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### TAHOKA SCRIMMAGE:

The Bulldogs will scrimmage at Seagraves Friday, Aug. 14, at 6 p.m., and will host Morton for a scrimmage next Thursday, Aug. 20 at 6 p.m.

### Prayer for school set Monday morning

Community residents are invited to meet outside the main entrance to Tahoka High School this coming Monday, August 17 at 9:00 a.m. to join in prayer sessions for school students, teachers, administration, and all school personnel.

"We will have a short, collective prayer at the main entrance and then break into groups to go to the elementary, middle and high schools and pray down the halls, in classrooms and with teachers and staff that would desire prayer," said Billy Everett, pastor of First Methodist Church of Tahoka.

## What's this Word?

**junket**  
n. an excursion for pleasure

### Wilson ISD sets events for Monday

Wilson ISD will host a Meet the Teacher night on Monday, August 17th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. There will be a raffle for door prizes and watermelon will be served. Meet the Mustangs will follow on the Mustangs Football Field.

## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

| Date   | High | Low | Precip. |
|--------|------|-----|---------|
| Aug 4  | 93   | 67  | 0.67"   |
| Aug 5  | 91   | 69  |         |
| Aug 6  | 98   | 72  |         |
| Aug 7  | 99   | 71  |         |
| Aug 8  | 97   | 70  |         |
| Aug 9  | 98   | 72  |         |
| Aug 10 | 98   | 73  |         |

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 8 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

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|-------------------------|--------|
| Total Precip for Jan:   | 1.70"  |
| Total Precip for Feb:   | 0.89"  |
| Total Precip for Mar:   | 0.53"  |
| Total Precip for Apr:   | 2.10"  |
| Total Precip for May:   | 12.83" |
| Total Precip for June:  | 1.62"  |
| Total Precip for July:  | 2.45"  |
| Total Precip for Aug:   | 1.36"  |
| Total Precip. for 2015: | 23.48" |

## Miguel Reyna named Tahoka Police Chief

by JUANELL JONES

Miguel Reyna, an officer with the Tahoka Police Department, was named Monday night as the new Chief of Police for the Tahoka Police Dept., in action taken by the Tahoka City Council.

Council members voted unanimously to name Reyna as Chief, after discussion in executive session at Monday night's council meeting. He was chosen from among seven applicants.

Reyna has almost 20 years of law enforcement experience, earning an Associates Degree in Law Enforcement from South Plains College in 1996. He has been employed with the Tahoka PD as an investigator since December 2013, and is also currently

a Reserve Deputy Sheriff for the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. He was employed with the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. for over eight years, and has 11 years experience with the Collins County Sheriff's Dept. Reyna earned his Master Peace Officer license in 2008, after earning his Basic Peace Office license in 1996 and Intermediate Peace Officer license in 2000.

"Reyna was my recommendation, as well as the Mayor's recommendation, for the Chief's position," City Administrator Jerry Webster told *The News*. "We believe he is well-qualified and anticipate that he will do a good job for the city as police chief," he added.

Reyna was officially sworn into

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Sworn in ... Miguel Reyna is sworn in by City Administrator Jerry Webster as the City of Tahoka's new Chief of Police. Tahoka City Council chose Reyna Monday night from a slate of seven candidates. (LCN PHOTO by Vandell Elliott)

## County tax rate to increase 6.7-cents

### Citizens air concerns at commissioners meeting about proposed shooting complex in NH area

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners had a long session Monday morning, voting for a proposed tax rate and budget, approving a county audit, and considering several other issues, including hearing concerns from county citizens. Three citizens from the New Home area addressed County Commissioners at the meeting, airing their concerns that a proposed outdoor shooting range in Lynn County could present significant public health and safety risks, and asking commissioners to protect citizens by imposing regulations regarding firearms use by commercial shooting ranges.

Tom and Barbara Mandry, and their neighbor, Tim Thompson, each spoke about their concerns that the shooting complex would be located too close to their homes - within 825 feet from the Thompson home, where a family with four children under the age of 7 reside - and said that the proposed complex is within less than one mile of 13 residential homes and families.

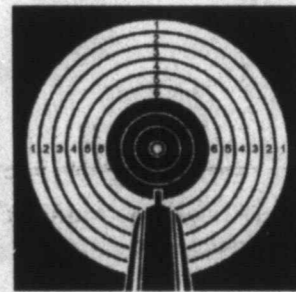
Mandry said that Will Sickles, a resident of Lubbock County, is the landowner who has begun preliminary scraping of the surface area for the proposed shooting complex, which would be located 2 miles east of New Home on FM 211, just west of Ave. M, on the north side of FM 211.

According to the Mandrys, Sickles plans to provide a multi-gun outdoor shooting range that will also be designated for therapy to help PTSD war veterans. Assorted weaponry, including assault rifles, will be allowed at the shooting range.

Thompson, who said he is a UMC paramedic and also works with the emergency aerocare service, told commissioners, "I see a lot of trauma in my work - I don't want to be a victim of an accident that could have been prevented. I have four small children, and I am very concerned about the safety of my family."

"You are our only hope," said Mrs. Mandry, addressing the four county commissioners. "Our main concern

is a health and safety issue for our families, but also a quality of life issue with the noise, as well as concerns about our property values going down because we are located so close to where the shooting complex would be. We have no ill will



towards this gentleman who wants to provide therapy for veterans of PTSD, but we are very concerned about the safety issue. Please won't you protect us?" she asked.

