

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

## Supersized ...

Three of these 185-foot blades will be secured to the hub sitting at left, and placed atop a 270-ft tower, in a wind energy project near Draw, in southern Lynn County.



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## Wind turbines near Draw will be tallest in USA

by JUANELL JONES

A wind energy project in construction in southern Lynn County is going to boast the tallest wind turbines in the United States, with blades measuring 185 feet towering high on a 270-ft. base. To erect these monster turbines, an enormous crane is also being constructed onsite that, when finished, is said to weigh hundreds of thousands of pounds. Some of the workers call it "The Beast."

It's a spectacular site, driving just a few miles east on FM 213 off U.S. Hwy. 87 between Tahoka and O'Donnell, situated in the middle of a cotton field. Some of the components of the turbines have already arrived, with the 185-ft-long white blades with red stripes on the tips easily seen in the middle of cotton fields just north off FM 213, about a mile west of the community of Draw. The turbine components were manufactured in China and

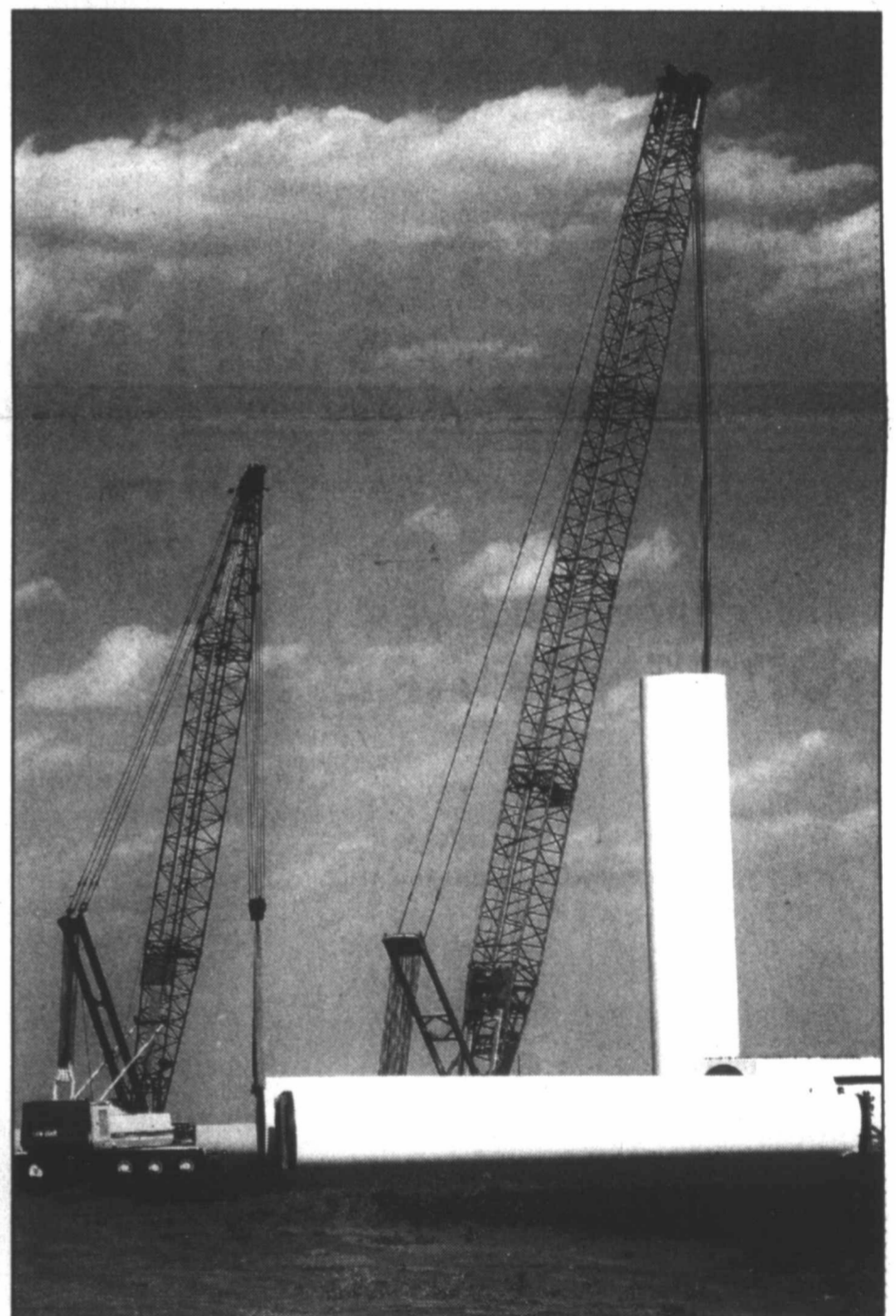
According to information from an online source, Chinese investors acquired the 61.5-MW wind project to install 17 wind turbines of 3.6 MW each that will have the largest output per turbine of any in the US. Paul Thompson, president of Ascendant Renewable Energy, said that Wind Tex Energy sold the wind project in Lynn County to a new entity called Cirrus Wind Energy, and Cirrus Wind Energy was then acquired by China-based A-Tech, China Creative Wind Energy and other Chinese investors.

China Creative Wind is supplying the 3.6-MW wind turbines for the wind project, which is now called Cirrus 1, and which is expected to begin commercial operation by year's end so it can qualify for federal production tax credits.

As the Beast is being put together, base sites are being readied for each of the 17 turbines that will be erected, 12 on the north side of FM 213 and 5 on the south side.

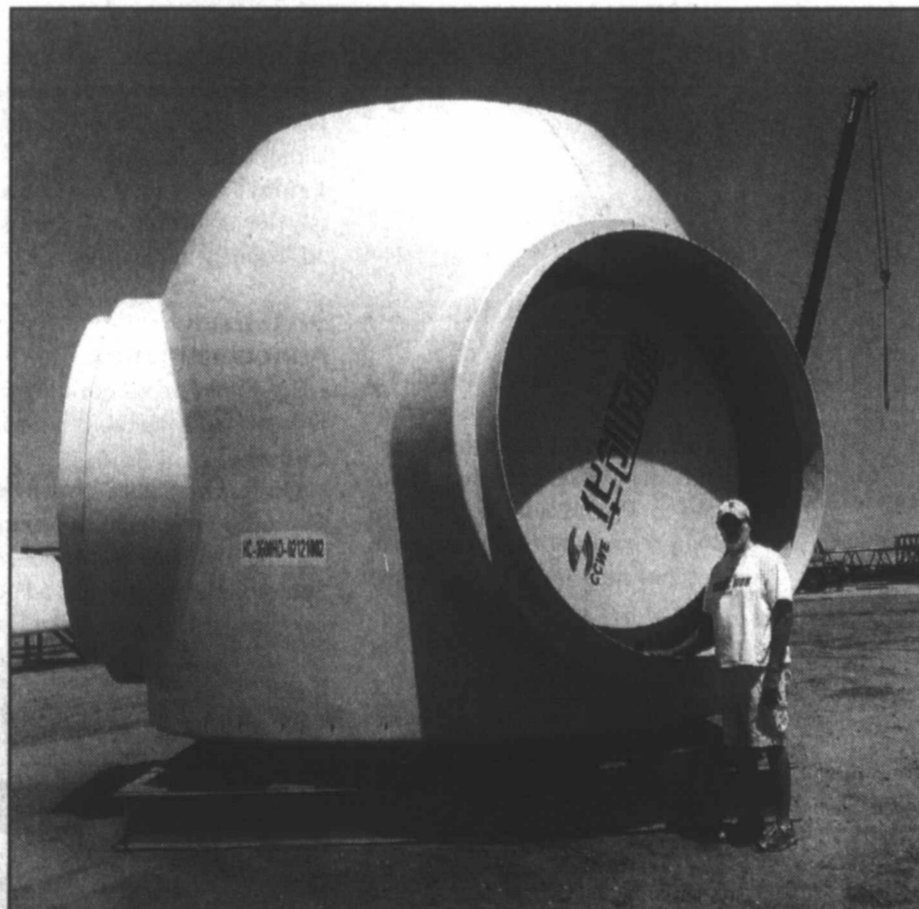
shipped to Houston, where they were loaded on trucks to complete the journey to Lynn County. Chinese markings can be seen on the rounded hubs into which the blades will be fitted.

