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Attend a Lynn County
Town Hall Meeting
with
State Rep. Joe Heflin

1:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17
Downstairs Courtroom
Lynn County Courthouse
1501 South First, Tahoka

Concessions offered at THS scrimmage

The Band Boosters Concession Stand will be open with limited items for the THS football scrimmage against Ralls at 10 o'clock here Saturday morning, Aug. 15. Drinks, candy and sausage wraps will be available.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug. 5	94	69	
Aug. 6	93	69	
Aug. 7	94	68	
Aug. 8	95	69	
Aug. 9	93	70	
Aug. 10	93	71	
Aug. 11	91	70	
Precipitation for Aug:			0.79"
Precipitation for July:			3.46"
Precipitation for June:			2.03"
Precipitation for May:			1.39"
Total Precipitation Apr:			0.91"
Total Precipitation Mar:			0.35"
Total Precipitation Feb:			0.64"
Total Precipitation Jan:			0.03"
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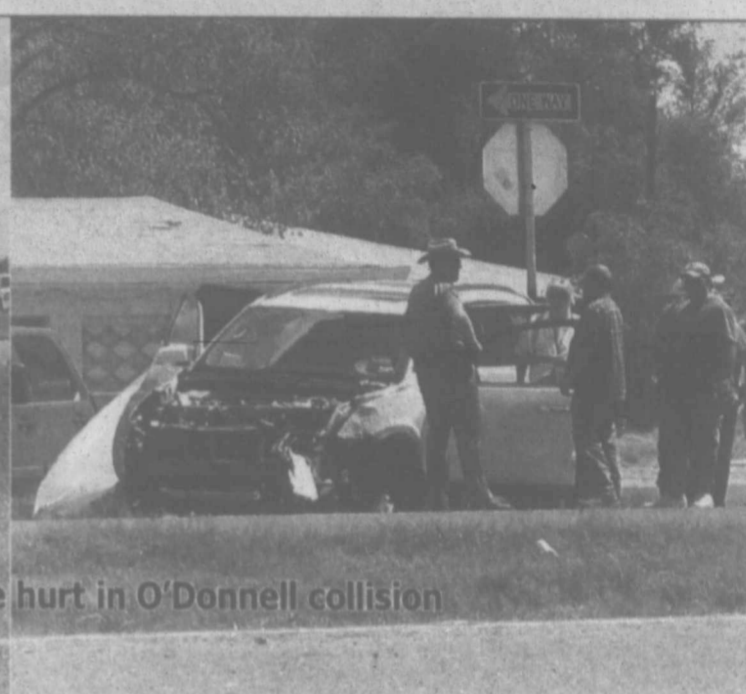
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Aftermath looks bad, but no one hurt in O'Donnell collision

Traffic stopper... One lane of U.S. 87 at O'Donnell was blocked for awhile after the 18-wheeler above overturned following a collision Monday with the minivan in the photo at right. Neither driver was taken in by ambulance for treatment. (LCN PHOTOS by Pam Elrod)

City Council approves participation in building new animal shelter

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka City Council met in regular session Monday night to consider several issues, including a proposed new animal shelter for countywide use. The council indicated a firm commitment to the project that would involve cost-shares from the City of Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell, as well as Lynn County, to build a new Lynn County Animal Shelter. The project has been proposed by a countywide coalition that includes representatives from all taxing entities within the county.

The plan is to add on to an existing building located on the southeast corner across from the county courthouse, which is currently the county's community service building. Adding on to an existing facility will save considerable cost from building from the ground up.

Building expenses are estimated at \$19,500 and other costs projected for the first year include salary/insurance for an animal control officer who would also serve as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the county, vehicle and office expenses, animal food/medication and other miscellaneous expenses that total \$67,400 (including \$19,500 for building the facility). The breakdown of proportionate cost, based on population figures, put initial first-year cost shares of \$29,377 for Tahoka, \$18,600 for Lynn County, \$10,583 for O'Donnell, \$5,372 for Wil-

son and \$3,471 for New Home.

Tahoka City Council voted unanimously to participate in the animal shelter project and pay their cost-share. Lynn County Attorney-Donnis Scott, who is heading up the project, indicated that Wilson City Council stalled on the project with a tied 2-2 vote, but says she will address concerns about the project at their next meeting. O'Donnell City Council came on board with a unanimous vote in favor of the project Tuesday night, and New Home City Council is expected to consider the issue at their September meeting. It is expected that Lynn County will approve their portion. (See CITY COUNCIL, page 8)

Meetings to address superintendent profile for TISD

The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees is seeking input from the school district staff and community members in developing a profile of desired characteristics for the next Superintendent of the school district.

Two meetings have been scheduled for Tuesday, August 19th at the Tahoka Housing Authority located at 1400 Ave K. School employees are invited to a meeting at 4:00 p.m. and community members are invited to a meeting at 6:00 p.m.



Football time again... The 2009 Tahoka football team will get its first outing against another team as a scrimmage is scheduled here against Ralls starting at 10 a.m. Saturday. In the photo above one of the quarterbacks for new Coach John Cornelius is handing off the ball in practice without pads. Designated as quarterbacks this season are Neiko Garcia and Zach Garcia. The Bulldogs will open the regular season at home against Crosbyton Aug. 28. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

Injuries reported in traffic accidents near O'Donnell

Several persons were injured, apparently none seriously, in traffic accidents near O'Donnell during the last week.

At the intersection of U.S. 87 and FM 2053 Monday afternoon, a white minivan driven by a Quitaque man was clipped by an 18-wheeler and severely damaged, but the driver refused treatment after an EMS ambulance was called to the scene. The 18-wheeler overturned and blocked one lane of traffic on southbound U.S. 87 for a time.

At 9:15 p.m. Monday 2.5 miles east of O'Donnell on FM 2053, a tractor pulling a plow was headed east when the plow was struck by a westbound pickup pulling a boat, and

then the tractor was struck again by another westbound vehicle, a pickup driven by a Borden County resident. Both pickup drivers were taken to Lynn County Hospital by EMS ambulances and were treated for apparently minor injuries. Identities of all persons involved were not available from the investigating DPS officer, but he did say the driver of the pickup pulling the boat was an O'Donnell school employee returning home from Lake Alan Henry.

The driver of the tractor, also not identified, was taken to a Lubbock hospital by his wife, and reportedly also was not seriously hurt.

Another accident occurred near (See INJURIES REPORTED, page 8)

woodwork

by dalton



I READ THE other day that prairie chickens are in danger of becoming extinct, like conservative politicians and good TV programs. The story said the estimated total population of prairie chickens is now about 30,000, down from about 3 million a half century ago, because their natural habitat has dwindled due mainly to drought and changes in land usage.

And the story said the chickens are further threatened by these towering wind turbines which are becoming more common in this area. The story said the wind energy industry itself could face strong restrictions on where they can erect those super-sized windmills, if the prairie chickens are declared an endangered species by whoever makes such designations.

Well, gee, I've never seen a prairie chicken, so my first thought was why do we need a prairie chicken, anyway? But I have never spent much time out on the prairie, and I guess it's okay that some folks want to preserve the prairie chicken.

Incidentally, the story calls it a "lesser prairie chicken," which suggests that somewhere out there is lurking a greater prairie chicken, but it doesn't say so.

The story says these lesser prairie chickens can't fly very far, and that they weigh about 400 grams. I had to look that up to learn that's a little less than a pound. (When I saw that one pound equals about 454 grams, I multiplied to see how many grams I weigh, and came up with the staggering total of 86,180 grams. Wow. I've got to cut down on snacks while reading or watching TV).

