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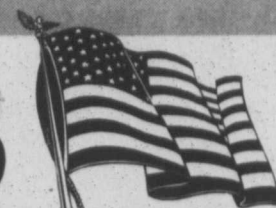
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## New Home Site Of Two Burglaries

Two burglaries were reported in New Home during the last week, one involving a convenience store where about \$100 worth of items, mostly food, were stolen.

The burglary of the R-B Convenience Store in New Home was discovered Saturday afternoon by the owners, Sharee and Raul Mendoza of Slaton, who said mostly candy, hot pockets and other food items were taken.

Deputies Wednesday also were working on a report of a burglary of a residence in New Home, with details not yet available.

For the first time in many months, nobody was booked into the Lynn County jail during the last week, and as of early this week 33 persons were being held in jail, 15 of those for Lubbock County.

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug. 6	93	69	
Aug. 7	83	63	0.37"
Aug. 8	92	68	
Aug. 9	96	70	
Aug. 10	97	70	3.42"
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Try again — I'm ready! Andrew Saldana has a smile on his face, ready to be dropped in a pool of water at the dunking booth at St. Jude's Jamaica, held here Sunday afternoon. Other children waiting nearby in the "splash zone" are, from left, Marisol Morin, Lexi Saldana, and at far right, Patrick Herrera. (LCN PHOTO)

## County Commissioners Propose 2-Cent Decrease In Tax Rate

Lynn County Commissioners met in a day-long session Tuesday, mostly working on budget issues in addition to normal agenda items in the meeting, but also approving a proposed property tax rate of \$0.87931, down almost two cents from the current rate of \$0.89780. Because the proposed rate is higher than the effective tax rate of \$0.80115, which would bring in the same amount of revenue as the previous year (due to higher appraisal values within the county), the proposed rate is considered a tax increase.

Two hearings for the tax proposal were set, the first for 9 a.m. Aug. 26, and the second for 9 a.m. Sept. 2, both to be held in the basement courtroom at the Lynn County Courthouse. All four commissioners unanimously approved the proposed tax rate, including Brad Hammonds, Keith Wied, Don Blair and Mike Braddock.

According to a notice printed in this issue of *The News*, the amount of taxes imposed on the average home (a taxable value of \$44,540) would increase from \$363.63 last year to \$391.64 if the proposed tax rate of \$0.87931 is approved. It is confusing, because even though the tax rate is lower than the previous year, taxable values have increased, so property owners will most likely be

paying more taxes.

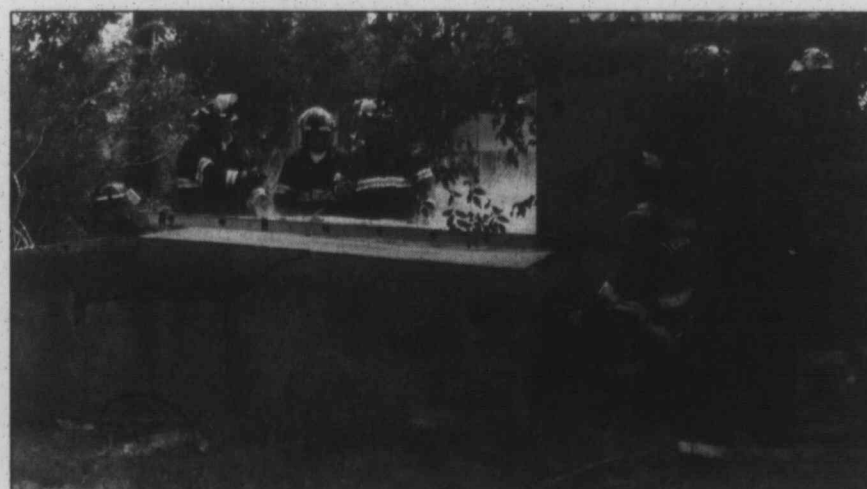
In other business in Tuesday's meeting, commissioners approved new software for the District Clerk's office, which they had been considering for the last several meetings. A request for new software for the local DPS office was declined.

A contract was renewed for Child Welfare Services with TDFPS, and commissioners appointed Sam Ashcraft was their representative to the Appraisal District Board. County officials approved closing the county landfill when the city obtains their permit modification for the city landfill, probably on or around Oct. 1.

Commissioners tabled a decision for the purchase of a pickup for Precinct 2. After discussing cell phone service for county officials/employees, commissioners approved a motion that all county employees must sign an accountability form stating that the cell phones would be used for business purposes only.

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on his department's recent activities, and monthly bills were approved.

Commissioners met at 9 a.m., broke for lunch, and resumed their meeting, adjourning at 4 p.m. County Judge H.G. Franklin presided.



Fire in the hole ... Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department responded to an alarm just before noon Monday, called to this scene behind Gail Quisenberry's home at South 4th and Ave. K. Apparently, debris in the cellar had caught fire, sending billowing smoke from the openings. Firefighters quickly had the fire under control, and no other damage was reported. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

## Proposed School Tax Rates

Taxing Entity	Last Year's Tax Levy	Proposed M&O Rate	Proposed I&S Rate	Prop. Total Tax Levy
Tahoka ISD	\$1.04	\$1.17	-0-	\$1.17*
O'Donnell ISD	\$1.11155	\$1.04	\$0.099	\$1.139
Wilson ISD	\$1.14727	\$1.17	\$0.06	\$1.23*
New Home ISD	\$1.25668	\$1.17	\$0.08493	\$1.25493

\* Proposed rate is above Rollback Rate, will trigger an automatic Rollback Election on November 4, 2008 within the school district.

## TISD Trustees Propose Tax Rate, Trigger Rollback Election Here

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees proposed a 2008 property tax rate of \$1.17 at their monthly meeting Monday night, which will trigger a rollback election for voters to consider in the Nov. 4 election. The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.04, which is currently the tax rate at TISD.

Trustees called for a public hearing to discuss the budget and proposed tax rate on Monday, Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. in the Harvick Educational Building.

Figures published in a notice in this issue of *The News* show that the proposed budget is actually lower than last year's budget, by 2.09 percent.

Superintendent Jimmy Parker said school administrators were conservative in setting their budgets this year.

