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## Fun Facts

from www.gambino.com

The reason firehouses have circular stairways is from the days of old when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and figured out how to walk up straight staircases.

The airplane Buddy Holly died in was the "American Pie." (Thus the name of the Don McLean song.)

When opossums are playing 'possum,' they are not "playing." They actually pass out from sheer terror.

The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 27	102	73	
July 28	101	73	\$9
July 29	98	73	days
July 30	96	74	of
July 31	97	74	100+
Aug. 1	100	69	
Aug. 2	103	70	
Precipitation for Jan:			0.01"
Precipitation for Feb:			0.66"
Precipitation for Mar:			0.07"
Precipitation for Apr:			0.00"
Precipitation for May:			0.05"
Precipitation for June:			0.30"
Precipitation for July:			0.21"
Total Precip. for 2011:			1.30"

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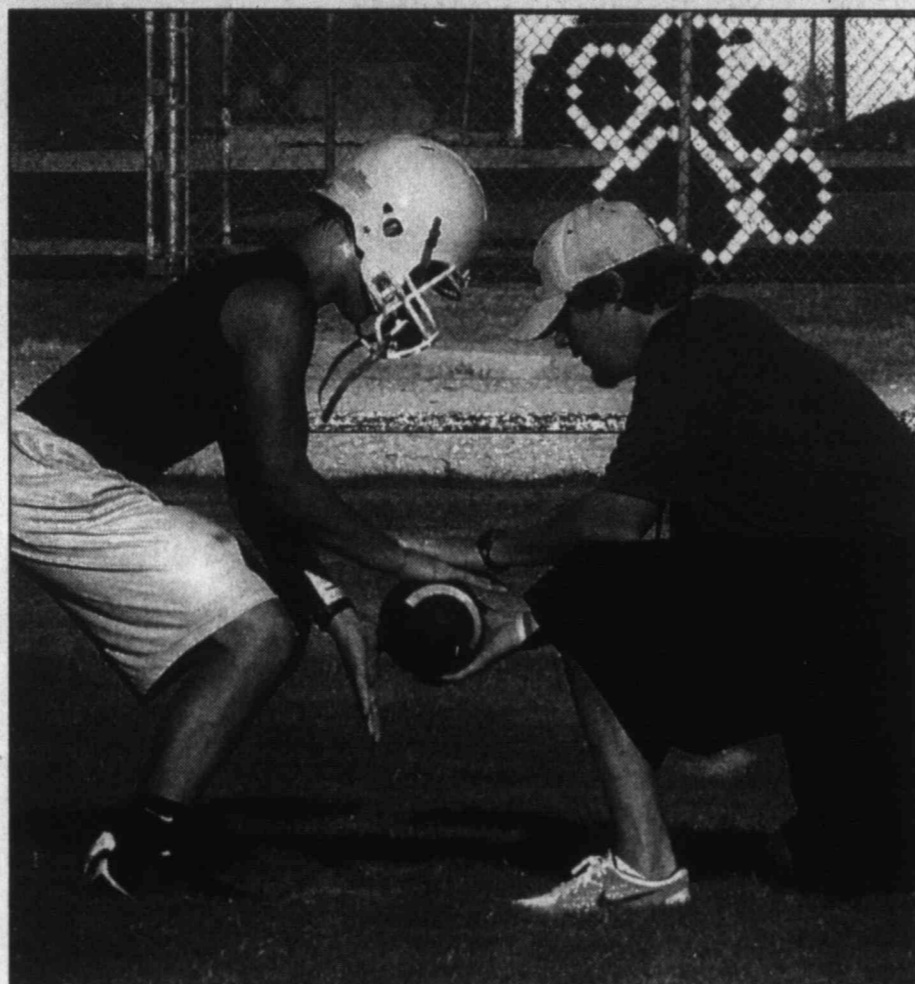
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**Proper technique ...** Tahoka ISD Coach Brandon Lee works with Tristan Hilger in a quarterback drill during two-a-day practice here. The Bulldogs began two-a-days on Monday in preparation for the upcoming season, with 49 athletes signing up for Bulldog teams. The public can get a preview of the Bulldogs this Friday night at 8 p.m., when the team will have an inter-squad Blue/White scrimmage at the Tahoka football field. The Dogs will scrimmage at Farwell on Aug. 12, at 6 p.m. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

## TISD Board hires two teachers, approves new redistricting map

The Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees held a public hearing on the redistricting of the school board's five single member districts last Tuesday, July 26. David Backus, the District's attorney, spoke on the redistricting map that was chosen by the redistricting committee. This map met all of the requirements. Tonda Freitag, a member of the redistricting committee, explained that Map "A" was chosen because it caused the least disruption to voters. The board then moved to the regular board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The school board approved Map "A" which was the recommendation of the redistricting committee. This information has been sent to the Department of Justice for approval.

The board approved the hiring of Kami Keaton as a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher. She will be replacing Vanessa Tanguma who resigned. Tammy Shepherd was approved as a high school science teacher.

The school board approved the following contracts with Region 17 Education Service to provide services for the 2011-2012 school year: curriculum services, and the C-Scope professional development: TxEIS

Business - \$13,350.00; TxEIS Student Services-\$13,825.00; Curriculum Services-\$14,600.00; C-Scope Contract-\$6,441.00.

The school board approved the Student Handbook for the 2011-2012 School Year as presented by Michael Norman, High School Principal. Norman went over the changes that were required by the 82nd Legislative Session that finished this summer.

Trustees approved the refinishing of the gym floor by Ponder Company from Amarillo. The board discussed the repairs to the Ag Farm and the other claims filed with TASB Insurance. They told Supt. Steve Burleson to work with TASB insurance company on the claims that had been filed because of wind damage done in June. Andrus Brothers Roofing will remove and install new shingles on the FCCLA building. They will repair the ridge cap on the Day Care facility. This work is being covered by insurance. Trustees discussed the repair to the outside of the field house and told Supt. Burleson to finalize the work on this project.

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

## Lynn County Hospital board updated on recent legislative action

Members of Lynn County Hospital board of directors met last Thursday, and heard a report on recent actions of the Texas Legislature related to hospitals.

Administrator Jim Morris, who recently attended a meeting of the Northwest Texas Hospital Assn. in Abilene, told the board that one of the results of legislative action is an 8 per cent cut for providers for Medicaid outpatient visits. Morris reported that although there were several other bills proposed which would hurt hospitals and rural healthcare, most were defeated.

Directors reviewed, discussed and approved the semi-annual Continuous Quality Improvement report, which reviews quality and compliance issues.

Also approved by the board was the hospital's Infection Control Policy and Procedure manual and a swing-bed policy.

All board members were present, including Jannis Horwood, James Craig, Victoria Baker, Nancy Guillemis, Cal Huffaker, Sharon Isham and Jerry Ford, president.

**The Lynn County Harvest Festival is Saturday, Sept. 24**

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## Body of gunshot victim discovered in county

The body of a 50-year-old former O'Donnell man was found on the right hand side of County Road 37, a mile east of FM 1054 in southeast Lynn County late Sunday afternoon, and the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. is investigating the case as a homicide, with the assistance of Texas Rangers.

A farmer discovered the body of Robert Balderrama and called officers at 4:45 p.m. The body, with multiple bullet wounds, was found lying next to a vehicle that belonged to his wife, Lydia Balderrama, according to Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin.

Balderama had been reported missing earlier Sunday, in a call to the Lubbock Police Dept. just after 1 p.m. He is believed to have been a resident of Lubbock, originally from O'Donnell.

According to the sheriff, officers have identified a person of interest in the case, but no arrests had been made as of Tuesday afternoon.

During July, 267 calls were received by the dispatchers at Lynn County Sheriff's Dept., including 129 for the county, 81 for City of Tahoka, 22 for O'Donnell, 24 ambulance calls, and 11 fire alarms.



**We like chicken ...** These volunteers judged chicken entries in the NAS BBQ/Chill Cook-off held this weekend in Tahoka. Judges included, on the left side of the table, Jolene Barnett, Sandra Laws, and an unidentified man, and on the right side of the table are Russell Barnett, KCBN News Channel 11 Sports Director Pete Christy, and Brandon Moore, weekend sports anchor at KCBN. The woman standing at the head of the table is Jackie Boynkin from Goldthwaite, judging coordinator for the BBQ part of the cookoff. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

## woodwork

by dalton wood



A CITY IN NORTHERN Taiwan, trying to get residents to clean up after their canines, is offering a chance to win gold bars to anyone handing in bags of dog poop.

Our three children, who have a total of seven dogs, possibly could get rich if they lived in New Taipei City, where the waste can be handed in to government officials in exchange for tickets to a lucky draw. The prizes are three gold ingots ranging in worth from about \$450 to \$2,100.

The winners will be named in October, and three citizens will be rolling in dog dooey dough, so to speak.

I wish someone would figure out something to do about the grackles around here. They leave their mark on driveways, vehicles left outside, and even on the side of the houses.

Okay, so the whole subject is a bit unsavory, but all this reminds me of a couple of things.

One was the story of the pigeon that flew back to the nest and announced to his mate, "I just put down a deposit on a new Buick today."