According to the story I read, it's not the blades of the wind turbines which threaten the prairie chickens, but the size. Here's a direct quote:

"The bird...has an evolutionary aversion to tall structures around its breeding and nesting grounds because its predators include raptors who perch in high places awaiting their opportunity."

I thought a raptor was a dinosaur, and I had this mental picture of one perched up on top of big windmill, ready to swoop down and get you. The dictionary told me a raptor is any kind of bird of prey, like a hawk or eagle.

But until then, I was thinking I couldn't blame those prairie chickens for being scared to nest under a windmill with a dinosaur on top of it. Under those circumstances, I would be a little chicken myself.

Obituaries



REINA CHARO

Reina Charo

Rosary for Reina Charo, 64, of Tahoka was held Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel-Tahoka. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday at 2:00 p.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church. Burial followed at Nevils Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

She died on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at her residence. She was born on March 25, 1945 in Batesville to the late Gabino and Josefina Galindo. She married Victor H. Charo in 1962 in Tahoka. She was preceded in death by a daughter Rosario Charo 1985, two brothers Fidel Galindo Jr. 1992 and Ray Galindo 1994.

Survivors include her husband, Victor of Tahoka; three sons, Victor Charo Jr. and wife Debbie Sanders, Gilbert Charo, all of Tahoka; and Isreal Galindo of Delevan, Wisconsin; six sisters, Soila Martinez of Elkhorn, Wisconsin, Oralia Reyes, Sally Avilas and Gracie Vela, all of Delevan, Wisconsin, Estella Alvarado of Tahoka, Virginia Hernandez of Laredo; one brother, Raul Galindo of Laredo; two granddaughters, Diedra and Victoria Charo, both of Lubbock; and a special daughter-in-law, Julia Charo of Tahoka.

TISD proposes keeping same \$1.04 tax rate

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees this week are publishing a notice of proposed tax rate and have set a public meeting for 7 p.m. Aug. 24 at the Harvick Educational Building to hear public comments on the budget/tax rate issues. TISD is proposing leaving the tax rate at \$1.04, which is the maximum rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval in a rollback election.

A comparison of the proposed levy with last year's levy on an average residence shows that homeowners will see a slight decrease (\$2.64) in taxes, based on figures for the average market/taxable value of residences.

The proposed Maintenance and Operations (M&O) budget for Tahoka ISD indicates a .57% decrease compared with last year's budget, although exact budget figures were not included in the notice. Any interested individuals may attend the public hearing on Aug. 24.

Wilson VFD annual raffle, BBQ set Sunday, Aug. 16

The Wilson Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual Gun Raffle and Barbeque Dinner, this Sunday, August 16, at the WISD school cafeteria from 11:30-1:00.

Cost for the meal will be \$8.00 for adults, and \$4.00 for children. Benefits will go toward the purchase of a new fire truck and new equipment.

Reserve Booth Space for the
Lynn County Harvest Festival
on Sept. 26th
Call 561-4440



Saturday smashup... The two vehicles shown here, a Dodge Durango and a Ford Fusion, were involved in a collision Saturday at FM 1053 and U.S. 87 at O'Donnell. The severity of injuries to persons involved was not immediately known. (LCN PHOTOS by Pam Elrod)



Commissioners propose lower tax rate for county

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners on Monday proposed a tax rate for the 2009 year that is approximately two cents lower than the current rate of \$0.87931 but is considered a tax increase because the rate is above the effective tax rate that would bring in the same amount of revenue as last year. Commissioners are proposing a tax rate of \$0.8611. Based on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the county last year, taxes would increase about \$28.38 (based on residential taxable value of \$44,540 last year compared to \$48,777 average taxable value this year, as property values have increased).

Two public hearings will be held regarding the proposed tax rate/tax increase, with the first hearing set for 9 a.m. Aug. 24 in the basement courtroom of Lynn County Courthouse, and the second hearing to be announced later.

Commissioners adopted tax

abatement guidelines for Lynn County at Monday's meeting. The tax abatement issue has been under consideration for quite some time, as a couple of wind energy companies have approached county officials about the possibility of tax abatements in connection with proposed wind energy projects. The tax abatement guidelines list the countywide criteria for considering tax abatements requested by any industry, including wind energy, and are the first step in the process for considering tax abatements.

Commissioners set a public hearing for 9 a.m. Aug. 24 for designating reinvestment zones for tax abatement purposes, which designate the area that is being considered for the abatement.

Commissioners approved several routine business issues, including a contract for the Sheriff's Office with Justice Solutions software, which will provide software for the office that will interact with other law enforcement agencies with the same software; approved renewing a \$10 fee imposed in the Tax Assessor-Collector's office, an optional fee that must be renewed each year; and approved an agreement with "GovDeals" which provides a means for sellers to list items for sale and for potential buyers to bid upon these items via an internet-based auction service.

Commissioners also approved a request from Lynn County Pioneers senior citizens center to increase the annual donation from the county, unanimously approving a \$1000 increase for the year. With the increase, the county will give a total of \$5,000 to the senior citizens center next year.

County employees will be allowed an option to participate in a Child Care Plan (health insurance) offered by National Family Life, and commissioners also considered, but took no action, upon amending the employee handbook regarding vacation time allowed. Commissioners approved a contract with South Plains Forensic Pathology with the county, and approved monthly bills.

The commissioners meeting lasted all day, from 9 a.m. until 5:12 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break. Judge H.G. Franklin led the meeting with all commissioners present including Brad Hammonds, Don Blair, Mike Braddock and Keith Wied.

Care TO BE Aware
HEALTH NEWS FROM LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
by Julia Allen

Easy Tips for a Happy Healthy Life

I received this email the other day and thought it was worth sharing. Some easy steps to take to make us all feel better.

- When you wake up in the morning complete the following statement, 'My purpose is to _____ today.'
- Take a 10-30 minute walk every day. And while you walk, smile. It is the ultimate antidepressant.
- Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day. Buy a lock if you have to.
- Buy a Tivo (DVR), tape your late night shows and get more sleep.
- Live with the 3 E's --Energy, Enthusiasm, and Empathy.
- Spend more time with people over the age of 70 and under the age of 6.
- Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less foods that are manufactured in plants.
- Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a college kid with a maxed out charge card.
- Drink green tea and plenty of water. Eat blueberries, wild Alaskan salmon, broccoli, almonds & walnuts.
- Try to make at least three people smile each day.
- Don't waste your precious energy on negativity, issues of the past, negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead, invest your energy in the positive present moment.

Just pick a few, try them and see if they don't make you feel better too.

- Smile and laugh more. It will keep the energy vampires away.
- Do the right thing!
- Call your family often.
- Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
- Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch with them.
- Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- Each night before you go to bed complete the following statements: 'I am thankful for _____.' Today I accomplished _____.

Just pick a few, try them and see if they don't make you feel better too.



DONATIONS to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are greatly appreciated.
LCHD EMS, Box 1310, Tahoka, Tx

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Doug Barham Memorial Golf Tournament & Fund Raising Event!
Friday & Saturday, August 21 & 22
T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka!

TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER TOURNAMENT:
Friday at 7 pm • \$20 Buy-In

GOLF TOURNAMENT:
Saturday at 10 am • 4 Man Scramble • \$100 per person

BINGO: Saturday 12 noon-5 pm • for kids and non-golfers

BBQ DINNER:
Saturday 5-7 pm • \$15 per person
Tickets available at Gowlinks • Ashcraft Insurance • City/County Library • W. Calloway Huffaker Law Office • T-Bar CC • Pam Bam Tomlinson

SILENT AUCTION: Saturday 5-7 pm

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ATTENTION ALL LYNN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:
Win Scholarships at the Lynn County Harvest Festival by participating in the King and Queen Contests!
Call Starr Gray, 561-8181 for more information

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Letters to the Editor

Community churches appreciated

Each one of us at Sweet Street Baptist Church would like to give a big "THANKS" for all the many times you have helped us with food and different ways. The last funeral dinner we had, there were six churches plus other friends that helped with the lunch.

We want to let everyone know how much we appreciate your help.

Sweet Street Baptist Church

Bulldog Team Deserves Support

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL!!!! Our Bulldogs have been working out for over a week and they look PUMPED!!! We have a great group of young men who are ready to let our area see what they are all about ... BULLDOG POWER! I want to encourage everyone to come to the games and support these warriors. I call them "The 3 B Bulldog Team." They are Building a new proud Bulldog TEAM. They want to BREAK all the records for our area. Then we will be BLOWING everyone's minds with our efforts.

The 3D band had to have a beginning and they got the support they needed and still have that support. Look how far they have gone. Now our football warriors need the same support. They started to believe in themselves last year. Now I ask you to come out and show your support this year. The team MUST HEAR US. We will provide noise makers for each game.

If you do not wish to be a part of this then join us in the "touchdown club". For every touchdown made by the varsity or JV someone will walk or run a mile at our track the Saturday following the games.

Our team deserves your support. I intend to show my support in many ways. If you are skeptical then move over because the 3B Bulldog Team is going to blow you away. Eat our dust!!!!

Sincerely, Ellen Fant
#1 Bulldog fan

Sales Tax Holiday is August 21-23

The annual sales tax holiday weekend is coming up Aug. 21-23. State law designates the weekend of the third Friday in August for the sales tax holiday.

"Most families are on tight budgets and it can be a real challenge to buy kids the clothes and supplies they need for a new school year," State Comptroller Susan Combs said. "To help out, the Legislature has added many school supplies to the list of tax-free items during the sales tax holiday. The tax break on school supplies alone will save families nearly \$9 million in-state and local sales taxes this year."

The sales tax holiday covers school supplies, school backpacks and most children's and adults' clothing and shoes priced less than \$100. Lists of tax-free clothing and school supplies can be found at www.txtaxholiday.org.

Letters To The Editor -- POLICY --

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

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

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



Painting in New Orleans ... Youth from St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson help paint a house in New Orleans as part of the service projects during the National Youth Gathering. The local youth include, left from the boy wearing the cap, Brandon Bassinger, Benjamin Freitag, and Brandy Holliday. They joined 36,000 participants in mass gatherings in the Superdome each evening of the National Youth Gathering.

Sent through an email:

MUSIC STOPPED

For those who are unaware, at a military theater, the National Anthem is played before every movie. This is written from a Chaplain in Iraq:

I recently attended a showing of "Superman 3" here at LSA Anaconda. We have a large auditorium we use for movies, as well as memorial services and other large gatherings. As is the custom back in the States, we stood and snapped to attention when the National Anthem began before the main feature. All

was going as planned until about three-quarters of the way through The National Anthem the music stopped.

Now, what would happen if this occurred with 1,000 18-22 year-olds back in the States? I imagine there would be hoots, catcalls, laughter, a few rude comments; and everyone would sit down and call for a movie. Of course, that is, if they had stood for the National Anthem in the first place. Here, the 1,000 Soldiers continued to stand at attention, eyes fixed forward. The music started again. The Soldiers continued to quietly stand at at-

ention. And again, at the same point, the music stopped. What would you expect to happen? Even here I would imagine laughter, as everyone finally sat down and expected the movie to start.

But here, you could have heard a pin drop. Every Soldier continued to stand at attention. Suddenly there was a lone voice, then a dozen, and quickly the room was filled with the voices of a thousand soldiers, finishing where the recording left off: "And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. Oh, say does that

Star Spangled Banner yet wave, o'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave."

It was the most inspiring moment I have had here in Iraq. I wanted you to know what kind of Soldiers are serving you here. Remember them as they fight for you!

Pass this along as a reminder to others to be ever in prayer for all our soldiers serving us here at home and abroad. For many have already paid the ultimate price.

Written by Chaplain Jim Higgins
LSA Anaconda is at the Ballad Airport in Iraq, north of Baghdad

Senior Citizens MENU

August 17-21

Monday: Chicken & squash, white rice, flour tortillas, fruit
Tuesday: Hamburger steak & brown gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, dry jello

Wednesday: Ranch chicken & mac casserole, salad, cornbread, carrot cake

Thursday: Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, homemade rolls, pineapple-pretzel jello

Friday: Chicken & dumplings, Mexican corn salad, summer fruit

• Weekly domino night on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in!

• Do not forget to buy your copy of our cookbook- Timeless Treasures. Keep one or give as a gift. They are available for \$12 each at the Center, Lynn County News and the City/County Library.

• The recycle bin will be open during the week 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for your can donations. After 1:00 p.m. and on weekends, please call Bianca at 201-9169 and she will arrange to meet you at the bin to accept your can donations. Thank you for your continued support with our community cans collection.

Pleasant Grove MENU

Pleasant Grove closed this weekend

Pleasant Grove Kitchen will be closed August 14, 15 and 16th. The kitchen will re-open next week.

ATTEND CHURCH IN LYNN COUNTY

<p>Draw First United Methodist Church (established 1907) P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351 Phone (806) 428-3357 or Fern Barnes (806) 327-5583 PASTOR: REV. MONTY BARNETT Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School following</p>	<p>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. CCE Class/Confirmation Instruct. - 7 p.m. Wed.</p>	<p>TAHOKA Church of Christ 2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4080 • email: tcoc@poka.com MINISTER: RON FANT Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Bible Classes - Wednesday 7 p.m.</p>	<p>1801 Ave. J • Box 500 Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4503 email: functahoka@poka.com PASTOR: VERNON BAKER SUNDAYS: Praise Worship - 8:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m. TUESDAYS: Branded Ministries - 6:30 p.m. WEDNESDAYS: Youth - 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church 16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com PASTOR: DAVID W. ROME Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Divine Service - 10:15 a.m. "Where Christ Serves People"</p>	<p>NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of Fourth & Smith "Serving the Lord for 100 Years" SERVICES: Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship..... 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm Wed. Youth/Children's Activities..... 7:00 pm Pastor: Calvin Gray</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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 There's A Place For Me at FBC!</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>How Would Jesus Play? Read Matthew 24:45-47 Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called. -- Ephesians 4:1 (NRSV) It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game. One of the officials who was scheduled to work our daughter's high school basketball game failed to show up. The host school offered to forfeit the game, but our team declined the offer, opting to play anyway. The lone official explained to the girls that he would be unable to see everything and that he would need their help. As the game progressed, we observed the true spirit of athletic competition. When the referee was unable to see, the girls responded by admitting violations. When a call was in doubt, the offending player acknowledged that she had committed the foul or was out of bounds. That evening the focus was clearly on how they played the game. These high school girls served as an example for all of us as we face daily decisions. We must make the call: reporting or not reporting undocumented income; being faithful or unfaithful to our spouse; engaging or not engaging in hurtful gossip. Do we live honestly even when telling the truth brings consequences we would like to avoid? On a spiritual level, we decide whether to take part in the ministries of the church and whether to forgive those who have done us wrong. As we monitor our own lives, do we live according to the Bible? Roy Shaver... from The Upper Room</p>		<p>PRAY FOR OUR NATION Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." ... Luke 18:27</p>
<p>Wilson First Baptist Church 1403 19th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6333 PASTOR: BILLY FARMER 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 • Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth</p>	<p>Tahoka Trinity Church 1925 Lockwood • Box 1188 • 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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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) Evening Worship - 6 p.m. (Praise & Worship - Gospel Message) Wednesday Night - 7 p.m. (Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries) EVERYONE IS WELCOME!</p>
<p>Wilson St. John Lutheran Church 13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6573 Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond. LEADERS: REV. YVONNE KIBLER TONDA FREITAG, PLM Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Wilson St. John Lutheran Church 13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6573 Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond. LEADERS: REV. YVONNE KIBLER TONDA FREITAG, PLM Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Wilson St. John Lutheran Church 13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6573 Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond. LEADERS: REV. YVONNE KIBLER TONDA FREITAG, PLM Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m.</p>