He also acknowledged that state funding that was promised to make up the shortfall of funds that occurred in school districts when state legislators mandated lowering property tax rates to the current rate has not come through as promised.

"We have looked at the budget every way we can — but we must make up the difference in funding, and we are forced to look at a rollback election," Parker admitted. He noted that every \$1 brought in locally in tax money, brings in \$4 from the state.

"This 13-cent increase in the tax

rate would bring in about a half million dollars to the district," Parker said, adding that of that half million, \$100,000 would come from local taxpayers and the other \$400,000 would come from the state.

In other business, trustees approved Walker-Solomon Insurance Agency for property, casualty and fleet insurance for the 2008-09 school year, and approved a milk bid from Thriftway. A three percent increase was approved for the teacher salary schedule, but no action was taken on the At-Will employee salary schedule that was under consideration at the meeting.

Trustees heard a presentation from JP Morgan Chase regarding cash back from credit card purchases through the State of Texas Procurement and Travel Card program, which the school authorities may consider using on large purchases or even for paying large monthly bills, to earn cash back for the school district. There is no cost or annual fee to the school district for using the card.

The PDAS calendar for teacher appraisals was approved, and the next regular meeting was set for Sept. 9.

Board President Jimmy Dorman presided, with all trustees present including Tony Garcia, Frank McLelland, John Hawthorne, Jimmie Bingham, Kent Kahl and Joe Calvillo, as well as other district personnel.

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"Georgia, Georgia, no peace I find..." --Willie Nelson

THE MORNING of the day this column was written, I heard on my television set that Russia was invading Georgia, and there were more than a thousand casualties.

My first reaction was to wonder how many of those casualties were invaders, because those rednecks are pretty tough, and besides, the Atlanta traffic is really a menace to people driving there for the first time, if the Russians reached the capital. Then I remembered that the TV said the Russians were driving tanks (that's what I need for driving around 50th St. and Quaker or Slide Rd. in Lubbock).

It didn't take me long to figure out that the TV was not talking about Georgia, USA, but Georgia, a former state, or province, or whatever, in the Soviet Union, which apparently is not too well organized, but wants to remain independent of Russia.

Later stories indicated that Russia was not invading Georgia, but was attacking with planes and tanks and artillery, and the stories also said that Georgia started this fight.

To the average Lynn County resident, this is just a case of Russians fighting Russians; at least they speak the same language. But not everybody in the Soviet Union is the same. Russia is just a part of the vast country, the main part.

According to a map I printed out from my computer, Georgia is straight south of Moscow, the capital of Russia. It's actually a country, but on the map, it looks like a city instead. There are several other places which appear to be in the same category as Georgia, but fortunately for the American TV announcers, the problem was in Georgia. Most of the other places have hard-to-pronounce names, like Novosibirsk, and some of those talking heads on the news networks might break their pretty jaws trying to say them.

Hopefully, the fighting will be stopped by the time this is published. Still, in the minds of most Americans, the situation is sort of like the U.S. government sending federal troops into Texas if we decided we wanted to secede.

Which really may not be a bad idea.



MR. AND MRS. HILTON WOOD

**Couple To Celebrate Golden Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Wood of Tahoka will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday, August 16, 2008, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Ashmore Inn in Lubbock with an informal gathering of family and friends.

Wood and the former Gerald-Deane Tippit were married August 15, 1958 at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka. The couple have a

daughter, Deanya and husband Whitney Williams of Lamesa, and a son, Kevyn and wife Lisa Wood of Paducah. Grandchildren of the couple are Eric and wife Taysha Williams and the late Melanie Wood.

Hosting the celebration are the children of the couple and Lahrué Tippit, mother of Mrs. Wood.

**Cathy Box Earns Ph.D.**

Cathy Box of Tahoka graduated from Texas Tech University's College of Education with a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction, in ceremonies held Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008.

Mrs. Box is currently an Assistant Professor at Lubbock Christian University, teaching secondary education classes for future teachers. She is a former science teacher at Tahoka ISD.

**Obituaries**

**Kelly Laws**

Celebration of Life Services for Kelly Laws, 84, of Grassland were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 7, 2008 at Grassland Church of the Nazarene in Grassland with Rev. Ed Porter officiating. Interment was in the Grassland Cemetery in Grassland, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Mr. Laws departed this life on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 at his home in Grassland. He was born April 9, 1924 in Garza County to Volney Vance and Cordie Mae (Bullock) Laws. Mr. Laws was a lifelong resident



KELLY LAWS

of Lynn County. He attended Tahoka High School and graduated in 1941. Kelly married Joy Lanell Moore January 12, 1947 in Tahoka. She preceded him in death on May 26, 2007. Kelly was a farmer and attended Grassland Church of the Nazarene.

Those left to cherish his memory are one daughter, Karen Lynette Wall and husband Bobby of Crosbyton; one son, Terry Vance Laws and wife Sandra of Grassland; three grandchildren, Chad and Jill Whitley, Clayton and Kary Laws, Jeremy and Kriston Laws; six great-grandchildren, Caden and Kacie Whitley, Kailey and Cohen Laws, Braydon and Brycin Laws; and one brother, Dean Laws of Tahoka.

Kelly was preceded in death by his wife, parents, and two sisters, Eula Mae Miller and Mona Barrington.

Family suggests memorials be made to the Grassland Cemetery Association at 1995 County Road HH, Post, Texas 79356. (PAID)

**Ollie Mae Stephens**

Services for Ollie Mae Stephens, 84, were held Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Rev's Funeral Parlor in Fort Worth. Interment followed at Cedar Hill Memorial Park in Arlington. She died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008, in Fort Worth.

She was born Nov. 7, 1923 in Jones County to Nathaniel Catley and Lily Thomas.

Survivors include one sister, Jerlean Martin of Tahoka, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Lum Haney in 1930.



Lum Haney in the 1960's.

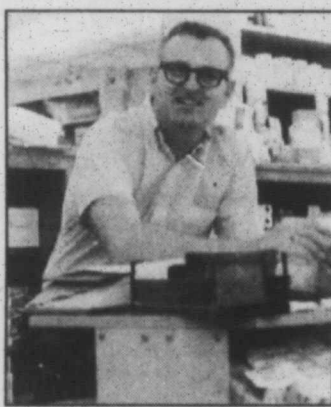
L. C. (Lum) Haney arrived in Tahoka in early 1923, when he was 21 years old, to open Tahoka Drug. He came from Roscoe, Texas, where he was associated with his family's drugstore there.

