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4-H To Host Golf Tourney August 16

Lynn County 4-H will be hosting a 4-person open scramble golf tournament starting at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16 at T-Bar Country Club. Cost for the event is \$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 pin. Over \$1,200.00 was paid out last year to golfers. Door prizes and raffle tickets for a 3-day - 2-night stay at the Innsbrook Village Condos in Ruidoso will be available. All proceeds will benefit Lynn County 4-H members.

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

Weather

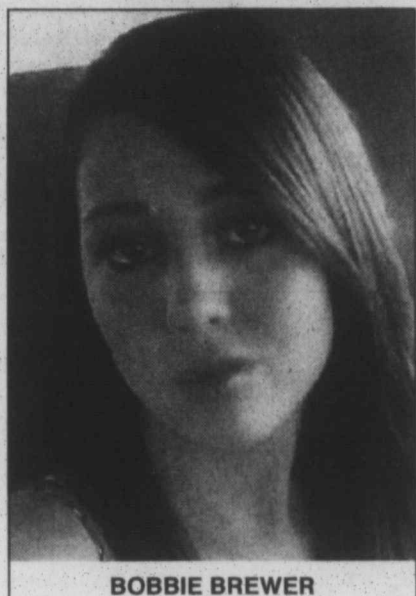
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Total Precipitation July:	1.26"		
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BOBBIE BREWER

Teenage Girls Die As Pickup Overturns

Two 14-year-old girls were killed and seven other teenagers riding in the same vehicle were injured early Saturday morning as a pickup driven by Bobbie Brewer, 14, of O'Donnell overturned on Loop 76, an extension of Doak Street just north of O'Donnell.

Miss Brewer and one of the passengers in the bed of the pickup, 14-year-old April Lam of Tahoka, were pronounced dead at the scene of the accident about 2:30 a.m. Saturday.

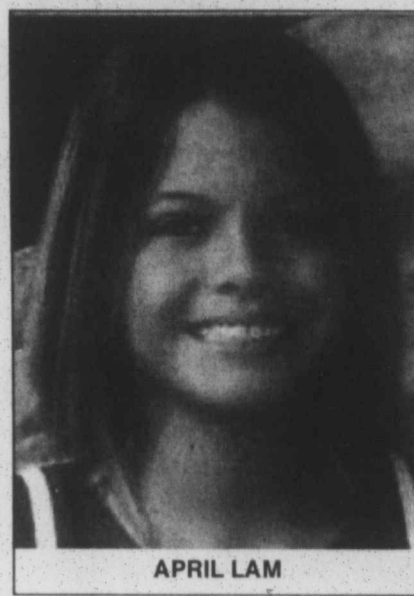
According to an investigating

Dept. of Public Safety trooper, the driver of the 2008 Toyota Tacoma pickup had been drinking and was speeding when the accident occurred.

Other teenagers injured were identified as Jasmine Cano, 14, Anastacia Zepeda, 15, and Simon Reyna, 18, all of O'Donnell; Jared Calvillo, 15, and Sierra Rosal, 13, both of Tahoka; and Joshua Garcia, 17, and Joel Ortigon, age unknown, both of Lamesa.

The injured were taken to hospitals in Tahoka, Lubbock and Lamesa. Ambulance services from Lynn County EMS, Dawson County EMS, and Lubbock Aerocare responded to the accident. None of their injuries appeared to be life-threatening and all apparently had been dismissed from hospitals by early this week.

Investigating officers said some of



APRIL LAM

the teenagers had been riding inside the cab and others in the pickup bed, and that none were wearing seat belts. The pickup overturned three and a quarter times, coming to rest on the passenger side door.

A DPS trooper said the pickup was registered to Bobbie Brewer's parents.

Candlelight Vigils Remember O'Donnell, Tahoka Teenagers

In the wake of Saturday morning's devastating fatal vehicle accident in which two Lynn County teenage girls tragically lost their lives, the Tahoka and O'Donnell communities hosted candlelight vigils and impromptu memorial services in the following days to share memories of April Lam, of Tahoka, and Bobbie Brewer, of O'Donnell. Both girls were 14 years old.

O'Donnell High School Principal Clay Burns opened the school auditorium on Saturday night for an 8 o'clock candlelight service, with more than 200 students and friends of the Brewer family coming together to share their feelings and memories. Notification of the impromptu service spread by word of mouth and students text-messaging each other, Burns said. Bobbie was very involved in school activities, where she was a cheerleader, band member, and participant in science fairs and one act play. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell.

"This has hit the community very



hard, and after talking to some of the kids we just wanted a place for them to get together and have an opportunity to share their feelings and memories," Burns told *The News*. "These weren't Tahoka, O'Donnell and Lamesa kids - these community identities weren't there, but instead it was just all kids sharing the loss of their friends.

We just wanted to be able to share and know that we are all in this together."

In Tahoka, a candlelight/memorial service was held Monday night at the Church of Christ in Tahoka, with an overflow crowd attending, again with people from O'Donnell and Tahoka sharing their loss. The THS Class of 2012, the class in which April Lam would have graduated, spearheaded the service.

April was also a cheerleader and involved in band, basketball, cross country, and summer league softball. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Tahoka.

THS student Susie Lara and
 (See *Candlelight*, page 4)

Two Traffic Accidents, Burglaries Reported

Two traffic accidents in Tahoka, burglaries in the county and domestic violence incidents led the list of law enforcement officers' activities during the last week.

On Sunday a 2003 Ford Expedition driven by April Lynn Braddock, 28, struck a goat which ran out in front of her vehicle in the 100-block of the west access road to U.S. 87. The driver was not injured. There was damage to the Ford, but the goat reportedly survived.

An accident on Monday in the 1600-block of Lockwood St. involved a 2002 Ford F-250 pickup driven by Matthew William Taylor, 35, of Tahoka, and a 2008 Kia Rio driven by David James Hernandez, 26, of Lubbock. No injuries were reported.

Items valued at a total of \$3,100 were reported stolen from the residence of Silverio Hernandez in New Home Friday. Among items stolen were two television sets, jewelry, an air compressor, CD player and some perfume.

Sheriff's officers also took a report from Reda Abbe of New Home of a burglary of an unoccupied house in Wilson where furniture and other items were stored. The report said the burglary occurred sometime before July 30, and that some furniture was missing.

Deputies also are investigating a report of family violence/assault in Draw on July 29, and Tahoka Police early Wednesday were called to the scene of a family violence incident in Tahoka which sent three persons by EMS ambulance to Lynn County Hospital, where they reportedly were treated and released.

Thirty-nine persons were in Lynn County jail this week, with seven added during the last week. Sixteen were held for Lubbock County and seven for Gaines County.

One person was held on an application to revoke probation on conviction of possession of a controlled substance, plus a warrant from Dallas County. The other six were jailed on these charges: criminal mischief, application to revoke probation on possession of a prohibited weapon, warrant on theft over \$1500 and less than \$20,000, driving while intoxicated, criminal trespass and displaying an altered registration sticker.