'Back to School' celebration set Aug. 20 at Tahoka Elementary

Tahoka Elementary staff invites students and parents to a "Back to School" Night next Thursday, Aug. 20, with fun, food, games, and t-shirt sales offered as part of the celebration. Theme for the night is "Join our Safari: An Expedition to Exemplary!" with activities scheduled from 5:00-7:30 p.m. according to Principal Alecia Hancock. Tahoka Elementary Pride Corp will assist in the event.

Parent/student/staff meetings are also scheduled in conjunction with the event, which must be attended in order to pick up free tickets for the hot

dogs. These 15-minute meetings are as follows:

PK (3-4 year olds): 5:00-5:15 p.m. in the elementary gym
 Kindergarten: 5:15-5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria
 1st-2nd Grades: 5:45-6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria
 3rd Grade: 6:15-6:30 p.m. in the elementary gym
 4th Grade: 6:45-7:00 p.m. in the elementary gym
 5th Grade: 7:15-7:30 in the elementary gym

For more information, contact Tahoka Elementary School at 561-4350.

ZUCCHINI JAM

4 cups zucchini-peeled, seeded and grated
 3 cups sugar
 1/2 cup lemon juice

Boil for 30 minutes, remove from heat. Add 1 box Jell-O (apricot or peach). Ladle into jars and seal.

—submitted by Francine Broun

DON'T FORGET!
 Order your **Tahoka Bulldog football jersey!**

Deadline to order is August 16th!
 See last week's ad in the Lynn County News for more details ... or
Contact Mandi at 441-8753
 or tejedattu@hotmail.com (leave a message)

BULLDOG Booster Club News

Tahoka Athletic Booster Club encourages any parents with a child/children in athletics to join the Booster Club. The Booster Club is a great way of supporting the athletes, and to join cost \$5.00 per family per year.

Dates to remember are:
 • August 13, at 7:30 p.m. Watermelon party at the Practice Field
 • August 15 - 9:00 a.m. Replace missing plastic cups for paw prints and bulldogs along the fence surrounding the football field.
 • August 25 - Meet the Coaches (all girls and boys) THS Library immediately following Meet the Bulldogs. 3-D band will be introduced first.

Obituary Notices -- POLICY --
 There is no charge for obituary notices, subject to editing. The Lynn County News will publish obituaries with any connection to Lynn County. Information may be sent to The Lynn County News, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79733, faxed to 806/561-6308, or e-mail: LynnCoNews@poka.com.

Service NEWS

Newsom completes course at Ft. Sill

Army Spec. Radavion E. Newsom has completed the Warrior Transition Course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

The course teaches basic skills necessary for integration into the Army for all prior-service members to fully prepare them for Advanced Individual Training or on to their first assignment.

Soldiers undergo much of the same training developed in basic combat training, except it is developed in a program of instruction that lasts five weeks instead of nine. To complete the course, soldiers must complete the Army Physical Fitness Test, with a minimum of 60 points in each event, M-16 weapon qualification, tactical foot marches, tactical field and situational training, and the land navigation course.

Newsom is the son of Dennis and Linda Newsom of Tahoka.

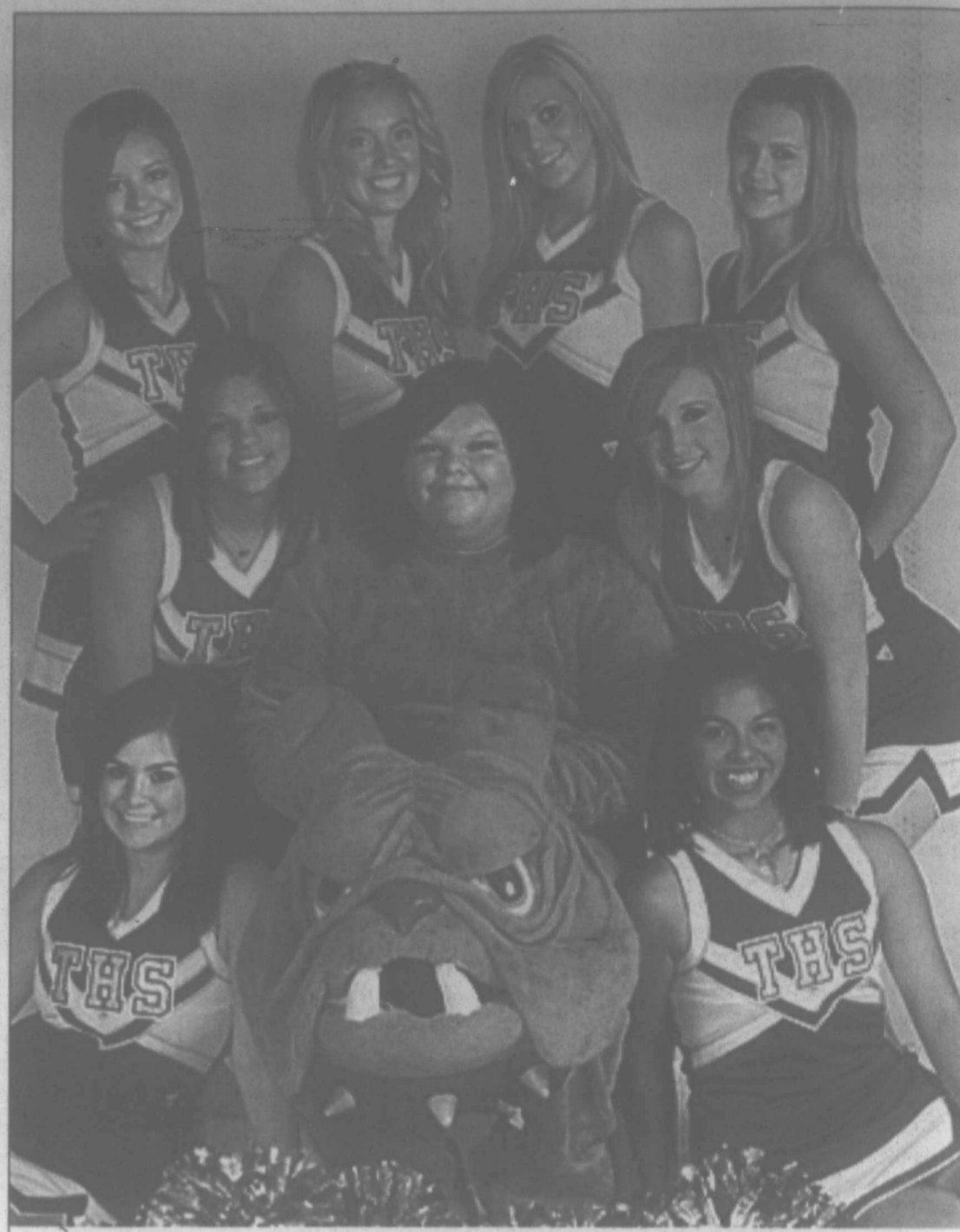
He is a 1996 graduate of Estacado High School in Lubbock.