The store was open 7 days a week, and often until 2 or 3 o'clock in the mornings on the weekends, when farmers would come to town and

shop. Lum married Stella Stone, a local teacher in 1927, and in 1930 their daughter Frances, better known as Bitsie, was born. She always wanted to be a

pharmacist, like her father, and help him in his store, and in 1952 she graduated from the University of Texas. At that time, she

was one of the few women in the pharmacy profession. She married Johnny Wells in 1953, and he came into the store as the manager and bookkeeper. They had a daughter, Southern, and a son, Haney, who both lived at the store growing up as much as they did at home. Lum died in 1968. The fountain was closed in 1976. Southern became an educator, currently serving as principal at Idalou Elementary. Haney went to Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy and worked in Dallas a few years. His mother told him that she wanted him to work for someone else before coming home. She knew it would make him appreciate the drugstore here in Tahoka much more if he did. He joined her and Johnny in 1985, and brought along his wife, Tanya, who had worked for Haney at a chain drugstore since she was a teenager. Tanya finished her business degree at Texas Tech. Johnny died in 1987, and Bitsie in 1997.



Johnny in 1970.

Haney and Tanya have a son Patrick, who came to work when he was 3 days old, in 1993. He has grown up in the drugstore, just like his father, aunt and grandmother. He has been helping out greatly the last few years, now that he is a teenager. Tanya became a Certified Registered

Pharmacy Technician, and helps Haney fill all the prescriptions, as well as doing all the business work of the store now. Over the 85 years since opening, many people have worked at the drugstore, some as clerks and some behind



Haney in front of the store in the 1960's.



Patrick in 1995.

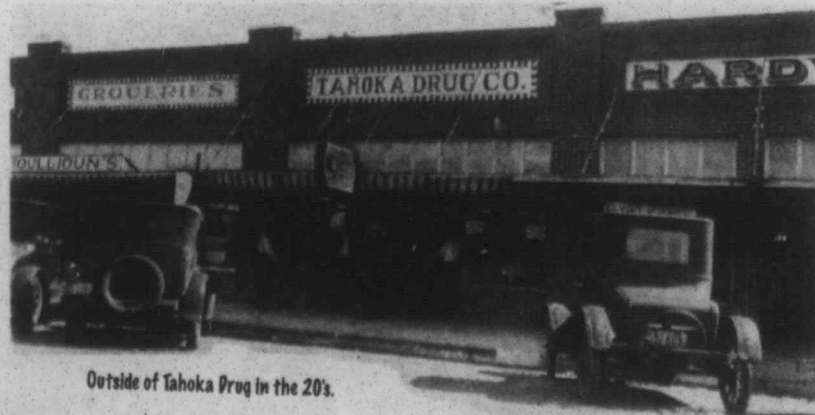


Inside of Tahoka Drug in the 90's.

the soda fountain. Donna Brooks, who is currently working as a pharmacy clerk, also worked for Lum Haney at the soda fountain in the 1960's. Today, besides Donna, our other employees are Stefanie Dotson and Dolores Resendez.

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**Storm's aftermath ...** Curtis and Glenda Whitley returned home from church Sunday night to an unwelcome site of a huge tree fallen from their neighbor's yard onto the roof at their home at 1901 N. 4th in Tahoka. The slow-moving storm had surprisingly high wind speeds that whipped debris through the area and dumped more than 3 inches of rain in about an hour. "We had gone to church and then to get a bite to eat, when we got a phone call from my brother," said Whitley. He said he checked inside the house, even crawling up into his attic, but did not find any immediate evidence of interior damage. On the outside, however, the roof and eaves are undoubtedly damaged. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

**Elementary Sets Back-To-School Night Aug. 21**

Back-To-School night will be held Thursday, Aug. 21 at Tahoka Elementary. 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, as soon as possible.

The Elementary Back-To-School night begins with an assembly 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.

**'Meet and Greet' THS Coaches On Aug. 19**

The Bulldog Booster Club will host a "Meet and Greet" for Tahoka football coaches on Tuesday, Aug. 19, with all area residents invited to attend. The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street in Tahoka. Refreshments will be served.

The Booster Club will also have a short meeting at that time. All interested parents and community members are invited to attend.

**Rent Booth Space Now For County Harvest Festival**

Reservations are currently available for those wanting to rent booth space for the 2008 Lynn County Harvest Festival, to be held Saturday, Sept. 20 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). An additional \$10 fee will be added for booths requiring electricity.

Booth space is rented on a first-come, first-serve basis, and food items are not duplicated in other booths. Booths open at 10 a.m. and remain open through the Starz contest, which usually ends by 7:30 p.m.

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**Off Season**

by Anne Rivers Siddons

A grieving widow takes a solitary road trip to her late husband's favorite getaway on pristine coastal Maine, where she remembers their many happy years of family life, reevaluates the time before they met, and considers her future.

**Foreign Body**

by Robin Cook

Shocked by her beloved grandmother's untimely death a day after she travels to New Delhi to have affordable hip-replacement surgery, fourth-year UCLA medical student Jennifer Hernandez heads to India for answers and uncovers a series of unexplained deaths, a finding that forces her to turn for assistance to her medical examiner mentor, Dr. Montgomery.

**A Lady of Secret Devotion**

by Tracie Peterson

When insurance investigator Mark Langford reveals to Cassandra Stover that he is investigating her employer's son, she agrees to pretend they are courting so that he can stay in close proximity to the family.

**Twice Loved**

by Lori Copeland

Schoolteacher Willow Madison confronts the possibility of entering a loveless marriage in order to rebuild her Civil War-torn home and protect her loved ones, a situation that is complicated by her feelings for a handsome sawmill owner.

**Left to Die**

by Lisa Jackson

When a career-making case falls into their laps, detectives Selena Alvarez and Regan Pescoli must race against time to save the life of Jillian Rivers, who has been captured by an elusive serial killer who toys with his victims and then subjects them to a slow and agonizing death.

