



**Field of blooms ...** A field of sunflowers blooms beneath the wind turbines near FM 1054 in south Lynn County. This photo, taken in panoramic mode, captured the turn of the lower wind blade in several locations, creating an unusual effect where the tip of the blade appears to be suspended in midair. (LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)



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## CENTURY + 3



**Tahoka Centenarian Madeline Hegi will celebrate her**

**103<sup>rd</sup>**

birthday on Thursday, Aug. 21. She was born Aug. 21, 1911.

Madeline will be honored on her birthday by delegates from West Texas A&M University, honoring her as their oldest living alumni, in ceremonies to be held at 2:30 at Lynnwood Independent & Assisted Living Center in Tahoka, where she resides.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MADELINE!**

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## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug 12	89	66	
Aug 13	94	65	
Aug 14	94	67	
Aug 15	97	69	
Aug 16	95	69	
Aug 17	96	68	
Aug 18	90	65	
Total Precip for Jan:			0.00"
Total Precip for Feb:			0.48"
Total Precip for Mar:			0.06"
Total Precip for Apr:			0.03"
Total Precip for May:			3.95"
Total Precip for June:			3.74"
Total Precip for July:			0.29"
Total Precip for Aug:			0.71"
Total Precip. for 2014:			9.26"

## Tahoka man found guilty of felony charges in car crash that resulted in amputation of boy's leg

by JUANELL JONES

"What you will hear [in this case] will completely appall you," District Attorney Michael Munk said during opening remarks Monday morning to a 12-person jury in a trial involving a Tahoka man charged with five felony counts from an incident last June in which a 10-year-old boy's leg was damaged so severely that it required emergency amputation at the knee, after he was hit with a vehicle on U.S. 87 as he was getting into the back seat of his family's Tahoe that was parked on the shoulder of the highway.

Munk was the prosecuting attorney in the 106th District Court proceedings with District Judge Carter Schildknecht presiding as the trial began in Tahoka Monday morning. Mark S. Snodgrass was the attorney for the defense, representing Sammy Carl Williams, 48, of Tahoka. By late Tuesday afternoon, a jury comprised of nine women and three men found Williams guilty of aggravated assault, intoxicated assault and failure to stop and render aid. The sentencing phase

of the trial was to have begun Wednesday morning, and will be reported in next week's edition of *The News*.

"By his own admission, the defendant had been drinking at two bars and had consumed six beers before he consciously chose to drive from Lubbock to Tahoka," said Munk as he began laying down the facts of the case to the jury in his opening statements. "Evidence will show that he hit the Tahoe parked legally on the side of the road, crushing Nicholas Mata Jr.'s

leg ... and that the force of the impact ejected Junior into the road where he was sprawled and bleeding, and that is exactly where the defendant left him — like road kill," said Munk, adding that the little boy was conscious and could see the vehicle leaving the scene of the accident.

"We are not going to insult your intelligence, and I will tell you that Sam Williams was intoxicated. This is just a tragedy that does not have a good outcome," Snodgrass told the jurors in his opening remarks. "But there are questions as to where the SUV was and to some of the other specific issues of the case. Sam made some decisions that he regrets," he added.

Williams was found guilty of driving drunk when he crashed his company van into the Nicholas Mata family's Tahoe about midnight on June 27, 2013, seriously injuring two people in the vehicle, and immediately leaving the scene of the accident.

Testimony from several witnesses was heard on Monday, including Luis Vasquez, Communications Supervisor at Lynn County Sheriff's Dept., DPS Trooper Wanda Rainey, Lynn County Sheriff's Deputies Jimmie Bingham and Albert Flores, Tahoka Police Officers David Ham and Rudy Tejada, a Lubbock pediatric orthopedic surgeon who amputated the boy's leg during emergency surgery at TTU Health Sciences Center after the accident, Seth Hawthorne and David Spruiell, who had passed by and stopped to offer assistance at the scene of the accident be-

fore law/emergency personnel arrived, and Williams' wife Michelle. Three of the five people in the Tahoe involved in the crash were heard in late afternoon testimony on Monday, including Nicholas Mata Sr., 40, of Denver, CO, and his 16-year-old daughter, and Juan Guzman, described as a friend who was traveling in the vehicle. The others in the vehicle, described as Mata's nephew, and 10-year-old son Nicholas Jr., did not testify on Monday, but Nicholas Jr. did testify on Tuesday. He now wears a prosthetic leg below his left knee.