As of last Friday, many of the components of the monster crane were onsite, but workers were waiting for delivery of other components before  
(See Wind Turbines, page 6)



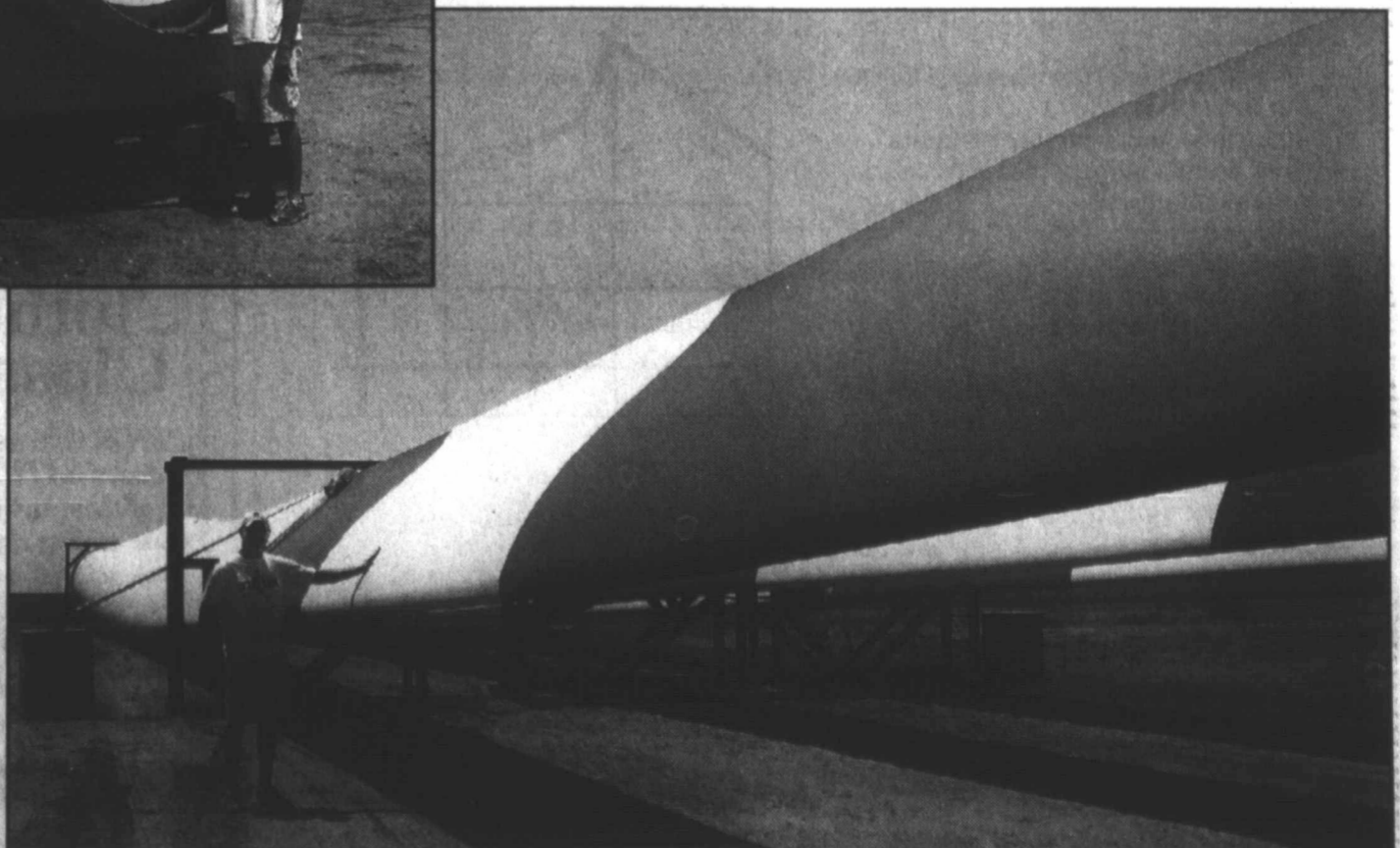
Not "The Beast" ... Two of the smaller cranes (not "The Beast") are pictured in the photo above, as they maneuver the lower third section of a tower that will rise 270 feet above the ground in the Cirrus 1 wind turbine project. They are the tallest turbines in the US, although not the only, or first, of this size to be erected. However, according to unofficial reports, there are not many of this magnitude in US wind projects.

(LCN PHOTOS by Juanell Jones)



### Big project ...

Pictured above is the hub for the 185-ft blades pictured at right, with Gary Jones of Tahoka standing beside both to show perspective on the massive size of the components of the wind turbines that will have the largest output per turbine of any in the United States. The Cirrus 1 project has been purchased by Chinese investors.



### CENTURY + 1



Tahoka Centenarian Madeline Hegi will celebrate her

101<sup>st</sup>

birthday next Tuesday, Aug. 21. She was born Aug. 21, 1911.

She is a resident of Lynnwood Independent & Assisted Living Center in Tahoka.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MADELINE!

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# woodwork

by dalton wood

LIKE CELL PHONES, computers, TV sets and nearly everything else these days, cars and other vehicles have become too complicated for me and many others who have mostly given up on advancing technology.

Life has become so complex that the struggle to keep up has made geeks out of otherwise reasonable people. People with newer cars are having to deal with blue teeth and global positioning systems (GPS) featuring the voice of a bossy woman telling them where to turn and treating them like idiots when they don't do it. ("Please make a u-turn at the first opportunity and go back to where I said to turn right, you dummy.")

Bluetooth is something available in some new vehicles that allows you to program your cell phone and talk without holding it up to your ear where some cop can see it. I gave up trying to program my phone into the Bluetooth system and had someone do it for me, but even then I couldn't find any way to call someone. Guess I'll just have to hold my phone and talk through my yellow teeth. A blue tooth would be pretty ugly anyway.

I am reminded of a friend who told me once that he needed a new job, but didn't have a typewriter or anything else to produce a resume. Then, he said, he noticed this button in his car which said "resume", but it didn't print out anything when he punched it.

I have another friend named Max who always claimed that he had to punch the "Max cool" button in his car in order to stay comfortable in the summer.

This is the same friend who, when driving through a small community in Archer County named Megargel, started chanting "Me gargle, you gargle." He may have thought that was where Listerine was invented.