**The Assassin**

by Stephen Coonts

A follow-up to The Traitor follows the poisoning murder of a prominent Russian dissident whose demise reveals the work of a traitor, forcing special agent Tommy Carmellini to track down a seductive Frenchwoman with possible ties to escaped terrorist leader Abu Qasim.

**Cypress Nights**

by Stella Cameron

When murder and mayhem plague St. Cecil's church, Roche Savage, a renowned psychiatrist

**Call Now For Paw Prints**

Volunteers will be painting Tahoka Bulldog paw prints on either Sept. 6 or 13, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Anyone interested in having a paw print painted on their driveway at a cost of \$5 each should call Bianca Baker at 561-5264, or any member of the Bulldog Booster Club.



**Little Girls with the Big Dog ...** These cute little girls crowded around the Bulldog mascot (Virginia Aleman) for a quick photo at the Tahoka Cheer Clinic, held last week at the THS gym. Tahoka cheerleaders sponsored the 4-day clinic, which reportedly had more than 60 enthusiastic young cheerleaders participating. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

**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:**

**SSGT. BRIAN CRAIG ALVARADO AIR FORCE**

Staff Sergeant

Brian Craig Alvarado is the son of Rick and Cindy Alvarado and Josie Alvarado of Tahoka, and he has one sister, Melissa. He is a 2002 graduate of Tahoka High School.

Brian enlisted in the United States Air Force in Dec. 2001. He did his Basic Training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio.

He is currently a 31st Logistics Readiness Squadron Refueling Maintenance Supervisor and is stationed in Aviano AFB in Italy, with his family, wife Alishia and son Ethan. He is currently in the process of re-enlisting.

During the course of his training, he has seen and spoken



to Tahoka military personnel and from the Middle East. Brian has toured to Kuwait, where dust storms are very intense and temperatures would reach up to 120 degrees and higher. He has also toured Sicily and Hungary.

During his tour in Italy, he has seen many military from Lynn County.

*Editor's Note: Anyone who would like to add a name/photo to the military "Hero" display at Thriftway and information for this column may email The Lynn County News at LynnCoNews@poka.com, or bring to the News Office. News employee Pam Elrod, whose daughter is serving in the military, is involved in this effort and will make sure the photo is displayed at Thriftway, and print the information in "Honoring Our Heroes."*

**Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase**

The County of Lynn will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 9.75 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate 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 first public hearing will be held on **August 26, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at Lynn County Basement Court Room, Tahoka, Texas.**

The second public hearing will be held on **September 2, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at Lynn County Basement Court Room, Tahoka, Texas.**

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

- FOR:** BRAD HAMMONDS, KEITH WIED, DON BLAIR, MIKE BRADDOCK
- AGAINST:** NONE
- PRESENT** and not voting: NONE
- ABSENT:** NONE

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **Lynn County** last year was \$40,503 (average taxable value of a resident homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$.8978 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$363.63 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **Lynn County** this year is \$44,540 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$.80115 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$356.83 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$.87931 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$391.64 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

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**Visit to Capitol...** These TMS students visited Washington, D.C. this summer, shown here with Congressman Randy Neugebauer (far right). Shown from left are Lynn Lankford, Braiden Fisher, Alex Hinds, Smith McLelland, Dina Hammonds, Logan Tekell, Levi Hawthorne, Luke Hawthorne, Tonda Freitag, Heather Tekell, Sarah Freitag, Tammi Fisher, and Swade Hammonds.



**All Aboard ...** Lots of children got on board for the train rides at St. Jude's Jamaica Sunday afternoon. The "conductor" here is Genaro Carrasco. (LCN PHOTO)

**Texans can change their driver license address, renew their license online**

Texans can save time and gas by skipping the trip to the local driver license office. At [www.TexasOnline.com](http://www.TexasOnline.com), you can conveniently renew your driver license or identification card or leisurely change the address without leaving the comfort of your computer.

"Driver license and identification card holders are required by law to renew their license and ID card every six years. State law also requires that they change the address on their license or ID card within 30 days of moving to a new location," said Col. Thomas Davis, Jr., Director of the Department of Public Safety. "Eligible individuals can accomplish these requirements by visiting Texas Online."

DPS has offered eligible individuals the option of renewing their driver license or identification card over the Internet since 2001. Individuals are eligible for these services as long as they are: 18 years of age, within one

year of the license or identification card expiring, and did not renew online, by mail or telephone at their last renewal.

Ineligible driver license and ID card holders include: those who have an expired, revoked, or suspended license or identification card, individuals who possess a provisional driver license or a commercial driver license.

Renewing or changing the address of your driver license or identification card online is simple. Individuals must have information from their current license or identification card, as well as a valid credit card or debit card that does not require the entry of a PIN to complete the online transaction. Address changes may be made separately or in conjunction with a renewal. The online change of address service fee is only \$11; however, if a license holder chooses to renew at the same time as changing the address, the total charge

is only \$25. The official website for the State of Texas provides instant access to a network of state and local government agencies, where driver license and identification card services are available in both English and Spanish. Please visit [www.TexasOnline.com](http://www.TexasOnline.com) for additional information.

**SPC Releases Fall Evening Schedule**

South Plains College announces its Continuing Education Short Courses and For College Credit Evening Class schedule for fall 2008.

Early registration is available to secure a seat in a particular class. Individuals may register at [www.southplainscollege.edu/ce](http://www.southplainscollege.edu/ce) or through the Office of Continuing Education.

Continuing Education classes will include Basic Cake Decorating, Basic Phlebotomy, Certified Nurse Aide, Conversational Spanish, Defensive Driving, Swimming, Hydrogen Sulfide Safety, Jewelry Casting, Metalsmithing and Jewelry design, Oil Painting for Fun, Voice for Fun, Elementary Ceramics, Introduction to Microsoft Excel and Introduction to Microsoft Word.

Evening classes for academic credit will include English, government, history, human development, mathematics and psychology.

For more information, call Jim Walker, Dean of Continuing and Distance Education, at 806-716-2341.

**Win a Wii**  
Buy a \$1 ticket for a chance to win a new Wii Sports Game!

Sponsored by the Harvest Festival Committee. DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE LYNN COUNTY HARVEST FESTIVAL SATURDAY, SEPT. 20, 2008. Tickets available from The Lynn County News, Susan Tipton at the Courthouse or Cal Huffaker at Huffaker Law Office.