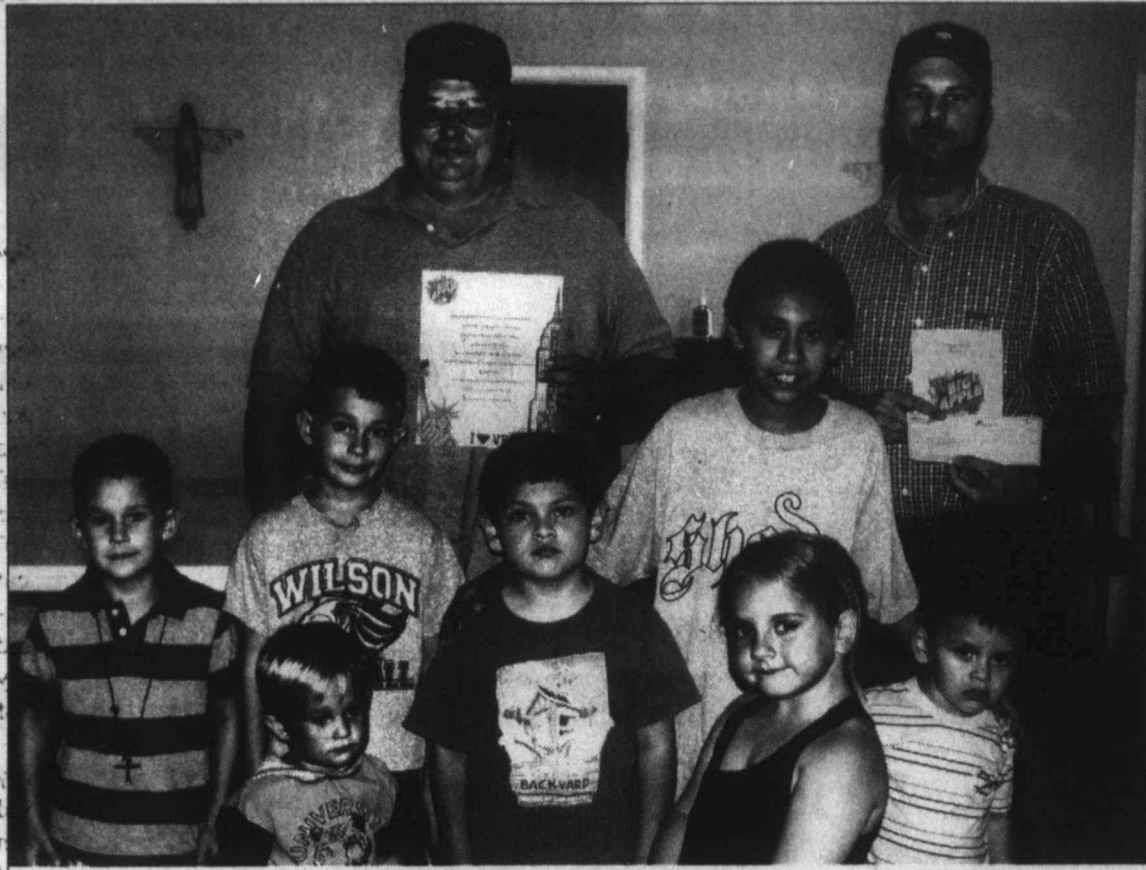
The other was this little ditty we used to sing as youngsters:  
 "Birdie, birdie, flying high;  
 Dropped some whitewash in my eye.  
 Gee, I'm glad that cows don't fly."

MAYBE IT'S just me, but I thought a tip offered to readers of the Lubbock newspaper's weekly magazine supplement last Sunday about peanut butter was really weird.

The tip offered by a reader was to take a piece of paper towel and place it over the open peanut butter jar after you buy it. Then you replace the lid and turn the jar upside down. When you check it the very next day, said the article, "you will be amazed at how much is absorbed by towel."

The implication is that this is a great thing to do, but no reason is listed for doing it in the first place. Why would you want some of your perfectly good peanut butter to be absorbed in a paper towel? I like peanut butter and would prefer to eat everything in the jar. Are you supposed to throw away the soggy piece of paper towel?

Maybe you're supposed to just eat the piece of paper towel. But I think peanut butter is better on crackers.



**Children donate VBS money ...** Children who attended Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church of Wilson donated their offering collections totaling \$285.65 to the Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. to help them pay for the new fire truck they recently purchased to help protect the community. Clyde Wilke (back left) and Dusty Patterson (back right) accepted the money and certificates from the VBS children, and showed them a hands-on demonstration of the new truck. Children pictured include, from left in front row: Jacob Racca, Jaziel Pantoja and Zoey Bartley; and in the middle row, Tyler and Garrett Racca and Tony and David Pantoja. Additional monies are still needed to help pay for the new fire truck, and contributions are accepted at Wilson City Hall. (Photo by Marsha Blackstock)

**Meet the lizard that can kill Texas oil production:**  
**Landowner meeting set in O'Donnell**  
**regarding endangered species legislation**

Submitted by Patsy Sanders  
 A meeting has been scheduled at O'Donnell High School Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18 for all interested citizens and landowners. Faye Hardin of Insight Ministries will speak with a message for all landowners and citizens concerned with the Endangered Species legislation. Her message is entitled "Releasing America's Oil Flow."  
 "Whoever controls the energy controls the nation. Texas and New Mexico have a boom started that could dramatically increase American oil

production—an increase that would significantly help curb gas prices and reduce our dependence on foreign sources of oil. Without a miracle, these promising oil land gas fields will never be developed due to the "Endangered Species" and the protection of the dune lizard and prairie chicken. Unless new legislation is passed quickly, the government will succeed in closing off over 800,000 acres of oil and gas producing fields by December 11, 2011 (using federal agencies and environmental groups)," said Hardin.  
 "We have John Cornyn in the

Senate (Texas) and Steve Pearce in the House of Representatives (New Mexico), fighting for our rights, but without a backlash from grassroots citizens and land owners any further exploration will be off limits."  
 "As far as I am concerned, it is Godzilla," Texas land commissioner Jerry Paterson told ABC News. "(It's) the biggest threat facing the oil business in memory," said Ben Shepperd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association. They believe the small tan-colored, insectivorous lizard will cost the oil industry and surrounding

**STORK REPORT**

**Rhett James Whitley**  
 Justin and Melissa Whitley of Tahoka, announce the birth of their son, Rhett James Whitley, born on July 27, 2011 at 3:46 p.m. in Lubbock. He weighed 8 lbs., 14 oz. and was 22 inches long. He has three older sisters, Ragan, Natalie and Katy.  
 Grandparents are Mike and Stacy Engle, and Arthur and Donna Whitley, all of Tahoka. Great grandparents are Tomi Engle and Dee Tolbert, both of Lubbock.

**Izabella Rayne Vallejo**  
 Pete Vallejo and Felecia Garcia, of Tahoka, announce the birth of their daughter, Izabella Rayne Vallejo, born on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at UMC in Lubbock. She weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 18 inches long. She has two sisters, Danielle and Danalyn.  
 Grandparents are Rachel Corona and Abel Vega, both of Tahoka, and Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Vallejo of Floydada.

communities thousands of jobs. That habitat happens to be right in the heart of Texas oil country.

Paul Wiseman, Midland Reporter-Telegram, reported June 28th, 2011-- This past month a bill to stop the FWS (Fish and Wildlife Service), sponsored by Texas Senator John Cornyn failed in the Senate. This bill was designed to STOP the takeover of land for so called endangered species. According to a Cornyn aide, "the amendment was not called up for consideration by the (senate) majority leader and the EDA bill did not pass because an agreement on amendments could not be reached." The staffer stated that Sen. Cornyn would look for alternative ways to advance the measure. The protection to this 3-inch lizard, prairie chicken and some snails in New Mexico is of major concern. The threat of bringing new and existing oil and gas production in parts of Texas and New Mexico to a screeching halt should concern each and ever citizen in our area.

Patsy Sanders, local contact person for the O'Donnell meeting, says, "Obama has declared, 'Oil is a thing of the past.' If that's the case, why are we paying \$5.00 a gallon for gas that cost \$1.64 a gallon when he became president. Matters of this nature must take priority in our praying and raising awareness to stop the government encroachment now!"

"Our government is at war with Christianity and with Seniors. Islam is moving fast and fierce across this land. Only God can save us as a nation. If you believe that God sees and cares about the condition of this nation, you need to come and hear as Faye shares relevant information. Today there are many causes and good works but priorities must come to the forefront. Please join us as we are made aware of measures than can be taken now," she added.

For more information, contact Sanders at 806-482-3861.

**Obituary Notices**  
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There is no charge for obituary notices, subject to editing. If you wish the obituary to read exactly as sent, there is a \$35 fee. Photos may be included at no additional charge. 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 79373, faxed to 806/561-6308, or e-mail: Lynn-CoNews@poka.com.

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 at the Lynn County  
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**Obituaries**

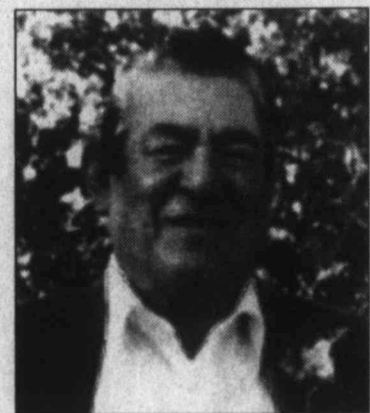
**Steve Lynn Slover**

Steve Lynn Slover of De-Ridder, LA died on August 25, 2011. He was born on December 28, 1936 to Rufus and Ina Slover in Lynn County.

He was raised in Tahoka and graduated from Tahoka High School in 1953. He was employed by D & H Supermarket in Tahoka and later was an officer for Lubbock Police Department. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and spent 19 months in Germany. He met and married Frances Sailor in Ft. Polk, LA.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Betty Jane Slover and Carol Ann.

Survivors include two sons, Wesley Slover of LA, and Shannon of MS; two brothers, Jackie Slover of DeRidder, LA and Jerry Slover of Tahoka.



**Paul G. Cardona**

Services for Paul Cardona, 79, of O'Donnell were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 30, 2011 at St. Pius X Catholic Church. Interment was at the O'Donnell Cemetery. He died on Wednesday, July 27, 2011.

