Princess Contest Offers \$1,950 in Savings Bonds

The Lynn County Harvest Festival Princess Contest is offering nearly \$2,000 in savings bonds as prizes at the 2007 Harvest Fes-

The princess contest is open to all girls in Lynn County who are in 3rd-8th grade, and the winners are determined solely by ticket sales. Any girl in Tahoka, Wilson, New Home or O'Donnell who is interested in participating should contact chairman Tammi Angeley at 561-4213.

Candidates will sell \$1 raffle tickets for a \$1,000 cash prize, with the winning ticket to be drawn at the Harvest Festival.

This year, the top four ticketsellers will be awarded savings bonds. In past years, only the top three winners earned prizes in the princess contest. The candidate who sells the most tickets will be crowned Lynn County Harvest Festival Princess and will be awarded a \$1,500 savings bond. First runnerup will get a \$750 savings bond, second runnerup a \$500 savings bond, and third runnerup will get a \$200 savings bond.

All candidates will be presented on stage at the Harvest Festival on Saturday, Sept. 22, at the courthouse square in Tahoka.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Incr

The City of Tahoka will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.6 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). 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 August 30, 2007 and September 4, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1612 Lockwood, Tahoka, Texas.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Clara Calvillo, Rudy Fuentes, Jeff Martin, Ray Box AGAINST: none

PRESENT and not voting: Amy Preston **ABSENT: Mayor Mike Mensch**

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations 8.59% (increase) or Debt service _% (increase) or % (decrease) Total expenditures 8.59% (increase) or % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
al appraised value* of all property	\$ 63,579,100.00	\$ 71,740,610.00
al appraised value* of new property**	\$ 289,110.00	\$ 551,270.00
al taxable value*** of all property	\$ 51,272,720.00	\$ 55,854,670.00
al taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 289,110.00	\$ 551,270.00
Bond	ed Indebtedness	

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness

\$.74703 per \$100 in value Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year Proposed tax rate for the current tax year \$.74703 per \$100 in value Difference in the proposed tax rate and the per \$100 in value adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year Percentage INCREASE or DECREASE in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year % Increase/Decrease

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

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year. Preceding Tax Year Current Tax Year

Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ 35,298.00	\$ 43,905.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 35,298.00	\$_40,613.00

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$263.69. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$303.39. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an INCREASE of \$39.70 in taxes.

- "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

O'Donnell ISD

Web address: http://odonnell.esc17.net

Administrators:

Superintendent: Rodney Schneider High School/Jr. High Principal: Clay Burns Elementary Principal: Penny Forbes

New Staff:

Kathy Barton - Business/Technology James Dillard - Elementary P.E. Keith Oldham - Science/Technology Tracy Oldham - Teaching Assistant Richard Onofre - History

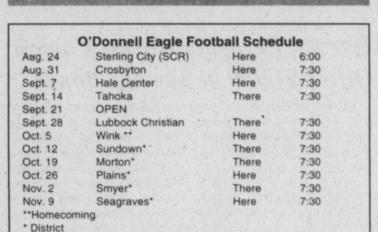
Brian Osuna - History Charity Pyron - Instructional Aide Robin Wilkie - 4th/5th Reading/Math

O'Donnell ISD Board of Trustees:

Renn Dorman, President *(19 yrs) Mark Roye, Vice President (3 yrs) Monty Hancock, Secretary (4 yrs)

Stella Arguello (9 yrs) Liz Luera (1st yr) Cody Furlow (1st yr)

* Number of years as trustee



O'Donnell Eagle Junior High/ Junior Varsity

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Aug. 30	Crosbyton	There	JV	6:00
Sept. 6	Hale Center .	There	JV	6:00
Sept. 13	Tahoka	Here	JH/JV	5:00
Sept. 20	OPEN		•	
Sept. 27	Lubbock Christian	Here	JH/JV	5:00
Oct. 4	Wink	There	JH/JV	5:00
Oct. 11	Sundown	Here	JH/JV	5:00
Oct. 18	Morton	Here	JH/JV	5:00
Oct. 25	Plains	There	JH/JV	5:00
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ABSENT: none

the following expenditure categories:

Total expenditures

Total appraised value* of all property

Total taxable value*** of all property

Total appraised value* of new property**

Total taxable value *** of new property **

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year

Difference in the proposed tax rate and the --

adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year

Percentage DECREASE in the proposed tax rate

and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year

Proposed tax rate for the current tax year

Average residence homestead appraised value

Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit

Average taxable value of a residence homestead

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and the preceding tax year would be an INCREASE of \$13.57 in taxes.