During July dispatchers at the sheriff's department processed 308 calls, a higher number than usual. These included 135 for the county, 134 for Tahoka, 17 for O'Donnell, 19 ambulance calls and three fire alarms.

St. Jude's Jamaica Festival Is Sunday

St. Jude Catholic Church's annual Jamaica festival will be held Sunday, Aug. 10, at the church located at South 4th and Ave. M in Tahoka. The fun starts at 12 noon and continues until 10 p.m., and all area residents are invited to attend.

A variety of food will be available from food booths, and games for all ages will be going on throughout the day. A live auction will be held, and raffle tickets are being sold for \$1 each. The raffle is for four prizes, including a grand prize of \$1000 cash, as well as a 32-inch television, a \$100 Thriftway gift certificate, and a Guitar Hero game.

A \$25 cash prize will be given away at the festival every hour from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. (must be present to win). Live music will be offered throughout the festival.

woodwork by dalton



IF TELEVISION can get by with re-runs in the summer, there's no reason I can't do the same. So with apologies to anyone who remembers reading the following column written in 1993, here it is again. I really doubt that anyone will remember; I should have just reprinted it without any explanation. Anyway, here goes:

INSURANCE COMPANIES send me a lot of junk, trying to get me to sign up for something I don't need, and trying to get some of those premium dollars which I spend with local agents who advertise in this newspaper.

Much of it is for "accidental death" policies, which for most folks is a waste of money. "So," said one agent, "you don't think there's a chance you will die accidentally?"

"On the contrary," I told him. "I sure don't expect to die on purpose." Of course, they don't define accidental death as any time you don't die on purpose. If they did, I'd have some of those policies.

Not long ago one of the companies sent a brochure called "LMS", explaining that this means Life Made Simple. Under this it said "Simplified-Issue Whole Life Level Death Benefit." Simple, huh? That statement alone is pure gobbledegook.

I'd guess that it means you have to live your whole life before you die, and death has to come on a perfectly level surface, like on top of a pool table, before they will pay your survivors.

I never have been especially fond of the idea of buying something which I have to die to collect. All of this reminds me of some jokes and cartoons I have seen in the past. One was the old man who told the insurance salesman, "I don't want no insurance. When I die, I want everybody to be sad!"

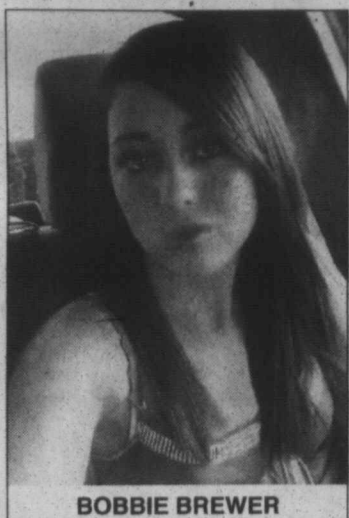
Then there was this cartoon of an attorney reading a will in front of a group. From the will, the attorney read, "In my lifetime, I made just over a million dollars. Being of sound mind, I spent it."

And there was this older couple sitting around one evening, and he said, "You know, Elsie, we've had a good life together for all these years." And she replied, "We sure have, all right."

"Yes," he said, "It has been really good. But I've been thinking lately that one of these days, one of us will be gone, and what will the other one do then?"

"Well," she said, "I think I'm going to move to Florida."

Obituaries



BOBBIE BREWER

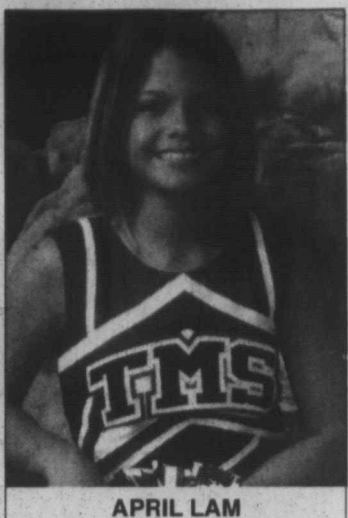
Bobbie Michelle Brewer

Celebration of Life Services for Bobbie Michelle Brewer, 14, of O'Donnell were held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 5, at the First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell with Rev. Toni Bailey officiating. Interment followed in the Draw Cemetery in Draw, TX under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died August 2, 2008. She was born August 30, 1993 in Lubbock to Thedo Burleson and Beth Carolé (Morgan) Brewer. Bobbie attended school in O'Donnell where she was involved in Cheerleading; Band; UIL; Science Fair; One Act Play; and Girl Scouts. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell.

Survivors include her parents, Thedo and Beth Brewer; two sisters, Bonnie Brewer of O'Donnell and Becca Brewer of Boston, MA; grandparents, Dale and Carolyn Morgan and Glen and Bertha Brewer.

In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to the First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund at 612 5th Street, O'Donnell, Texas 79351.



APRIL LAM

April Lynn Lam

Celebration of Life Services for April Lynn Lam, 14, of Tahoka were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 6, at the Church of Christ in Tahoka with Ron Fant officiating. Interment followed at Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka under the direction of White Funeral Home.

She died August 2, 2008. She was born November 22, 1993 in Tahoka to My Chi and Bethel Fay Lam. April attended Tahoka Middle School where she was involved in cheerleading; band; basketball and cross country. She also played summer league softball. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Tahoka.

Survivors include her parents, My Chi and Bethel; two sisters, Ashley and Tiffany both of Tahoka; and one brother, Michael Lam of Lubbock.

Donations may be made to the April Lam fund at the First National Bank of Tahoka, at 1601 South 1st Street, Tahoka, Texas 79373.



FRANCIS S. CANTU

Francis S. Cantu

Rosary for Frances S. Cantu, 64 of Tahoka, formerly of Ralls, was held on Thursday, July 31, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Ralls. Mass was celebrated at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2008 at the same church with the Rev. Ernesto Lopez officiating. Interment followed in the Ralls Cemetery. She died on Thursday, July 31, 2008 in Tahoka.

She was born June 1, 1944 in Brownsville to Andy, Sr. and Maria (Gonzales) Salazar. On February 8, 1965 she married Ismael Cantu, Sr. in Ralls. He preceded her in death on May 28, 1992.

She was a member of the Catholic Church and was a thread maker for the Lorenzo Textile Mill. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Aaron Jo Saldana, in 2001.

Survivors include one son, Ismael Cantu, Jr. of Brownfield; two daughters, Annabelle Cantu and Mary Lou Saldana, both of Tahoka; four brothers, Johnny Salazar of Lorenzo, Paul Salazar and Larry Salazar, both of Ralls, and Andy Salazar, Jr. of Carson City, NV; five sisters, Maggie Martinez and Connie Rodriguez, both of Ralls, Nora Salazar of Lubbock, Isabel Campos of Taylor and Santos Bart of Weslaco; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were the grandchildren, Eddy Saldana, Jr., Billy Ray Saldana, Gabby Cantu, Larry Joe Saldana, Laurie Marie Reyna and Frank Reyna.