Commissioner Don Blair, who was presiding at the meeting due to the absence of County Judge Mike Braddock, thanked the citizens for their comments and said that commissioners would take the information into consideration. And, by the conclusion of the meeting, commissioners had decided to schedule a special session for next Monday morning, at 9 a.m. to consider the issue, listing a sole agenda item "to discuss and act upon enacting an ordinance to restrict and/or regulate sport shooting ranges."

In other business, commissioners unanimously approved a proposed tax rate of 91.7-cents, which is a 6.7-cent

increase in the county tax rate, from the current 85-cents per \$100 of property. Commissioners cited a loss off \$24 million in the total tax value in the county when proposing the increase - and, the proposed rate is not as high as the effective tax of 94.9-cents, which is the rate calculated to bring in the same amount of revenue as the previous year.

Commissioners approved a proposed budget for 2015-16 as well, which originally did not include a raise for the second consecutive year for all county employees. However, after hearing impassioned pleas from several county officials and taking into consideration that a 3% raise across the board would require roughly \$36,000 in funds, commissioners chose to add the salary increase into the proposed budget.

The proposed budget lists \$3,038,848 in expected revenue and \$3,081,221 in expenditures, leaving a \$42,373 deficit. A public budget hearing for the 2015-2016 budget will be held at 9 a.m. Monday, August 24, in

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## A TAXING ISSUE

### Mineral values drop significantly; ag values also decline in county

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County taxing entities are at the point of proposing budgets and tax rates for the upcoming fiscal year, and sharp declines in mineral values, as well as a decrease in ag values, are creating a big hit for some taxing entities in the county, according to information from Lynn County Appraisal District.

The four city taxing entities, which mostly have no ag or mineral values in their tax base, are not affected as much as the county, school and hospital taxing entities.

"Total tax values for the four cities in Lynn County are showing little change," said Marquita Scott, Chief Appraiser for the Lynn County Appraisal District. "But Lynn County's tax base lost more than \$24 million in total values from last year, and that is due mostly to a 48% decline in mineral values. The county lost \$33,178,440 in mineral values, from \$68,795,820

last year to \$35,617,380 in mineral values this year. That's a big deal, and I don't anticipate any new oil wells to be added this year. Add to that an 8% decrease in ag values overall - a reduction of \$8,580,260 - and Lynn County is looking at a total tax value of \$350,010,970 for 2015, compared to \$374,403,940 last year. That's a reduction of \$24,392,970 in total tax value," she explained this week.

Lynn County commissioners voted Monday to propose a 6.7-cent increase in the county tax rate, from the current 85-cents per \$100 of property value to 91.7 cents. Although it is an increase in the tax rate, the proposed rate is not as high as the effective tax of 94.9-cents, which is the rate calcu-

lated to bring in the same amount of revenue as the previous year, and is far short of the rollback rate of 99.2-cents.

For tax appraisal purposes, ag values are based on a five-year time period, with crop production from 2009-2013 calculated in the ag schedule for the 2015 tax year. Scott said that this year's ag values showed a 16% increase in irrigated cropland, but at the same time the dry-land values (which is a much larger portion in Lynn County than irrigated acreage) declined 16%.

"The biggest change for taxing entities is in the mineral values, and that is affecting everyone a little differently," explained Scott.

"New Home ISD has no mineral

values, so the decline has no effect on their tax base. Tahoka ISD has some mineral values, down \$6,484,440 from last year's mineral values of \$9,968,450, to this year's mineral value of \$3,554,010 (a 64% decrease), but O'Donnell and Wilson school districts are taking a bigger hit with the declining mineral values," she said.

Mineral values in the O'Donnell school district include portions of Lynn, Terry and Dawson counties, which show a 49% decline from last year's mineral values of \$76,051,580 down to \$38,527,450 in this year's calculations. Overall, O'Donnell ISD's total taxable values have declined from \$146,045,187 last year to \$111,020,985 this year, for their Maintenance and Operating (M&O) fund. This includes a \$10,000,000 value for all wind energy farms, due to a tax abatement agreement. However, for the Interest and Sinking (I&S) debt service tax rate, the full value of the

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Now that's funny!

"It is a scientific fact that your body will not absorb cholesterol if you take it from another person's plate."

-- DAVE BARRY

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**Obituaries**



**Bernice Kieschnick**

Bernice Murleen Kieschnick, at the age of 87, went to join her Lord on August 6, 2015. Bernice was born in Thorndale, Texas on January 13, 1928 to Emmanuel and Pauline Moerbe Simank. She was baptized on January 29, 1928 and confirmed on April 6, 1941 at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Thorndale. Bernice married Henry Otto Kieschnick on April 30, 1946 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson.

Bernice was a wonderful baker and loved to spoil her family and friends with her made from scratch breads and desserts. She was also a seamstress. She worked in the cafeteria at the O'Donnell Independent School District for over 40 years and was known as Miss K to many of the children that passed through.

Bernice is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two brothers, Lesley Simank and Roy Simank, sister-in-law, Adele Simank, and brother-in-law, Arthur Wuensche.