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Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness

Debt service

Maintenance and operations

Meeting Room, 2600 Lockwood, Tahoka, Texas.

AGAINST: Dalton Wood, Billy Tomlinson

PRESENT and not voting: Jerry Ford

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Lynn County Hospital District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from

properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.75 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate

exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your

The second public hearing will be held on August 28, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lynn County Hospital

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal

year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

Bonded Indebtedness

Tax Rates

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average

appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to

be \$100.63. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the

average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or

older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$114.20. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted,

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 "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Preceding Tax Year

\$ 35,941.00

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

Preceding Tax Year

\$ 267,722,750.00

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property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Cal Huffaker, Regina Crutcher, Virginia Griffing, Jannis Horwood



Computer ready ... Vicky Smallwood is ready to open these boxes containing 80 brand new Dell laptop computers, for all 6th-8th grade students at O'Donnell ISD.

O'Donnell Jr. High Students To Each Get Laptop Computer

Every sixth, seventh and eighth grade student at O'Donnell Independent School District will have something new to look forward to this year: their very own laptop computer for their personal use throughout the year. There are 80 new Dell computers at the school, ready for distribution to approximately 65 junior high students and 10-11 staff members.

It's all courtesy of a Texas Technology Immersion grant program through the Texas Education Agency. Vicky Smallwood, a teacher beginning her 12th year at OISD, has worked with the project for the past two years, with OISD designated as a control school.

"We started professional development two years ago for teachers here that would be participating in the program, and this year the students actually get the laptops," explained Ms. Small-

"We are excited about this opportunity to teach students how to develop their technology skills. Teachers can create their ownwebsites for their classes, email between a student and teacher, and incorporate a more student-driven class," she explained. The project includes digital cameras, scan-

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Current Tax Year

\$ 297,819,820.00

\$ 261,363,380.00

\$ 1,780,070.00

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.28 per \$100 in value

10.7 % DECREASE

\$.27700 per \$100 in value

\$ (.003) per \$100 in value

Current Tax Year

\$ 44,445.00

\$ 41,229.00

ners, camcorder, classroom projectors, and even classroom desks and chairs. The three-year grant totaled approximately \$200,000.

All students at OISD will begin attending class on Aug. 27. Eight new staff members will assist in teaching students in the 2007-08 year. Rodney Schneider is OISD Superintendent, and other administrative staff include Clay Burns, High School/Jr. High Principal, and Penny Forbes, Elementary Principal.

The Eagles, Class 1A, will host Crosbyton in the season football opener on Aug. 31, and will follow that with another home game against Hale Center on Sept. 7. Homecoming is scheduled for Oct. 5, when the Eagles will host Wink. Kevin Sherrill is head football coach, with assistance from Keith Oldham, Isreal DeLeon, Rick Onofre and James Dillard.

Steve Patridge, a teacher and track and field coach for the Eagles, brings a new perspective this year to his coaching abilities he set a national record in discus at the Senior Olympic Games in Kentucky this summer, and shattered the world record in another field event at the Master's State Championship by six inches. He threw the shot-put 53.9-1/2 ft. in Dallas at the Master's, and threw the discus 50.3 ft. at the Senior Olympic Games. He planned to compete in the senior games at Lubbock in August.

Harry Howell Open **Golf Tournament Set**

The Harry Howell Open Golf Tournament Scramble will be held Saturday, August 25, at the T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka.

Entry fee is \$40, and the signup time is from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and start time of 9:00 a.m. Prizes will be given for the longest drive and closest pin as well as door prizes. Lunch will be after the first nine holes.

For more information, contact Cherry at T-Bar (806) 998-5305, Billy Russ, (806) 201-2496 and Billy Edward at (806) 428-



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Registration dates for Girls

Registration will be held on Thursday, Aug. 23 at the Tahoka Elementary Back to School Night (south playground) from 6:00 to

For additional information, please contact Tonda Freitag, 806-

Property owners within the 15-county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 service area could possibly pay less tax for operation and maintenance of the district in 2007. Water District board members are proposing a reduced tax

High Plains Water District Board

Proposes Reduced Tax Rate

per \$100 valuation. At their Aug. 14 meeting, board members said it would be appropriate to reduce the 2007 tax rate since property appraisal values have increased throughout the district.

2006 adopted tax rate of \$.0083

"After reviewing the budget needs and the district's current financial status, the board members voted to adopt a proposed tax rate that equals the current effective tax rate," said Manager Jim Conkwright.