Jeanie White

Celebration of Life Services for Mrs. Betty Jean White, 78, of Denver City and formerly of Tahoka, were held at 2:00 p.m. August 5, at Sweet Street Baptist Church in Tahoka with Rev. Lynn Long officiating. Interment followed in the Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died August 2, 2008 in Denver City. She was born May 17, 1930 in Lynn County, to Tom and Jewel (Bartley) Reed. Mrs. White attended school in Tahoka. She was a registered nurse and retired from Lynn County Hospital. She married Roy "Pistol" White, June 2, 1950 in Ft. Summer, NM.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Jan. 25, 2002; her parents; two sisters; one brother; and one daughter Nancy Susan.

Survivors include one son, Jack White and wife Davaughn of Canadian, TX; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Nona Maness of Beaumont, KS; and a close friend, Sam Engle.



Fatal Accident ... Two 14-year-old girls were killed and seven other teenagers riding in the same vehicle were injured early Saturday morning as this pickup driven by Bobbie Brewer, 14, of O'Donnell overturned just north of O'Donnell. The driver and another 14-year-old, April Lam of Tahoka, were pronounced dead at the scene of the accident about 2:30 a.m. Saturday. (LCN PHOTO)

Hospital Considering Program For Seniors

Lynn County Hospital is considering implementing a structured program providing guidance for senior citizens who may need counseling, a program which Medicare will pay for, provided the patient is referred by a physician or nurse practitioner.

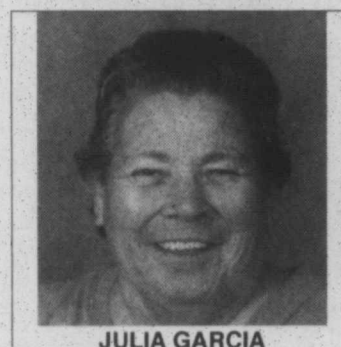
Several members of the hospital board of directors and administrator Jim Morris went to Quanah Friday to observe how the program is administered at a hospital there. Making the trip were board members Jerry Ford, Frances Truehart, Cal Huffaker, Jannis Horwood and Billy Tomlinson.

The alternative program is

called the Gero-Psych Intensive Outpatient Program.

Board members met in regular monthly session Thursday night at the hospital, approving the semi-annual Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Report, and renewing participation in the Texas County/District Retirement System at the recommended level of contribution from the employer, in this instance, the hospital district.

All of the above mentioned board members were present at the meeting chaired by president Ford. Also present was member Virginia Griffing. Absent was member Dalton Wood.



JULIA GARCIA

Julia Garcia

Rosary for Julia Silvas Garcia, 78, of Tahoka, will be today (Thursday, August 7) at 7 p.m. at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel-Tahoka. Funeral mass will be celebrated on Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church with Father Edward Teo officiating. Burial will be at Nevels Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

Mrs. Garcia died on Tuesday August 5, 2008 in Lubbock. She was born on August 14, 1929 in Mathis, Texas to Esteban and Salome Silvas. She married Victor H. Garcia Sr. on June 21, 1952 in Lovington, NM. He preceded her in death on April 22, 1996. She was a homemaker and a Catholic. She was a lifelong resident of Tahoka.

She was preceded in death by a son, David Garcia, on March 18, 2008.

Survivors include two sons, Victor Garcia Jr. of Lubbock, and Daniel Garcia of Tahoka; four daughters, Isabel Gonzales of Lubbock, Rachel Corona of Austin, Dolores Resendez of Tahoka, and Patricia Garcia of Tahoka; two brothers, Domingo Silvas of Plainview and Antonio Silvas Sr. of Tahoka; 19 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Kelly Laws

* Kelly Laws, 84, of Grassland died Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008. Visitation will be 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6 at White Funeral Home in Tahoka. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Grassland Nazarene Church.

LCU Student On President's List

Kayla Selmon of Tahoka was named to the President's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 2007. She is a senior early childhood education major and the daughter of Wendi Curry of Tahoka.

LYNN COUNTY PIONEERS Senior Citizens Menu

Aug. 11-15

Monday: Beans and Cornbread, Fried Potatoes with Onions, Cucumber & Tomato Salad, Fruit of the Day

Tuesday: Sour Cream Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Ice Cream Cones

Wednesday: Meatloaf, Buttered New Potatoes, Carrots, Bread, Rice Crispy Treats

Thursday: Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, Asparagus, Homemade Rolls, Cookies

Friday: Tilapia Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw, Hushpuppies, Lemon Wedges & Tartar Sauce, Apricots

Sugar and spice and just a "little" flirty, Oh my gosh, she's turning 30!

Happy Birthday -- love you much! Mom and Dad, Brad, Bren and Brayden

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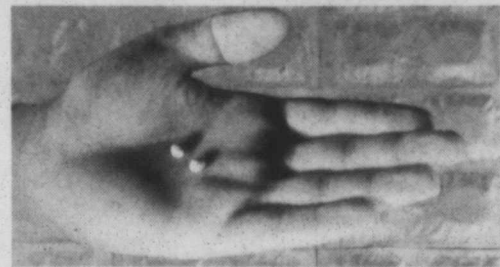


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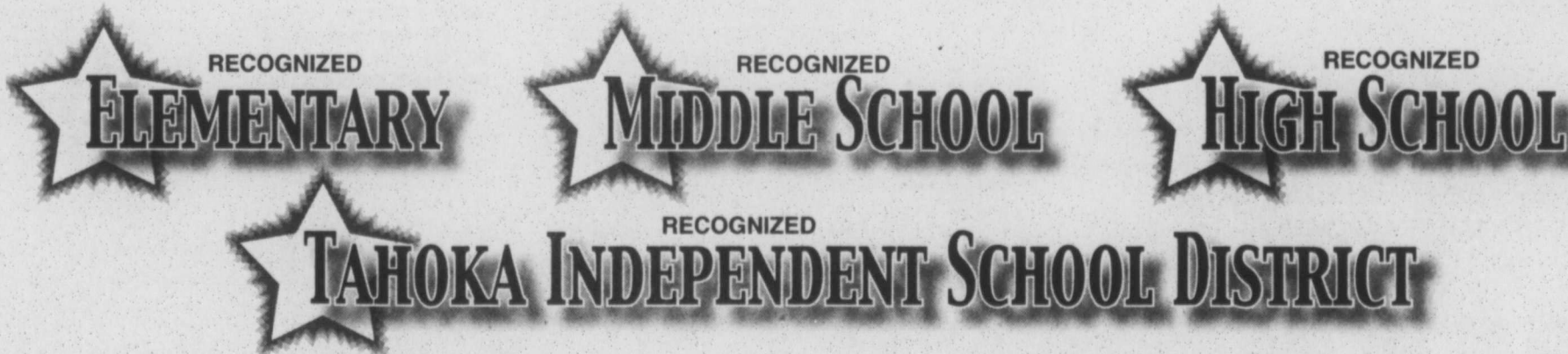


DREW STONE
Athletic Director

of the Tahoka Independent School District
for being a Texas Education Agency

Recognized School District!