Nicholas Sr. was reportedly driving the Tahoe when he pulled over onto the shoulder of the highway to allow Nicholas Jr. to walk into the adjacent field to go to the bathroom. Guzman had switched to the driver's seat after the Tahoe stopped to drive next, and Mata had moved to the passenger side in the front seat. When the boy returned to the vehicle, he got in the back seat on the side near the highway, and had reportedly gotten one leg inside the vehicle and was partially seated, with one leg still outside, when the crash occurred. His leg was injured and he was ejected onto the road, and Guzman reportedly suffered broken ribs.

The 9-1-1 call, which occurred at 12:24 a.m. on June 28, was played for the jury. Apparently Mata's 16-year-old daughter made the call, and her voice was obviously distressed and frantic as she tried to answer

(See TRIAL page 6)

## Make a field goal — Win \$100!

**Tahoka Chamber of Commerce to sponsor field goal kicking contest at home games**

Tahoka Bulldog fans who come early to the home football games this year will have a chance to win \$100 before each game begins. The Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) is sponsoring a field goal kicking contest at 7:15 p.m. at the Tahoka High School Kelley Field prior to all of the home football games, but fans must come early and purchase a football program by 7:10 p.m. from the Bulldog Booster Club for a chance to compete.

"Prior to each varsity football home game, a business member of the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a field goal kicking contest for a chance to win \$100, with the lucky contestant to be determined by a specially-marked advertisement in the football program sold by the Bulldog Booster Club at the home entrance to Kelley Field," explains James Craig, President of the TACC.

The specially-marked program will be among the first several football programs sold at the home entrance, so arrive early for the best chance to get the marked program, says Craig. Only one program will be marked — look at the Tahoka Bulldog roster page in the center of the football program for information on which business is sponsoring the night's contest, and then find that business ad in the football program to see if it is specially-marked. The marking will be obvious

on the advertisement.

"If you have the specially-marked program, bring it to the home entrance ticket window by 7:10 p.m., where I will be waiting with a football and a \$100-bill to give away, courtesy of the business sponsor for the night," said Craig.

At 7:15 p.m., Craig will escort the contestant to the football field, where he or she will have one opportunity to kick a field goal. If the kick is good, the kicker gets \$100 cash. If the kick is not good, the contestant will get a consolation prize, and the \$100 goes into the pot for the next home game, with the winning pot increasing by \$100 each home game — potentially \$500 by the last home game if a kicker has not made the field goal by then.

"The Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce supports our Bulldogs, and we want to thank Tahoka ISD and the Bulldog Booster Club for allowing us the opportunity to sponsor the field goal kicking contest," said Craig. "We think this will be a fun addition to game night, and hope the fans come early to the game to participate," he added.

If the person with the marked program is physically unable to kick, they may designate a kicker to attempt the field goal, according to sponsors.

The first field goal kicking contest will be at the season opener, when Tahoka hosts Crosbyton on Aug. 29.



**Are you ready for some football? ... Roman Farmer (#26) carries the ball for Tahoka in scrimmage action here last Friday, with the Bulldogs practicing their moves on Seagraves. The Dogs will travel to Morton this Friday for another scrimmage, before their season opener hosting Crosbyton on Aug. 29. Coach Brandon Hopper is at the helm of the 2014 Bulldogs. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)**



Words of Inspiration:

"The only way to do great work is to love what you do."