He was born August 23, 1931 in Hungerford to Augustin and Virgilia (Guerra) Cardona. He was a farmer by trade and a member of St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Lamesa. He married Susie Valle December 22, 1949 in Lamesa. They made their home in O'Donnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Joe, Tony and Mike.

Survivors include his wife, Susie; three sons, Paul, Jr. of San Antonio, Robert of Graham, and Albert of O'Donnell; four daughters, Patsy Cardona of Lubbock, and Virgie Pedroza, Peggy Gonzales, and Sylvia Sauseda, all of Lamesa; three brothers, Leandro and Augustin, Jr. of Lamesa and Lorenzo of Corpus Christi; four sisters, Felipa Cardona of Florida, Lupe Hernandez and Mary

Luna, both of San Antonio, and Victoria Lopez of Corpus Christi; 16 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren.

Memorials in Paul's honor may be made to Hospice of Lubbock, 3702-21st Street, Lubbock, TX 79410.

**Charlie Boles**

Services were pending with Combest Funeral Home in Lubbock for Charlie Boles of New Mexico, formerly of Tahoka. No other information was available at press time.



**Leroy Moczygemba**

Services for Leroy Moczygemba, 68, of Wilson were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 30, 2011 in Slaton's St. Joseph Catholic Church with Msgr. Joe James officiating. Interment was at Englewood Cemetery. Rosary for Leroy Moczygemba, 68, of Wilson was held at 7:00 p.m., Friday, July 29, 2011 in Englands Chapel with Deacon Darris Linder officiating. He died July 28, 2011.

He was born June 2, 1944 in Slaton. He attended school in Tahoka and Wilson. On February 21, 1963, he married Judy Ann Smith in Slaton. They previously lived in Brownwood before returning to Wilson in 1995. He was a cotton farmer until 1985. He owned and operated Mac's Package Store and was assistant manager of Thriftway Grocery in Brownwood.

Leroy was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Rose Moczygemba; son, Curtis Moczygemba; and sister, Margie Piwonka.

His survivors include his wife, Judy; son, Ricky and wife, Julie Moczygemba of Wilson; siblings, Francis Hamilton of Breckenridge, Jerry Moczygemba of Wilson and Randy Moczygemba of New Braunfels; grandson, Justin Moczygemba; step-grandson Chris Miller and step-granddaughter, Mari Scott along with 5 step great grandchildren. (PAID)

**Make Education a Priority!**

**Support our School**

**Vote "FOR" the Tahoka ISD TRE**

- KEEP IN MIND:**  
 Homestead taxes for senior citizens (over 65 as of January 1, 2011) are frozen and cannot be increased by the Tax Ratification Election (TRE).
- BOTTOM LINE:**  
 The additional \$0.13 (or 13 pennies) that local taxes will be raised will generate an additional \$3 in state funding for every \$1 of increased local taxes.
- THINK ABOUT THIS:**  
 The current school finance system is a broken system. The maximum amount of local taxes allowed by the state of Texas is \$1.17 per \$100 valuation. The local tax rate has to be at its maximum capacity in order to receive the maximum amount of state funding allowed. It does not seem right, but that is how the system works!
- WHAT WILL IT COST ME?**
- A home valued at \$100,000 will pay an additional \$130 a year in school taxes (\$10.83 per month)
  - The average Tahoka home is valued at \$33,000 and this home will pay an additional \$44 a year in school taxes (\$3.88 per month)
- DID YOU KNOW?**  
 All Lynn County schools (Wilson, New Home, and O'Donnell\*) schools are already taxing at \$1.17.
- PURPOSE OF THE TAHOKA TRE:**  
 Financial solvency - saving jobs, offering kids the best possible education, and balancing the budget.
- WHAT HAS THE DISTRICT DONE TO SAVE MONEY?**
- Nine positions have been eliminated over the past three years.
  - Further reductions in staff could dramatically impact educational opportunities for students
- THE TRUTH ABOUT SCHOOL FINANCE IN TEXAS:**  
 Tahoka ISD must operate on local funds for four consecutive months each year as the state does not pay its portion to the district from November through March. The district needs to have \$3 million dollars in the bank to survive these months. Estimated fund balance as of August 2011 is approximately \$2.7 million. The additional revenue generated from the TRE will make this feasible for the district.

**ELECTION DAY: August 27 at the Life Enrichment Center**  
**EARLY VOTING: August 15-23 at the Lynn County Courthouse**

Political ad paid for by the Make Education a Priority Tahoka PAC, Loretta Tekell and Carmen Chapa, Treasurers; Jay Dee House, Chair.

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**WHAT CAN WE OFFER your child?**

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- Caring Educators
- Safe School Environment
- Dual Credit Courses
- More Opportunities for Participation
- Extracurricular Activities
- Bus Transportation pick up will be Available

Please contact the Wilson ISD school secretary if you need additional information at 806-628-6261.  
 We look forward to the 2011-2012 School Year!

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**Support vote FOR Ratification**

Dear Editor  
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**LETTERS to the EDITOR**

**Support our school, vote FOR the Tax Ratification Election**

Dear Editor:  
Schools across Texas are facing tough decisions regarding school financing, and Tahoka is no different. Over the past several years, due to changes in state funding, most school districts in Texas have faced similar Tax Ratification Elections that we in Tahoka are now facing.

Our school board has been doing the same hard work that many of us have been doing on our personal budgets. They have been cutting expenses wherever possible without cutting the quality of the education our children receive. They are diligently curbing expenses and cutting positions wherever they can without decreasing the activities and opportunities being offered to our students. But it's not enough and now they've come to us, the voters, for help.

The proposed tax increase is only \$0.13 per \$100 valuation. That means our school tax rate would go from \$1.04 to \$1.17. On the average Tahoka home of \$33,000, the annual taxes would increase \$42.90. That is only \$3.57 per month!! Aren't our kids worth \$3.57 per month? It's less than \$1 per week.

And if you own a larger home that's valued at \$100,000, your taxes would increase \$130 per year. That's only \$10.83 per month or \$2.50 per week. Aren't our kids worth \$2.50 per week?

For those of you who are age 65 and older, your homestead property taxes would not increase. **BUT WE NEED YOUR VOTE!!!!** We need you to support our school and our community by voting FOR this tax increase.

In recent history around Tahoka, we've come together to raise money for a variety of worthy causes. Raising this money will help our school district in so many ways. And the best part about it is like many fund raising efforts, the state will match each \$1 raised by this tax increase with \$3 of state funding. They want us to show that we're doing our part to help our schools, and then they'll do their part. It's been done across the state in many school districts and now it's our turn to take advantage of this "matching funds" offer.

The future of Tahoka and Lynn County is in our schools and in our kids. It is so important that we all get out and vote on this issue on August 27. We need to vote FOR the proposed Tax Ratification Election so that we're voting FOR our kids and FOR our future. We want our kids and our community to continue to excel and to have the many opportunities that our school offers. We want our teachers and staff to continue to have jobs. Please join me in Making Education a Priority in Tahoka by voting FOR this issue.

Sincerely,  
Tonda Freitag

**O'Donnell FBC group plans to participate in Houston Prayer Rally**

Dear Editor,  
It's time to make a stand with our governor - Saturday, August 6th. Our Governor has made a 'bold' stand, and is really getting heat from media and opposition groups ... let's not let him down. A nation is in great need of prayer.

Most are aware that our Governor, Rick Perry, has called a prayer meeting for our nation at Reliant Stadium in Houston for Aug 6th. He is appealing to all who are interested in the outcome of our nation's future to join him as we cry out to God for deliverance. The world gets the message when people gather in great numbers. Prayer is the greatest weapon we have for our nation. Please plan to go if at all possible but if not, then PLEASE gather friends together and join us in this day of fasting and prayer.

First Baptist O'Donnell church bus is providing transportation and the cost of our rooms has been covered by a generous family who cannot go themselves. We need people in our area to be willing to go and be counted in this corporate effort as we pray.