Let's face it: I have some really sharp friends.



Circle HKB Designs Custom Embroidery

**Ribbon cutting ...** Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held Friday afternoon at Circle HKB, a business owned by Kelsey Hancock that specializes in commercial embroidery for fan wear, team apparel, caps and other promotional products. The store is located at 1626 Ave. J in Tahoka, open from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Pictured above are those who attended the ribbon cutting ceremonies, and the photo at left shows Kelsey and Blandon Hancock and their children in front of the business.

## Curtis Lynn Harvick

Curtis Lynn Harvick of Tahoka passed away on Friday, August 10, 2012 at the age of 68. He was born January 1, 1944 in Hamlin to Roy and Opal Harvick. He was a U.S. Marine Veteran, serving during the Vietnam War. He was a Tank Instructor and trained Israelis in heavy armor equipment. He worked in Agricultural Sales. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. He married Janet Norwood, March 6, 1970 in Tahoka.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 14, at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka with Brother Danny Jackson officiating. Internment was at Nevels Cemetery.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Janet Harvick and son, Cody Harvick of Tahoka, and many children he loved as his own.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Terry Harvick.

Pallbearers were Justin Whitley, Kent Harvick, Carlton Harvick, Kevin Harvick, Micah Stone and Mitch Hammonds. Honorary Pallbearers are Daniel Garvin, Perry Flippin, Jim Robinson and Tommy Botkin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Lynn County EMS or the Lynn County Humane Society.

Please celebrate the life of Curtis by visiting [www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com). (PAID)

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• The Center has a program called Feed Our Community. We have a ten [10] day lunch ticket for a suggested donation of \$35.00. If the individual is under 60, a ten [10] day lunch ticket costs \$50.00. The lunch ticket can be used for an on-site meal, a take-out meal or if eligible, we will deliver the meal. The ticket can be purchased for a specific person or it can be donated and the Center will pick the person. A great birthday gift!

• We still have plenty of our cookbooks - Timeless Treasures. Great to keep and/or give as a gift. On sale at the Center, the Lynn County News office, Virginia's Beauty Salon, Huffer Law Office and the City/County Library for \$12.00.

• Aluminum can recycle is located on N. 5th street across from the City Barn. All donations dropped off at this sight are to benefit Sr. Citizen's Center. Please tie your bags before placing them in the bin.

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

### Fundraiser tremendous success

Simply stated, the success of our Senior Citizens Center turkey and dressing dinner fundraiser is due in full measure to the generosity and goodwill of the residents and businesses of Tahoka, Wilson, and surrounding communities.

The response to our invitation to attend and support our home delivery and congregate meal programs was answered in triple digits. We estimate that we served nearly 150 dinners and we want to thank from the bottom of our hearts each and every one of you who either purchased a take-out meal or enjoyed a meal at the Center.

A special thank you is extended to Dalton Wood. Dalton serenaded our on-site guests with a live performance that included musical selections on the keyboard, as well as the saxophone. His performance was both a wonderful accompaniment to the meal and a boon to our fundraiser.

Thank you Esmeralda Herrera, Rosie and Sabas Longoria, Ashley Martin, Raul Santos, Karla and Lyn Schmidt and Lupe Vargas for their invaluable assistance. Whether it was assisting on the food line or washing dishes, preparing the food, setting up/cleaning up, their contributions were important elements of our fundraiser's success.

Thank you also Bill and Frances Chancy, Lois Roberts and Cathy Ross for serving as cashiers throughout the event.

Lastly, but by no means least, a very special thank you to Brandon Boyce with Sysco, Designs & Daisies, FirstBank & Trust, First National Bank of Tahoka, Donald Freitag, MD, Joe Hays, CPA, IntegraCare, Jollytime, Lynn County News, Nathan Morris, Tahoka Drug, Walker & Solomon Agency for their generous sponsorship of our fundraiser.

I am heartened to say that this year's response to our annual fundraiser event exceeded last year's success.

We are truly blessed to be a part of the Lynn County Community.

**Bianca Baker**  
Director-Lynn County Senior Citizens Center

### Against Alcohol Sales

Sir, People will get alcoholic beverages, but it is very common a person that has consumed alcohol will do what a person should not do. So I am against making it any easier to get, but they will not be on the road as much.

I am still against voting for alcohol sales here or anywhere.

**J.B. Rackler**

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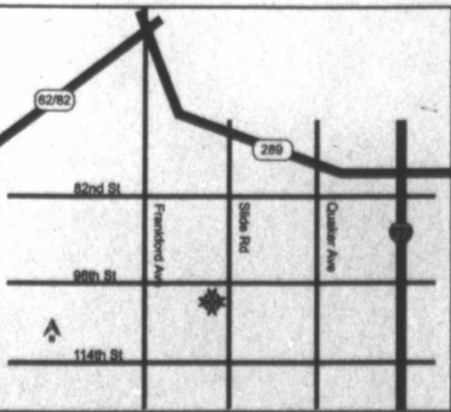
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## All Lynn County school districts propose lower tax rates for 2012

The four school districts in Lynn County released information this week regarding proposed tax rates for 2012, and all four are proposing to lower rates by a few cents, due to effective tax rates that were lowered this year. All four school districts were at \$1.17 for maintenance and operating, and New Home ISD had an additional 8-cent Interest and Sinking (I&S) rate for a total rate of \$1.25 last year.

New Home ISD, Tahoka ISD and Wilson ISD are all publishing notices of public meetings and proposed tax rates in this edition of *The Lynn County News*, and O'Donnell ISD is publishing their notice in the *O'Donnell Index-Press*.

Tahoka ISD is proposing a tax rate of \$1.1349. The effective tax rate is \$1.0949, which is the rate to maintain the same revenue, and the rollback rate is \$1.1349, which is the highest rate the school district can set without triggering a rollback election. According to figures in the advertisement published by TISD, total appraised value of all property in the school district increased from \$145,674,114

last year to \$170,385,847 this year, and total taxable value increased from \$116,062,594 to \$132,105,317.

ISD	Current Tax Rate	Proposed Tax Rate
O'Donnell	\$1.17	\$1.1071
Wilson	\$1.17	\$1.15620
Tahoka	\$1.17	\$1.1349
New Home	\$1.25	\$1.2106

Wilson ISD is proposing a tax rate of \$1.15620, which is also their rollback rate. The effective tax rate is \$1.11618. Total appraised value of all property in the school district increased from \$60,898,870 to \$66,659,660 this year, and total taxable value increased from \$47,191,420 to \$52,894,490.

New Home ISD is proposing a tax rate of \$1.2106, which is the effective tax rate and just under their rollback rate of \$1.210729. The effective tax rate is \$1.1456 for Maintenance and Operating (M&O) and \$0.065 for I&S, for a total effective tax rate of \$1.2106. Total appraised value of all property in the school district increased from \$61,737,360 to \$69,391,070 this year, and total taxable value increased from \$52,467,449 to

\$60,082,720. O'Donnell ISD is proposing a tax rate of \$1.1071, which is also their rollback rate. The effective tax rate is \$1.0671. Total appraised value of all property in the school district increased from \$114,156,583 to \$143,670,559 this year, and total taxable value increased from \$97,742,103 to \$129,109,586. Mineral values increased by 25%, which accounted

for much of the property value increase, according to Supt. Randy Allen.