She is survived by her three children, Diane Sanderlin of Nashville, TN, Wayne Kieschnick of Houston, and Debbie Pallmeyer and husband Will of China Spring, TX, two granddaughters, Amy Pallmeyer of Dalhart, and Angie Pallmeyer Beasley and husband Ben of Cedar Park, four grandsons, Kevin Langham of Granite Shoals, Devin Langham of Commerce, William Pallmeyer of China Spring, and Robert Kieschnick of Houston, one great-granddaughter, Deslyn Beasley of Cedar Park, her sister, Dorothy Wuensche of Lubbock, her sister-in-law, Evelyn Simank of Bishop, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, August 10, 2015 at Grace Lutheran Church in Lamesa with interment to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock.

Memorials may be sent in Bernice's honor to Grace Lutheran Church, Lamesa, or a charity of choice.

Please celebrate the life of Bernice by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)



**Joy Lindley**

Joy Lindley of Weatherford, formerly of Ropesville, passed away on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at the age of 87. She was born December 28, 1927 in Abbot, Texas to Otto and Anna Vearl (Spruce) Carter. Joy worked as a scale clerk at Buster's Gin in Ropesville until retiring in 2006. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ropesville and of the Eastern Star in Brownfield for more than 50 years.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Dee Lindley and wife Julie of Spring and Teresa Cooper of Rockwall; brothers, Kenneth Carter of Lubbock and Ike Carter of McKinney; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Joy was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Carolyn Cristine Carter.

Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, at Combest Family Funeral Homes in Tahoka with the family receiving friends 5:00-7:00 pm. Graveside services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 13, at the Tahoka Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, www.lls.org.

Please celebrate the life of Joy by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)

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**T**HE FACT that people lose inches in height as they grow older is no concern to any men six feet or more tall, but it is for short guys like me (if I keep getting older and shorter, pretty soon I will be able to look under the bed without bending over).

My memory must be getting shorter, too, because when I look in my files at columns I have written in years past, I often don't recall writing them at all. Following is one I wrote in 2001, just 14 years ago, but it was all new to me when I glanced at the files recently. I'm repeating it this week because if I don't remember it, surely no one else will, either.

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I WAS READING an article which said you can substitute a certain spice for the meat in your chocolate beef stew and it will be better for you.

Chocolate beef stew? The last time I ever heard of any such combination of foods was when I considered mixing ketchup with peanut butter on a sandwich.

Okay, I never tried that either. But apparently some people do eat something called chocolate beef stew, and this story said you could eliminate the beef by substituting something called seitan, described as low in fat and carbohydrates and cholesterol-free.

Well, they lost me again with the word "seitan." Seitan, I thought, was an island in the Pacific where Robert Taylor killed about a million Japanese in a movie. The story described seitan ("also called wheat meat") as a "dense protein formed from the gluten of wheat flour."

I don't know where you get the stuff. But I'd be afraid, somebody would hit me if I went into Thriftway and asked for some seitan, or even some gluten, whatever that is. I'll bet "gluten" is something which makes you want to eat everything on the table, whether anybody else gets to eat or not. I thought the correct spelling was g-l-u-t-e-n.

There was a recipe for chocolate seitan stew. It can't be all bad, because it includes walnuts, onion, chili, tomatoes and other good stuff, in addition to the cocoa and seitan. I doubt that I ever will get a chance to try it.

Part of the story was about spices from Europe and other odd places, like Latin America and Boston. A photograph showed a South African spice box, holding some "tumeric, coriander and" (another substance which I would be ashamed to print in a family newspaper). Anyway, I don't want any of that stuff on my plate. Tumeric sounds like a growth, and a coriander must be some kind of snake.

I have saved the recipe for chocolate seitan stew, in case, somebody wants to get it and make up a batch. But they have to bring me a bowl full, or a chunk of the finished product.

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2015 NOTE: Disregard that last paragraph. I lost the recipe years ago.

**Theft, domestic disturbances reported**

Domestic disturbances, including one in which a woman was injured, plus one theft and a terroristic threat were the primary items in reports from law enforcement officers in Lynn County during the last week.

Tahoka police said a 33-year-old Tahoka man was a suspect in a disturbance at a residence Friday, when a woman suffered minor injuries. Investigation is continuing. On Sunday, police located a 23-year-old Tahoka suspect who had been accused by another Tahoka man of threatening him with a weapon. No weapon was found, so investigation is continuing in that case also.

In O'Donnell Sunday, a resident told sheriff's officers that someone came into his home and stole a battery charger and some prescription pain pills.

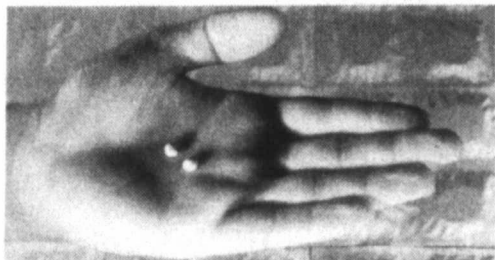
Officers said they have a suspect and are continuing investigation.

Sheriff's officers also were called to a domestic disturbance at a residence east of New Home where there were family problems Aug. 4. No arrests were made.

Lynn County Jail was holding 38 persons as of Saturday, including 28 held for Ector County. Latest arrests were for criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, theft over \$50, driving while intoxicated and public intoxication.