Out of 61 school districts and charter schools in Region XVII
Education Service Center region, only 19 school districts
received the rating of "Recognized." Tahoka also had
ALL THREE CAMPUSES as well as the **DISTRICT**
earning the "Recognized" rating!



We appreciate the hard work and dedication of the students and all staff members in accomplishing this rating for the 2007-08 school year. We look forward to an exciting and rewarding 2008-09 school year as well!

Tahoka ISD Board Members

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LETTERS to the EDITOR

Concerned About Youth Activities

I am a very worried and concerned citizen of Tahoka and by putting this letter in the local paper to the public eye. I'm hoping I can open some or all minds to start a very important petition to have some kind of entertainment here in town in order to keep our youth in a safe and well adult supervised environment, a movie theater or something to really keep our kids away from drugs and alcohol off our dangerous streets. I have no children, but I've got one niece, 16 years old, and two nephews, one is 17, and the other 13-1/2. Regardless of whether they are taking a walk to the Dixie Dog or the City Park or wherever, I worry about them. I see kids even smaller out in the streets and with teenagers having cell phones, I constantly see the adults too, behind the wheel and I see cars constantly running stop signs, even the yield signs. The law is to make a complete stop and these signs are put up for that particular reason, not a decoration.

Let Saturday's tragic accident be a very serious lesson, plus an eye opener to us all. Lives have been taken because of negligence

and alcohol. We should really ban together as small town citizens and put a serious stop to the bootlegging and drugs and breaking curfews. All teens under 21 years of age outside their house, if caught should be incarcerated regardless of their race or who the parents are. The law is the law. Only when you are out after curfew you are asking for trouble. I feel for those who have lost their children and at such an early age. Life is something so precious to have and is a blessing from above. God be with those through their rough times. I know by my experiences this town has no type of entertainment for the youth and we really need to put the high expenses aside and really use money for a good cause to keep our kids safe and very well supervised.

I really hope by this letter I receive good responses because children, also adults, break the law everyday and also the residential areas, the drivers are very careless. Speeding is very dangerous. They could lose control and end up on someone's yard hurting themselves and others. I thank those who really took the time to read this letter and help do something for our kids. Thank you.

Sincerely, Sulema Flores

Rep. Heflin Issues Invitation To Property Tax Reform Hearing

Dear Citizens of House District 85:
I am writing to invite you to attend a formal hearing of the Select Committee on Property Tax and Appraisal Reform to be held in Lubbock, Texas, on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at 1 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Texas Tech University International Cultural Center, 601 Indiana Avenue.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide an opportunity for the committee members to listen to testimony of citizens and of professionals about your property appraisals and your property taxes.

I encourage you to attend the meeting if possible. It will give you first-hand knowledge of your government. The meeting to be held in Lubbock is the closest hearing site to HD85 and the shortest distance to travel for my constituents who are interested.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of my offices: Austin 512-463-0604; Crosbyton 806-675-1583; or Big Spring 432-213-2897.

Very truly yours,
Joe Heflin
State Representative, District 85

Candlelight Vigils ...

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friends wanted to do something special in the memory of their classmate, teammate, cheerleader and friend, April, and for Bobbie Brewer of O'Donnell. A call to Church of Christ minister Ron Fant confirmed the availability of the church facilities.

"I asked the girls about how many people they thought would attend the service, and they told me probably about 30," Fant said. The church, however, was filled to capacity at 8 o'clock Monday with family, friends and classmates, and a spray of flowers from the Class of 2012 was placed at the front of the sanctuary.

Fant gave opening remarks at the service, but the remainder was an opportunity for friends to come to the podium to share their memories. Many spoke of April Lam and the smile she always had, as well as the love she shared with her many friends. Most friends of her older siblings

recalled her being their "little sister." A slide show, with the song by Sarah MacLauchlan, "I Will Remember You," was presented in memory of both April and Bobbie.

In closing, all gathered outside the building to light candles in memory of the friends who are now gone, but not forgotten. Class members of the Class of 2012 handed out white balloons to family, friends and teachers of the girls, which were released after reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Funeral services for both girls were held this week, at 10 a.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist in O'Donnell for Bobbie, and at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Church of Christ in Tahoka for April.

The April Lam Memorial fund to help with funeral expenses has been opened at First National Bank of Tahoka.

Windpower Meeting For Landowners Set

A windpower meeting for Lynn County land owners with land located south of Hwy 380 and east of U.S. 87 will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7 at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka.

Dog Dip And Shot Clinic Set For Aug. 9

The Tahoka Rotary Club will sponsor a Dog Dip and Shot Clinic on Saturday, August 9, at the Tahoka Mini Park from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Dr. Brillhart, DVM will have rabies shots available for \$10 and a flea and tick dip for \$5. Other vaccines and heartworm testing will be available.

Make plans to attend the
Lynn County
Harvest Festival
Saturday,
Sept. 20

NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for LYNN COUNTY for the six taxing entities listed below. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	LYNN COUNTY	LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT	CITY OF TAHOKA
LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:			
Last year's operating taxes.....	2,084,029.13	720,766	416,312.01
Last year's debt taxes.....	239,812.83	0	0
Last year's total taxes.....	2,323,841.96	720,766	416,312.01
Last year's tax base.....	258,837,376.00	260,204,333	55,728,954
Last year's total tax rate.....	0.897800/ \$100	0.277000/ \$100	0.747030/ \$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:			
Last year's adjusted taxes.....	2,321,044.39	720,284.31	415,603.82
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)			
+ This year's adjusted tax base.....	289,711,300.00	291,077,460	59,425,740
(after subtracting value of new property)			
= This year's effective tax rate.....	0.801157/ \$100	0.247454/ \$100	0.699366/ \$100
(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)			
THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures).....	2,146,206	720,284	415,604
+ This year's adjusted tax base.....	289,711,300	291,077,460	59,425,740
= This year's effective operating rate.....	0.740808/ \$100	0.247454/ \$100	0.699366/ \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate.....	0.800072/ \$100	0.267250/ \$100	0.755315/ \$100
+ This year's debt rate.....	0.101337/ \$100	0/ \$100	0/ \$100
= This year's total rollback rate.....	0.901409/ \$100	0.26725/ \$100	0.755315/ \$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate.....	0.022092/ \$100		
= Rollback tax rate.....	0.879317/ \$100		

STATEMENT OF INCREASE / DECREASE

If LYNN COUNTY adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.801157 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2007 taxes by \$22,021.

If LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.247454 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2007 taxes by \$7,570.

If CITY OF TAHOKA adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.699366 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2007 taxes by \$735.