Under Truth-In-Taxation

laws, taxing entities are not required to conduct public hearings if their proposed tax rate does not exceed the effective tax rate or the rollback rate, whichever is lower. As a result, High Plains Water District board members will vote on the proposed 2007 tax rate at rate of \$.00794 per \$100 property their Sept. 11 meeting. valuation, or \$.00036 less than the

"We're glad that we can reduce the 2007 tax rate without having to cut back on district programs and activities that benefit area residents," said Board President Robert Meyer of Canyon. Created in 1951, the High

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Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 provides for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of groundwater stored in the Ogallala aquifer within its service area. Additional information about the district's programs and activities is available on-line at www.hpwd.com.



Big winner ... Hanna Forbes, a 12-year-old seventh grade student at O'Donnell Junior High School, won two saddles at the Jurassic Goes West Barrel Race in Midland on July 6-8. The event was held at the Horseshoe Arena with nearly 200 competitors. Hanna won a 1D saddle on Diesel and a 2D saddle on Cleet in the Open Division. Hanna's five-yearold sister, Fallon (not pictured), won her first belt buckle in the Youth Division, 2D competition on Ponytail.

Senior Citizens MENU

August 27-31

Monday: Ham or Tuna sandwiches, all the trimmings, apricots Tuesday: Pork chop, corn, cauliflower, rolls, apple cobbler

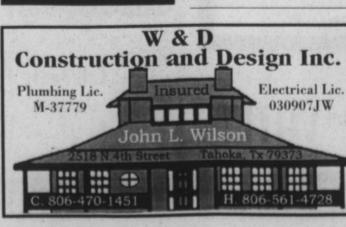
Wednesday: Baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, bread, mixed veg., cake

Thursday: Hamburger steak, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, rolls, peaches Friday: Brisket, potato salad,

Girls Little League Softball Season Signups Slated

Fall Softball have been set. Lynn County girls with birthdays between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 1999 (ages 7-12) are eligible for this fast-pitch league. Number of teams and divisions will be determined based on registrations. Depending on the number of teams, games are tentatively scheduled for Monday and Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings in September. A few games may be necessary during the first week of October.

7:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$35.



Rent Booth Space Now For County Harvest Festival

Reservations are currently available for those wanting to rent booth space for the 2007 Lynn County Harvest Festival; to be held Saturday, Sept. 22 in Tahoka. Booth space rents for \$30 each, and must be reserved by calling Rebecca Ingle, Booth Chairman, at 561-4440 (leave message if no answer).

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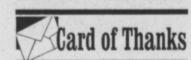
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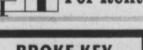
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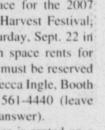
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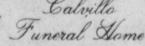
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Mustang Baseball Offered At Wilson ISD This Year

A new athletic program will be offered at Wilson Independent School District this year. An "outlaw schedule" - not UIL alignment - in baseball will be offered, to offer an alternative spring sport for Wilson athletes.

Superintendent Mike Jones said the school conducted a survey of students and staff to determine if baseball or softball would be a sport that students were interested in participating - and the survey said: baseball.

"Several years ago Wilson offered a baseball program with an outlaw schedule - maybe nine years ago or so," said Supt. Jones. "We're going to try it again this year. Cody Sandlin, who is head football coach, will head the baseball program as well. We're excited about offering a baseball program at Wilson," he added.

School starts Aug. 27 for Wilson ISD students. A portion of campus that has been closed off due to fire damage is expected to begin seeing a facelift soon as school begins. The three-classroom junior high building was damaged in an early-morning fire last July, and remained closed through the 2006-07 school year.

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The school district hired an architectural firm in the spring, refined the 'drawings, and hired a construction manager in July. Construction crews are expected to begin the renovation of the building in September, and the extensive remodeling project should be finished by the end of the semes-

"We anticipate moving in no later than the end of the semester," the superintendent said. "The project includes new classrooms and new restrooms, and we are also adding two new restrooms in the cafeteria, and may consider adding a walk-in freezer."

Junior high classes have been conducted in two classrooms in the high school building and three classrooms in the elementary building. "No one has complained - all our staff has been very accommodating to share space, but we will be glad to get the new classrooms completed," said

The Mustangs play a six-man football schedule, opening Aug. 31 at Plainview Christian. They will host Sands on Sept. 7, and Homecoming is slated for Sept. 21, hosting Klondike.