Check out the City of Tahoka's Website!



Find out more about the City of Tahoka by visiting their computer website at www.tahokatx.com

The site has information about city government, officials, churches, city services, health services and more!



THS Cheerers ... The Tahoka Varsity Cheerleaders for the 2009-2010 school year are, clockwise from bottom left: Skylar McCleskey, Mady DeLeon, Stephanie DeLeon, Morgan Lockaby, Kalee Wuensche (head), Taya Bishop, Taryn Bishop, Sabrina Moralez, and mascot (in center) is Lisa Marie Alvarado.

Wanted: High School Youth Leaders for Lynn County Youth Board

Does your high school student have leadership potential and the passion for developing programs to serve his or her peers? Is he or she interested in improving the quality of life for the youth of Lynn County? Does he or she want to be an active part of the community and build his or her resume? If so, then your high school student may want to consider joining the Lynn County Youth Board!

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Lynn County is looking for 12-15 high school youth (sophomores/juniors preferred) to serve on the Lynn County Youth Board. Membership is open to any high school student in Lynn County. The Youth Board will meet at least twice annually to discuss issues affecting youth; additional time commitments may be needed to help plan and carry out educational programs to address the

needs of youth in Lynn County.

There are several personal rewards for being on the Lynn County Youth Board. Members will have a chance to be an active part of the program development process and see positive changes in youth participants, they will be looked upon as leaders by representing the youth of your community, they will have a say about what happens in their communities, and they will build individual life skills through it all. Examples of programs the County Youth Board could sponsor include leadership workshops, county-wide community service projects, educational programs, or youth day camps.

A Lynn County Youth Board meeting will be Saturday, August 15, 3:00 p.m., at T-Bar Country Club. The board will be assembling welcome kits for new students who move

to a Lynn County school during the school year, helping prepare/serve a meal for benefit golf tournament participants, and planning future activities.

If your high school student is interested in this leadership opportunity, please call the Lynn County AgriLife Extension office, 561-4562, and provide the name, address, phone number, school, and grade level of the student, and plan to have them participate in the August 15 meeting.

City-County Library

561-4050 • 1717 Main • Tahoka (in the Life Enrichment Center)
HOURS:
 Monday-Friday
 9:00 am-1:00 pm and 2:00-6:00 p.m.
 Saturday 9:00 am-12:00 noon
www.tahoka.lib.tx.us

Tahoka Pioneer Museum

561-5339 • 1600 Lockwood • Tahoka
 OPEN: Friday & Saturday 10 am-2 pm

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 **4.4 percent**. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on **August 24, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at Lynn County Basement Court Room, Tahoka, Texas.**

The second public hearing will be held on **August 28, 2009 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: DON BLAIR, BRAD HAMMONDS, MIKE BRADDOCK, KEITH WIED

AGAINST: NONE

PRESENT and not voting: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **Lynn County** last year was **\$44,540**. Based on last year's tax rate of **\$0.87931** per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was **\$391.64**.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **Lynn County** this year is **\$48,777**. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of **\$0.8311104** per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be **\$405.38**.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of **\$0.8611** per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be **\$420.02**.

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

JOIN OUR SAFARI! AN EXPEDITION TO EXEMPLARY!



Thursday, Aug. 20 is **Back To School Night** at **TAHOKA ELEMENTARY**

Elementary Schedule for Back To School Night: Parent/Student/Staff Meetings
 (Must attend to get ticket for hot dogs)

PK (3 & 4 year olds).....5:00-5:15 Elementary Gym
 Kindergarten.....5:15-5:30 Cafeteria
 1st & 2nd Grades.....5:45-6:00 Cafeteria
 3rd Grade.....6:15-6:30 Elementary Gym
 4th Grade.....6:45-7:00 Elementary Gym
 5th Grade.....7:15-7:30 Elementary Gym

T-SHIRT SALES • HOT DOGS • GAMES • AND MORE!



Hard at work ... the Tahoka High School Band has been busy practicing for the upcoming football season. They will perform for the home crowd for the first time this year on August 28th at halftime.

Are You Prepared?

What you need to know to stay safe in a storm

Texas Agrilife Extension Service

All thunderstorms are dangerous. Every thunderstorm produces lightning. In the United States, an average of 300 people are injured and 80 people are killed each year by lightning. Although most lightning victims survive, people struck by lightning often report a variety of long-term, debilitating symptoms.

Other associated dangers of thunderstorms include tornadoes, strong winds, hail, and flash flooding. Flash flooding is responsible for more fatalities—more than 140 annually—than any other thunderstorm-associated hazard.

Some of the most severe weather occurs when a single thunderstorm affects one location for an extended time. About 10 percent of thunderstorms are classified as severe—one that produces hail at least three-quarters of an inch in diameter, has winds of 58 miles per hour or higher, or produces a tornado.

Lightning's unpredictability increases the risk to individuals and property. Lightning often strikes outside of heavy rain and may occur as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall. "Heat lightning" is actually lightning from a thunderstorm too far away for thunder to be heard. However, the storm may be moving in your direction! Most lightning deaths and injuries occur when people are caught outdoors in the summer months during the afternoon and evening. Lightning strike victims carry no electrical charge and should be attended to immediately.

Familiarize yourself with these terms: Severe Thunderstorm Watch: Tells you when and where severe thunderstorms are likely to occur. Watch the sky and stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for information. Severe Thunderstorm Warning: Issued when severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property to

those in the path of the storm.

Prepare for storms by removing dead or rotting trees and branches that could fall and cause injury or damage during a severe storm; Remember the 30/30 lightning safety rule: Go indoors if, after seeing lightning, you cannot count to 30 before hearing thunder. Stay indoors for 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder.

If a thunderstorm is likely in your area: Postpone outdoor activities; Get inside a home, building, or hard top automobile (not a convertible). Although you may be injured if lightning strikes your car, you are much safer inside a vehicle than outside; Remember, rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide NO protection from lightning. However, the steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides increased protection if you are not touching metal; Secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage; Shut windows and secure outside doors. If shutters are not available, close window blinds, shades, or curtains; Avoid showering or bathing. Plumbing and bathroom fixtures can conduct electricity; Use a corded telephone only for emergencies; Cordless and cellular telephones are safe to use; Unplug appliances and other electrical items such as computers and turn off air conditioners. Power surges from lightning can cause serious damage; Use your battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio for updates from local officials.

Avoid natural lightning rods such as a tall, isolated tree in an open area; hilltops, open fields, the beach, or a boat on the water; Isolated sheds or other small structures in open areas; Anything metal—tractors, farm equipment, motorcycles, golf carts, golf clubs, and bicycles.

During a storm, if you are in an open area, go to a low place such as a ravine or valley. Be alert for flash floods. If you are in or on open water, get to land and find shelter immediately. If you are in a forest, seek shelter in a low area under a thick growth of small trees. If you are

anywhere and you feel your hair stand on end (which indicates that lightning is about to strike), squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground. DO NOT lie flat on the ground.