SCHEDULE A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

TYPE OF PROPERTY TAX FUND	GENERAL	GENERAL	GENERAL
BALANCE	83,949.00	0.00	0.00

SCHEDULE B - 2008 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT	BUILDING & EQUIPMENT
PRINCIPAL OR CONTRACT PAYMENT TO BE PAID FROM PROPERTY TAXES.....	189,127.00
INTEREST TO BE PAID FROM PROPERTY TAXES.....	92,764.00
OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE PAID.....	--
TOTAL PAYMENT.....	281,891.00
Total required for 2008 debt service.....	281,891.00
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A.....	0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources.....	0
- Excess collections last year.....	0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2008.....	281,891.00
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95% (anticipated collections) of its taxes in 2008.....	14,836.00
= Total Debt Levy.....	296,727.00

SCHEDULE C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, LYNN COUNTY estimated that it will receive \$64,690 in additional sales and use tax revenues. The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at

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Tahoka ISD Gets High Marks In "Recognized" TEA Ratings

Tahoka Independent School District has earned the acclaimed "Recognized" rating for the 2007-08 school year from the Texas Education Agency, school officials have learned. Not only did the school district as a whole earn the "Recognized" rating, but each of the three separate campuses also earned the rating, making a full slate of good marks for the school district.

"Only 19 of 61 school districts and charter schools in Region 17 Education Service Center received the rating of Recognized," said Superintendent Jimmy Parker.

According to accountability ratings released by TEA, Tahoka was one of only two schools out of the 19 recognized districts that also had unanimous Recognized ratings for all three individual campuses - elementary, middle school and high school - within their districts.

"We are very proud of this designation, and appreciate the hard work and dedication of the students and all staff members in accomplishing this rating for the 2007-08 school year," Parker said.

Accountability ratings are based on several factors, including

student test scores overall as well as sub-groups within the student body. High school indicators also include student dropout rates and completion rates, and middle school indicators also factor in dropout rates.

HONORING OUR HEROES

Military personnel with family ties to Lynn County are being honored on a pictorial display at Thriftway Grocery in Tahoka. Each soldier will also be featured in this column, with information provided by their families.

THIS WEEK'S HERO:

PS3 ZACHERY J. GUTIERREZ U. S. NAVY

PS3 (Personnel Specialist Third Class (Surface Warfare/Aviation Warfare) Zachery J. Gutierrez enlisted into ACDU June 20, 2006. He is currently on duty on the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) Nuclear Carrier. His basic job description is to inform service members of proper military entitlements (base pay, sea pay, special duty assignment pay, etc.), update service members on educational programs offered through the Navy, separate members, assist in administering Navy Wide Advancement Examinations, liaison between supply department and administration department, assists in Physical



Readiness of 60 Personnel in Admin Department, update DEERS (medical) enrollments for over 3,500 personnel stationed onboard, and also update dependant information. Zach is the grandson of Joe Gutierrez of Tahoka.



State Champion Runners Up ... The Lady Sizzlers basketball team finished 2nd in the MAYB Texas State Championship Basketball Tournament held in San Antonio July 25 - 27th. Team members are bottom row (L-R) Bailey Cowan, Payton Hurst, Keely Nelson, and Lindsey Burenheide of New Home. Top row: Naomi Nevarez and Allison Burenheide of New Home, Kaylee Cooper, Angelo Lucero, Kami Satterfield, Amanda Metzler and Coach Billy Paul.

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NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for LYNN COUNTY for the six taxing entities listed below. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	CITY OF O'DONNELL	CITY OF NEW HOME	CITY OF WILSON
LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:			
Last year's operating taxes.....	120,885.73	29,661	77,155
Last year's debt taxes.....	13,431.74	0	0
Last year's total taxes.....	134,317.47	29,661	77,155
Last year's tax base.....	16,057,080	6,549,996	8,718,079
Last year's total tax rate.....	0.836500/ \$100	0.452840/ \$100	0.885000/ \$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:			
Last year's adjusted taxes.....	133,995.59	29,661	76,876.14
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)			
+ This year's adjusted tax base.....	16,619,520	6,957,980	9,625,140
(after subtracting value of new property)			
= This year's effective tax rate.....	0.806254/ \$100	0.426287/ \$100	0.798701/ \$100
(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)			
THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures).....	120,596	29,661	76,876
+ This year's adjusted tax base.....	16,619,520	6,957,980	9,625,140
= This year's effective operating rate.....	0.725628/ \$100	0.426287/ \$100	0.798700/ \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate.....	0.783678/ \$100	0.460389/ \$100	0.862596/ \$100
+ This year's debt rate.....	0.083550/ \$100	0/ \$100	0/ \$100
= This year's total rollback rate.....	0.867228/ \$100	0.460389/ \$100	0.862596/ \$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate.....			
= Rollback tax rate.....			

STATEMENT OF INCREASE / DECREASE	IF CITY OF O'DONNELL adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.80625 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE com- pared to 2007 taxes by \$4,624.	IF CITY OF NEW HOME adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.42628 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2007 taxes by \$908.	IF CITY OF WILSON adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.79870 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2007 taxes by \$428.
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SCHEDULE A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

TYPE OF PROPERTY TAX FUND	GENERAL	GENERAL	GENERAL
BALANCE	83,949	-0-	-0-

SCHEDULE B - 2008 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT.....	WATERWORKS G.O. BONDS Series 1977
PRINCIPAL OR CONTRACT PAYMENT TO BE PAID FROM PROPERTY TAXES.....	10,000
INTEREST TO BE PAID FROM PROPERTY TAXES.....	2,650
OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE PAID.....	--
TOTAL PAYMENT	12,650
Total required for 2008 debt service	12,650
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	-0-
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	-0-
- Excess collections last year	-0-
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2008	12,650
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 88% (anticipated collections) of its taxes in 2008	1,725
= Total Debt Levy	14,375

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JOHN and DAONNE CURRY

Couple to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

The children of John and Daonne Curry invite all friends and family to a reception celebrating their parents' 50th wedding anniversary. John and the former Daonne Vickers were united in marriage August 30, 1958. The reception will be held from 2-5pm, August 16, 2008 at the Tahoka Housing Authority Center, 1400 Ave. K.



John and Mary Henderson

Couple To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 5, 2008. Henderson and Mary Alice Stone were married on August 5, 1958 at the First Baptist Church in Wilson. They have one son Carlton Henderson and his wife LaQuetta of Sundown, a granddaughter, Gabrielle of Lubbock and a grandson, Creighton of Abilene.

The will celebrate with a family dinner in the home of Rick and Sherri Stone of Lubbock.

OISD Board Proposes \$1.139 Tax Rate for '08

O'Donnell Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session last Tuesday, setting a proposed tax rate for the upcoming year that is about 2-1/2 cents higher than the previous year's total tax rate. Trustees unanimously proposed a maintenance and operation (M&O) tax rate of \$1.04 and an interest and sinking (I&S) rate of \$0.099 for a combined rate of \$1.139 per \$100 of evaluation.