### FUMC Sunday School kick-off slated August 25

A "Back to Sunday School" kick-off will be held on Saturday, August 25 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1801 Ave. J., in Tahoka.

"There will be games, live music, food and fun for the whole family," stated a spokesperson for the event.

"We want to encourage anyone to come out and join us, and enjoy Christian fellowship," she added.

### Tahoka High School requires parking permits for students

All Tahoka High School student drivers are required to have a parking permit. Students will need to bring their driver's license and insurance card to obtain a permit. Students may begin picking up their permits on Monday, August 20 at the high school office.

For more information or questions, contact the high school office at 561-4538.

### Physics Facts & Trivia

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A rubber band shrinks when heated and expands when cooled because of the change in its Entropy state.

Due to the effect of Thermal Expansion, the Eiffel Tower is up to 15cm taller in summer.

If an atom were the size of a stadium, its electrons would be as small as bees.



**Thanksgiving in August...** The Lynn County Senior Citizens Center held their annual fundraiser dinner on Sunday, August 12 to benefit their home delivery and congregate meal program. Pictured here is part of the large crowd that attended the event that was a big success, raising over \$2,000.

### Police check on theft, street assault report

Tahoka Police last week investigated reports of a theft of cash and a claim by a woman that she was deliberately struck, but not knocked down, by a vehicle.

Cash totaling \$200 was reported missing from the wallet of Antonio Silvas Sr. of Tahoka, and a named suspect denied taking the money when interviewed by officers.

A Tahoka woman said she was nudged by a pickup driven by a 70-year-old Tahoka man as she was in the street on N. 2nd with some children practicing for a Quinceanera. She said she was trying to keep the children from being injured when the pickup struck her. The driver of the pickup denied hitting her, but said she and the children would not get out of the street.

Police determined that the two persons involved and their families have been feuding for some time. The case was turned over to the city judge after the woman said she wanted to file

charges of assault against the driver.

Only five persons were being held in Lynn County Jail early this week, and two of those were held for Gaines County. Two were jailed during

the last week, including one for driving while intoxicated second offense, and one for failure to appear on charges of resisting arrest and driving while license was invalid.

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## Citizens ask council to consider use of golf carts on city streets

by JUANELL JONES

Nine Tahoka residents attended the Tahoka City Council meeting Monday night to present a request for the council to consider approving a new city ordinance that would allow licensed vehicle drivers to use golf carts on city streets.

"This is a very economical way to get around town," Vondell Elliott told the council members. "Many of us do about 75 percent of our driving just around town, and a golf cart is very economical and can save gas and mileage on our vehicles. I feel a golf cart is more visible to drivers than a bicycle, and if the cart complies with all the requirements of the DMV—such as turn signals, headlights, tail-lights and other requirements—and is driven by a licensed driver, I see no reason why we

couldn't use them," she added.

Lenda Wood, who drives a street-legal electric vehicle in town, added, "In the 2-3 months since I have had my cart, I have driven over 400 miles in the city limits. That's a lot of mileage saved on my car."

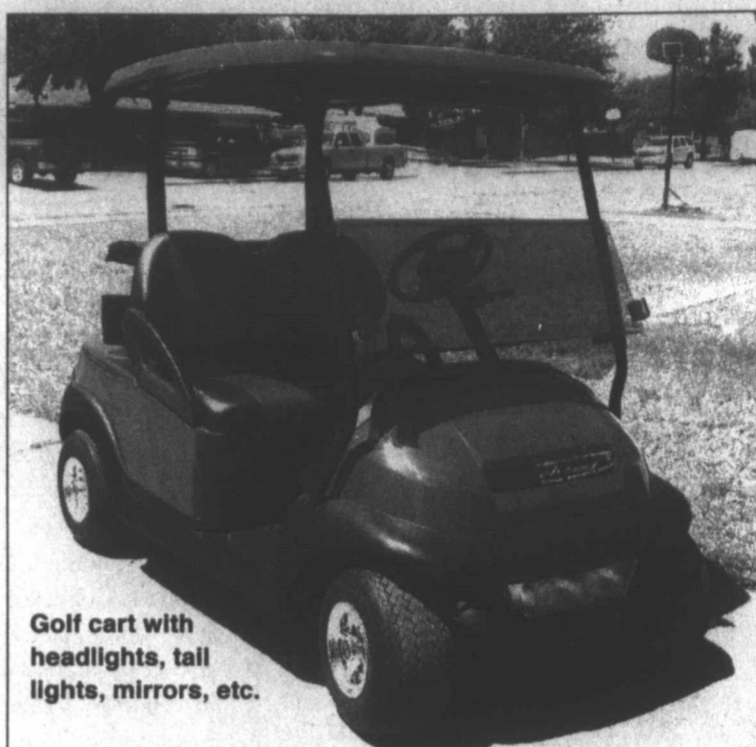
Carolyn Wilson also spoke to the council, explaining that being able to drive a golf cart on city streets would make Tahoka stand out, which could be a real plus for the town. "Small towns don't have as many amenities to offer as larger cities, and this ordinance could be an advantage for us—something that couldn't be offered in larger cities," she said.

Mayor John Baker told the citizens that they appreciated the comments, and that the council would consider the information presented. In fact, af-

ter the citizens left the meeting, the council instructed city attorney Cal Huffaker to research the issue for possible consideration of an ordinance.

In other business, the council voted to demolish an unsafe building at 1001 Ave. J, after no one attended the meeting for the public hearing on the issue. After the abandoned property is demolished city officials will send a bill to the owner for the demolition, and if unpaid the city will file a lien against the property.

Building code guidelines were updated, and the council voted to expend funds to build



Golf cart with headlights, tall lights, mirrors, etc.

new storage units and to move existing storage units from the Higginbotham property to city-owned property on N. 5th and the U.S. 87 access road, across from the city warehouse. Concrete pads are being poured for both units. The existing 22-unit storage facility will be moved at a cost of \$8,200, with the city accepting a quote from Domin-

go Saldana for the move, and a new 22-unit storage facility will be built by Gargoyle Steel Structures at a cost of \$28,000.

Mayor John Baker led the meeting, with City Administrator Jerry Webster and all council members present, including Ray Box, Jeff Martin, Amy Preston, Ronny Jolly and Rudy Fuentes, and others.

## St. Jude Men's fundraiser dinner is this Sunday

The St. Jude Men's Organization will hold a fundraiser dinner this Sunday, August 19 from noon-2:00 p.m. at the St. Jude Church Hall. Meal will be chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and drink for \$6 per person.

For more information contact any St. Jude Men's Organization member. All proceeds to benefit the organization.

## Kieth scores ace at T-Bar course

Freddie Kieth had a hole-in-one at T-Bar Country Club Thursday, Aug. 9. Brad Smith witnessed the ace on hole No. 3 as Kieth scored with a 9-iron.

## Texas Sales Tax Holiday Weekend begins Friday

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminds shoppers they can save money on everything from pens, jeans and shoes to backpacks and other items priced under \$100 during the state's annual sales tax holiday.

This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17-19.

"Shoppers across Texas can take advantage of the three-day sales tax holiday and save extra money for their budgets," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Families gearing up for the new school year would not pay any sales tax for many back-to-school items from clothing and footwear to school supplies during that weekend."