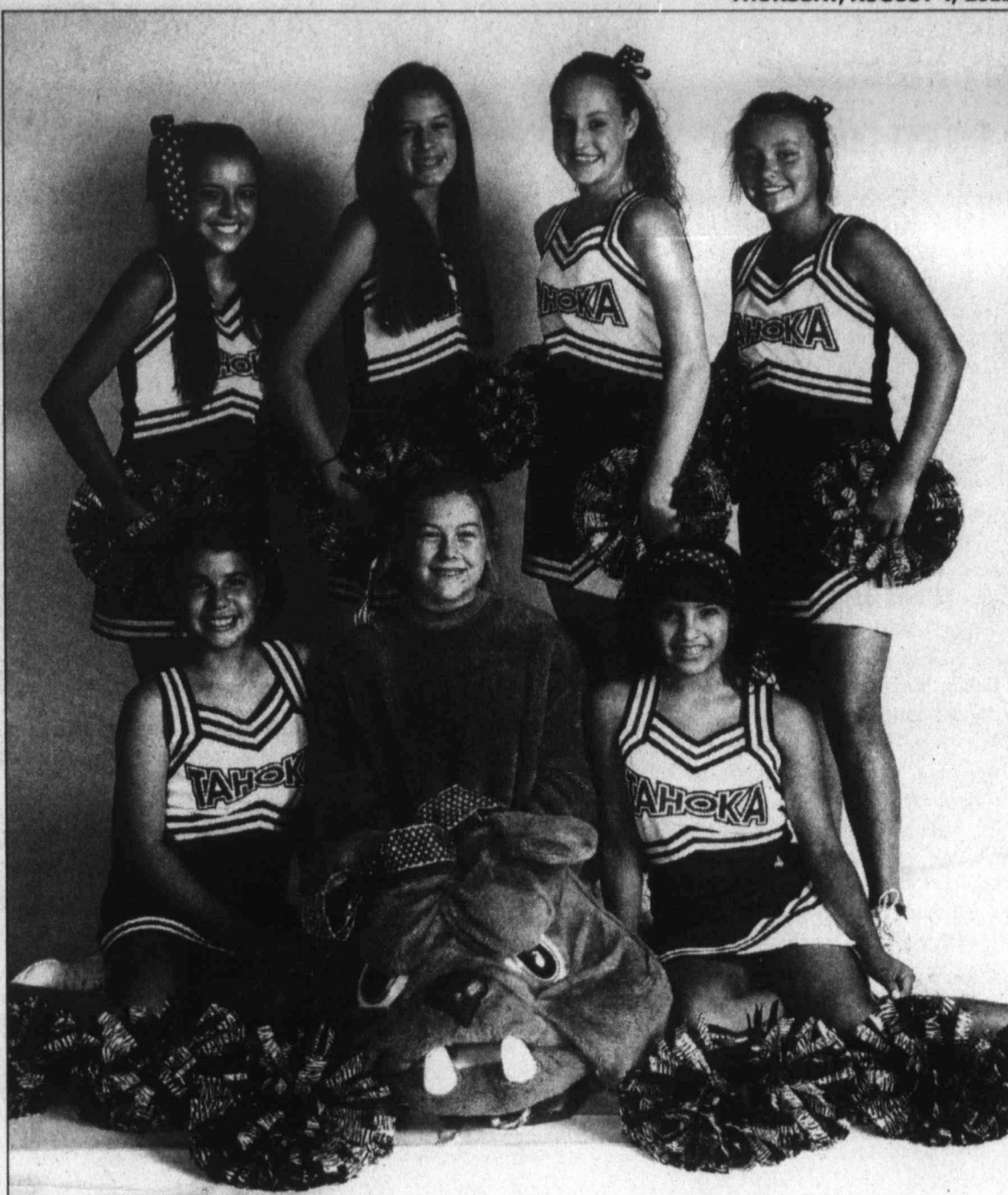
All arrangement will be made as a group but we must know quickly to know room preference and how many rooms. The bus will leave at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, allowing ample time for needed stops, meals and a decent bed time. Saturday will be at Reliant Stadium and we will return same time, 8 a.m., on Sunday, arriving home by around 9:00 p.m. If the ride on the bus concerns you, (it's really rather comfortable and seats 22), gather a car load, but whatever you do - get there and take someone with you.

Call First Baptist Church, 806-428-3236, or Harold and Patsy Sanders, 806-428-3861, to reserve your seat and room. The web site of this prayer meeting is <http://theresponseusa.com/>.

There is free registration so register now and let us know your plans as far as travel. PLEASE call others on your list of friends and family who might desire to TRAVEL WITH our O'Donnell crowd. EVERYONE is more than welcome so long as there is bus room.

Plan now to go and make your stand. If not now ... then when?

Patsy Sanders



**Tahoka Middle School Cheerleaders...** The 2011-2012 Tahoka Middle School Cheerleaders are top row from left, Miranda DeLeon, Maci Dimak, Hannah Hammonds, and Bayle Jolly. Front row from left, are Andrea Garcez, (Mascot) M'Lin Hill, and Yulissa Villegas.

**Midkiff man wins NAS BBQ cook-off**

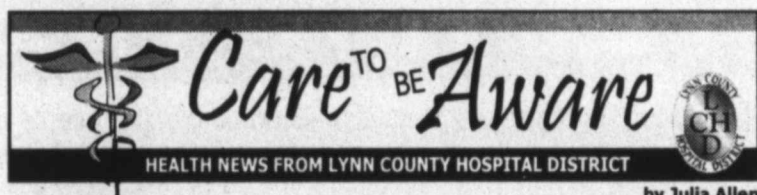
The 7th Annual NAS BBQ/Chili Cook-off was held in Tahoka this weekend, with participants coming from throughout Texas for the event. This year there were 25 barbecue cooks, coming from as far away as Crowell, Amarillo, and Midkiff. The Grand Champion this year was Bernie Phillips of Midkiff, TX. He placed in all three meat categories to take the highest award. The Reserve Grand Champion award went to Ray Bonner (The Outdoor Chef) of Lubbock.

This year's Lynn County bragging rights went to David Gandy of New Home. The Lynn County award is determined with brisket (3 slices are turned in and judged) and is open to any Lynn County resident.

The chili competition this year brought in 30 cooks on Saturday and 26 on Sunday, with the furthest travelled coming in from Terlingua to cook. At the 6th NAS cookoff, the 1st place award was won by the same person. This year, it happened again. Sheryl Valentine from Amarillo took the 1st place award on both days.

Judges included local volunteers as well as KCBD News Channel 11 Sports Director Pete Christy, and Brandon Moore, weekend sports anchor at KCBD.

"Thank you to all our judges, and to everyone who came to support the event and listen to music. We will be back again next year so mark your calendars now to attend (and cook) the 8th NAS BBQ & Chili cookoff on July 28-29, 2012. We are starting early to plan for next year's event and entertainment, so if anyone has any suggestions or wants to help in any way, don't hesitate to contact Kim or Kelly Draper, Mike Braddock, or Shiloh Braddock," said a sponsor.



**Immunization Awareness**

August has been designated as National Immunization Awareness Month. Why, do you ask, do we need an immunization awareness month? One reason, according to kidshelath.org, is that diseases like measles, mumps and whooping cough are making a comeback as they are brought in from other countries by travelers. These diseases would not spread as quickly if we were immunizing our older children against them.

The problem stems from the fact that for several years health care providers were not required to give children immunizations for these diseases as it was thought they were not at risk for them. If you are a parent of a teenager you should check with your doctor to make

sure they are up to date. Also, some vaccinations are given in a series of shots and your child may not have had the complete series. Without the full course of the vaccine it leaves them unprotected and still at risk. Lastly, some vaccinations require a booster shot every few years to ensure that the level of immunity stays high.

With most schools opening within the next month, now is the time to check out your vaccination records and schedule to get them up-to-date. If you do not have a copy of your record you will need to contact your family doctor to obtain that information. Remember that college students have to have up-to-date shot records also.

Vaccinations are here to protect your child now and also in their future. We all need to remember that these immunization stay with us a lifetime.

**Back-To-School Splash!**

Come bring the family and cool off at the

**Tahoka City Pool Wednesday, Aug. 17 from 5:00-7:00 pm**

and get FREE school supplies! (for grades K-5th)  
Sponsored by Tahoka churches. For more info, call 543-8777.

**JOLLY TIME**  
Pizza & More  
2220 Lockwood, Tahoka  
Hours: M-Th 11-9 • Fri-Sat 10-10 • Sun 11-9  
561-4616

Check out our NEW WEBSITE:  
**jollytimetahoka.com**  
featuring our Monthly Specials plus Menu item listings!

Don't forget:  
**Happy Hour \$1.00 Drinks**  
2:00-5:00 p.m. DAILY

www.facebook.com/jollytimetahoka  
Visa/MasterCard/Discover with \$10 Minimum Purchase

**Ayden Levi Vallejo**  
was born July 18, 2011 to  
**Paul & Monica Vallejo**  
OF FLOYDADA  
He weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., was 19.5" long.

Grandparents are  
Johnny and Dolores Resendez of Tahoka  
Pedro and Molly Vallejo of Floydada

**Proposed Redistricting Plan**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
of the CITY COUNCIL  
**CITY OF TAHOKA**  
August 8, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.  
Life Enrichment Center, 1717 N. Main, Tahoka, Texas

Notice is provided that the City Council of the CITY OF TAHOKA will hold a public hearing on August 8, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 N. Main, Tahoka, Texas, to offer the public an opportunity to provide comments regarding the proposed redistricting plan as provided by the Redistricting Advisory Committee.

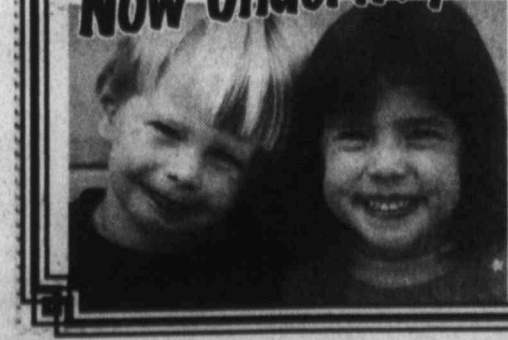
**Aviso de Audiencia Pública**  
Consejo de la ciudad  
**CIUDAD DE TAHOKA**  
8 de Agosto de 2011 • 6:00 p.m.  
Life Enrichment Center, 1717 N. Main, Tahoka, Texas

Se comunica que el Consejo de la ciudad, Ciudad de Tahoka se reunirá el 8 de Agosto de 2011, a las 6:00 p.m. en Life Enrichment Center, 1717 N. Main, Tahoka, Texas, para dar al público la oportunidad de ofrecer comentarios relativos al plan propuesto para la nueva división en distritos que ha presentado el Comité asesor para la nueva división en distritos.

**Let the Children Come**  
**CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**  
at First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, 1801 Ave. J  
LICENSED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CHILD CARE SERVICES • CCS PROVIDER

**Fall Registration Now Underway!**  
Accepting children from age 6 weeks to 5 years  
PHONE: 561-4529

**Stop by for a tour!**  
We also have an **AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM ...** for children ages 5-12



## "Make Education a Priority" PAC group's weekly meetings each Monday are open to public

The "Make Education A Priority" Political Action Committee (PAC) meets weekly at noon on Mondays, and anyone in the community is welcome to attend the meetings held at the Tahoka Housing Authority Center. A group of concerned citizens formed the committee to promote the Aug. 27 Tax Ratification Election for Tahoka ISD, and are asking the community to vote for a 13-cent tax hike, in order to take advantage of additional state funding for the school district.