-- STEVE JOBS

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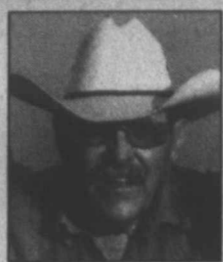
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**Obituaries**



**Wallace "Wally" Thompson**

Services for Wallace "Wally" Thompson, 77, of O'Donnell were held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 20, 2014, at Church of Christ in O'Donnell with interment at O'Donnell Cemetery. He died on August 16.

He was born in O'Donnell, on April 16, 1937, to Hamp and Gladie (Roberson) Thompson. Wally was a 1955 graduate of O'Donnell High School. He worked as a farmer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Choya (Chipper) Thompson; brother, M.H. Thompson (Shorty); sisters, Dolores Thompson, Jane Blackwell and Christine Bray.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Kris King (Gayland) and Karla Petty (Bobby) all of Midland; brother, Kent Thompson of Lubbock; grandchildren, Kayla Randall (Andrew), Choya Thompson, Lauren Pugh (Ricky), Chandler Petty, Kelcee Thompson and Kaitlyn King; great-granddaughters, Alyssa and Autumn Randall.

Please join us in celebrating Wally life by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com (PAID)



**I'm on your side ...** Dillon Trevino (21) runs for a gain against visiting Seagraves in a scrimmage here Friday. Trevino appears to be looking at another Bulldog player coming in from the left as the nearest Eagles are behind him. Tahoka will scrimmage at Morton Friday. (LCN Photo by Abraham Vega)

**Theft at business, wrecks reported**

The owner of a Tahoka business told police Saturday that \$194 in cash had been stolen. Curtis Jester, owner of CDS store on the west access road of U.S. 87 near Lockwood, said the money was missing from the store's safe. Tahoka Police are continuing investigation, and reportedly have a suspect.

On Friday, a clerk at All-sups convenience store in Tahoka advised police that someone in a small pickup drove away without paying \$30.05 for gasoline.

At least three wrecks occurred on highways in Lynn County during the last week, with injuries probable in at least two of them. Of two accidents Friday, one was a multiple vehicle collision on U.S. 87 about 11 miles north of Tahoka. Another occurred late Monday morning about seven miles south of Tahoka on U.S. 87, this one involving a van owned by a home water systems company, with offices in Lubbock, Midland and Amarillo.

No information about drivers involved or details of any of the accidents were available from the Dept. of Public Safety or the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept., which investigated at least one of the accidents.

On Saturday, Tahoka Police arrested a Tahoka man for public intoxication and failure to identify to a peace officer. He was one of 44 persons in jail early this week, including 19 held for Ector County, and two each for Gaines and Dawson counties.

Charges bringing recent arrests included unlawfully carrying a weapon, motion on child support, driving while license invalid or suspended, driving while intoxicated and terroristic threat.

**Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU**

Aug. 25-29

- Monday:** Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, watermelon
- Tuesday:** Beef stroganoff, noodles, mixed veggies, winterfruit cup
- Wednesday:** Baked chicken w/ mushrooms sauce, pinto beans, green beans, veggie salad, cantaloupe
- Thursday:** Ham & beans, spinach, corn, cornbread, orange/pineapple cup, country apple crisp
- Friday:** Hot dog, baked potato, broccoli, pineapple gelatin

Mark your calendars...

- Tai-Chi Classes are held every Tuesday from 1:30-2:30 from now through September 9 at the Center. Please come out and join us!
- Oct. 1, we begin the new fiscal year and SPAG has directed that I submit new client intake and service request forms on or before Sept. 15. If you are on our daily congregate sign-in sheet, please come by to review your current client intake, make changes if necessary and sign a new client signature page. Call Bianca at the Center with any questions at 561-5264
- Cookbooks and baby quilts for sale at the Center! Check them out on our Facebook page.
- The Center has gently used medical equipment available to lend out. Please call us at 561-5264 for more information.
- Check out our Facebook page and click the like button... Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center.

by **Dillon Woodwork**



**A**FTER 13 YEARS of excavation and study, some European archeologists are unearthing the mysteries of Heracleion, an Egyptian city buried in sand and mud 30 feet under the Mediterranean Sea for more than 1,200 years, about the same length of time two of my grandchildren expect to get their student loans paid off.