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**Tahoka ISD would like to inform students and parents of the changes made to the TISD DRESS CODE:**

**DRESS AND GROOMING (All Grade Levels)**



The dress and grooming standards of the Tahoka Independent School District are meant to promote a positive, professional learning environment where the focus is on instruction and not on clothing. TISD recognizes that parents are essentially responsible for their student's dress and general appearance. The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

- The general appearance of the student and his or her clothing should not interfere with the instructional program.
- Clothing should be designed, constructed and worn in a manner that is not suggestive or indecent.
- Clothing that exhibits pictures, emblems, slogans or writings that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene, or that depict or advocate violence, or advertise tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under FNCPL(LEGAL) is prohibited.
- The wearing or possessing of heavy chains, such as wallet chains, and any spiked jewelry on school grounds is prohibited.
- Footwear shall be a part of regular attire. The wearing of house shoes or skate shoes is prohibited.
- Students' hair shall be clean and well-groomed. All hair colors shall be natural hair colors. Bright or neon colors and extreme hairstyles are prohibited. Hair on all students must be worn in a manner that does not cover the eyes of the student.
- Male students with facial hair must keep it maintained and well-groomed.
- Any body piercing on a student must not be visible to others, except female students may wear earrings or studs. Male students shall not wear earrings or any other foreign objects in the ear, unless prescribed by a physician. This prohibition on visible body piercing includes, but is not limited to, facial studs, facial rings, clear spacers, or tongue bars. Any visible tattoos must not be derogatory or offensive in nature.
- To prevent inappropriate exposure when a student is sitting, standing or performing other normal activities, the length of a dress, skirt, or shorts must touch the top of the student's knee cap when the student is standing. Cheerleaders must wear tights underneath their skirts when worn during the school day.
- Tops with straps less than 3" wide (Secondary students) and/or without a standard armhole are prohibited. Bare midriffs, tank tops, spaghetti strap tops, halter-tops are also prohibited. Any top showing bare midriff when arms are extended straight outward to the side and parallel to the ground is prohibited. Students may not wear unhemmed sleeveless shirts or muscle shirts outside of the athletic period.
- Any clothing with excessively improper fit is prohibited. Leggings/Tights/Jeggings or clothes in this category are not permitted unless covered by an outer garment that covers the students' bottom completely. The waist of pants must be worn at the proper place on the hips. No sagging or bagging pants/shorts are permitted.
- The wearing of overcoats, trench coats, or dusters is prohibited.
- Except as required by law, hats, caps, sunglasses, or head coverings including bandanas, are not to be worn by students in the school buildings at any time.
- Contacts with unnatural eye colors, or designs, are not permitted.
- Pants or shorts with holes above mid-thigh are prohibited. Any undergarment may not be visible.



Principals at each campus may develop and enforce dress and grooming restrictions that the principal has reason to believe are gang-related. Principals shall post in a prominent place on campus dress code restrictions relating to gang attire prior to enforcement of such restrictions.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem. If not corrected, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

**In all instances involving possible violations of the campus dress/grooming policy, the principal will ultimately determine the appropriateness for the campus learning environment and the discipline/correction required.**

**Tahoka ISD is having OPEN HOUSE**  
**TUESDAY, AUG. 18 • 6-8 PM**  
**at EACH CAMPUS.**

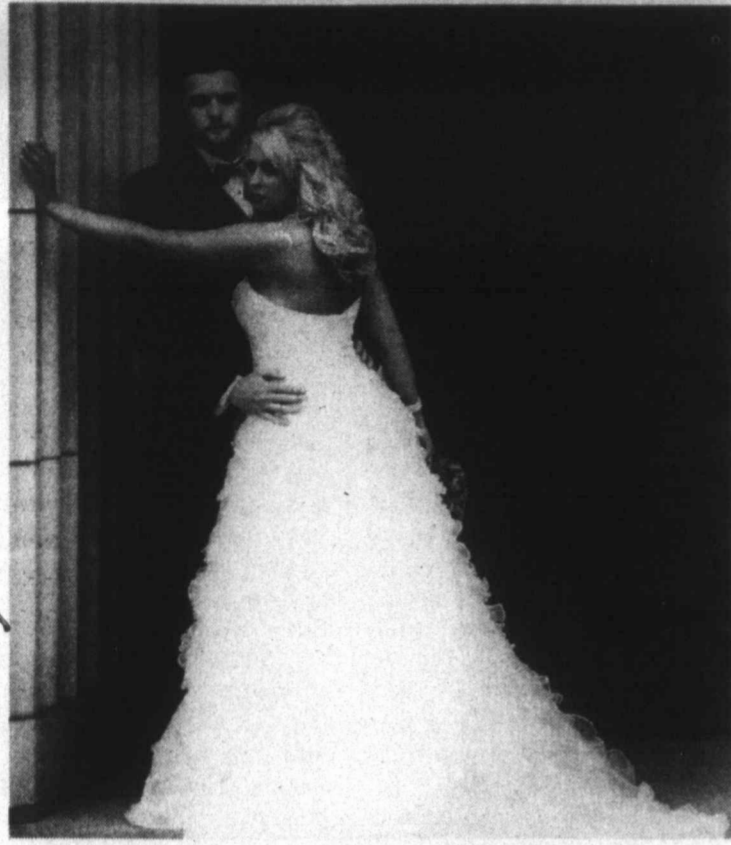
Come pick up your child's registration packets and meet the teachers and staff.