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).

## Fun Facts about the USA

(website info, not confirmed facts)  
Did you know...  
-Boulder, Colorado is the only city in the U.S. to own a glacier.

-The wettest place in the world is Mountain Waialeale in Hawaii.

-Hawaii is the only state that grows coffee.

-More breakfast cereal is made in Battle Creek, Michigan than any other city in the world.

-Montana has 3 times more cattle than people.



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All of the following properties being located in Lynn County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page reference (V/P) or document number of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

PROP #	CAUSE #	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #
1	07-10-02421	Lynn County Appraisal District v Eric Anthony Arellano	Lot 4, Block 114, Original Townsite of the Town of Wilson, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 324, Page 306 and Volume 385, Page 185 of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas), Account #223900001/000010300000114000400
2	10-10-02517	Lynn County Appraisal District v Juan Romero	Lots 2, 3 and 4, Block 81, Original Townsite of the Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 371, Page 551 of the Official Public Records, Lynn County, Texas), Account #663200001
4	10-10-02524	Lynn County Appraisal District v Susie Amaro et al	Lot 8, Block 6, Original Townsite of the City of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 174, Page 69), Account #1220000001
5	11-01-02537	Lynn County Appraisal District v Gerardo Ortiz et al	the South 1/2 of Lots 7 and 8, Block 62, Original Townsite of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 334, Page 591 of the Official Public Records, Lynn County, Texas), Account #857700001
6	11-06-02554	Lynn County Appraisal District v Roy Gonzales et al	Lot 8, Block 24, Original Townsite to the City of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 367, Page 202 of the Official Public Records, Lynn County, Texas), Account #4959000001
7	11-06-02554	Lynn County Appraisal District v Roy Gonzales et al	Lot 7, Block 24, Original Townsite to the City of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 367, Page 202 of the Official Public Records, Lynn County, Texas), Account #8462000001
8	11-06-02555	Lynn County Appraisal District v Ramiro Rodriguez et al	Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block 113, Original Townsite of the Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 333, Page 225 of the Official Public Records, Lynn County, Texas), Account #9601000001
9	11-06-02558	Lynn County Appraisal District v Lylia J. Knight et al	Lot 19, Block 1, North Tahoka Addition to the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 202, Page 249 of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas), 2104 W. Lockwood, Tahoka, Texas 79373-5027, Account #6476000001
10	11-06-02560	Lynn County Appraisal District v Juanita Barrera et al	Lot 1, Block 136, Original Townsite of the Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 187, Page 61 of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas), Account #1569000001
11	11-11-02565	Lynn County Appraisal District v Estella Moore et al	a manufactured home only, Label #TXS0143559, on Lots 7 & 8, Block 115, Original Townsite of the Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas, Lots 7 & 8, Block 115, O'Donnell, Account #4707000001
12	11-11-02568	Lynn County Appraisal District v Victor Salinas, Jr. et al	Lot 7, Block 63, North Tahoka Addition to the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 297, Page 124 of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas), Account #9901000001

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 2nd day of August, 2012, at Tahoka, Texas

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**Getting ready for the season ...** Pictured left to right are Tahoka High School Football Coaches James Garrett, Steven Gray (Defensive Coach), Head Coach John Cornelius, BC Lee, Brandon Hopper (Offensive Coach), Caleb Nies, and Kenneth Garay.

**Tahoka ISD trustees  
propose \$1.13 tax rate**

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees are proposing a lower tax rate for 2012, that will amount to about a 3.5-cent decrease. The Board met in a budget session last week, followed by a regular monthly meeting. During the budget workshop there was review of budget items for the 2012-2013 school year, and trustees discussed the tax rate to fund the budget. This year the proposed tax rate is \$1.1349, which is a decrease from the current rate of \$1.17, and is the highest rate the school district can set without a rollback election.

During the regular session, trustees approved the fund balance policy procedures for 2012-2013 and approved the amended budget for \$280,974. The public hearing on the proposed budget will be Tuesday, August 28, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting to adopt the budget and set the tax rate for 2012-2013 will start at 7:00 p.m.

"This year the proposed tax rate is \$1.349," said Superintendent Steve Burleson. "The proposed tax rate is lower this year even though the voters approved a tax rate of \$1.17 last year. The main reason is our property values increased from \$114,207,097 to \$132,105,317. Another contributing factor is that our student count remained the same as last year. If we would have had a major increase in our student enrollment we would have been

able to set a higher tax rate. The only way that we could have gone back to the \$1.17 this year would have been to have another election. The Board decided against that this year. This is after the state Legislature cut public education funding for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years by \$4 billion in 2011," explained the superintendent.

In other business, one new teacher contract was approved for the upcoming school year. Tanya Cerovski was approved as a new English teacher for Tahoka High School. Trustees heard reports from Elementary Principal Jason Powell, Middle School Principal Jeff Fleener, High School Principal Jeff Perez, Athletic Director John Cornelius and Curriculum Director Jenni McLelland.

The 2012-2013 Student Code of Conduct was approved, and milk bids for the school year were approved. The audit firm of Ryan and King of Lubbock was approved to serve as the district's auditors for the 2012-2013 school year.

The Board also approved a teacher appraisal calendar, as required by state statute, which stipulates when school administrators may conduct state required classroom observations of teachers. It also approved all of the school district's certified administrators as second appraisers in the event a teacher

requested a second appraisal.

Trustees approved new teacher salary steps and stipend updates.

"The teachers have a salary schedule approved by the State of Texas," explained Supt. Burleson. "The salary schedule has 20 steps that the teachers advance through during their careers. Many districts add steps so that the teachers that have taught more than 20 years will receive a step increase in their salaries. Tahoka ISD added a step to this pay schedule in 2004. This year the teacher's salary schedule will have nine additional steps added, and this raised our local maximum from 21 steps to 30 steps," he said. "The coaches' stipend schedule was adjusted to be more comparable to other area schools. Both of these changes were approved to encourage our teachers and coaches to remain at Tahoka ISD," he added.

The Board officially endorsed Melanie Morris, a Petersburg school board member, for the Texas Association of School Boards director position. Tahoka ISD trustee Scott Dimak was appointed as the TISD voting delegate to the Texas Association of School Boards Convention.

The first day of school will be August 27. There will be a board meeting on August 28 that will include the public hearing on the budget followed by the board meeting to adopt the budget and set the tax rate. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m.

**TISD campuses  
host Open House  
on August 21**

Open House will be held for all Tahoka I.S.D. campuses on Tuesday, August 21, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Students in all grade levels will receive their packets at open house.

"We encourage all students to attend open house to pick up their school packets," said a spokesperson for TISD.

Pride Corps will be selling new Bulldog t-shirts for \$12 each at the elementary school during the Open House event.

Atmos Energy will be serving hot dogs between the elementary and the high school campus. Also during that time, the THS Varsity Cheerleaders will be selling football season-long temporary tattoo packets at a table set up near the hot dogs.

Orientation for incoming 6th grade students will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the THS Auditorium.

"Meet the Bulldogs" will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the football field that same night.



**2012 Harvest Festival Quilt...** The Lynn County Senior Citizens will award this handmade quilt, made by Dovie Miller and Lois Roberts, to a lucky winner in a drawing at the Lynn County Harvest Festival to be held on September 15. Tickets are now available at the Senior Citizens Center for \$1 each or six for \$5.