**Floating sign ...** The stop sign at the corner of Lockwood and Ave. L in front of Thriftway grocery in Tahoka was down after Sunday night's rainstorm, but motorists still observed the sign as they passed through the intersection. Officially, the Tahoka weather station recorded 3.25 inches of rain, but the winds were whipping around so, driving the rain sideways, that any measurements may not be accurate. Mario at the Dixie Dog Drive-In reported a solid 4-inches in his rain gauge. (LCN PHOTO)



**Small voices, big cheers ...** Shown here are the youngest group of cheerleaders who participated in the Cheer Clinic sponsored by Tahoka High School Cheerleaders last week. The THS cheerleaders pictured here, holding some of the girls in their laps, are Morgan Lockaby, Skyler McCleskey and Samantha Pridmore. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

**THS Class of 1988 Seeking Classmates**

Members of the Tahoka High School Class of 1988 who have not been contacted by email or by mail regarding the Class of 1988 reunion should contact Brenda Dotson at 806-998-4364 (leave message if no answer) or by email at [bmdotson@poka.com](mailto:bmdotson@poka.com).

Members whose addresses are known have been contacted, but some addresses were not available. Please call Brenda for more information.

**Wilson Volunteer Fire Department To Host Fundraiser**

A barbeque dinner and gun raffle will be held on Sunday, Aug. 24, from 11:30-1:00 at the Wilson School Cafeteria. Cost will be \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. Raffle tickets for the gun are \$5 each or six for \$25.

All proceeds from this event will be applied to the purchase of a new fire truck and other equipment as needed. Thrivent Financial Chapter 30126 at the request of St. John Lutheran Church of Wilson is supporting the fundraiser.

**Legal Notices**

**Public Service Announcement: Fair Housing, It's the Law**

To promote fair housing practices, the City of Wilson encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights under the National Fair Housing Law.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.

For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Wilson has prepared complaint and grievance procedures regarding its Texas Community Development Block Grant Programs. These procedures outline the steps for a citizen to follow if he wishes to file a written complaint about proposed or completed TX CDBG activity. Wilson will make every effort to respond fully to such complaints within ten (10) working days. Citizens may obtain a copy of these written procedures at the Wilson City Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Citizens may also request the procedures be mailed to them by calling the City at (806) 628-6221.

**PUBLIC NOTICE POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF HANDICAPPED STATUS**

The City of Wilson does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities.

The Mayor  
Wilson, P.O. Box 22, Wilson TX 79381-0022  
(806) 628-6221

has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8, dated June 2, 1988).

Michelle Downey  
Community Development Coordinator  
GrantWorks, Inc.  
2201 Northland Drive  
Austin, Texas 78756  
(512) 420-0303 (office)  
(512) 420-0302 (fax)

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

The Tahoka Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 25, 2008 in the Harvick Administration Building, Tahoka, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.17000 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.00000 / \$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	% increase or	2.09000 % (decrease)
Debt service	% increase or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase or	2.09000 % (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	\$ 130,649,570.00	\$ 142,711,880.00
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 742,120.00	\$ 1,111,110.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 95,363,593.00	\$ 105,786,420.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 742,120.00	\$ 1,111,110.00

\* "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*	\$ 0.00
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\* 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	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.04000	\$ 1,730.00	\$ 7,555.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.11339	\$ 0.00000*	\$ 1.11339	\$ 1,929.00	\$ 7,358.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.00000*	\$ 1.17000	\$ 2,153.00	\$ 8,091.00

\* 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	\$ 44,555.00	\$ 48,145.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 29,555.00	\$ 33,145.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.04/100	\$ 1.17/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 307.37	\$ 387.80
Increase in Taxes	\$	\$ 80.43

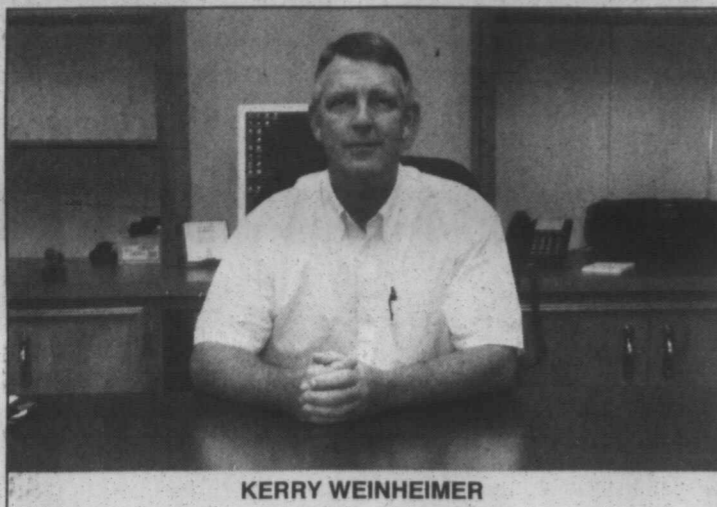
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year 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 1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.04.

**Fund Balances**

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,752,558.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00



KERRY WEINHEIMER

## Weinheimer is District Conservator At NRCS Office in Tahoka

Kerry Weinheimer, District Conservator at the Littlefield Field Office for the past eight years, was recently selected as the District Conservator for the Tahoka Field Office. He will also serve as the Resource Team Leader for the Tahoka, Post and Brownfield Team of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), headquartered in Tahoka.

Weinheimer has spent the last 30 years of his NRCS career on the South Plains working in Hockley, Lubbock, and Lamb counties. As the District Conservator, Weinheimer will assist the Lynn County Soil & Water Conservation District in providing technical assistance to farmers and ranchers in the planning and application of conservation practices on their land. He will also assist landowners with the administration of several cost-share programs and help manage an information program to keep the public informed on the latest conservation technology, research, and government cost-share programs.

Raised on a farm and ranch in the Texas hill country near Stonewall, Weinheimer graduated from Fredericksburg High School and received a BS degree in general agriculture from Tarleton State University.

Kerry's wife, Kristy works in the US District Clerk's Of-

ice and they have two children, Zane, a sophomore at Texas Tech, and Mandy, a freshman at Texas Tech.

Mario Avila held the position until a recent transfer to a RC&D Coordinator position at Morton.