Atmos Energy will provide hot dogs for students/parents. Grab your ticket when you retrieve your registration packet.

**ALSO TAKING PLACE AUGUST 18:**

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| Title I / 6th Grade                        | Orientation .....             | 5:30 in THS Auditorium |
| Dual Credit Parent & Student Meeting ..... | 6:00 in the LRC (THS Library) |                        |
| Title I / 9th Grade                        | Orientation .....             | 6:30 in THS Auditorium |

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MR. AND MRS. ANDREW TYLER McDONALD  
(nee Chelsea Jordan Stephens)

### Stephens-McDonald vows exchanged

Chelsea Jordan Stephens and Andrew Tyler McDonald, both of Lubbock, were united in a double ring ceremony on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the historical Baker Building in Lubbock, with Bro. Scott Hensley of Rural, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of John and Lori Stephens of Lubbock, and the granddaughter of Rinehard and Lenda Vogler of Lamesa and Steve and Carolyn Stephens of O'Donnell. The groom is the son of Jimmy Ross and Kimberly McDonald of Seguin, and the grandson of Richard and Marcia Whitley of Tahoka, Jim and Martha McCarter of Corsicana, and the late Sandra McCarter.

The bride wore a strapless, pure white trumpet-style wedding gown. It had a sweetheart neckline and a long train that barely brushed the floor. Her dress included a white veil, and she carried a bouquet of fuchsia roses. She was escorted by her father and given away in marriage by her parents.

Serving as honor attendants were friends of the bride, Morgan Lemon of Nocona, Shayda Daneshfar of Amarillo, and Amanda Fuhrman of Iowa Park. The bridesmaids wore identical black tea-length taffeta strapless dresses and pink heels matching the brides. They each carried a bouquet of fuchsia roses.

The groom was attired in a black tuxedo with a black vest and black tie. Best man was Will McCallister of Roosevelt. Groomsmen were Tanner McDonald, brother of the groom, of Seguin, and Austin Melton of Corsicana, friend of the groom. They all wore black tuxedos matching the groom.

Serving as ushers were Colton Stephens and Dylan Stephens, brothers of the bride, and Tucker McDonald, brother of the groom.

A reception and dance followed the ceremony at the Baker Building. The couple departed in a Rolls Royce limousine.

The bride is a 2010 graduate of Frenship ISD. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Human Sciences from Texas Tech University in 2013. She will complete her Masters Degree in Clinical Practice Management from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in December 2015. She is employed as a Pharmaceutical Sales Representative at Dai-ichi Sankyo Inc. The groom is a 2010 graduate of Blooming Grove ISD. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management. He is currently working as a Farmers Insurance Agent.

Following a wedding trip to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, the couple will reside in Lubbock.

**Courtesies**  
On Friday evening, June 12, the wedding party and guests were treated to a rehearsal dinner at Cagle Steakhouse at Lubbock. Hosting the event were Jimmy and Kimberly McDonald, parents of the groom.

On April 18, Chelsea was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower in Lubbock.

## Letters to the Editor

### Malicious flyer circulating about child care center

Dear Community Residents  
You may have seen or heard about a malicious and slanderous flyer that has been circulated in our community anonymously attacking the "Let the Children Come" Child Development Center. The flyer is an obvious, vindictive attempt by the unidentified perpetrator to malign LTCC, its excellent director and staff, as well as the Board of Directors.

As a Board, we want to assure you that the libelous accusations on this flyer are completely false. And specifically as to the groundless allegation of drug use by staff, the writer obviously was unaware that a random and routine drug testing was performed not long ago on all staff with everyone being cleared.

We hope to find out the identity of this libelous flyer's writer and hold them accountable.

As a Board, we unequivocally stand behind the integrity and professionalism of our director and staff, and the love and care they have for your children.

Respectfully,  
Board of Directors, LTCC  
**Jenni McLelland, President**  
**Billy Everett, Pastor, FUMC**



**Vote for Madison ...**  
Madison Moya, 14-year-old daughter of Jesse and Melanie Moya of Tahoka, was chosen to be a model for Diane's Bridal & Quinceanera Expo on Sunday, August 16 from 12-5 pm at the Lubbock Civic Center. Models will be judged by noise made by the audience. To attend and support Madison, purchase tickets in advance at Diane's Bridal for \$10 a ticket or at the door for \$15 apiece. "Hope the community can come support Madison! We are very excited," said her mother.

**Lost a Pet?** Check with the ...  
**Lynn County Animal Shelter**  
located at S. 2nd and Ave. H.  
or contact the Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 561-4505

Lynn County Hospital welcomes

**DR. BROOKE ERSLAND**

to the LCHD Specialty Clinic



Walk-in are always welcome!

Dr. Ersland will begin her practice with LCHD on **Monday, August 17**, joining Cheryl Brown, FNP-BC at the family practice clinic. The clinic offers same day sick visits, urgent care, care for minor injuries, as well as other family health services. The clinic is open for walk-ins as well as appointments.