They have discovered some amazingly well-preserved artifacts from the city, which has long been known to scholars, but was considered by many a just a mythical place. Known as Heracleion to the ancient Greeks and Thonis to ancient Egyptians, the city was rediscovered in 2000 by a French archeologist and a team from an European institute. The ruins were found 30 feet underwater in Aboukir Bay, near Alexandria.

A new documentary features the major discoveries, suggesting that the city was an important trade hub and possibly a religious center.

So far, 64 ancient shipwrecks and more than 700 anchors have been found. Also, gold coins, tablets inscribed in both ancient Greek and ancient Egyptian, 16-foot stone sculptures and a golden arch with a big M, probably from an early-day McDonald's.

Okay, I added that last one just to see if anyone was still with me.

They still don't know why the city sank. Some team members suggested the weight of large buildings on the waterlogged clay and sand soil caused the city to sink after an earthquake.

I doubt that any future archeologists will discover any of Lynn County's towns under 30 feet of water. Best I remember, the water around here was only about a foot deep the day Noah left town (probably Baghdad) on his big wooden boat.

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I READ SOMEWHERE that the colder the room you sleep in, the higher the chances are that you'll have a bad dream. Ah! Support for my contention that we need to turn the thermostat a few degrees higher. One night last winter I dreamed I was freezing to death naked in a blizzard, and when I woke up, it was snowing in the bedroom.



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**thank you!**

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We were able to play with the best of the best and be coached by fantastic coaches. There were a total of 10 teams. Dom's team finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, Trystan's team finished 4<sup>th</sup>.

This whole experience was amazing and has opened up many doors. We are proud to belong to such a loving and supportive community and will never forget the support!

~ **Domenique Herrera and Trystan Hilger**

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**STORK REPORT**

**Wyatt J Adams**  
Kirby and Katy Adams of Lubbock, announce the birth of their son, Wyatt J born on July 14, 2014 at 4:20 p.m. in Lubbock. He weighed 6 lbs., 5 ozs. and was 18.5 inches long. He has one brother Austin.

Grandparents are Mike and Beth Huffaker of Tahoka and Judy and the late John Adams Jr. of Lubbock.