When you attempt to give aid to a victim of lightning check for: Breathing - if breathing has stopped, begin mouth-to-mouth resuscitation; Heartbeat - if the heart has stopped, administer CPR; Pulse - if the victim has a pulse and is breathing, look for other possible injuries. Check for burns where the lightning entered and left the body. Also be alert for nervous system damage, broken bones, and loss of hearing and eyesight.

New Home ISD proposes slightly lower tax rate

New Home Independent School District Board of Trustees this week are publishing a notice of proposed tax rate and have set a public meeting for 7 p.m. Aug. 27 at New Home ISD to hear public comments on the budget/tax rate issues. New Home ISD is proposing lowering the tax rate slightly to \$1.2376, compared to last year's total tax rate of \$1.2478. The total rate includes a Maintenance and Operating (M&O) rate of \$1.17, which is the same as last year, and an Interesting and Sinking (I&S) rate of \$0.6736, compared to last year's I&S rate of \$0.778.

The I&S tax rate is to pay off \$630,000 in bonded indebtedness in the school district.

A comparison of the proposed levy with last year's levy on an average residence shows that homeowners will see a slight increase (\$22.59) in taxes, based on figures for the average market/taxable value of residences within the school district, with market values showing an increase from \$84,424 to \$86,835 from the previous year.

Any interested individuals may attend the public hearing on Aug. 27.

\$10,000 natural resource scholarships available

The Texas Wildlife Association Foundation (TWAFF) and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. (SALE) have joined forces to offer four \$10,000 Natural Resource-Excellence in Education Scholarships in the fall of 2009. The scholarships will be awarded to four freshmen at Texas universities who are majoring in a natural resource-related field such as agricultural science, wildlife science, forestry, range science, etc.

Completed applications are due by September 14, 2009, and an application can be obtained at www.texas-wildlife.org.

"As our population has grown, the strain on our natural resources has grown proportionately," said TWAFF President Charles Davidson. "Our future depends on our ability to manage our natural resources wisely, balancing the needs of man and nature. It just makes sense to identify our future leaders

and support them while they are getting their educations. We all will benefit from their expertise in the years to come."

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be: A Texas resident; A graduate of a Texas high school; Enrolled in a Texas accredited college or university with a natural resource/agricultural degree program; Classified as a "Freshman" or in first year after high school in the accredited program; Majoring in a natural resource related field such as agricultural science, wildlife science, forestry, range science, etc.; A citizen of the United States and provide a valid social security number if chosen. Students must also maintain 12 hours per semester and a minimum 2.0 GPA per semester and 2.5 cumulative GPA.

The scholarships are awarded based on overall quality and on essay responses to a series of natural resource questions.

Wilson ISD proposes same school tax rate

Wilson Independent School District Board of Trustees this week are publishing a notice of proposed tax rate that is the same as last year's tax rate, at \$1.23. The total rate includes a Maintenance and Operating (M&O) rate of \$1.17, which is the same as last year, and an Interesting and Sinking (I&S) rate of \$0.06, also the same as last year. The I&S rate is to pay off bonded indebtedness of \$225,000 in the district.

The school district will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27 in the WISD School Library to discuss the budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

A comparison of the proposed levy with last year's levy on an average residence shows that homeowners will see a slight decrease (\$11.42) in taxes, based on figures for the average market/taxable value of residences within the school district, with market values showing a decrease from \$47,702 to \$46,773 from the previous year.

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. Thursday, August 27, 2009 in the WISD School Library, 1411 Green Ave., 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	\$1.17 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.06 / \$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	18.04 % (decrease)
Debt service	% increase or	4.17 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase or	17.71 % (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	\$ 56,007,050.00	\$ 61,219,450.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 363,330.00	\$ 124,490.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 42,636,600.00	\$ 47,331,210.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 363,330.00	\$ 124,490.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(B), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.01(2)(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness*	\$ 225,000.00
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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	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.06 *	\$ 1.23	\$ 3,967.00	\$ 7,148.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.23	\$ 0.08*	\$ 1.30	\$ 4,633.00	\$ 6,788.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.06*	\$ 1.23	\$ 4,292.00	\$ 7,689.00

* 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	\$ 47,702.00	\$ 46,773.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 32,702.00	\$ 31,773.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.23/100	\$ 1.23/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 402.23	\$ 390.81
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$	\$ (11.42)

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 1.235105. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.235105.

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)	\$ 360,758.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 237,648.00

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No serious injuries... The driver of the Chevrolet pickup in the left photo was treated for apparently non-serious injury after the pickup collided with a plow being pulled by a tractor on FM 2053 east of O'Donnell Monday evening. The white Ford pickup in the other photo also struck the plow, but neither that driver nor the man on the tractor was seriously hurt, although both were treated at hospital emergency rooms. (LCN PHOTOS by Pam Elrod)

South Plains Assn. of SWCDs to meet Aug. 19 in Lubbock

The South Plains Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SPASWCDS) will meet August 19, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the PYCO Industries located at 2901 Ave. A. in Lubbock.

The featured program speaker is Lacey Frazee, Executive Director of the American Museum of Agriculture. Located in Lubbock, the American Museum of Agriculture displays machinery and artifacts dating back to pioneering years of agriculture in the region.

Speakers during the business session who will update SWCD directors on state and national soil and water conservation programs and issues include Aubrey Russell, member of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Area I; Scott Buckles, vice president of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Area I; Rex Isom, Executive Director, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board; and State Conservationist Don Gohmert, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Counties in which the SWCDs serve include Lynn, Terry, Garza and Lubbock.

New immunization requirements effective August 1

Changes to school immunization requirements for five vaccines take effect Aug. 1 according to Texas Department of State Health Services officials.

"The changes were made to update the Texas elementary and secondary school immunization requirements to more closely match recommendations by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices," said Jack Sims, DSHS immunization branch manager.

Changes affect mainly students entering kindergarten and seventh grade. All immunizations must be completed by the first day of attendance at public and private schools. The vaccines and new requirements are:

- Hepatitis A vaccine: Students entering kindergarten statewide must have had two doses of the hepatitis A vaccine.
- Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine: Students entering kindergarten must have had two doses of the MMR vaccine. Students in grades 1 through 12 must continue to meet the current requirement, which is two doses of a measles-containing vaccine and one dose each of mumps and rubella vaccine.
- Varicella vaccine: Students entering kindergarten and seventh grade must have had two doses. Students in grades 1 through 8 and 12 must continue to meet the current requirement, which is one dose of varicella vaccine.
- Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis-containing vaccine (Tdap): Students entering seventh grade must have had one dose of Tdap vaccine. Students in seventh grade must have had a booster dose of Tdap, but only if it has been five years since their last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine. Students in grades 8 through 12 must have had a booster dose of Tdap if it has been 10 years since their last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine.
- Meningococcal vaccine: Students entering seventh grade must have had one dose.

Information about the new Texas immunization requirements was sent to health care providers, schools and child-care facilities earlier this year. The full list of immunization requirements effective Aug. 1 for the 2009-2010 school year is available at www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/docs/school/6-14eng.pdf.

Immunizations also are required for children in pre-kindergarten and child-care facilities. Those requirements are available at www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/docs/school/childcare_reqsENG.pdf.

Local SWCD taking orders for puncturevine weevils

The Lynn County Soil & Water Conservation District is taking orders for puncturevine weevils. The weevils will be ordered on Monday, August 17th.