The special election will be held Aug. 27 at the Life Enrichment Center at 1717 Main in Tahoka. Early voting will be conducted at the Lynn County Courthouse basement courtroom, Aug. 15-23 (curbside voting is available for anyone needing such assistance, and ballots by mail are also available if requested by 5 p.m. Aug. 22 at the Lynn County Clerk's Office, phone 561-4750).

Jay Dee House is chairman of the PAC, and Loretta Tekell and Carmen Chapa are co-treasurers. All funds for the PAC are voluntarily donated. No school district funds may be used for the PAC, or for promoting the TRE election.

PAC members are sponsoring advertising asking the community to vote for the TISD rollback election, and also volunteer to attend public meetings with TISD Superintendent Steve Burleson

as he explains why the school district is asking for the \$1.17 property tax rate. Some of those public meetings include:

- Aug. 4, noon, Tahoka Rotary Club, at the Life Enrichment Center

- Aug. 7, 2 p.m., at Our Daily Bread Diner, at 1515 South 1st St., Tahoka

- Aug. 8, 6 p.m., at St. Jude Catholic Church

- Aug. 9, noon, Senior Citizens Center lunch (provided at the Tahoka Housing Authority Center next door)

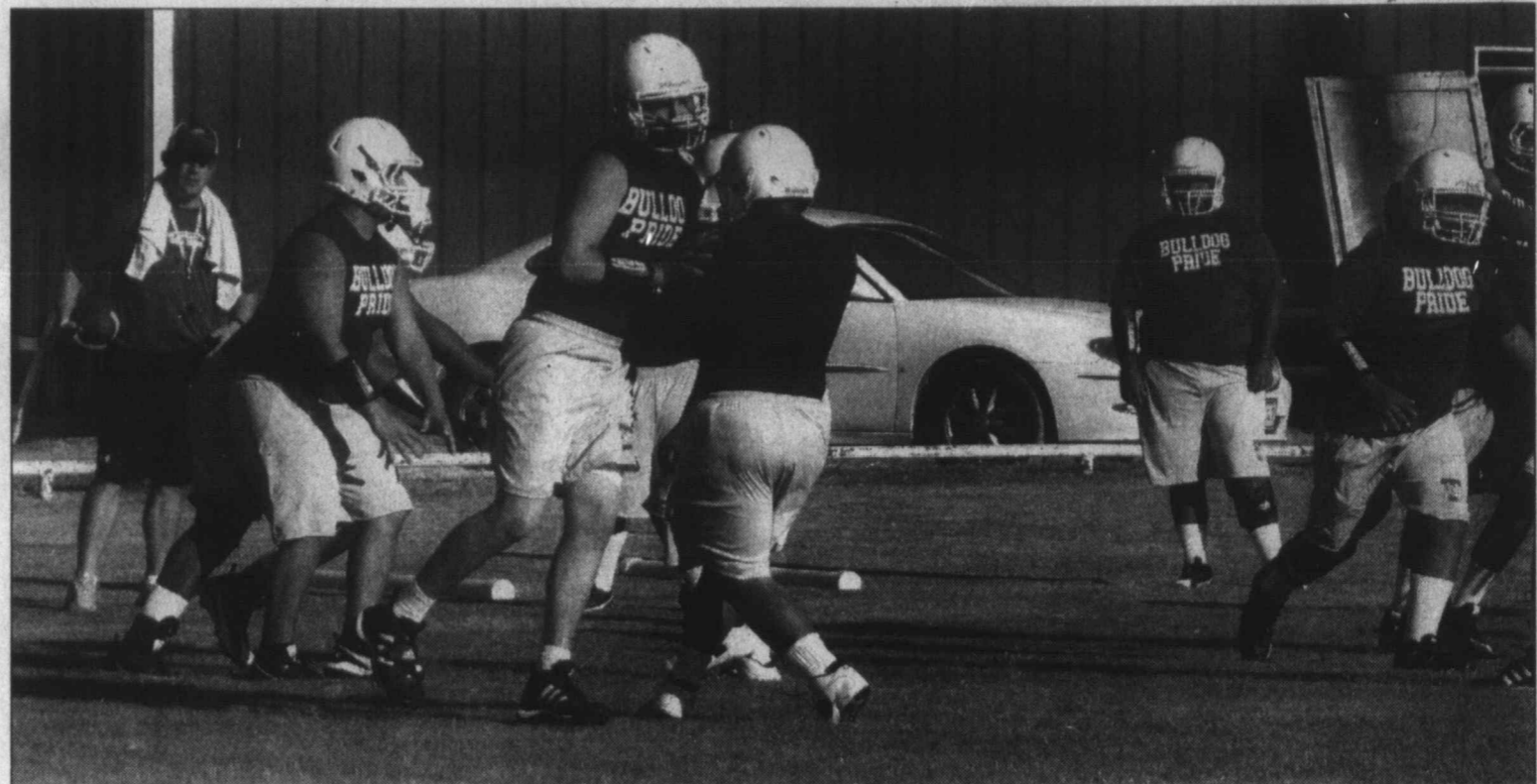
- Aug. 11, 7 p.m., General Public Meeting at Tahoka Housing Authority Center

- Aug. 14, noon, information available at the Senior Citizens fundraiser lunch, Tahoka Housing Authority Center

PAC members listed the following points for "Making Education a Priority" at Tahoka ISD:

- Homestead taxes for senior citizens over 65 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2011 are frozen and cannot be increased by the Tax Ratification Election (or rollback election, as it is referred to on the ballot).

- The additional 13-cents that local taxes will be raised will generate an additional \$3 in state funding for every \$1 of increased local taxes. The local tax rate has to be at its maximum capacity of \$1.17 in order to receive the maximum amount of state funding allowed.



**Hot workout ...** Tahoka ISD football players work up a sweat during Monday morning two-a-day practice here. Tahoka will play their first scrimmage at Farwell on Friday, Aug. 12 at 6:00 p.m. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

imum amount of state funding allowed.

- Raising the property tax rate from the current \$1.04 to the \$1.17 rate would cost homeowners the following: a home valued at \$100,000 will pay an additional \$130/year in school taxes (\$10.83 per month); the average home in Tahoka is valued at \$33,000, which would cost an additional \$44 a year in school taxes (\$3.88 per month).

- Purpose of the tax ratification election: Financial solvency for TISD, saving jobs and offering children the best possible education, and balancing the budget.

## Back to School Immunizations & Physicals

are available at the

**FAMILY WELLNESS CLINIC**  
located at 1705 Lockwood St. in Tahoka • 998-4604

Call 998-4604 and schedule your appointments soon ... because slots are filling up!



**LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

**FAMILY WELLNESS CLINIC**  
1705 LOCKWOOD, TAHOKA

## NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

This notice concerns 2011 property tax rates for LYNN COUNTY for the three taxing entities listed below. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	LYNN COUNTY	LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT	CITY OF TAHOKA
<b>LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:</b>			
Last year's operating taxes.....	\$ 2,554,983.79	812,941.31	458,183.84
Last year's debt taxes.....	\$ 262,694.24	0	0
Last year's total taxes.....	\$ 2,817,678.03	812,941.31	458,183.84
Last year's tax base.....	\$ 327,218,445.00	328,527,504.00	61,334,062.00
Last year's total tax rate.....	\$ 0.861100/ \$100	0.247450/ \$100	0.747030/ \$100
<b>THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:</b>			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,815,182.05	812,469.03	457,332.38
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 310,707,980.00	312,104,630.00	61,854,040.00
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$ 0.906053/ \$100	0.260319/ \$100	0.73937/ \$100
<b>THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:</b>			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures).....	\$ 2,618,743	812,469	457,332
+ This year's adjusted tax base.....	\$ 310,707,980	312,104,630	61,854,040
= This year's effective rate.....	\$ 0.842830/ \$100	0.260319/ \$100	0.73937/ \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate.....	\$ 0.910256/ \$100	0.281144/ \$100	0.79852/ \$100
+ This year's debt rate.....	\$ 0.091234/ \$100	0/ \$100	0/ \$100
= This year's total rollback rate.....	\$ 1.00149 / \$100	0.281144/ \$100	0.79852/ \$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate.....	\$ 0.020774/ \$100		
= Rollback tax rate.....	\$ 0.980716/ \$100		

### STATEMENT OF INCREASE / DECREASE .....

If LYNN COUNTY adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.906053 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2010 taxes by \$61,155.

If LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.260319 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2010 taxes by \$17,815.

If CITY OF TAHOKA adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.73937 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2010 taxes by \$2,852.