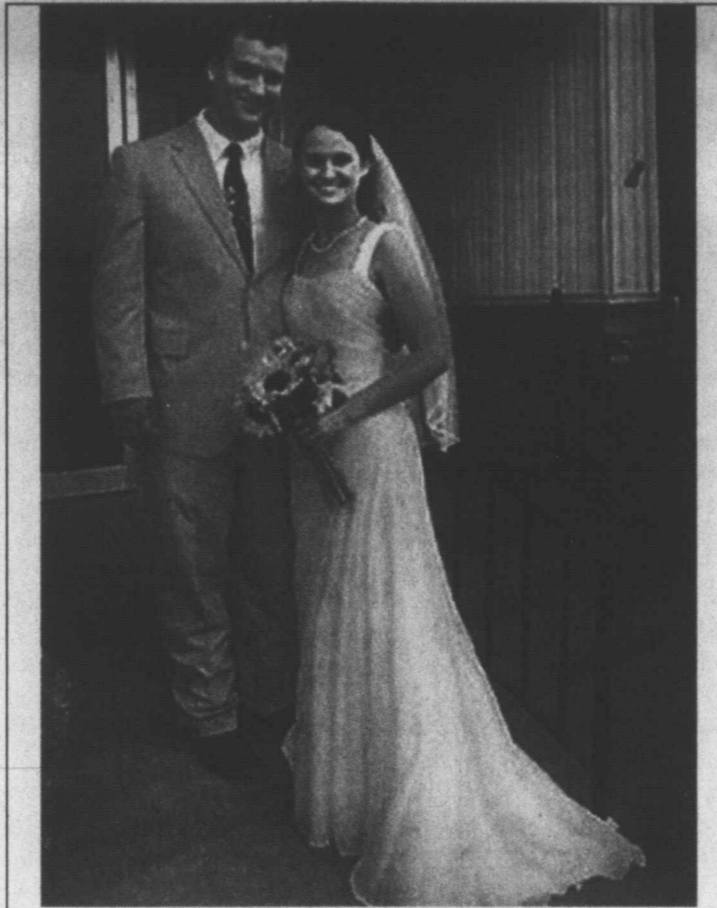
**Blood Drive slated Tuesday, Aug. 26**

The United Blood Services (UBS) donor coach will be at the Lynn County Hospital District parking lot on Tuesday, Aug. 26 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. This will also be a "credit to patient" event for Amanda Donald, a local woman who is currently battling cancer. She will receive credit from UBS for donations given at this location which will help if she needs to receive blood in the future.

According to UBS, donated blood is currently at a critical low and they are in desperate need of all blood types. UBS is also hosting a "Labor Day Hero" contest during this time, giving away a 40" flat screen TV every day to some lucky donor during the contest.

Donors must be at least 16 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Additional height/weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and donors who are 16 must have signed permission from a parent or guardian. Please bring photo ID and donor card.

Call Julia Allen at (806) 998-4533 ext. 333 to make an appointment, or contact United Blood Services at (806) 797-6804 or log onto www.bloodhero.com.



MR. AND MRS. ANDREW CURRY (nee Amanda Renae Bell)

**Couple exchange wedding vows**

Amanda Renae Bell of College Station and Tanzania, East Africa, and Andrew Curry, of Crockett, were united in marriage Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Central Baptist Church in Crockett, Tx, with Alan Duty, of College Station officiating the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Terry and Twyllia Bell, of Tanzania, East Africa, granddaughter of Lindell and Jean Bell of Tahoka. The groom is the son of Mike and Lori Curry of Crockett.

Serving as Maid of Honor was Jaree Bell, sister of the bride, of Tanzania, East Africa. Bridesmaids were Bethany Brown of Hermitage, Tn and Tanzania, and Casey Lantz of Louisiana. Serving as Best Man was Mike Curry, father of the groom, of Crockett. Groomsmen were Marcus Horne,

brother-in-law of the groom of Crockett and Joel Ohnstad, of Minnesota. Flower girls were Finley and Pfifer Chastain of California. Ring bearers were Nate Horne and Rex Jenkins, nephews of the groom, both of Crockett.

The reception was held at Central Baptist Church Activity Center following the ceremony.

The couple will reside in College Station following their honeymoon in Northern Arkansas. The groom is employed by Faith Flooring in College Station. He is an East Texas Baptist University graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. The bride is a 4th year student at Texas A&M studying Veterinary Medicine, and is a graduate of East Texas Baptist University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry.



**Early voting starts Aug. 25 for Dist. 28 Senator election**

Early voting starts Monday, Aug. 25 and continues through Sept. 5 for the Sept. 9 Special Election to fill the Texas Senate District 28 seat vacated by Robert Duncan.

In Lynn County, registered voters may mark ballots during regular business hours at the County Clerk Election Room at the Lynn County Courthouse (except on Labor Day, Sept. 1, which is a county holiday). Voters should bring their voter registration card and a photo ID.

Six candidates are on the ballot for State Senator, District 28, including Jodey Arrington (REP), Delwin Jones (REP), Charles Perry (REP), E.M. Garza (REP), Greg Wortham

(DEM), and Kerry Douglas McKennon (LIB). Texas Senate District 28 encompasses 51 West Texas counties, from the Rolling Plains of the Panhandle to the South Plains of Lubbock and the Concho River in San Angelo.

Four polling locations will be open on Sept. 9 for the Special Election, one each in Tahoka, O'Donnell, Wilson and New Home.

**Bulldogs to scrimmage at Morton Friday**

The Tahoka Bulldogs will travel to Morton for a scrimmage tomorrow (Friday, Aug. 22) at 6 p.m.