"This tax rate is based upon a certified tax roll of \$109,639,657 compared to a 2007-2008 certified tax roll of \$90,104,803," explained Superintendent Rodney Schneider. "In 2007-2008, our M&O rate was \$1.013 and our I&S tax rate was set at \$0.985 for a combined rate \$1.115 per \$100 of evaluation. An M&O rate of \$1.04 will generate approximately \$1,083,239 in local revenue. Combining state generated revenue and local revenue based upon the proposed tax rate of \$1.04 would generate approximately \$3,743,006 for maintenance and operation. On the I&S side of the budget, a rate of .099 will generate \$103,116 toward paying our bonded indebtedness," Schneider said.

"Using the revenue projections based upon the proposed tax rate of \$1.04, I have initially projected 2008-2009 revenue at approximately \$3,976,605 and expenditures at \$3,994,596. These figures are only projections and will not be finalized until a tax rate and budget are adopted," added the superintendent.

The Board unanimously set Tuesday, August 19, at 6:30 p.m. as the date to hold a called meeting to conduct a budget hearing, approve the annual budget, and adopt a 2008-2009 tax rate.

Supt. Schneider reported that Lindy Brewer, school nurse, had submitted her resignation.

Trustees reviewed the Student Handbook, and Employee Hand-

book, and approved the Student Code of Conduct as presented by the administration. A slight increase in cafeteria prices was approved. Adult breakfast meals will be \$2 for all non-student visitors, and staff and lunch will be \$2 for teachers, \$3 for visitors.

Student accident insurance and district property casualty, automotive and professional liability insurance was approved with Quisenberry Williams Insurance. The district's milk contract for 2008-09 was awarded to Gandy's, Inc. No action was taken on fuel proposals.

The Board approved the 2008-09 district appraisal calendar and list of alternative appraisers, and appointed Supt. Schneider to the ESC 17 Regional Advisory Committee.

Supt. Schneider reported that OISD registration day was scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 5 p.m., with registrations conducted at each campus as well as a hot dog picnic at the football field. Coach Fontenot and the football team were to provide a demonstration of six-man football plays, rules and strategies. The next board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 7 p.m.

STORK REPORT

JACKSON JEFFERY ANDERSON

Justin and Jessica Anderson announce the birth of their son, Jackson Jeffery Anderson, born on August 1, 2008 at Abilene. He weighed 7 lbs and 12 ozs and was 20 inches long. He has two sisters, Jaycee, 4 years old and Jolie 13 months.

Grandparents are Will and Paula Corley of Abilene and Ray and Janet Ceullar of Fort Worth. Great-grandparents are O.B. and Joyce Corley of Tahoka and Mamie Sue Gibbs of Lubbock.



MRS. MICHEAL LEE TABOR nee ELIZABETH BROOKE FILLINGIM

Fillingim-Tabor Vows Exchanged at New Home July 19th

Elizabeth Brooke Fillingim and Micheal Lee Tabor were united in marriage Saturday, July 19, 2008 at New Home Baptist Church in New Home with Bro. Robbie Harris of Aspermont officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Andy Bill and Judi Fillingim, and granddaughter of Bob and Drina Clem, Bobby and Fernie Fillingim, all of New Home.

The groom is the son of Bruce and Mary Tabor, grandson of Leon and Clara Walker and the late James Woods, all of Aspermont.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore an elegant gown of white tulle from the collection of Mori Lee. The strapless gown featured a delicate applique Swarovski crystals, bugle beads, and sequins, that accented the neckline and waist. The ball gown skirt fell gracefully to the floor into a semi cathedral train. To complete her ensemble,

the bride selected a cathedral veil of white illusion embellished with rhinestones.

Serving as matrons of honor were J'Lynn Mounce and Cassidi Howell cousin and lifelong friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Robin Tabor, sister-in-law of the groom, Lisa Vinyard, LaShawn Swadener, Heather Lewis, and Kelly Fillingim, sister-in-law of the bride.

Serving as best man was James Tabor, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Wesley Brooks, Justin Cheyne, Travis Martin, Blake Fillingim, cousin of bride, and Ross Fillingim, brother of bride.

Serving as the flower girl was Hannah Page, cousin of groom, and ring bearer was Jake Tabor, nephew of groom.

Ushers were Evan Clem, Jody Clem, Jordan Clem, Travis Smith, all cousins of the bride.

Candle lighters were Sarah Clem, cousin of bride, and Kaitlyn Schaffner.

Registering guests was Amy Deatherage, cousin of the bride. Organist was Gerene Smith.

During the prelude and lighting of candles, a candle glow was lit in honor of the late James Woods. Megan Thompson sang "When You Say Nothing At All." During the lighting of the unity candle, Jason Kirby cousin of the groom, sang "Lost In This Moment."

Soloist was Kaitly Schaffner, singing "This I Promise You."


The reception was held at the Fillingim's barn on the farm.

After a honeymoon to Jamaica, the couple will reside in Abilene.

The bride is a graduate of New Home High School, Texas Tech University and Dental Hygiene School in Amarillo May 2007. The groom is a graduate of Aspermont High School and is a Conductor for Union Pacific Railroad.

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Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church
16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com
PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Divine Service - 10:15 a.m.
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O'Donnell First Baptist Church
701 Standefer • O'Donnell, TX 79351
(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.

First Baptist Church
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org
PASTOR: REV. RICHARD HARBISON
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship Service - 6 p.m.
Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule
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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.
6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages
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Grassland Nazarene Church
2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 327-5656, 327-5655
PASTOR: Rev. James Miller
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Youth and Adults:
Wednesdays - 7 p.m.

Sweet Street Baptist Church
1300 Avenue J • Box 751 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-5310
PASTOR: LYNN LONG
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)
Morning Worship - 10:55 a.m.
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)
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SUNDAY SERVICES:
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Evening Praise & Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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

"God Is With Me"
Read Joshua 11
God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
- Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)
I received the call at 3:15 p.m. A shooting at a Lancaster County Pennsylvania Amish school had left five young girls dead and five more wounded... I asked, "Why Lord? Where are you? ... What about the families? Could they find you and feel you near in their pain?"
As I cried out to God, I remembered several verses: Hebrews 13:5, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you" and Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified ... the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." I also remembered that God knows the pain of losing a child and understands our questions, our feelings and our cries. God does not punish us for asking, "Why?" On the contrary, God promises to be present during our whys and encourages and loves us - even when we question.
I know that God is with us even when we don't feel God's presence. ... Whenever tragedy strikes our communities, any of us can be God's ears, eyes, hands, and feet to show love to those hurting people around us. We can be the arms of God they can feel.
-- Mary N. Boll ... from The Upper Room

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Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m.

New Home Church of Christ
St. address • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7579
MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON
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.