Puncture vine weevils are a biological control for goat head problems.

Female weevils chew into the side of a young (green) puncturevine bur, deposit eggs into the seed and seal it with fecal material. Females may deposit up to 324 eggs. Weevil grubs develop inside the seed and pupate therein. Each seed may produce 1-3 weevils. The life cycle from egg to adult requires about 25 days. Adult weevils may feed on the plant but do not cause appreciable damage to the plant. The number of generations per year depends on the climate. Adults overwinter in plant duff.

It is recommended that a minimum of 250 adults be released per acre on moderate infestation of puncturevines. Where major infestations are considered to be a factor, release rates of up to 500 adults per acre are considered to be appropriate. Weevils are ordered by the unit, which consists of 250 weevils per unit.

Anyone interested in ordering weevil can contact Helen Saldaña at 998-4507 Ext. 3 or come by the SWCD Office at 1602 S. 2nd St. in Tahoka.

Notice
CAUSE NO. 08-06-02438
IN THE 106th DISTRICT COURT
OF LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS
LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT ET AL
VS.
JOSE BESERRA ET AL
**CITATION BY PUBLICATION
IN DELINQUENT TAX SUIT**

THE STATE OF TEXAS In the name and by the authority
COUNTY OF LYNN of the State of Texas, notice is
Given as follows: TO

Jose Beserra and Rafael Reyna Beserra, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs, and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: 6.00 acres, more or less, out of the Northeast 1/4 of the EL & RR Ry Co. Survey, #68, Block 8, out of Abstract 1200, Lynn County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 122, Page 297 and Vol. 123, Page 75 of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$1,186.59 exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Lynn County Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on June 10, 2008, in a certain suit styled the Lynn County Appraisal District et al vs. Jose Beserra et al, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, 106th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit, is 08-06-02438, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 5th day of October, A.D., 2009, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Lynn County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, this 6th day of August, A.D., 2009.
/s/ Sandra Laws
Clerk of the District Court,
Lynn County, Texas, 106th Judicial District
Delivered This 6th day of August 2009

Jerry D. Franklin
Sheriff of Lynn County
/s/ Cheryl Estrada, Deputy
33-2tc

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 27, 2009 in the New Home ISD Board Room, 225 North Main, New Home, Texas 79383. 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	\$0.067363 / \$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	8.0	% increase or	—	% (decrease)
Debt service	—	% increase or	1.12	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	8.0	% 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	\$ 53,727,770.00	\$ 58,931,180.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 657,690.00	\$ 1,615,160.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 43,136,131.00	\$ 49,115,725.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 657,690.00	\$ 1,615,160.00

* "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* \$ 630,000.00
* 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	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.0778 *	\$ 1.2478	\$ 2,999.00	\$ 7,542.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.1916	\$ 0.07714*	\$ 1.22870	\$ 3,008.00	\$ 6,769.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.06736*	\$ 1.23736	\$ 3,009.00	\$ 7,586.00

* 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	\$ 84,424.00	\$ 86,835.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 69,424.00	\$ 71,835.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.2478/100	\$ 1.23736/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 866.27	\$ 888.86
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$	\$ 22.59

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 1.237363. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.237363.

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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Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 16,526.00

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2 c. Cheddar cheese, grated
2-4oz. chopped green chilies
Preheat oven to 375. Mix Bisquick with 2 tablespoons mayonnaise and spread in well greased 9 X 13 pan. Pat down. Saute sausage and onion. Drain on paper towels. Then spread on top of Bisquick mixture. Beat egg with remaining mayonnaise, cheese and green chilies. Spread this on top of sausage. Bake for 25 minutes. Cool and cut into 1 inch squares. --Veta Ford

Notice
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF LYNN §

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 106th Judicial District Court of Lynn County, on the 11th day of August, 2009, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

CAUSE NO.	STYLING	LEGAL DESCRIPTION
1991	City of O'Donnell v. Smith, Fred	1. Lots 23 and 24, Block 104 of the Original Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas.
99-02-2,155	O'Donnell Independent School District v. Castillo, Trinidad	2. Lots 7 and 8, Block 30 Original Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 11:45 o'clock a.m. on the 1st day of September, 2009, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the North door of the Courthouse of Lynn County, in the City of Tahoka, Texas,

Levied on the 12th day of August, 2009, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

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Veda Reed
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ORDINANCE NO. 141

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR THE CITY OF WILSON, TEXAS TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE USE OF WATER AND TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR THE INITIATION AND TERMINATION OF DROUGHT RESPONSE STAGES INCLUDING RESTRICTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND/OR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Wilson, Texas, recognizes that the amount of water available to its citizens and customers is limited; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that drought, system failure and other acts of God may occur and that the City cannot guarantee an uninterrupted water supply for all purposes at all times; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to conserve water resources and prepare for drought; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to comply with Section 11.1271 of the Texas Water Code and applicable rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality which require these plans for all public water supply systems; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to comply with the rules of the Texas Water Development Board should it decide to avail itself of various financial assistance programs found in Title 31, Texas Administrative Code Chapter 363; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 54 of the Local Government Code and in the best interests of its citizens, the City is authorized to adopt Ordinances it deems necessary and expedient to preserve and conserve its water resources and to prepare for drought;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILSON, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Council does hereby find and declare that sufficient and timely written notice of place and subject matter of this meeting adopting this Ordinance was posted. The City Council further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the posting thereof.

SECTION 2. The City Council adopts the Water Conservation & Drought Contingency Plan attached to this ordinance. All ordinances that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Should any paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 4. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to publish this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. The City Manager or chief administrative officer or his designee is hereby directed to file a copy of the Plan and this Ordinance with the Texas Water Development Board in accordance with Title 31, Chapter 363 of the Texas Administrative Code.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY the City Council on this 10th day of August 2009.

CITY OF WILSON, TEXAS
By: Honorable Donald Klaus, Mayor
Attest:
Susann L. Follis, City Secretary

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tion if all four cities commit to the project.

In other business at Monday night's meeting, Tahoka City Council considered a rate increase from Atmos Energy that took affect Aug. 1. The council approved a resolution between the Atmos West Texas Steering Committee and Atmos Energy regarding the company's second annual rate review mechanism, which basically means the city is forced to accept the rate increase. City Administrator Jerry Webster told *The News* that residential base rates will increase by \$3.94, with a new base rate of \$7.37 per month, and commercial rates will increase as well.

Duncan Disposal also requested a 2.8% increase in residential collection rates in addition to a 4% Consumer Price Index increase. Council members approved the 2.8% increase but instructed Webster to renegotiate the 4% CPI increase.

Larry Hagood was reappointed as the city's representative to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority Board of Directors, and the city renewed a contract with Joe F. Hays, CPA, to conduct the city audit.

The council approved payment of \$30,000 to Wagley Construction for a city sealcoat project, which sealcoated only a couple of streets including all of North 6th Street and a portion of North 4th. "The cost for these sealcoating projects has just

gone through the roof," Webster told *The News*. "That amount of money used to sealcoat a good section of streets, but not anymore," he added.

Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. Chief Steve Sanders and Matt Taylor addressed the council, reporting on the possibility of purchasing a used tanker truck for the department. City/County Library Director Claudia Guin presented the library budget for the council's consideration, and the council conducted a budget workshop.

Monthly bills were approved, and Webster reported on the progress of removing dilapidated buildings in town.