**Tahoka Bulldogs**  
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scrimmage  
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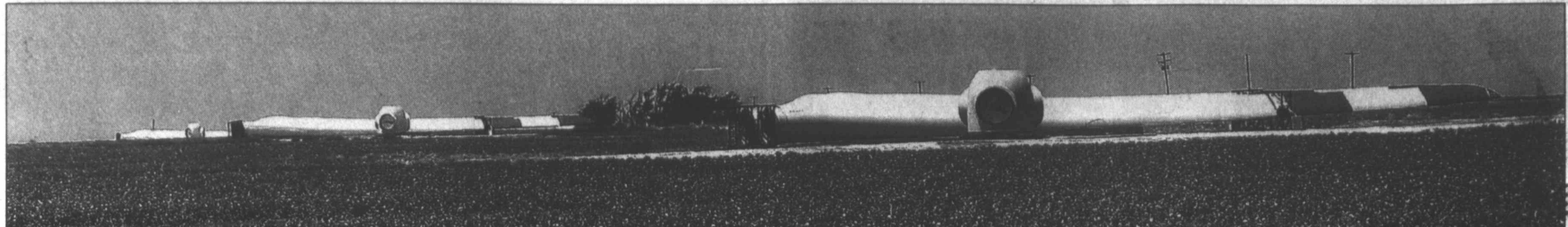
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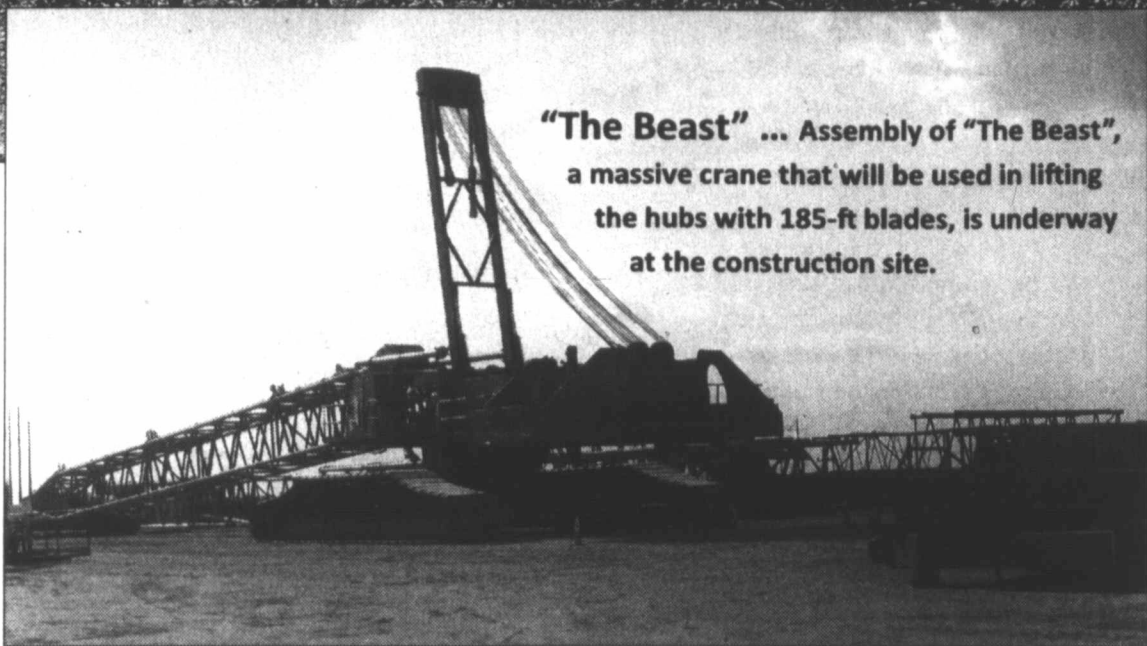
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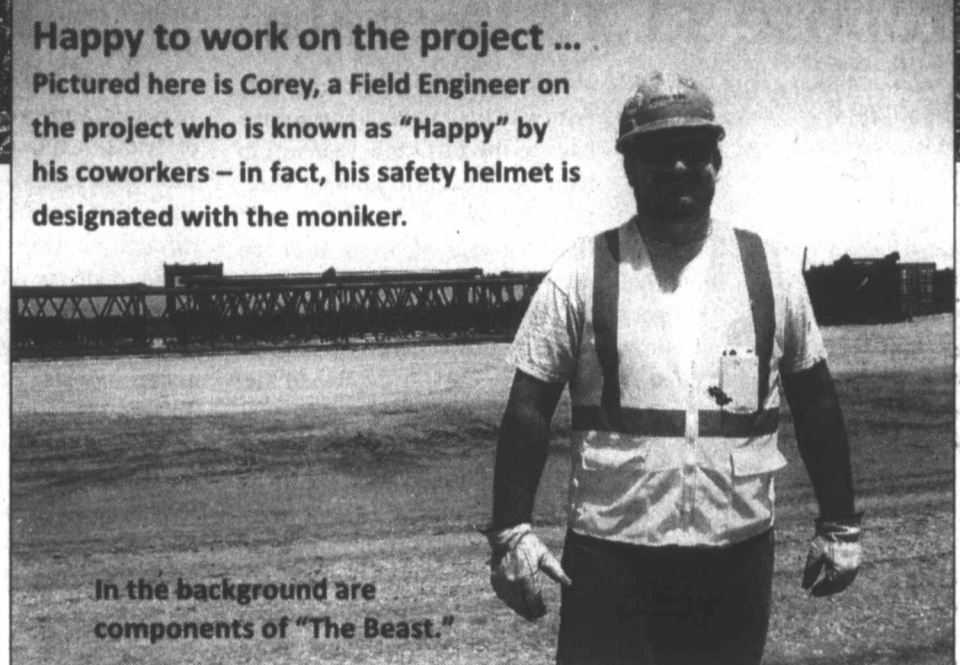


**Unusual scene in a cotton field ...** These cotton fields just west of the Draw community feature some interesting scenes, as construction gets underway on the Cirrus 1 wind project. The 185-ft blades can be seen at intervals among the cotton, as well as other components of 17 wind turbines that will be erected, towering 270 feet above the ground.