## Harvest Festival King and Queen Candidates Sought

Now is the time for any guys or girls from Tahoka, O'Donnell, Wilson and New Home interested in entering the 2008 Lynn County Harvest Festival King/Queen contest, to contact the contest chairmen.

Each 2008 Harvest Festival King and Queen will win a \$2,000 Scholarship. The first runner-up will receive a \$1,000 Scholarship and second runner-up will receive a \$500 Scholarship.

Candidates will be selling \$1 tickets for chances to win \$1,000, \$500 and \$300 cash. Candidates will earn \$100 cash for every 400 tickets sold. The Lynn County Harvest Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 20.

For more information, and to get tickets and applications, contact Starr Bray at 561-6161, Karen Huffaker at 561-4302 or Amy Barrera at 928-0353.

## BULLDOG Booster Club News

It is a new school year and an excellent time to join or renew one's membership in the Bulldog Booster Club. The cost is only \$5 for the entire family. To join, come to a meeting and/or call Bianca Baker at 561-5264.

The next Bulldog Booster Club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the LEC. The meeting is open to the public. The booster club extends an invitation to all of our middle school and high school parents to attend.

Football season reminders: the Varsity season opener is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 29 against Crosbyton. The game will be there at 7:30 p.m. The JV home season opener is Thursday, Aug. 28, here against Crosbyton at 6 p.m.

Volunteers will be painting paw prints on either Sept. 6 or 13, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Anyone interested in having a paw print painted in their driveway at a cost of \$5 each; call Bianca Baker at 561-5264.

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**Bruton brothers are big winners ... Ronnie, Harlan and Kent Bruton, all of New Home, were the top three finishers in the Pure Stock class last Friday at Lady Luck Speedway. Ronnie, the oldest, won the event, followed by Harlan, and then Kent placing third, leading 14 cars to the checkered flag. All the 'Bruton Boys' have won races and they are very competitive but yet respectful of each other. They are the sons of Dorothy Smith who lives in New Home, and Eugene Bruton from Tahoka.**

## Letter to the Editor

### Nature Center Website Offers Environmental Education

Recently I visited Mrs. Clyde May at Tahoka Lake, along with Don Hilger a teacher and a coach with the Tahoka School system. They urged me to send this information to you, in the hopes that you would publish it. It is about our website that is about West Texas ecology and history. Mr. Hilger and I plan to take his advanced classes to Ms. May's property for science instruction in the coming school year.

The Sibley Nature Center website is [www.sibleynature-center.org](http://www.sibleynature-center.org).

We believe the Sibley Nature Center has created the best Internet website in the nation for bioregional environmental education. Our website has 600+ essays and 110 photoessays with over 4000 photographs of the Llano Estacado. The majority of either teachers or students in any school cannot name our region's 50 most common birds, 50 most common wildflowers, 50 most common invertebrates, or the 20 most common mammals or 20 most common reptiles and amphibians. The majority of either teachers or students in any school in our region cannot name the Indian tribes that lived in their bioregion, nor can they list the 20 most important early European explorers and early settlers that shaped their bioregion's history. The Sibley Nature Center's mission is to change that!

Bioregional education is basic to becoming a knowledgeable citizen of one's home. How can a student (or adult) become proud



**Who's that over there? ... Both of these dogs seem captivated by someone - or some dogs - just out of sight in this photo. Sherry Martin (left), holding Maggie, and her daughter, Mandi Cuevas, holding Dora, brought the dogs to the Dog Dip/Shot Clinic Saturday afternoon behind Tahoka City Hall. The clinic was sponsored by Tahoka Rotary Club, with Slaton's Dr. Brillhart, DVM, providing his services.**

(LCN PHOTO by Vondelli Elliott)

of where they live if they do not know what is around them? The most basic level of patriotism is love of where one lives, and one can only love where they live if they know the stories of all that shares their landscape.

To create our website we first delineated the major habitats of the region (8). We also focused on animal behavior and plant and animal adaptation as major themes for our educational efforts. We also focused on the Indian and Hispanic history of the region as well as the early days of settlement and of the oil fields in our region. We report on other major economic forces of modern life - farming, ranching, and now wind energy. As water conservation is important in the western part of Texas, we also developed a Xeriscape section on the website, landscaped our grounds with Xeriscape plants, and we sell xeriscape plants as a fundraiser.

Before any school child's visit to the Sibley Nature Center, they must first visit our Virtual Trail. The Virtual Trail is a series of photoessays about what can be found along our trails at any one time. During the first two years of the website, we created 19 virtual trails. The student arrives with knowledge and expectation about what they will see on the trail. Volunteer and staff photographers working on the Virtual Trails have documented invertebrate activity previously unknown to science (about velvet mites and about dung beetles'

use of cryptogamic soil.)

Our programming is built around the habitat concept, so students are also required to visit at least one of our photoessays about the habitat they will be learning. After the student returns to school, we supply the teacher with a set of questions the students can answer by reading some of the essays about the habitat in question. Historical information about the region is always included as part of the visit, but is a major part of the follow-up exercise. We maintain email lists of teachers that visit our center or use the website and send out notifications of website additions of interest, to further keep the teachers involved.

The website is not only for our own citizens. Anyone that plans to visit anywhere on the Llano Estacado can visit our website and learn what they might expect to see. We have several indexes on the website to make finding information easier, as well as a website search engine.

Please visit our website! If you photograph or write about our West Texas landscape, please consider sharing your work with us. Over 40 photographers contribute to the website at present. Over 6000 separate computers visit our website each week and over 70,000 different computers have accessed our website over the last two years.

Burr Williams  
Executive Director  
Sibley Nature Center

## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The **City of O'Donnell** will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.56 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate 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 first public hearing will be held on **August 26, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at O'Donnell City Hall, 615 8th St., O'Donnell, Texas.**

The second public hearing will be held on **September 2, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at O'Donnell City Hall, 615 8th St., O'Donnell, Texas.**

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

**FOR:** Roger Doss, Paul Houston, Willie Luera, Scotty Martinez, Rex Little  
**AGAINST:** NONE  
**PRESENT** and not voting: NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **City of O'Donnell** last year was \$26,017 (average taxable value of a resident homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$.8365 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$217.63 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **City of O'Donnell** this year is \$27,834 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$.80625 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$224.41 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older.)