New Home United Methodist Church
350 N. Main
New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7549
PASTOR: RICK WOLFE
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Youth Activities

TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church
South 4th & Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4436
PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TEO
DEACON: FRANCISCO AGUILAR
Mass - 9:30 a.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wed. & Thur.
Rosary - 7 p.m. Tues.
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TAHOKA Church of Christ
2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373
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MINISTER: RON FANT
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Bible Classes - Wednesday 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
1801 Ave. J • Box 500
Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4503
email: functahoka@poka.com
PASTOR: VERNON BAKER
Sundays: Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
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HOME FOR SALE: 1820 S. 2nd Price Reduced! ... 1200 sq ft. 2 BR, 1 bath, utility rm, 2 carport, 2 storage bldg on 2 lots. 806-561-5161 or 806-759-1369. 14-tfc

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Call 928-1574. 23-tfc

FOR SALE: BRICK BUILDING West of Courthouse on the square. A/C in front, 2500 sq. ft. Call 998-4197. 32-tfc



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FOR RENT: 1812 N. 1st - 2/1; \$350/200 Deposit • 2127 S. 3rd - 2/1 \$400/250 Deposit. No smoking/pets. 806-894-9826 to apply. 30-tfc

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NEW LISTING! ...

2319 Main Street, Tahoka: is affordably priced! 1300 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, living room, large den and screened in porch and carport. Call for appointment to see.

1807 S. 2nd, Tahoka: is a brick 3BR, 1 bath with EXTRA HOUSE! If you need storage, this home has 2 boxcars. Home also has detached garage with storage, workshop, cellar and water well. This home is part of an estate and PRICED TO SELL QUICKLY!

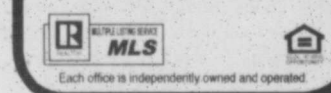
2029 Ave. K, Tahoka: is an affordable older 1800 sq. ft. brick home with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. With original hardwood floors, extra wide baseboards and natural wood French doors with glass knobs, this home really is a show stopper!

1801 N. 7th: is a brick home in Tahoka having over 3200 sq. feet, 4 BR, 3B, 2 car garage! Features include a large open concept family room with fireplace, kitchen and dining area with adjoining sunroom. Other benefits include a large finished basement, oversized backyard patio, mature landscaping, plenty of storage and a 6 ft. cinder block fence. UNBELIEVABLE HOME is waiting for a new owner!

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Wilson ISD Proposes \$1.23 Tax Rate; Supt. Jones To Leave Wilson Position

Wilson Independent School District Board of Trustees unhappily considered an increase in property tax rates at their July 31 meeting, proposing a rate that will necessitate voter approval, and also discussed possible candidates for an interim superintendent as WISD Superintendent Mike Jones is leaving the district.

Jones has been named as the lone finalist for the Chico ISD superintendent's position and is leaving Wilson after eight years as the superintendent. The board will interview two candidates during their regular Aug. 14 board meeting and two more during a called board meeting on Aug. 19.

After a great deal of discussion the trustees agreed that they did not wish to raise taxes on themselves or their neighbors, but had no other choice at this time, and proposed a total tax rate of \$1.23 - approximately 9-cents more than last year's \$1.14727 rate. A \$1.17 Maintenance and Operations tax rate and an Interest and Sinking tax rate of .06 cents were unanimously approved to be published in the Lynn County News.

The board set a date for the public hearing to discuss the proposed budget and tax rates on Tuesday, August 19, at 7:00 p.m. and encouraged all parents and citizens to attend and ask questions and be informed. If the budget and tax rate is adopted on Aug. 19, trustees would call for a tax rate election on Nov. 4, 2008, in conjunction with the General Election date.

Prior to approving the proposed tax rate, trustees and Supt. Jones reviewed the proposed preliminary budget for the 2008-2009 school year. Supt. Jones noted that the overall expenses had only increased by 3.5% from the prior year, including increases in food costs, fuel costs, and salaries.

Declining student enrollment, combined with the negative effect of school districts being forced to lower tax rates without full compensation from the state was discussed. Declining student

enrollment patterns for the entire Region 17 and Wilson ISD were noted. "Since 1995 two schools have been consolidated on the South Plains and enrollment has decreased overall by 6.9% through 2007," said Jones. "Most small schools have experienced double digit losses in their student enrollment. As a school's enrolment declines the amount of revenue the school district receives from the state decreases as well," he added.

Jones went on to explain the negative effect the States property tax compression from \$1.50 to the current tax rate of \$1.00 has had on the school district. "Based on House Bill 1 from the third called special session in 2006 the state uses a Target Revenue per Weighted Average Daily Attendance or (WADA) from the 2005-2006 school year to keep school districts at the same level of funding they had in the 2005-2006 school year before the property taxes were reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.33 in 2006-2007 and \$1.33 to \$1.00 in the 2007-2008 school years," the superintendent said.

Schools with declining enrollments may also have lower WADA amounts than they had in 2005-2006, which further decreases the state funding. "Trying to operate a school district in 2008-2009 with the same amount of revenue you had in 2005-2006 does not work," Jones told trustees. Trustees agreed that they could not operate their homes or businesses today on the same amount of revenue they had in 2005-2006. Jones went on to explain that the state allows school districts to access four additional pennies above the \$1.00 per hundred valuation without voter approval. Any tax rate above the four pennies requires voter approval and is limited to \$1.17 total to operate the school. However, the additional pennies that come from voter approval also would bring in additional state aid of \$77,416 and would raise \$53,211 more in local taxes

that are needed to offset the large deficit.

Jones reminded trustees that New Home ISD had been forced to ask their voters for a rollback tax rate last year to operate their school district and avoid a similar budget deficit. The New Home tax rate was approved by their voters.

"With a proposed budget increasing by 3.5% if the school district were to set a tax rate of \$1.04, Wilson ISD would have an estimated budget deficit of \$157,950, which would take roughly half of an estimated fund balance of \$326,945 leaving the school district with little to operate on the following school year. Dramatic cuts would need to take place before the 2009-2010 school year began," predicted the superintendent. Jones pointed out that most schools can only make serious budget reductions by reducing staff expenses and, in his opinion, the school would not operate as efficiently or with the same level of academic success the students have achieved with the help of their teachers over the years.

"The school's fund balance was inflated due to an insurance settlement from the JH school fire that occurred in July 2006. Repairs are underway and the majority will have been completed when school begins this year. Those construction costs will be paid for from using the remaining balance of the insurance settlement and a portion of the fund balance covering higher costs for steel and construction costs in general," said Jones.

He also explained the effect a rollback rate would have on citizens 65 years old and older. Once a person's 65 years old their property values are generally frozen at that amount and the tax rate under current law is frozen at \$1.00 per hundred valuation. They would still have to help pay for the bonded debt that was approved by the voters in 1995 for the construction of the school gymnasium, however the 2008-2009 proposed debt



DOMENIQUE HERRERA Way To Go... Domenique Herrera, a member of the Lubbock Blacksox baseball team, won the Homerun Derby Competition with a total of four out of the park homeruns, and was also awarded All Tournament and Tournament MVP in the Blacksox Invitational in Plainview, July 26-27. He is the son of Victor and Virginia Herrera of Tahoka.

rate will decrease over .04 cents from last year's rate.

Trustees toured the school construction sites to review progress that has been made thus far.