Mayor John Baker led the four-hour meeting that adjourned at 10 p.m. Council members present were Rudy Fuentes, Amy Preston, Jeff Martin and Ray Box, with councilwoman Clara Calvillo absent from the meeting.

Middle School sets "Back to School" event on Aug. 20

Tahoka Middle School student schedules will be mailed the week of August 17. Class changes can be made the first week of school. Enrollment packets will be sent home the first day of school.

Tahoka Middle School will host a Back to School Night on Thursday, August 20 from 7:00 til 8:00 p.m.



Peeps Softball team ... Tahoka's 12 and under girls softball team has had a good year. They played in the USSSA league in Lubbock winning 5th place out of 11 teams. The girls also held their 2nd annual softball tournament in June. The Peeps played in the championship game but ended up winning second place. They will play in more tournaments throughout this year. They are, in back from left, Coach Lindsey Cunningham, Kara Larpenner, Lauren Raindi, M'Lin Hill, Coach Paul Henderson; and in front, Marissa Wright, Amanda Hill, Miranda DeLeon, Charlie Duran, Shelbee Forsythe, Laura Henderson, Coy Mercer, Caley Bingham, and Maci Dimak. The Peeps would like to thank their sponsors: Quick Stripe Paving, Forsythe Construction Inc. and P.J.'s Catering.

INJURIES REPORTED ...

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the same location Saturday, resulting in injuries, but no information on that accident was available.

Tahoka Police last Thursday arrested a 31-year-old Tahoka man for criminal trespass, and also charged him with resisting arrest. Police also charged two teenage males with making a false report after they advised police they had been attacked by four persons, but later admitted they had been fighting each other, but did not want to get into trouble with relatives over minor bruises and cuts which resulted.

Twelve persons were locked up in Lynn County jail during the last week, most of them on multiple charges, leaving the total number in jail here at 47, with 10 of those held for other counties.

Four persons were jailed for possession of a controlled substance, with three of those also charged with tampering with evidence, and the other also charged with bringing a prohibited substance to a correctional facility. Four persons were charged with driving while intoxicated, and further charges were filed on some of these, including driving while license invalid (enhanced), possession of marijuana, DWI with child passenger and driving while license suspended.

Other charges bringing arrests included criminal trespass plus resisting arrest, public intoxication, and possession of marijuana.

SPC Reese Center nurses graduation set Aug. 14

The pinning ceremony for 34 graduate Vocational Nurses of South Plains College at the Reese Center is set for 10 a.m. Aug. 14 at Westmont Christian Church, 34th Street and Utica Avenue. The public is invited to attend.

Highlighting the ceremony will be the awarding of the Nightingale Award, the Barbara Bennett Bedside Nursing Award and the Covenant Healing Touch Award.

Lynn County graduates include Kimberly DeLeon of Tahoka.

The awarding of the nursing pin is the final act in an intensive year of nursing training. Graduates are eligible for taking the national licensing exam leading to the Licensed Vocational Nurse.

Three more local meetings set for 4B Sales Tax issue

Residents of Tahoka are invited to three more Town Hall meetings, on Aug. 13, 18 and 20, to learn more about the guidelines and opportunities associated with the 4B half-cent sales tax for economic development that will be on the November ballot for voters to consider.

Steering committee members Vernon Baker, Julia Allen, Tommy Botkin, Gloria Deleon, Roger Locke Jr., Dee Dee Pridmore and Roosevelt Moore will meet with citizens at the town hall meetings at the following locations: Aug. 13 at the Housing Authority Center, Aug. 18 at the Lyntegar Warehouse, and Aug. 20 at the Church of Christ. All meetings start at 7 p.m. and are open to all interested citizens, who may attend the meeting most convenient for them to attend.

Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF TAHOKA

HOME RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The City of Tahoka has received HOME Program funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to reconstruct five (5) homes that are in poor condition, are owned by households with at least one member who is elderly (62+) and/or disabled and owned by low income households with incomes that are not greater than 50% of the Family Median Income for the area within the City of Tahoka, Texas. (See eligible income levels below). The City of Tahoka invites eligible households to attend a general information session about the HOME Program, and to complete an application for housing assistance program on August 25th at the Life Enrichment Center located at 1717 Main Street, Tahoka, Texas between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The general information sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please bring your driver's license or other type of identification, social security card; proof of ownership of your home (e.g., warranty deed); property tax receipt for most current tax payer year; documentation showing earned income and/or benefits received (e.g., pay stub or social security letter); and your most recent bank account statement. Applications are available at the City of Tahoka at 1612 Lockwood Street in Tahoka, Texas. Application Deadline is September 25, 2009.

Eligible Annual Income Levels Per Households

1 person: \$15,950	2 persons \$18,250	3 Persons \$20,500
4 Persons \$22,800	5 Persons \$24,600	6 Persons \$26,450



City of Tahoka provides services to eligible participants without regard to race, color, sex, religion, familial status, or disability. All applications intake locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. If additional assistance or information is required, please contact Henry Tarango at (806) 894-4560.

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**NOTICIA PUBLICA
PROGRAMA PARA RECONSTRUIR CASAS**

La ciudad de Tahoka, Texas, a recibido fondos de parte del Departamento de Alojamiento y Asuntos de la Comunidad de Texas (Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs) para reconstruir casas que estan situadas en la ciudad de Tahoka, estan en malas condiciones, uno de los duenos de su domicilio es de la edad de 62 anos o mas o estan discapabilados y el sueldo/ ingresos de la familia no es mas de 50% mediano de las familias en el area (como se lista abajo en los "Lmites de Sueldo/Ingresos Por Ano. La ciudad de Tahoka les invita a todos que creen que califican para el programa que se presenten en la Life Enrichment Center el 25 de Agosto entra las 9 de la manana y 4 de la tarde en 1717 Main calle, Tahoka, Texas. Si usted califica para este programa, usted no necesita pagar por esta ayuda. La Ciudad de Tahoka asiste a persons sin reconocimiento de color, nacionalidad, religion, genero, estado de familia, o discapacidad. Documentos que se requieren para aplicar incluyen: (1) Licencia de manejar o otra forma de identificacion (2) Tarjeta de seguro social de todos en la familia que viven en su casa (3) Prueba que es/ son dueno(s) de su propiedad (escritura de su casa) (4) La carta mas reciente de los impuestos que pagan en su propiedad. (5) Documentos que enseñan sus ingresos (prueba de pago de su trabajo, noticias de beneficios de seguro social, o otros ingresos que reciben). (6) La carta mas reciente del banco que le mandan con el balance en su cuenta. Aplicaciones estan disponibles en Ciudad de Tahoka localizado en 1612 Lockwood calle, en Tahoka, Texas. El plazo es 25 de septiembre, 2009.

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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 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 24, 2009 in the board room 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	\$1.04 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.00 / \$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	0.57 % (decrease)
Debt service	_____ % increase or	_____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	_____ % increase or	0.57 % (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	\$ 142,711,880.00	\$ 143,904,890.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,111,110.00	\$ 516,580.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 105,786,420.00	\$ 109,285,883.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,111,110.00	\$ 516,580.00

* "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
* 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	\$ 1,954.00	\$ 7,358.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.04310	\$ 0.00000*	\$ 1.04310	\$ 1,997.00	\$ 7,342.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.00000*	\$ 1.04000	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 7,710.00

* 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	\$ 48,145.00	\$ 47,891.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 33,145.00	\$ 32,891.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.040/100	\$ 1.0400/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 344.71	\$ 342.07
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$	\$ (2.64)

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)	\$ 3,137,897.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

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