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$.8365 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$232.83 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

## LYNN COUNTY PIONEERS Senior Citizens Menu

August 18-22

**Monday:** Chicken patty on a bun, oven fries, three bean salad, pears

**Tuesday:** Brisket, potato salad, baked beans, homemade, chocolate pudding

**Wednesday:** Ranch Chicken mac casserole, tossed salad, cornbread, peach cobbler

**Thursday:** Steak fingers w/ white gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli w/ cheese, bread, strawberry pretzel Jell-o salad

**Friday:** Chicken and dumplings, pea salad, fresh fruit tray.

### Senior Citizens Center Activities and Reminders:

• Our weekly Domino Nights are continuing each Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and join the fun!

• We are still gathering recipes for our cookbook scheduled for holiday release. Please drop them by the center or mail them to: P.O. Box 223 Tahoka, 79373

• At this year's Harvest Festival we will be raffling off an especially beautiful quilt. Tickets will be \$2 each or three for \$5. It is on display at the First National Bank. Check it out! And stop by the Center to purchase your raffle tickets.

LYNN COUNTY merchants appreciate your business! Help our community by shopping locally.

## COMPLIANCE ADVISORY

**starting Sept. 1, 2008, State Law Requires that all homes built or remodeled in unincorporated areas or in cities without residential building inspections must be inspected at various construction stages by a fee inspector.**

**Texas Residential Construction Commission**  
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For more information go to  
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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.

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**FOR SALE:** former Main St. Express building at 1645 Main, Tahoka. Call 998-5395.

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

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### FOR SALE

1997 Crestridge 28X56 Manufactured Home 2108 N. 6th St.

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### 1810 N. 6th Street

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## Notice

**WANTED:** Iglesia Bautista Getsemame in Tahoka is in need of *baby furniture and baby items* for the nursery. Can be from garage sales anything will be greatly appreciated. Contact Eva Aleman at 561-4629 or Becky Rodriguez at 561-1318 after 3:30 p.m.

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**FRESH FROM THE GARDEN!** Blackeyed Peas and many other vegetables picked daily.

Jimmy Harden 745-9261

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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!

**2011 N. 4th - Tahoka:** ...is an affordable smaller home in a great location. This home has 3 BR, 1 bath, wood floors, wainscot paneling and natural wood cabinets in the kitchen. Exterior has siding with a fenced backyard and close to school. Call today for a tour!

**THIS HOME IS NOW REDUCED!** 2410 N. 3rd - Tahoka: is 2150 sq. ft. with 3BR, 3B, 1 car garage. Features include an eat-in kitchen, butler's pantry, water softener, large living area, glassed in sun porch and 2 storage buildings. Brick home with low maintenance exterior. WE ARE READY TO SELL!

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Antiques, furniture, collectibles, household and decorative items and much more.

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**3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 2313 N. 3rd • Friday & Saturday 9:00 - ?** Some furniture, a freezer, little bit of everything.

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**5-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 1929 S. 4th • Thursday & Friday 8:00-5:00.** Large 5-Family sale. Lots of clothes and miscellaneous.

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**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 1629 N. 5th • Friday and Saturday 8:00-5:00.** Hand and power tools, houseware items, clothes, collectibles, furniture, computer parts and small appliances.

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**GARAGE SALE: 2412 N. 3rd • Friday 8:00-1:00 and Saturday 8:00-12:00.** Elna Serger, some antiques, king size bedspread, log chains and boomers, lots of miscellaneous.

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**GARAGE SALE: 1628 Ave. P • Saturday 8:00-? Men's and women's motorcycle riding gear, including Harley-Davidson, Fox and Thor, lots of leather and accessories.**

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**GARAGE SALE: 1819 N. 6th • Saturday, 9:00-5:00.** Lots of items.

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## Card of Thanks

We would like to say "thank you" to each one that was so kind and helpful to our mom, grandmother and aunt, Zeldia McAllister, especially during the last few months. We want to thank the Lynnwood staff and employees, also Dr Freitag and Melanie, the hospital staff and employees for each thing you did. Thank you EMS workers.

We want to thank Bro. Marvin Gregory and Bro. Vernon Baker for their part in the service and the extra time they gave. Thanks to the group that sang, and to the ladies that furnished the food and helped serve the lunch.

We want to thank White Funeral Home employees to know how much they are appreciated.

The Family of Zeldia McAllister

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Dear Family and Friends, We cannot find the words to express our appreciation for all the kind deeds done for us during the time of our loss of Mike. We were overwhelmed at the calls, cards, food, visits, memorials, plants and flowers, and the thoughtfulness of so many, who gave their time to attend the funeral service. It is wonderful to know that so many people cared so much for Mike and so much for our family. Mike was so very special to all of us, and we feel a great loss, and will miss him so much, but your kindness has helped to make this time a little easier. We appreciate each one of you and cannot say "Thank You" enough.

The Family of Mike Taylor Gilda, Monica, Matt, Derek, Jacob and Taylor

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## Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the entire community and surrounding areas that donated to the fund for our baby girl, April. We would also like to thank everyone for the food and prayers in our time of loss. We greatly appreciate everything that everyone has done for us.

April was a wonderful girl and will be missed.

Sincerely, The Family of April Lam

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## Randy's Roundup

A Weekly Newsletter from  
Congressman Randy Neugebauer  
August 11, 2008

### Standing Up For Lower Energy Costs and America's Energy Security

I am pleased that in spite of the planned August District Work Period, many of my colleagues have stayed in Washington, D.C. to protest that Speaker Pelosi did not allow a vote on energy solutions before Congress adjourned. Members are asking for votes on legislation including, the No More Excuses Energy Act and the American Energy Act, which are commonsense measures that would start this country moving in the right direction toward energy independence.

I will be on the House floor tomorrow calling on Speaker Pelosi to bring Congress back for a vote on important energy legislation.

What is happening is truly historic; citizens are being allowed to come right to the House floor and listen to Members of Congress speak directly to them on why we need to use American resources, and why we need to do it now. This is the Peoples' House, and it shall remain that way. The call for energy independence will not be quelled until Congress establishes a comprehensive energy package.