**The Lynn County Harvest Festival is Saturday, Sept. 27**

Contact these chairmen for information.

**RESERVE BOOTH SPACE:**  
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**PRINCESS CONTEST:**  
Elizabeth Tew 790-4301

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- August 25-29
- Monday:** Toast/cereal
  - Tuesday:** Cheddar omelet wrap
  - Wednesday:** Breakfast pizza
  - Thursday:** Waffles w/ sausage
  - Friday:** Cinnamon roll, bacon
- Lunch**
- Monday:** Chicken nuggets/ mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberry cup
  - Tuesday:** Chicken quesadilla, salad, refried beans, applesauce
  - Wednesday:** Pizza, California blend veggies, salad, apple slices
  - Thursday:** Turkey & cheese sub, baby carrots, corn, orange
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**Tahoka band pool party...** Band students (below) play "pool ball" at their recent swim party. Also attending were, from left, Johnathan Smith, assistant band director, and new Band Booster officers Carlos Morales, Vice-President, and Kim Draper, President, with director Carroll Rhodes. Not pictured are Secretary Jacquelyne Starkey and Treasurer Alicia Stephens. Anyone wishing to help with concession stand duties during football season may contact one of the directors or officers.



## Tahoka ISD starts year with 17 new personnel

Tahoka Independent School District will begin the 2014-15 school year with 17 new personnel on staff, including two administrators. Dr. George McFarland is already at the helm as TISD Superintendent, coming from Abilene and beginning his duties here in July. Sandra Scorniers is the other new administrator, beginning her duties here in early August as Tahoka Elementary Principal.

They join the other administrators already at Tahoka ISD including High School Principal Jeff Perez and Middle School Principal Jeff Fleenor. Athletic Director is Brandon Hopper. Currently, no one has been hired to replace Assistant Superintendent Jenni McLeland who resigned recently.

## 12 new staffers join Wilson ISD

Wilson Independent School District has 10 new teachers and two new at-will employees on staff for the 2014-15 school year, according to information provided by school officials.

New teachers this year include Farrah Shipley- 2nd-5th grade ELAR, Lacy Pruitt - 2nd-5th grade Science, Lorrie Crain - 2nd-5th grade Social Studies, Nichole DeLeon - PreK/Special Ed, Jennifer Sparkman - Junior High ELAR, Bear Chesley - HS Social Studies/Athletic Director, Kasey Chesley - Secondary Math/Coach, Angela Cobb - HS English, Stephanie Rodriguez - HS Science, and Rustin Keith - Junior High Social Studies/Coach.

Also joining the WISD staff is Gary Reed - Maintenance Director, and Terry Covington - Cafeteria.

Russell Schaub is WISD Superintendent, and Brenda Prather is PreK-12 Principal.

School starts Monday, Aug. 25 for Tahoka students who will see other new faces in the school system as well. On the Middle School campus, five new teachers have joined the staff. Amy Reece will teach 7th/8th grade Science, Jerod Wright will teach 6th grade Science and coach (head tennis and girls powerlifting, and assistant football and track), Cori Vega will teach 6th grade Math and coach (head cross country and assistant basketball and softball coach), Zachery Kocurek will teach 6th/7th grade Writing and Theater Arts, and Andrew Blazier will teach 8th grade Math and Algebra I.

Ten new teachers have joined the Tahoka High School campus staff, including Tammi Barnett - Math, Tanis Blount - English, Leangela Colbert - Art, Darybell Garcia - Spanish, Reggie Gibbs - P.E./Coach (assistant football/Head basketball/assistant track/Head golf), Shelbie Hannum - Ag, Amy Izzard - Family and Consumer Science, Robert Mills - Social Studies/Coach (Football/Assistant basketball/head track), Kayla Overstreet - Science, and Frank Rodriguez - Welding.

## News from... Tahoka Rotary Club

The Tahoka Rotary Club was called to order by Club President John Baker with three guests present last week.