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**Attend workshop...** On Friday, August 7, these six Tahoka 3-D Bandsmen participated in a Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser leadership workshop at Lubbock Coronado from 2-4:30 p.m. Dr. Tim, as he is commonly known, is a world-wide recognized motivational speaker not only to music students and teachers but to business leaders, coaches, etc. Along with approximately 300 band students from as far away as Memphis, Texas and Merkel, these students were challenged to become servant leaders and given the tools to implement the transformation. Those attending were Jordan Fowler, Daniel Arriaga, Brandon Farrell, Mercedes Perez, Roman Barrientez, and Mishelle Earnest.

### Senior Citizen's Menu

August 17-21

**Monday:** Salmon patty, baby lima beans, coleslaw, cornbread, tropical fruit  
**Tuesday:** Chicken fajitas, veggies, Spanish rice, chuck wagon corn, flour tortilla, fruit cocktail  
**Wednesday:** Beef Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, cauliflower/broccoli, apricots  
**Thursday:** Sweet & sour chicken, rice, sugar snap peas, stir fry veggies, lazy cake  
**Friday:** Chopped BBQ on bun, pinto beans, potato salad, mandarin oranges

**Mark your calendars...**

• BBQ grill w/ accessories raffles tickets are being sold for \$25 each! Contact Bianca at the Center or Dollar Store, Cathy Ross at 998-5363, Pam Elrod at

### THS Class of 1985 members sought

The names and contact information for members of the Tahoka High School Class of 1985 are being sought for a class reunion. Anyone with information is asked to contact Rhonda Nance Chapa at 806-759-1689 or by email at rchapa@windstream.net.

the Lynn County News, or Pop Belly's BBQ.

• Donations to benefit the Center are needed and greatly appreciated! All donations are tax deductible; we are a 501(c)3 organization.

• The Senior Citizens recycle bin for aluminum cans is at the recycling center located at 1200 Lockwood (City of Tahoka warehouse facility). Proceeds go to the Center.



**Tech graduate ...** Sonya Dotson has graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She plans to be an Ophthalmologist, and is employed at Reber & Riley Vision Center in Lubbock. A 2006 Tahoka High School grad, she is married to Patrick Dotson, and is the daughter of Carlos and Gloria Morales of Tahoka.

## 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 24, 2015 in the New Home ISD Board Room, 225 North Main, New Home, Texas 79383. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Maintenance Tax          | \$1.170000 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| School Debt Service Tax  |   |
| Approved by Local Voters | \$0.269779 / \$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 | 4.0 | % increase or | ___  | % (decrease) |
| Debt service               |     | % increase or | 15.7 | % (decrease) |
| Total expenditures         | 3.0 | % increase or | ___  | % (decrease) |

### Total Appraised Value and total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

|   | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property    | \$ 70,316,560.00   | \$ 72,995,040.00 |
| Total appraised value** of new property** | \$ 1,433,560.00    | \$ 1,432,540.00  |
| Total taxable value*** of all property    | \$ 62,636,750.00   | \$ 63,333,530.00 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property**  | \$ 1,433,560.00    | \$ 1,399,140.00  |

\* "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* | \$ 5,224,999.00 |
|---|-----------------|

\* 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   | \$ 1.170000              | \$ 0.315000*             | \$ 1.485    | \$ 2,853.00               | \$ 7,145.00               |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.28467               | \$ 0.27351*              | \$ 1.55819  | \$ 2,619.00               | \$ 7,694.00               |
| Proposed Rate  | \$ 1.170000              | \$ 0.269779*             | \$ 1.439779 | \$ 2,426.00               | \$ 7,693.00               |

\* 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                    | \$105,650.00 | \$107,822.00 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences                   | \$ 90,650.00 | \$ 82,822.00 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.49/100  | \$ 1.44/100  |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence                        | \$ 1,346.17  | \$ 1,192.45  |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes                          | \$           | \$ (153.72)  |

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 1.44. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.44.

### 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) | \$ 783,332.00 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | \$ 13,999.00  |



▲ **Navy life ...** Bill Schoemann, a Navy Reservist, told about life in the Navy to interested children at the City-County Library's Real Life Hero Military Camp recently. He also ran an obstacle course with the children.

## Children hear from "real life heroes" at Military Camp held at local library

Children were captivated by the "real life heroes" who came to the City-County Library for their Military Camp last week. Rudy Fuentes was the first example of a real life hero, and he kicked off the camp telling of his experiences in the Army during the Vietnam War. He answered numerous questions.

Bill Schoemann, a Navy Reservist, was the next example of a real life hero, and he brought several Navy uniforms to show the children, explaining which

one was used for which job. Children also watched a film on what the inside of a destroyer looked like and how things worked on the inside.

"The children also got to run an obstacle course in respect for the military, although not quite as difficult as what they might see at real boot camp," said Cissy Webster, Library Director. "Bill started the obstacle course with the children and tested his skills. Rudy was the first to get a chance to shoot 'Rocky the Robot' after the obstacle course, the reward given to the team that came in first. He also gave them some pointers in shooting the robot," said Webster.

"Children created camouflage bracelets so that they could remember their military heroes

and how they gave so much for our country," she added.

In last Wednesday's Story Time, children entered into an "aquarium" at the City-County Library with fish moving all around them as they listened to the sounds of water in motion and some stories including Gilbert the Great by Jane Clark and Rainbow Fish and the Sea Monsters' Cave by Marcus Pfister. It was fun packed time with song, crafts and lots of "fishy" books for the children to look at as well.