President Ronald Reagan once said, "All great change in America begins at the dinner table." The American people are hurting from high gasoline, diesel and food prices. I am honored to join my colleagues to continue the fight for real solutions that will have long term, lasting effects. We can no longer afford "band-aid" solutions for our energy problems. Ingenuity is the driving spirit of America, and we have the tools and resources to start producing American made energy; we just have to do it.

My policy is YES: yes to drilling on land and off the outer continental shelf; yes to using our nearly 300-year supply of coal; yes to new refineries and nuclear power plants; and yes to alternative and renewable energy resources. It is clear that we cannot drill our way out of this problem. We are still a nation that depends on fossil fuels, but by increasing supply, the prices will drop and we can focus on new energy sources that will serve as a bridge to American energy independence.



**Upcoming cheerleaders ...** Shown here are the oldest group of young cheerleaders who participated in the Cheer Clinic sponsored by Tahoka High School Cheerleaders last week. The THS cheerleaders pictured here are Stormee Martin (standing left) and Cori Vega (standing right). (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)



**Happy to Cheer ...** Tahoka Cheerleaders Kalee Wuensche (standing left) and Valerie Sosa (standing right) are shown here with the middle age group of young cheerleaders at the Cheer Clinic, sponsored last week by the THS Cheerleaders. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

### Coming Soon - Energy & Economy Updates In The 19th District

Beginning next week, I will be traveling around the 19th District and look forward to visiting with you.

I will be hosting several meetings to discuss energy and the economy and am interested in hearing about how energy prices are affecting you and your family and what you think Congress should do to help support our economy and reduce energy costs.

On Wednesday, August 20th I will be in Brownfield from 8:30am to 9:30am at City Hall, in the Council Room at 201 West Broadway.

To learn more about my schedule as I travel through the district, please call my office, toll free at (888) 763-1611. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Visit my website [www.randy.house.gov](http://www.randy.house.gov) or call my office toll free district wide at (888) 763-1611 or Washington, DC office at 202-225-4005.

## Singers Wanted For Lynn County Starz Contest

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 \$100. The contest is limited to amateur vocalists only, no paid professionals. Solo or group vocalists may enter.

Contestants will perform at the Lynn County Harvest Festival on Saturday, Sept. 20, at the courthouse square in Tahoka, with performers to sing live in front of the crowd. The Starz contest begins at 5 p.m. All contestants will sing for a maximum of three minutes, either without accompaniment or may provide a CD or taped accompaniment using the sound system at the Harvest Festival. Judges will provide immediate verbal feedback.

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. Entries are due by Sept. 18.

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](mailto:susanlynn@door.net).

## Legal Notices

LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
2600 LOCKWOOD STREET  
TAHOKA, TEXAS 79373

### INDIVIDUAL NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FREE OR PART PAY MEDICAL CARE

Lynn County Hospital District will provide at least \$80,000.00 of free and part pay care this fiscal year, October 1, 2008 - September 30, 2009. This care is available to individuals who cannot afford to pay for their medical care.

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

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

Family Size	Income Guidelines
1	\$10,400
2	14,000
3	17,600
4	21,200
5	24,800
6	28,400
7	32,000
8	35,600

For families with more than 8 members, add \$3,600 for each additional member.

The services will be provided to those who first request it until the compliance level is met for this fiscal period.

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

### NOTICIA INDIVIDUAL DE APLICABILIDAD DE PARTE DEL PAO DE CUIDADOS MEDICOS LIBERS LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT 2600 LOCKWOOD STREET TAHOKA, TEXAS 79373

Lynn County Hospital District proveerá al menos \$80,000.00 de parte de pago de los cuidados gratis de este año fiscal, Octubre 1, 2008-Septiembre 30, 2009. Este servicio es aplicable a aquellos individuos que no pueden pagar la cuenta de sus cuidados médicos.

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

Tamaño de la familia	Niveles de sueldo
1	\$10,400
2	14,000
3	17,600
4	21,200
5	24,800
6	28,400
7	32,000
8	35,600

Para familias de unidad con más de 8 miembros, agregar \$3,600 por cada miembro adicional.

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

Para hacer un requerido por servicios no compensados, por favor pongase en contacto con ministrador de credito en la oficina de la negociacion. Este miembro del equip hará un escrito determinado de sus requerimiento en dos días de su requesto.

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### Texas Commission On Environmental Quality NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT NO. WQ0011126001

**APPLICATION.** City of O'Donnell, P.O. Box 236, O'Donnell, Texas 79351, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew wastewater disposal Permit No. WQ0011126001 to authorize the disposal of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 120,000 gallons per day via irrigation of 50 acres. The domestic wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located immediately west of the intersection of U.S. Highway 87 and Farm-to-Market Road 2053 in Lynn County, Texas. TCEQ received this application on July 18, 2008. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at O'Donnell City Hall, 615 8th Street, O'Donnell, Texas.

**ADDITIONAL NOTICE:** TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application.** If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

**TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST:** your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "I/we request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

Further information may also be obtained from City of O'Donnell at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Gustene Bairrington at (806) 428-3239.

Issuance Date: August 1, 2008.

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

The New Home Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 25, 2008 in the New Home ISD Board Room, New Home, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.17000 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.08493 / \$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

### 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	6.5	% increase or		% (decrease)
Debt service		% increase or	2.1	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	6.5	% 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	\$ 50,421,830.00	\$ 53,727,770.00
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 685,660.00	\$ 657,690.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 41,243,655.00	\$ 43,136,131.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 685,660.00	\$ 657,690.00

\* "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 26.01(17), Tax Code.

\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness*	\$ 636,531.00
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\* 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	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.08668 *	\$ 1.25668	\$ 2,479.00	\$ 7,153.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.269	\$ 0.080089*	\$ 1.3544	\$ 2,745.00	\$ 8,248.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.08493*	\$ 1.25493	\$ 2,370.00	\$ 8,248.00

\* 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	\$ 75,839.00	\$ 84,424.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 60,839.00	\$ 69,424.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.25668/100	\$ 1.25493/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 764.55	\$ 871.22
Increase in Taxes		\$ 106.67

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 1.25493. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.25493.

### Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 549,675.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,190.00

## POLITICAL CALENDAR

General Election is Nov. 4, 2008

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