Representatives from the Starwood Energy Group, the company constructing the Stephens Ranch Wind Farm on the Borden/Lynn County line, gave the program. Their slide show walked the club through the construction process of a 1.5 Wind Turbine assembly, similar to what is currently being built on the location. They also explained how energy created by the wind farm is sold and closed with how it will benefit our area.

The Tahoka Rotary Club meets every Thursday at 12:05 P.M. in the Life Enrichment Center. Anyone interested in joining may contact a club member or come to a meeting.

## Don't forget to take your LCN on trips!

The Lynn County News loves to travel - so don't forget to take us with you when you take a trip!

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**Accidents in county ...** These photos show vehicles involved in traffic accidents on U.S. 87 in Lynn County during the last week. The top photo shows a van wrecked about seven miles south of Tahoka Monday morning, and the bottom picture is a red coupe involved in a multiple-vehicle collision about 11 miles north of Tahoka last Friday afternoon. No information about the accidents was available from investigating officers.

## NOTICE

### NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of the County of Lynn, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Lynn, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 4, 2014, for voting in a general election to elect Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers.

(Notifíquese, por la presente, que las casillas electorales citados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el cuatro de noviembre de 2014 para votar en la Elección General para elegir Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto.)

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote. (El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar.)

Location Of Election Day Polling Places: Precinct Number(s)

(Ubicación de las casillas electorales el Día de Elección) (Número de precinto)

1/5. South Tahoka/Draw: Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street, Tahoka, Texas 79373

2/8. Wilson/Hackberry: Green Museum, 1601 10th Street, Wilson, Texas 79381

3/10. O'Donnell/New Moore: O'Donnell Community Center, 102 Nassau Road, O'Donnell, Texas 79351

4/11. New Home/Lakeview: New Home Community Center, 109 W. Broadway, New Home, Texas 79383

6. North Tahoka: Tahoka ISD Business Office, 2129 Main, Tahoka, Texas 79373

7. Grassland: Church of the Nazarene, Intersection of FM 212 & FM 1313, Grassland, Texas 79373

9. West Tahoka: Lynnwood Assisted Living, 1801 Country Club Rd, Tahoka, Texas 79373

12. South West Tahoka: Trinity Church (Fellowship Hall), 1929 Lockwood, Tahoka, Texas 79373

13. North Lynn County: Poka-Lambro Building, 11.5 miles North of Tahoka on Hwy 87, Tahoka, Texas 79373

14. East Tahoka: Housing Authority Building, 1400 Ave. K, Tahoka, Texas 79373

For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:

(Para Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas abajo.)

Locations for Early Voting Polling Places Days and Hours of Operation

(Ubicación de las casillas electorales de votación adelantada) Días y Horas Hábiles

Lynn County Clerk Election Room 8:30-5:00

Courthouse

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

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Tahoka, Texas 79373

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 24, 2014.

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 24 de Octubre 2014.)

Issued this 18th day of August 2014.

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

The Tahoka Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. on August 28, 2014 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	\$1.17 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.0000 / \$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

**Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget**

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	4 % increase	or	___ % (decrease)
Debt service	___ % increase	or	___ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	4 % 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	\$ 164,599,793.00	\$152,304,804.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,453,430.00	\$ 1,020,430.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 127,176,443.00	\$ 114,098,124.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,453,430.00	\$ 635,720.00

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.01(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

**Bonded Indebtedness**

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 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	\$ 2,629.00	\$ 7,899.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.246	\$ 0.00*	\$ 1.246	\$ 2,563.00	\$ 8,093.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.00*	\$ 1.17	\$ 2,428.00	\$ 8,093.00

\* 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	\$ 51,057.00	\$ 50,700.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 36,057.00	\$ 35,700.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17/100	\$ 1.17/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 421.86	\$ 417.69
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$	\$ (4.17)

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 1.17. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.17.

**Fund Balances**

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,906,799.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

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November 4, 2014 General Election  
Early voting is October 20-31, 2014  
(Political advertising paid by the candidates listed)  
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