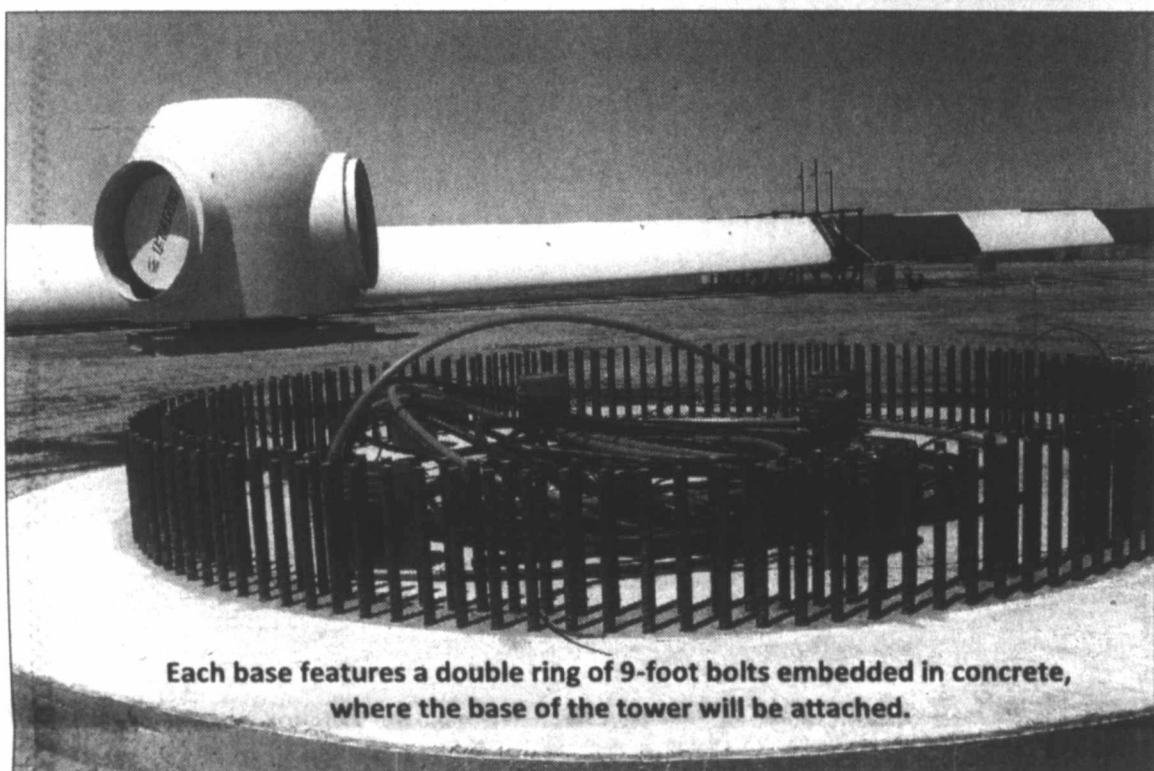
**"The Beast" ...** Assembly of "The Beast", a massive crane that will be used in lifting the hubs with 185-ft blades, is underway at the construction site.

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**Happy to work on the project ...** Pictured here is Corey, a Field Engineer on the project who is known as "Happy" by his coworkers - in fact, his safety helmet is designated with the moniker.

In the background are components of "The Beast."



Each base features a double ring of 9-foot bolts embedded in concrete, where the base of the tower will be attached.

## Wind turbines at Draw ...

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they could begin to put together The Beast. Reportedly, it takes 60 large trucks just to deliver the crane parts. Several smaller - though still large - cranes will be used to manhandle the pieces of the monster crane as it is built.

As the Beast is being put together, base sites are being readied for each of the 17 turbines that will be erected, 12 on the north side of FM 213 and 5 on the south side. Each base features a double ring of 9-foot bolts embedded in concrete, where the base of the tower will be attached. The 270-ft tower is in three sections.

Baker Concrete Construction is doing the work on the project, and is based in a row of mobile home offices located near the construction site on FM 213. Marco Torres, Project Manager, told *The News* that he expects the crane to be completed and erection of the turbines to begin this week.

"Depending on component deliveries and weather/wind conditions, we hope to erect the first turbine next week," Torres said Friday. He explained that all three sections of the tower would be placed first, and that each of the three turbine blades will be connected to the hubs at ground level, with the entire hub/blades section lifted in one piece by cranes and mounted on the lofty pedestals to tower 270 feet above the ground. Torres said that men will be inside the tower to help direct the hub section as it is placed, to bolt it from the inside.

The crane that can lift a hub with three blades attached to it and set it atop that pedestal is indeed "the beast" and will be an unusual sight to behold, and one that area residents will want to observe. Visitors wanting a close look at the site should stop at the office first (it's the last in a row of mobile homes, on the east end, just off FM 213) to get

safety vests and hardhats, and instructions on where they are allowed to go. The construction site can also be seen from FM 213, but binoculars would be handy for more detailed viewing.

A tax abatement agreement between Cirrus and Lynn County will bring \$1000 per megawatt per turbine for the next 10 years to Lynn County coffers, which amounts to \$61,200 annually for ten years, or a total of \$612,000 in lieu of ad valorem taxes for the first 10 years. Each of the wind turbines in the project is a 3.6-megawatt turbine, which will bring \$3,600 per turbine, per year, to the county.

Lynn County Hospital District has also reached a tax abatement agreement with Cirrus, agreeing to a percentage of the tax value instead of a set amount. An 80% abatement is allowed for the first three years, with 20% of the tax value paid to LCHD, with a 60% abatement allowed the next three years, and a 40% abatement in the final four years of the 10-year agreement.

O'Donnell Independent School District's tax abatement agreement amounts to \$100 per ADA, which Supt. Randy Allen estimates will be no more than \$30,000 per year. "The abatement agreement is not really beneficial to OISD, since school districts can no longer use the '313 agreement'. It's completely based on our average daily attendance (ADA) numbers, and for O'Donnell that's going to be around 300 students. Yes, we're glad the wind energy projects are going up, and we hope our property owners do really well, but bottom line is that our school district won't see a big impact," said Allen.

After the 10-year period, full taxable value will be paid to taxing entities.

Another wind energy project will border the Cirrus 1 project

that will also affect Lynn County taxing entities. Earlier this year, Wind Tex Energy entered into a partnership with T. Boone Pickens' Mesa Power Group to co-develop the 377-MW Stephens Bor-Lynn wind project in Borden and Lynn counties. Construction has apparently not yet begun on this project.

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
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Precipitation for Mar:			1.03"
Precipitation for Apr:			1.58"
Precipitation for May:			1.82"
Precipitation for June:			1.43"
Precipitation for July:			1.67"
Precipitation for Aug.:			0.05"
Total Precip. for 2012:			8.83"

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

The Tahoka Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 28, 2012 in the board room of the Harvick Education Building, 2129 Main St., 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	\$1.1349 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.0000 / \$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	5.48	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)
Debt service	_____	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	5.48	% 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	\$ 145,674,114.00	\$170,385,847.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	_____	\$ 1,092,980.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 116,062,594.00	\$ 132,105,317.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 600,970.00	\$ 1,092,980.00

\* "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	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.00 *	\$ 1.17	\$ 2,381.00	\$ 7,398.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.0949	\$ 0.00*	\$ 1.0949	\$ 2,457.00	\$ 7,983.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.1349	\$ 0.00*	\$ 1.1349	\$ 2,535.00	\$ 7,935.00

\* 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	\$ 48,140.00	\$ 47,884.51
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 33,140.00	\$ 32,884.51
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17/100	\$ 1.1349/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 387.74	\$ 373.21
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	_____	\$ ( 14.53)

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 1.1349. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.1349.

### 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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### PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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### FORMA DE MUESTRA

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# Pages from the Past...

By Vendell Elliott

The following excerpts were taken from past issues of THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS.