"ARGH!" The pirates are docking at the library with sea fairing tales to share with the little "swash bucklers". Parents and grandparents are welcome to bring their little swash bucklers for Story Time on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.



▲ **Seems fishy to me ...** In last Wednesday's Story Time, children entered into an "aquarium" at the City-County Library with fish moving all around them as they listened to the sounds of water in motion and some "fishy" stories.

## County Commissioners ...

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the basement courtroom of the Lynn County Courthouse.

County voting precincts were consolidated into four voting locations for the November

3 Constitutional Amendment Election, with polls to be located in Wilson, Tahoka, New Home and O'Donnell, and fee increases were approved for a list Sheriff's Office fees, to be more in line with other counties. Construction of a counter for the District Clerk's office was approved, at a cost of \$1,609.

Commissioner John Hawthorne moved to accept the 2013-2014 Audit from Gary Bowers & Miller as presented by Melvin Eaker, with all commissioners voting in favor. The audit was a clean opinion.

Commissioners also approved a rate increase of \$35 per person for the 2015-2016 Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance policy for county employees, and budget amendments were approved.

Commissioner Don Blair led the meeting, with commissioners Keith Wied, John Hawthorne and Larry Durham present, as well as other county officials.

## Believe It or Not

from triviaoftheday.wordpress.com (Note: LCN can not confirm these "facts")

...  
You would have to drink 100 cups of coffee in four hours to get the lethal dose of caffeine—ten grams.

...  
To combat the deadly killer bee, the Harris County Fire Department (i.e., Houston, Texas) has 11 trucks equipped with soapy water sprayers that do nothing but respond to killer bee calls.

...  
The average human eats 8 spiders in their lifetime at night. (Ewww!)

...  
A rhinoceros horn is made of compacted hair.

## WANT TO ADOPT A PET? Shop at home!

For information about adopting dogs or cats from Lynn County Animal Shelter, inquire at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 806-561-4505, or email Lynn County Animal Services Director Ashlee West at [animalcontrol@co.lynn.tx.us](mailto:animalcontrol@co.lynn.tx.us), for information. The adoption fee for dogs is \$125 (discounts available for Lynn County residents) and covers spay, rabies, combo vaccination, deworm and microchip.

To see photos of adoptable animals, visit the Lynn County Animal Services facebook page.



**Real life hero ...** Children at the City-County Library are pictured with Rudy Fuentes, who presented information at the Real Life Hero Military Camp. He spoke of his experiences in the Army during the Vietnam War.

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**Honored...** Antonia Gutierrez, (center) was honored recently for her 10 years of service as treasurer at Gethsemane Baptist Church in Tahoka. Presenting her award was Pastor Ynes Aleman, (left) and his wife Ava, (right).

## Police Chief ...

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office as Police Chief in ceremonies conducted Tuesday afternoon at Tahoka City Hall.

In other business at Monday night's council meeting, city officials heard from Barbara Jaquess, who along with her husband Jack Jaquess and Cathy Ross, represented the Caring Hearts group of volunteers that have been cleaning up the city cemetery.

"Mrs. Jaquess spoke about the progress the volunteers have made at the cemetery, and presented information about the cost of pavers for a proposed project there," Webster told *The News*. He said that, at the request of the Caring Hearts group, city workers removed some shrubbery at the cemetery wall, and that the council has agreed to purchase some pavers at a cost of \$3,000 to be placed along with the wall, and will pay to have the pavers installed as well. The Caring Hearts group also proposed that the city purchase some concrete benches to be placed there, which the council will consider.

Julia Allen, a member of the A.C.T. Board (Advancing the Community of Tahoka), presented information to the council about two proposed projects using the 4-B Sales Tax funds. Two ongoing projects are the "Tahoka" triangle at the north entrance to town and the baseball field complex in the south

part of town. Mrs. Allen presented information about a plan to reduce the maintenance at the triangle by doing some zero type landscaping and drought tolerant vegetation, and presented one estimate of \$50,000 from one company's proposal for the project. The council indicated interest in the project, but recommended taking competitive bids on the project, according to Webster.

The A.C.T. Board is also looking into plans for the current baseball and softball fields with a new concession stand and new bathrooms. This project would be a joint effort between the City, A.C.T., Little League, and Tahoka ISD, but for now the A.C.T. Board requested the use of \$3,000 in funds to hire an architect to develop plans for the project. The council approved the release of the funds from the 4-B half-cent sales tax collections.

The council appointed Jay Dee House to another two-year term as the City's representative on the Board of Directors for the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority. The council also approved a resolution to deny a rate increase from Xcel Energy, joining other cities in a coalition in the resolution.

Mayor John Baker led the council session, with all council members present including Amy Preston, Ray Box, Jeff Martin, Johnny Rosas and Rudy Fuentes.

## From City Hall

by Frances Truehart  
Code Enforcement Office

**Code violations:** The City of Tahoka Code Enforcement Officer is teaming up with Municipal Court to insure codes compliance.