### SCHEDULE A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

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

TYPE OF PROPERTY TAX FUND	GENERAL	GENERAL	GENERAL
BALANCE .....	1,111,225.00	0.00	20,000.00

### SCHEDULE B - 2011 Debt Service

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

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT	BUILDING & EQUIPMENT
PRINCIPAL OR CONTRACT PAYMENT TO BE PAID FROM PROPERTY TAXES.....	\$ 201,039.64
INTEREST TO BE PAID FROM PROPERTY TAXES.....	\$ 78,501.28
OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE PAID.....	\$ -
TOTAL PAYMENT.....	\$ 279,540.92
Total required for 2011 debt service.....	\$ 279,540.92
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A.....	\$ 0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources.....	\$ 0
- Excess collections last year.....	\$ 4,151.74
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2011.....	\$ 275,389.18
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only.....	\$ 95% (anticipated collections) 14,494.17
= Total Debt Levy.....	\$ 289,883.35

### SCHEDULE C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, LYNN COUNTY estimated that it will receive \$86,022 in additional sales and use tax revenues. The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

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

**LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**  
1615 MAIN STREET  
TAHOKA, TEXAS 79373

Name of person preparing this notice:  
**Chief Appraiser: MARQUITA SCOTT, RPA/RTA**  
Date prepared: JULY 25, 2011

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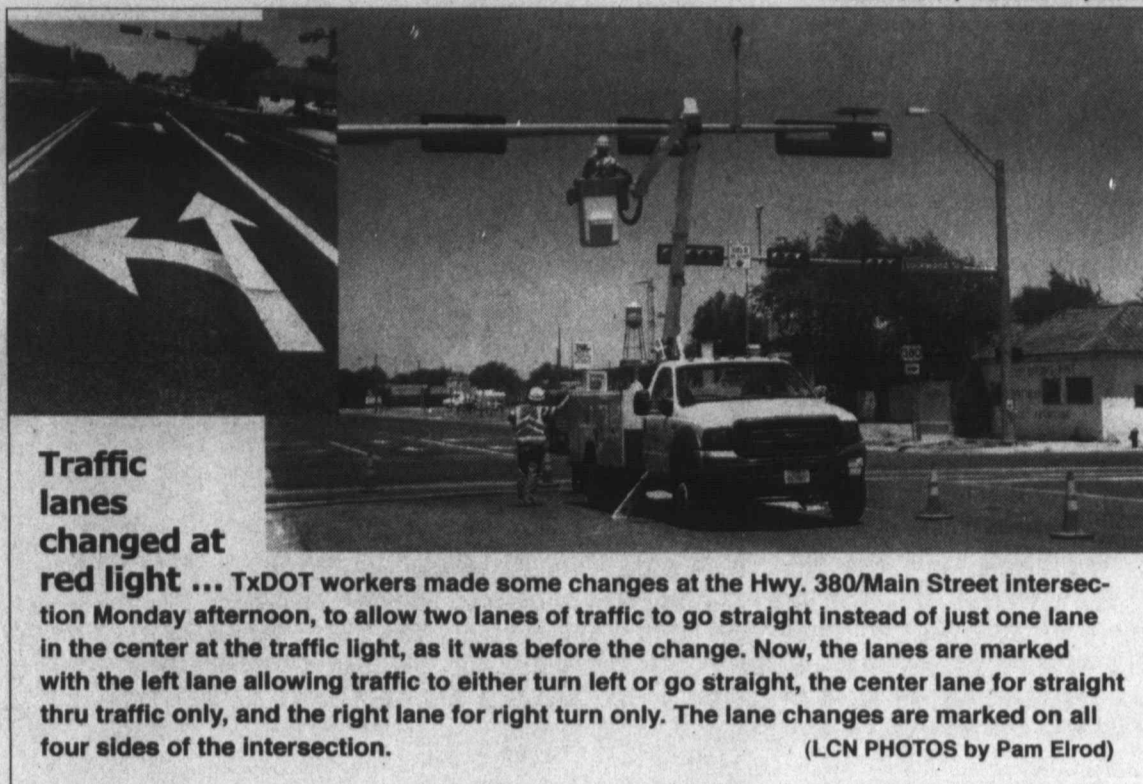
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### Tahoka Middle School supply list given

- Sixth Grade**  
 2- packages map colors  
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 2- packages #2 pencils  
 1- package blue or black pens  
 2- large erasers  
 4- packages notebook paper  
 1- pair scissors  
 8- glue sticks  
 4- 100 page composition notebooks  
 1- 1 inch binder  
 1- set dividers for binder  
 1- zippered binder bag  
 3- boxes Kleenex  
 1- set highlighters
- Seventh Grade**  
 2- packages #2 pencils  
 1- package blue or black pens  
 2- red pens  
 1- box of 24 or more count crayons  
 1- 12-count map colors  
 1- pair scissors  
 Ruler with centimeters & inches  
 Protractor  
 1- 3-inch binder  
 8- glue sticks  
 1- set highlighters  
 2- packages regular ruled notebook paper  
 5- folders w/ pockets & brads  
 10- plastic sheet protectors  
 1- zippered binder bag  
 4- 100 page composition notebooks  
 1- pair earphones/earbuds  
 4- boxes Kleenex
- Eighth Grade**  
 2- 2 inch binders  
 1- Set of 5 dividers for binder  
 1- 12-count map colors  
 1- pair scissors  
 5- glue sticks  
 2- red pens/or pencils  
 2- packages notebook paper  
 4- boxes Kleenex  
 2- 100 page composition notebooks  
 20- plastic sheet protectors  
 Highlighters-yellow, orange, pink, green, blue & purple  
 2- 70 page spiral notebooks  
 Ruler with centimeters & inches  
 4- large erasers  
 1- zippered binder bag  
 1- folder w/ pockets & brads  
 1- pair earphones/earbuds

**Shop at Home!**  
 All Lynn County merchants appreciate your business.



**Traffic lanes changed at red light ...** TxDOT workers made some changes at the Hwy. 380/Main Street intersection Monday afternoon, to allow two lanes of traffic to go straight instead of just one lane in the center at the traffic light, as it was before the change. Now, the lanes are marked with the left lane allowing traffic to either turn left or go straight, the center lane for straight thru traffic only, and the right lane for right turn only. The lane changes are marked on all four sides of the intersection. (LCN PHOTOS by Pam Elrod)

### Last call for producers to file AGI forms with the IRS

Lynn County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rodney Schoppa, reminds producers that they must submit an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) verification consent form (CCC-927 or CCC-928) to the IRS as soon as possible in order to maintain eligibility for 2009 and 2010 program benefits. Failure to do so will result in interruption of program payments.

The consent form authorizes IRS to verify for FSA whether a payment recipient's AGI meets the eligibility requirements for FSA programs. The form be-

came a requirement for payment eligibility beginning with the 2009 crop year, however many program participants have not yet submitted this form for 2009 and 2010 program benefits.

"Producers who fail to file these forms before Sept. 2011 will receive a notice from the National Office stating that the producer is ineligible for 2009 and/or 2010 payments," said Schoppa. "The producer will be responsible for fully refunding all payments received under programs subject to AGI limitations," he said.

IRS requires written consent from all individuals or legal entities before verification of the average AGI can be provided to USDA. Individuals must submit form CCC-927 and legal entities must submit form CCC-928. Without these forms on file, eligible producers will not receive USDA program payments.

Schoppa further clarifies that these consent forms are required for payments received from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as well as those received through FSA. Completed forms must be returned to the IRS.

For more information on AGI eligibility requirements or the AGI verification process, contact the Lynn County FSA office at 806-998-4501.

### TWAF to offer scholarships this fall

The Texas Wildlife Association Foundation (TWAF) and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. (SALE) have joined forces to offer five \$10,000 Natural Resource-Excellence in Education Scholarships in the fall of 2011. They will be awarded to five freshmen at Texas universities who are majoring in natural resource related field such as agricultural science, wildlife science, forestry, range science, or similar majors.

Completed applications must be postmarked by September 14, 2011, and are available at [www.texas-wildlife.org](http://www.texas-wildlife.org).

### Wilson VFD BBQ dinner and raffle set for Aug. 28

Wilson Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual BBQ dinner and raffle on Sunday, August 28 at the Wilson School Cafeteria, located at 1411 Green Ave. in Wilson. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. til 1:00 p.m. Adult plates will be \$8 and child plates \$4.

Gun raffle tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25. The following guns to be raffled are; a Beretta Statesman 3901 12-gauge and a Browning BuckMark .22 LR Pistol. Other raffles, \$1 per ticket or six for \$5, include a Ladies Day Out Raffle, that includes Dinner for four at Texas Roadhouse, haircut and style at Sophisticuts Salon and a Scent-sy wall warmer with scent; a Tuberville autographed photo raffle, a framed autographed photo of Coach Tuberville donated by the Texas Tech Red Raider Club.

### Swimming party, free school supplies offered Aug. 17

Tahoka youth who will be entering grades Kindergarten-fifth grade are invited to a free back-to-school swimming party at the Tahoka City Pool on Wednesday, Aug. 17, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Sponsored by Tahoka churches, the event will also provide refreshments as well as free school supplies for all Tahoka Elementary students.

"We know school supplies are expensive, so we would like to invite your family out to the City Pool for food, fun, swimming, and a bag of school supplies," said Dr. Steven Bonner, minister, Tahoka Church of Christ. Several Tahoka churches are sponsoring the event, Bonner noted. Essential school supplies will be provided.

For more information, call Dr. Bonner at 806-543-8777.

### Sales tax holiday is Aug. 19-21

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs says Texas families have a big opportunity to save money when they shop. The state's annual Sales Tax Holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 19-21.

"On that weekend, shoppers will pay no state or local sales tax on many school supplies, school backpacks and most children's and adults' clothing and shoes priced at less than \$100," Combs said. "The tax break helps out when the kids' back-to-school lists are long and money is short."

This year, Combs predicts shoppers will save \$62.1 million in state and local sales taxes during the Sales Tax Holiday.

The tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999. Currently, the Tax Code sets the holiday for the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August.

Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax free can be found on the Comptroller's website at [www.texastaxholiday.org](http://www.texastaxholiday.org).

### Residents should call 8-1-1 before digging

The Texas Pipeline Awareness Alliance (TPAA) encourages the public to use Aug. 11 (8/11), as a reminder for residents to Call 8-1-1 prior to any digging project to have underground utility lines marked. Texas law requires a call to 8-1-1 before any excavation or digging occurs. A simple call to 8-1-1 in advance of any digging project saves time and money while keeping people safe and connected. Striking a single line can cause injury, repair costs, fines and inconvenient outages. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, requires a Call to 8-1-1. Safe digging is no accident. For more information, visit [www.Pipeline-Safety.org](http://www.Pipeline-Safety.org).

## NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

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	CITY OF NEW HOME	CITY OF WILSON
<b>LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:</b>		
Last year's operating taxes.....	\$ 34,818.62	\$ 78,304.71
Last year's debt taxes.....	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes.....	\$ 34,818.62	\$ 78,304.71
Last year's tax base.....	\$ 7,635,327.00	\$ 10,124,880.00
Last year's total tax rate.....	\$ 0.456020/ \$100	\$ 0.773389/ \$100
<b>THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:</b>		
Last year's adjusted taxes.....	\$ 34,818.62	\$ 77,911.90
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)		
+ This year's adjusted tax base.....	\$ 7,660,910.00	\$ 9,997,520.00
(after subtracting value of new property)		
= This year's effective tax rate.....	\$ 0.454497/ \$100	\$ 0.77931/ \$100
(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)		
<b>THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:</b>		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures).....	\$ 34,819	\$ 77,912
+ This year's adjusted tax base.....	\$ 7,660,910	\$ 9,997,520
= This year's effective rate.....	\$ 0.454502/ \$100	\$ 0.77931/ \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate.....	\$ 0.490862/ \$100	\$ 0.84165/ \$100
+ This year's debt rate.....	\$ 0/ \$100	\$ 0/ \$100
= This year's total rollback rate.....	\$ 0.490862/ \$100	\$ 0.84165/ \$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate.....	\$	\$
= Rollback tax rate.....	\$	\$

**STATEMENT OF INCREASE / DECREASE**

If CITY OF NEW HOME adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.454497 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2010 taxes by \$245.68.

If CITY OF WILSON adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.77931 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2010 taxes by \$4,280.15.

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

TYPE OF PROPERTY TAX FUND	GENERAL	GENERAL
BALANCE	-0-	8,000.00

**SCHEDULE B - 2011 Debt Service**  
 The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT	PAID FROM PROPERTY TAXES	INTEREST TO BE PAID FROM PROPERTY TAXES	OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE PAID	TOTAL PAYMENT
PRINCIPAL OR CONTRACT PAYMENT TO BE PAID FROM PROPERTY TAXES.....	\$	\$	\$	\$
INTEREST TO BE PAID FROM PROPERTY TAXES.....	\$	\$	\$	\$
OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE PAID.....	\$	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL PAYMENT.....	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total required for 2011 debt service.....	\$	\$	\$	\$
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A.....	\$	\$	\$	\$
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources.....	\$	\$	\$	\$
- Excess collections last year.....	\$	\$	\$	\$
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2011.....	\$	\$	\$	\$
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only of its taxes in 2011.....	\$	\$	\$	\$
= Total Debt Levy.....	\$	\$	\$	\$

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**LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**  
 1615 MAIN STREET  
 TAHOKA, TEXAS 79373

Name of person preparing this notice:  
**Chief Appraiser: MARQUITA SCOTT, RPA/RTA**  
 Date prepared: JULY 25, 2011

**Senior Citizen MENU**

August 8-12

**Monday:** Sloppy Joes, salad, chips, fruit of the day

**Tuesday: Lunch at Tahoka Housing Authority, hosted by Making Education a Priority PAC:** Chicken strips & white gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, biscuits, German chocolate cake

**Wednesday:** Smothered chicken burritos, Mexican rice, red beans, lettuce & tomato, Jell-o with fruit

**Thursday:** Hot steak dinner, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, apricot cobbler

**Friday:** Frito pie, cucumber & red onion salad, fresh salsa, nut topped snack cake

**Reminders and Activities:**

• **TUESDAY- AUGUST 9:**

Make plans to have lunch on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 12:00 noon at the Tahoka Housing Authority building, sponsored by the Political Action Committee for the Rollback Tax Election on Aug. 27. Early voting begins on Aug. 15. Steve Burleson, TISD Superintendent, together with other members of the Committee will be in attendance and will speak about the upcoming Rollback Tax Election. Meal will be prepared and served by the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center, free for senior citizens (underwritten by Huffaker Law Office, Lynn County Abstract & Title, Walker-Solomon Insurance, and Huffaker Farms).

• **SUNDAY- AUGUST 14:**

Sunday afternoon from 12:00-3:00 p.m. \$8 per plate! Chicken & dressing plate dinner. Includes Baked chicken, Rosie's dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, homemade roll, and drink, dessert for carry-outs will be watermelon, and homemade ice cream if you eat at the Center. Proceeds to benefit the Senior Citizen Center Home Delivery and Congregate meal programs. Home delivery will be limited! Please begin placing your orders on Thursday, Aug. 11. Dalton Wood will be providing entertainment from 1:00-2:30. A movie classic will be on the big screen TV. Ticket sales for a chance to win the 2011 Harvest Festival Quilt will kick-off! Come attend and support the continued good works of the Senior Citizens Center.

**Lynn County 4-H to host golf tourney**

Lynn County 4-H will host a 4-person open scramble at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13 at T-Bar Country Club. Cost for the golf tournament is \$120/ team which includes a meal.

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

For more information or to sign up, contact T-Bar Country Club at 806/998-5305.

**Fun Facts**

It is possible to lead a cow upstairs but not downstairs.

The Hawaiian alphabet has 12 letters.

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**Two-a-day practice ...** Tahoka ISD football player Roman Parmer hands the ball to Xavier Pinkard, with Jordan Arriazola leading the way, in Monday morning two-a-day practice here. Coaches pictured here include Coach Lee (kneeling), Coach Nies (center), and Head Coach John Cornelius at far right. Team manager DJ Tillman is standing at center right. "We've had a great start to football this year. Our numbers are outstanding with 49 boys out this year. Our depth and experience will be key factors to our success this year, and we will be depending on the defense to carry us early in the season," said Coach Cornelius. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)



**Brisket sandwich, please ...** Bettye Green purchases brisket sandwiches from the Lynn County Historical Commission Saturday, at the NAS BBQ/Chill Cookoff held at the End of the Trail RV Park in Tahoka. Historical Commission members Harold Hohn (left) and Wendell Morrow are also pictured, as they manned the booth along with several others. All proceeds benefitted the Historical Commission. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

**Tahoka ISD TAKS results: TISD designated "Acceptable" in TEA accountability rating system**

The results for area school districts have been released from the Texas Education Accountability rating system, and Tahoka ISD received an overall district rating of 'Acceptable' for the 2011 school year. The District dropped from "Recognized" to "Acceptable" this year.

"We are always striving to perform at the top in the Texas Education Accountability rating system which is 'Exemplary,'" said Steve Burleson, TISD Superintendent. "The district is never pleased with a drop in our ratings. Our main emphasis is to always provide our students with the best opportunity to excel! The elementary and middle school campuses were 'Recognized' this year. The high school dropped to 'Unacceptable' this year even though our student scores for 2011 were up from 2010 test results. Even though our students scored higher than in 2010, we did not meet the increased passing standards for math and science in 2011," explained Burleson.

"Standards for accountability are a moving target - criteria changes from year to year," said the superintendent. "The accountability ratings are based upon 40 different indicators. These indicators determine the ratings. The failure of one subgroup on one indicator can drop your rating," he explained, adding that this year there were 119,000 special education students included in the state accountability system than in previous years.

Statewide there were significant changes in the campus ratings: the Exemplary ratings went down by 54%, the Recognized ratings went down 11%, the Acceptable ratings increased by 174% because of the drops in the higher ratings. "The statewide Unacceptable ratings increased by 547%. This was due to drops of the higher ratings and the increased passing standards," said Supt.

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Burleson. "We have made some staff changes that should improve our results in 2012 in our science area. We are planning more intervention with our students in both math and science. The C-Scope curriculum that we put in place this past year should help us to increase the rigor of our teaching levels," he added.

"For the first time, commended performance for all students and economically disadvantaged students in math and ELA are factored into the recognized and exemplary ratings along with an ELL (English Language Learner) progress indicator. What this means is that additional indicators are being used to determine the higher ratings," he explained.

The state added a new commended performance indicator as a new requirement for a campus or district to be listed as recognized or exemplary. The performance indicator of commended is part of the new curriculum called C-Scope.

"C-Scope is the curriculum that our students will be measured by starting in 2012. The state has already aligned our curriculum to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills that we are tested over. In the past, teachers had to spend time to align their curriculum to stay current with the former Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test. The new test, which is called State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR), is expected to move the classes to a higher level through the more

rigorous curriculum," said the superintendent.

"We know that the college readiness standards will be incorporated into the STAAR testing system in 2014. The majority of the schools in Texas have moved to C-Scope since it is being aligned for the teachers. We are working to help all of our students to pass the STAAR test but are aiming at increasing the numbers of our students at the commended level and meeting the college readiness standards. This will better prepare our students to meet demands of our colleges, community colleges, and trade schools," said Burleson.

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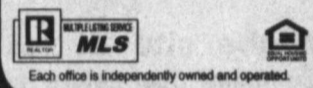
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## Former resident writes of old adobe house that was home to Hoskins family here

*(Editor's Note: Tom Hoskins, a former Lynn County resident, writes of his old family place that they called "The Adobe" in 1939. He has since erected another structure on the historical site, and explains the significance of the place as follows.)*

### THE ADOBE by Tom Hoskins

*"Nostalgia is longing for a place you wouldn't move back to."*

On a lonely farm in West Texas once stood an adobe structure. It was built by J.D. Pharr and wife Willie in 1924. They had bought 160 acres from the Singleton Ranch, giving a note to G.O. Newman and W. McCarty Moore (of New Moore fame) for roughly \$18.00 per acre. The total price was \$2,896.00. Newman and Moore were the developers hired by the Singleton family to market the Singleton Ranch. Partners Samuel Singleton and Marion Brownfield had previously purchased many sections from the railroad and school partnership in 1879. When Singleton and Brownfield split up these vast holdings, Brownfield took the Terry County portion, and Singleton kept the Lynn County land.