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Mustang Cheerleaders ... Varsity cheerleaders at Wilson High School are (in back) Xia Rios and Kim Pena, and (seated) Stacie Marquez and Jenna Autry.



Wilson Jr. High Cheerleaders ... Junior high spirit leaders at Wilson ISD are shown here, standing from left, Jenny Atchison, Trista Matthews, Laura Joiner, Lacy Caballero; and seated, Brittany Atchison, Kaitlin Garcia (mascot), and Jennifer Joiner.

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Wilson ISD Trustees Prohibit Student Cell Phones In Class

The Wilson ISD Board of Trustees met in a called meeting last Thursday, Aug. 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wilson School library, discussing budget and tax rate issues. and student policies regarding cell phones on campus.

Trustees authorized Superintendent Mike Jones to have the Lynn County News publish a proposed Maintenance and Operations tax rate of \$1.04 and set the Interest and Sinking tax rate to be published at .10727, for a proposed total tax levy of \$1.14727. A public hearing on the tax rate/budget was set for 7 p.m. Aug. 27.

In other business, the board reviewed the employee handbook and student handbook. Trustees approved the Student Code of Conduct and accepted a recommendation from administration to prohibit students possessing cell phones during the school day. Students will need to leave their cell phones in their locker or car during the school day. Superintendent Jones said this recommendation was put forth to take away the distraction to instruction that cell phones have become.

"We don't want to have students 'texting' each other during class or playing downloaded games. We have, in the past, allowed cell phones, but students were told to leave them turned off during the school day and we have had students that failed to follow those rules. Even the state does not allow students to have cell phones in classrooms during testing since students across the state have been caught 'texting' answers on state exams," the superintendent explained.

Cell phones will be confiscated and given to the principal, and parents or students may be charged \$15 for the return of the cell phone. Students may face other disciplinary measures such as detention and may have their cell phone disposed of with proper

notification beforehand. "I will continue to notify a parent the first time a cell phone is taken up. The next time the fee will be assessed. If a student cell phone is taken up a third time it will be permanently disposed of," said

Students are also not allowed to wear the roller tennis shoes to school as a safety issue for the student and others. Superintendent Jones also reminds parents to please have their children to leave MP3 or CD players and other personal electronic media at home. Unless a student has been given permission by a teacher to use it in class for a project or a coach has allowed students to bring them on

athletic field trips after school hours, they should be left at home.

The board approved the Wilson ISD contribution to the Lynn County Appraisal District for tax collections and operations, and approved a change to the school calendar to move a bad weather day to May 5, 2008 to avoid a conflict with the revised state testing calendar.

Superintendent Jones gave a report on the reduction in local funding and how that would impact Wilson ISD this year.

"Wilson ISD will lose approximately \$100,000 in local taxes from the tax rate being compressed by .33 cents. The state is not making up that shortfall in the funding formula. I may have to recommend adopting a rate exceeding the rollback rate next August to make up that shortfall. We cannot run a school district or any business for that matter with a deficit in revenue funding. We have already reduced staff over the years and we need each of the current talented caring teachers and staff to meet the needs of our students and the expectations of the entire Wilson community," said Jones.

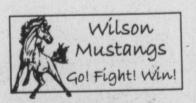
All trustees except Ricky Cross were present at the meeting. The next board meeting will be held on Monday, August 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the school library The public is welcome to attend.

WISD Open House, **Meet The Mustangs Set Tuesday Night**

The Wilson School has slated an Open House on Tuesday, August 28, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Parents may come by and meet their child's teachers.

Following the Open House the Mustang Booster Club will be hosting a "Meet the Mustangs" at 7:00 p.m. at the football stadium. After the introduction of the cheerleaders, football players, and sponsors/coaches, all parents and students are invited to enjoy a free hot dog supper provided by Kevin Larpenter with Atmos Energy.

"The Mustang Booster Club wishes to thank Atmos Energy and Mr. Larpenter for their gracious donation," said a club member.



Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Lynn County Commissioner's Court conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the County of Lynn from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.05 percent (7.05%) on Aug. 20, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

The Lynn County Commissioner's Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. at the County Judge's Office in the Lynn **County Courthouse, Tahoka, Texas.**

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August 27-31 Breakfast Monday: Cinnamon ? Tuesday: Pancake Wednesday: Baked eggs Thursday: Donuts Friday: Mustang McMuffin

Lunch Monday: Sub sandwiches, baked chips, lettuce, tomato, pickles and

Tuesday: Chicken Nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls,

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