In other business, a contract for Melody McKee was approved. She will be a junior high social studies teacher and coach. A lone proposal from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) for School Property, Liability, and Fleet Insurance coverage was approved for the 2008-2009 school year.

Trustees Clyde Wilke, Janie Rios, Oscar Ortega, Ricky Cross, Josh Isham, and Israel Ramirez were present, as well as Supt. Jones and Principal Michael Norman. Trustee Casey Donald was absent.

TMS Schedules To Be Mailed

Tahoka Middle School will be mailing student schedules next Monday, Aug. 11. Students may request schedule changes at the TISD back to school night on August 21, 6-7 p.m.

Middle School Supply List Given

Tahoka Middle School Principal Tom Thomas released the following supply list for students who will be attending Tahoka Middle School.

6th Grade: 3" binder, erasable blue or black pens, red pens, scissors, #2 pencils, highlighters, wide-ruled notebook paper, 4 boxes of Kleenex, protractor, graph paper, ruler with inches and centimeters, colored map pencils, 4 folders w/pockets and brads, glue sticks, 70-page spiral notebook, crayons and/or markers, 3x5 spiral note cards, compass.

7th Grade: 3" binder, 8 folders w/pockets and brads, blue or black pens, red pens, #2 pencils, scissors, highlighters, glue sticks, wide-ruled notebook paper, colored map pencils, 4 boxes Kleenex, 60 plastic page protectors, 70-page spiral notebook, composition notebook, binder dividers (1 set of 5).

8th Grade: 3" binder, binder dividers (1 set of 5), 2 folders w/pockets and brads, 3 70-page spiral notebooks, 10 plastic page protectors, zippered pencil case for binder, notebook paper, blue or black pens, red pens, #2 pencils, scissors, colored map pencils, highlighters, 4 boxes Kleenex.

THS Registration Set August 13-14

Student registration at Tahoka High School will be held Aug. 13-14 in the entry foyer/hall. All students in grades 9-12 must come pick up their registration packets anytime between 7:45 a.m. and 3 p.m. either day.

Registration packets must be completely filled out and returned to the school by 4 p.m. Aug. 21 in order for students to be properly registered.

For more information, contact Principal Troy Hinds at Tahoka High School, 561-4538.

Substitute Teacher Orientation Set Here

Tahoka ISD will host an orientation session for all TISD substitute teachers at 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14 in the high school auditorium. The orientation is for all new and current substitute teachers, even those who have served as substitute teachers in the past. Campus principals from each campus will speak at the orientation.

Anyone interested in becoming a substitute teacher with Tahoka ISD should fill out paperwork with Julia Charo at the administration office in the Harvick Educational Building, and must attend the Aug. 14 orientation.

Back To School Night Set Aug. 21

Tahoka Independent School District will host a Back-To-School night for all campuses on Thursday, Aug. 21. More information on the event will be printed at a later date.

Elementary Sets Back-To-School Night Events

Back-To-School night will be held Thursday, Aug. 21 at Tahoka Elementary, with an assembly starting at 5:30 p.m. to go over changes in the school handbook. All parents and children are asked to attend this meeting.

From 6-7 p.m., children are encouraged to bring their school supplies to their classroom, and to meet their teachers and classmates. There will also be booths set up outside on the playground with refreshments and information.

Pride Corp will be selling their t-shirts and other Bulldog gear, and taking orders for fall and winter merchandise.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to assist, or to have a booth or activity at the Elementary Back-To-School night should contact Heather at 777-5176, Virginia at 831-2393, or Maribel at 548-4477.

Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF O'DONNELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

The City of O'Donnell will hold a public hearing at 6:45 PM on August 12th, 2008, at the City Hall (615 8th Street, O'Donnell, TX 79351) regarding submission of Texas CDBG applications to the Office of Rural Community Affairs. Citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing to discuss the citizen participation plan, local housing and community development needs, available funding, eligible activities, past use of funds, and development of TXCDBG applications. Written comments may also be submitted to the City Secretary's Office at the City Hall (address above). Persons with disabilities who may require auxiliary aids or services to attend this meeting should contact the City Secretary at (806) 428-3239 at least two days before the meeting to make arrangements. 32-1tc

NOTICE FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL

The O'Donnell I.S.D. will accept sealed requests for proposal until 12:00 p.m. (CDT), August 19, 2008 for the 2008-09 school year for the following items: (1) consumable and non-consumable paper goods, (2) cleaning supplies, (3) audio visual equipment, (4) classroom furniture, (5) activity supplies and equipment (football, basketball, track, and band instruments), (6) teaching supplies and materials, (7) turf equipment and supplies, (8) technology labs, equipment and software, (9) fuel, oil and related transportation supplies, (10) servers, wiring and software. Each proposal must be marked by the number identifying the item. O'Donnell I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any or all technicalities, and accept the proposal which will best serve the needs of the school district. All proposals will be opened on August 19, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in the business office, 501 5th Street, O'Donnell, Texas. /S/ Rodney Schneider, Superintendent 32-1tc

PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF TAHOKA TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Tahoka will hold a public hearing at 7:00 PM on Monday, August 11, 2008 at City Hall at 1612 Lockwood in regard to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TXCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TXCDBG funding available, all eligible TXCDBG activities, and the use of past TXCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TXCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for such assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Para residentes necesitados de interpretes, favor de comunicarse con la municipalidad antes de la audiencia publica. For further information, contact Retha Pittman at the City Hall at 806-561-4211. 32-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WILSON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

The City of Wilson will hold a public hearing at 6:15 PM on August 11th, 2008, at the City Hall (1601 10th street, Wilson, TX 79381) regarding submission of Texas CDBG applications to the Office of Rural Community Affairs. Citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing to discuss the citizen participation plan, local housing and community development needs, available funding, eligible activities, past use of funds, and development of TXCDBG applications. Written comments may also be submitted to the City Manager's Office at the City Hall (address above). Persons with disabilities who may require auxiliary aids or services to attend this meeting should contact the City Manager at (806) 628-6221 at least two days before the meeting to make arrangements. 32-1tc

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Wilson Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 19, 2008 in the WISD School Library, 1411 Green St., Wilson, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.17000 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.06000 / \$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

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	3.50000 % increase or % (decrease)
Debt service	% increase or 3.79000 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	3.30000 % increase or % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 48,958,690.00	\$ 56,007,050.00
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 170,660.00	\$ 363,330.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 37,789,586.00	\$ 42,636,600.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 170,660.00	\$ 363,330.00

* "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.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 255,000.00
 * Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.10720 *	\$ 1.14720	\$ 2,984.00	\$ 6,878.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.01063	\$ 0.04977*	\$ 1.06040	\$ 3,355.00	\$ 6,730.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.06000*	\$ 1.23000	\$ 3,765.00	\$ 7,361.00

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 42,014.00	\$ 47,702.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 27,014.00	\$ 32,702.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.14727/100	\$ 1.23/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 309.92	\$ 402.23
Increase in Taxes	\$	\$ 92.31

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.10. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.10.

Fund Balances

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

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