## Four Persons Perish in Quicksand near Amarillo

Quicksand in a shallow creek was responsible for the death of four persons late Sunday afternoon when Mrs. Marvin Strickland and her two children and Mrs. Bob Strickland, all of Amarillo, were

drowned when the children were wading in the Amarillo Creek about fourteen miles North of the city. One of the children was the first to wade into the treacherous sand and when the other child attempted to rescue the first, they both sank fast into the bog. Mrs. Marvin Strickland, the mother of the two children, then made a desperate effort to rescue her children, but the attempt was made in vain. Mrs. Bob Strickland drowned when she went to the aid of the other woman, and in a very few minutes four members of two Amarillo homes had gone to their deaths in a treacherous quicksand of a small creek. [reprinted from the Amarillo News] - July 11, 1919

## Tahoka Hotels Close Dining Rooms This Week

Tahoka can no longer boast of having hotel dining room eating service. This week the Tahoka and St. Clair hotels closed their dining rooms on account of not being able to secure sufficient help. The St. Clair will continue to give cafe service which has been in operation for several months. The Tahoka will keep roomers, but will serve no meals. Many regular boarders at these places will be forced to secure meal tickets, or else learn to cook their own meals. - Nov. 14, 1919

# Wendy Scott is new county agent here

by JUANELL JONES

A new county agent began working this week for Lynn County. Wendy Scott is the Family Consumer Science Agent for Lynn and Crosby County, through the Texas AgriLife Extension Service (TAES). She is filling the position vacated by Amy Baugh on March 31, and will share her time between Crosby County and Lynn County TAES extension programs. She joins agent Bryan Reynolds at the county extension office located at 1601 Ave. J in Tahoka.

Reynolds introduced Mrs. Scott to Lynn County Commissioners at Monday morning's regular session, saying he is "very pleased" that TAES is placing her with the Lynn County extension program.

"Wendy brings an unbelievable wealth of knowledge and experience to Lynn County," Reynolds told commissioners. "I have known her for 20 years, and we couldn't have hand-picked anyone better than Wendy. She has a passion to work at the county level with people, and she will be great here. We do have to share her with Crosby County, but with her abilities and knowledge, and Allison's

expertise (Allison Hawthorne, the extension office secretary), it will probably work so well that you won't even need me," he said with a smile. Reynolds, however, is not leaving the Lynn County extension program, and will partner with Scott in extension programs for the county.

Mrs. Scott said she taught school for 11 years and has worked with the county extension service for eight years. She and her family live in Woodrow. She was to begin her duties here on Tuesday of this week.

"It is a pleasure to be here," she told commissioners. "I do look forward to serving the people of Lynn County, and I assure you I will divide my time 50/50 with both counties so as not to slight either county. I have lots of ideas and am eager to get started here," she added. She said she is also married to a county agent, and that they have two sons, ages 11 and 15.

In other business, commissioners approved the purchase of carpeting for the County Clerk's office at a cost of \$1,811 from Leftwich Chapman Flooring America. County Judge H.G. Franklin and commissioners Mike Braddock and Don Blair voted for the motion, with commissioner Danny Martin abstaining from voting, saying he was related to the owners of the flooring company. Commissioner Keith Wied was absent from the meeting.

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

Budget talks continued to finalize the 2012-13 county bud-

get, and commissioners set the first public hearing for Monday, Aug. 27 at 9 a.m. to hear public input regarding the budget. A second hearing was scheduled for Aug. 30 at 9 a.m.

To fund the budget, commissioners are considering a tax rate of 77-cents per \$100 of property valuation for Lynn County ad valorem taxes, which is a 9-cent decrease from the current rate of 86 cents. The 77-cent rate is just under the rollback rate of 0.770638, which is the highest rate that could be set without triggering a rollback election. The effective tax, to bring in the same amount of



WENDY SCOTT

revenue as the previous year, is 74.6 cents.

Commissioners will set the proposed tax rate at an Aug. 16 special session set for 1 p.m. in the courthouse basement courtroom, and will discuss and adopt the county's 2012-2013 budget at that meeting.

## Area entries sought for Sept. 15 classic car show

The fifth annual "Lynn County Classic Car Show" will be held at the Lynn County Harvest Festival, on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the downtown courthouse square in Tahoka. Entries are currently being accepted from throughout the area, and trophies and cash prizes will be awarded.

Car show classes will be categorized by judges to accommodate show entries. For more information, contact Marvin Pierce at 806-759-7227, email marvmer@aol.com, or Marcy Whitley at 806-441-0061, or email her at fumctahoka@poka.com.

Anyone interested in entering should fill out a registration form, available from Mrs. Whitley. Entry fee is \$15 for those who pre-register by Sept. 5, or \$20 the day of the show.

Registration will be held from 8-10 a.m. on Sept. 15, and the show will be held from

10 a.m. until 3 p.m., with an awards ceremony set at 3 p.m. at the Harvest Festival. The Lynn County Harvest Festival features live music, food, games, and cash prizes from audience participation, raffle drawings and more. Bring lawn chairs for seating.

Booth vendor space is available at the festival for \$30 (plus \$10 for electrical if needed) on a first-come basis, by contacting Booth Chairman, Rebecca Ingle, at 806-561-4440.

## Lynn County Harvest Festival is Saturday, Sept. 15

- RESERVE BOOTH SPACE: Rebecca Ingle 561-4440
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### 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. on Thursday, August 30, 2012 in the Wilson ISD School Library, 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.

<b>Maintenance Tax</b>	\$1.1562 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
<b>School Debt Service Tax</b>	\$0.0000 / \$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	0.49 % (decrease)
Debt service	% increase or	0 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase or	0.49 % (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	\$ 60,898,870.00	\$	\$ 66,659,660.00
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 869,900.00	\$	\$ 709,650.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 47,191,420.00	\$	\$ 52,894,490.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 869,900.00	\$	\$ 709,650.00

\* "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
<b>Last Year's Rate</b>	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.0000*	\$ 1.17000	\$ 4,626.00	\$ 5,879.00
<b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b>	\$ 1.11618	\$ 0.0000*	\$ 1.11618	\$ 4,723.00	\$ 6,823.00
<b>Proposed Rate</b>	\$ 1.15620	\$ 0.0000*	\$ 1.15620	\$ 4,882.00	\$ 6,493.00

\* 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	\$ 48,604.00	\$ 40,072.75
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 33,604.00	\$ 25,072.75
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17/100	\$ 1.1562/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 393.17	\$ 289.89
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$	\$ (103.28)

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 1.1562. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.1562.

**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)	\$ 497,094.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

### 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 20, 2012 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.

<b>Maintenance Tax</b>	\$1.1456 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
<b>School Debt Service Tax</b>	\$0.0650 / \$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	1.18 % increase or	19.0 % (decrease)
Debt service	% increase or	19.0 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	1.15 % 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	\$ 61,737,360.00	\$	\$ 69,391,070.00
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 1,998,160.00	\$	\$ 1,701,110.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 52,467,449.00	\$	\$ 60,082,720.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,998,160.00	\$	\$ 1,701,110.00

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
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**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
<b>Last Year's Rate</b>	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.08 *	\$ 1.25	\$ 3,087.00	\$ 6,221.00
<b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b>	\$ 1.1456	\$ 0.065*	\$ 1.2106	\$ 3,147.00	\$ 6,465.00
<b>Proposed Rate</b>	\$ 1.1456	\$ 0.065*	\$ 1.2106	\$ 3,147.00	\$ 6,465.00

\* 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	\$ 89,979.00	\$ 91,576.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 74,979.00	\$ 76,576.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.25/100	\$ 1.21/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 939.44	\$ 926.57
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$	\$ (12.87)

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 1.210729. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.210729.

**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)	\$ 1,009,827.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 25,931.00

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