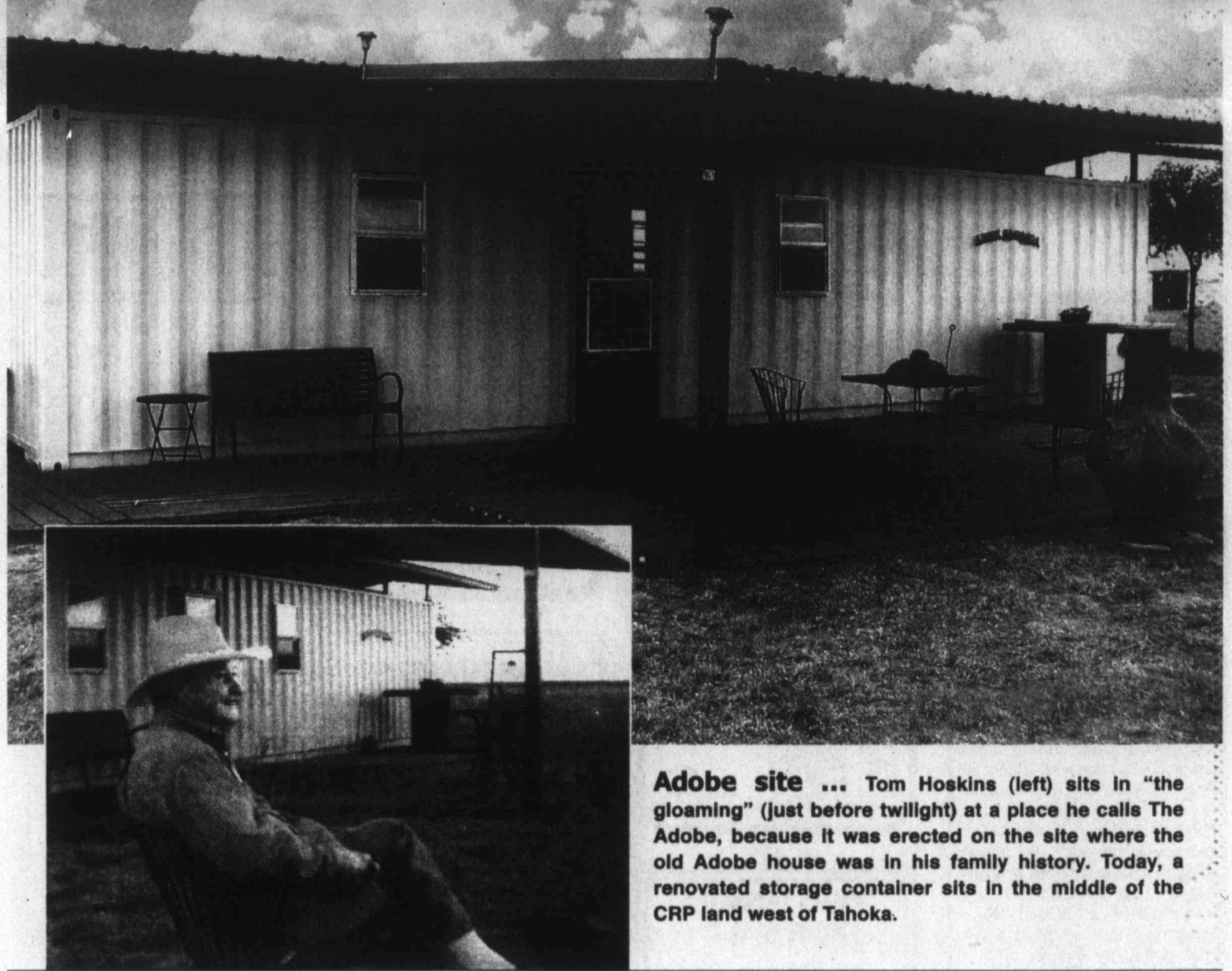
Mr. and Mrs. Pharr built the one-room adobe and proceeded to raise a family. Eventually they had ten children. As the family grew, Pharr added on two wood-structure rooms for his large brood. He farmed with horses and mules. His son, Cecil, who was 12 at the time and 89 when I interviewed him,

told of helping his dad make the mud bricks for the adobe from mud out of a dirt tank. They mixed the mud with broom straw and dried the bricks in the sun. He also helped hand grub the mesquite for farming, dig the cistern, build the outhouse, and build the corral for the livestock.

They had no electricity or water, but hauled water for cooking and drinking in barrels from the 3-Windmill area of New Moore when the cistern was empty. He said he hunted a lot with his brothers as game was plentiful when he was a boy. They raised mostly cotton and maize/milo. His mother, Willie, always had a vegetable garden, and there was always plenty to eat. He said during several school years they boarded the school teacher with them from the Slash L School, one mile to the west on the old Marshall place. The children attended the Slash L School and later the New Moore School.

In January of 1939, my father Jack Hoskins bought the place from Mr. Pharr. He paid him \$500.00 down, gave a cow and a calf, and assumed a note for \$2,326.00. He moved in and bached for a while. In February, he met my mother, Billie Brandon, some four miles down the road, and they were married in April of that year. They set up housekeeping and began a life-long marriage. We still refer to that 160 acres as the Home Place.

My mother, in her insightful book, *BILLIE'S JOURNEY*,



Adobe site ... Tom Hoskins (left) sits in "the gloaming" (just before twilight) at a place he calls The Adobe, because it was erected on the site where the old Adobe house was in his family history. Today, a renovated storage container sits in the middle of the CRP land west of Tahoka.

describes the time and place. She writes that there was a high ridge all around the farm where sand had humped up on the old fence rows. She liked to work in the fields, and she and my dad physically worked the farm with horses. They hoed the weeds and gathered the cotton by hand. She said the adobe room was cozy and warm in the winter and cool in the summer. It was "their joy". They had a wood stove and a kerosene lamp and an outhouse. They hauled water from the Webb place to the east or from New Moore as the Pharrs had done before them, in a horse-drawn wagon. They had a milk cow, laying hens, horses, pigs, and a vegetable garden. They ate a lot of cottontail rabbit and tomato gravy. Beans, biscuits and cornbread were staples. And they were blessed with the birth of Jack Jr. and Margaret during the first three years. I invite you to read my mother's book, especially the chapter titled, "The Adobe".

I helped my dad and my brother Jackie tear down the old structure sometime in the mid-'50s. It had melted down, so we dismantled it and filled in the cistern. For the next fifty years, cotton and maize were planted over it. It is currently in the Conservation Reserve Program and getting a long-deserved rest. Much of the natural grass and game has returned.

In January of 2006, my brother Jack helped me discover the exact location of the previous adobe. I have put up my own simple place there. It barely resembles the WalMart forty-foot container I purchased in Lubbock. I had a Menno-nite from Seminole, who was a

good welder and metal worker, come and cut four windows and a door, all with screens, so the place would pull a good breeze as it has no electricity or cooling. Then I had him erect a roof over the whole thing with a three-foot overhang all around and an additional sixteen feet of porch overhang.

I built a running porch all along the north side and east side for sitting in the shade or sun, depending on the temperature and elements. On the west end, I partitioned eight of the forty feet for storage. This allows me to keep a nice place in my thirty-two feet left. Then I constructed two twin beds, so one end of the "adobe" is my bedroom, the other end is the kitchen, and the center is the parlor. It is decorated in the Early New Moore décor, with photos and documents from that era. My sister and I painted the inside and outside with four-inch rollers. We used the same light color as the reflective roof metal. I built a proper privy a respectable distance from my main quarters, with a fourteen-foot deep pit. It may be the nicest outdoor toilet in Lynn County.

The Adobe has no running water or electricity. I did put up a few outside solar lights that put

out some meager illumination. I have a wood stove, a kerosene lantern, and a fire pit outside. I bring my water. All the essentials. My sister has collected a large trove of treasures on the site: rusty nails, broken plow points, bits of glass and crockery, a marble, and a coin or two from the twenties and thirties, each with a story to tell.

The Adobe is never locked. I encourage my friends and relatives and anyone interested in New Moore history to come and see my place and sit a spell.

Solitude is a nice place to visit. Sort through the broken and rusted artifacts. Listen and look at nothing but what nature has to offer in that remote country. And let your mind wander back to when large families lived simply and happily in a small house on the prairie.

*(The Adobe is located west of Tahoka - travel west on Hwy. 380, turn left at FM 179 and go south 6.5 miles, turn right at orange flag.)*

-- written by Tom Hoskins  
Arlington, Texas

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### USDA authorizes Emergency Haying of CRP acres for 73 Texas counties

In response to drought conditions, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) authorized emergency haying use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for 73 Texas counties.

Several counties are approved for emergency CRP haying including Lynn County. Haying authorization will end on August 31, 2011.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency haying of CRP must request approval before haying eligible acreage," said Rodney Schoppa. "It is also important for producers to obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes haying requirements," he said.

Upon approval of emergency haying, producers must leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous field unhayed for wildlife. For those counties that are eligible for emergency haying and grazing, the same CRP acreage cannot be both hayed and/or grazed at the same time. For example, if 50 percent of a field or contiguous field is hayed, the remaining unhayed 50 percent cannot be grazed; it must remain unhayed and ungrazed for wildlife.

In addition, participants are limited to one hay cutting and are not permitted to sell any of the hay. There will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction depending on the number of acres

actually hayed. To take advantage of the emergency haying provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage for the purpose of haying.

For more information and to request approval for emergency haying of CRP acres, contact the Lynn County FSA office at 806-998-4501.

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