1. When the officer is made aware of a violation they will verify the complaint. The officer will then send a certified letter to the property owner and give them ten days to correct the violation.
  2. If the violation is not corrected the code enforcement officer will file a complaint with the municipal court.
  3. The municipal court judge will send the property owner a letter that a complaint has been filed in the court and giving the property owner ten days to correct the violation.
  4. If the violation is not corrected a fine will be assessed to the property owner. The fine amount will be between \$200 and \$500.
- When it gets to this point we would hope all violations will be corrected, we don't want to fine anyone, but fines will be assessed.

**A.C.T. activity:** The A.C.T. (Advancing the Community of Tahoka) economic development board continues to look at projects. Two ongoing projects are the triangle at the north entrance to town and the baseball fields complex. There is an effort under way to reduce the maintenance at the triangle by doing some zero type landscaping and drought tolerant vegetation. The board is also looking into redoing the current baseball and softball fields with a brand new concession stand and new bathrooms.

**Caring Hearts:** The City Council has approved a project brought to our attention by the Caring Hearts Organization for Navel Cemetery. The shrubbery around the brick wall has been removed and the purchase of pavers has been approved. Once in place we will be getting two concrete benches to place there. If you have not been to the cemetery lately, the transformation is amazing. Thank you Caring Hearts and all the volunteers for your time and effort.

### Adopt me, please!

When you want a new pet, go look to see who needs saving at the ...

Lynn County Animal Shelter  
located at S. 2nd and Ave. H.

or contact Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 561-4525

## Tahoka ISD Board approves teacher appraisal system

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session last Tuesday to consider routine business, with a budget workshop preceding the regular session.

The board had a 1-hour budget workshop that updated them on the current financial status of the district with regard to the current school year budget, and examined the proposed budget for the 2015-16 school year. Also, the board discussed the possible proposed tax rate for the upcoming school year.

In the regular board meeting, the Board approved the Student Code of Conduct for the 2015-16 school year, and approved campus principals as Texas Teacher Evaluation & Support System (T-TESS) certified appraisers for the 2015-16 school year, including Elementary Principal Christa Ritchey, Middle School Principal Jeff Fleenor, and High School Principal Jeff Perez.

"The T-TESS is the new teacher appraisal system that replaces the Professional Development and Appraisal System (PDAS). This is considered

the refinement year for T-TESS implementation (last year was the pilot year) and then T-TESS will be replacing PDAS statewide as the official teacher appraisal tool that districts can use or develop their own tool locally," explained TISD Superintendent Dr. George McFarland. "Of the over 60 school districts in Region 17, Tahoka is one of only 10 participating in the refinement year of T-TESS implementation," he added.

Trustees also approved the T-TESS appraisal calendar for the 2015-16 school year. This calendar is developed at the district level and gives specific windows of when teachers may be "officially" evaluated. It also sets timelines of other teacher requirements with regard to

submission of documents pertaining to the evaluation process.

The Board approved the following personnel as T-TESS second appraisers for the district: Dr. George McFarland, Jeff Fleenor, Christa Ritchey, and Jeff Perez. The second appraiser is the person a teacher may request if they are unsatisfied with their official first appraisal.

Trustees also reviewed and discussed the Student Handbook for the 2015-16 school year.

Board members present included Board President Dr. Cathy Box, Jim Bingham, Brenda Dotson, Scott Dimak, Clay Taylor, Abraham Vega, and Matt Woodley.

The Board met in special session Monday night, to fill a coaching position that a recent hire, Cole Hasie, vacated. Trustees approved the hiring of William Durham to a one-year dual assignment probationary contract to coach girls' sports and teach High School English.

The next board meeting is Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m., when trustees will hear a presentation by the Community Facility Needs Committee and consider whether to call for a bond election for renovation/construction of facilities.

A public hearing on the proposed district budget will be held at 6:00 p.m. Aug. 27, followed by a special board meeting at 6:30 p.m. to adopt the budget and set the tax rate.

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### Supposedly true and weird historical facts ...from BuzzFeed

In the 19th century a popular medicine for kids, "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," included morphine.

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Prior to the 1960s tobacco companies ran physician-endorsed ads that suggested smoking had health benefits.

\*\*\*  
Queen Victoria received a 9 foot diameter cheese as a wedding gift. It weighed over 1,000 pounds.

## Please visit these Lynn County Churches

### Tahoka Trinity Church

1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317

PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD

Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am  
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm  
Youth - Sundays at 7 pm

For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317

### Grassland Nazarene Church

2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656, 327-5655

PASTOR: Rev. James Miller

Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am  
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm  
Youth and Adults: Wednesdays - 7 pm

### Wilson First Baptist Church

1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333

PASTOR: BILLY PARMER

Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm  
Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday  
6:30 pm Wednesdays:  
Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages  
• Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth

### Sweet Street Baptist Church

1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-5310

DAVID EARNEST, PASTOR

Sunday School - 9:45 am  
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)  
Morning Worship - 11:00 am  
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)  
Wednesday Night - 7 pm  
(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

### TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

South 4th & Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 561-4420

PASTOR: REV. ROY BADILLES

DEACON: PETE PANIAGUA  
Mass - 11:00 am Sunday, 6 pm Wed. & Thur.  
Rosary - 6 pm Tues.  
CCE Class/Confirmation Instruct. - 7 pm Wed.

### First Baptist Church

1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373  
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org

PASTOR: BILL FULLER

Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am  
SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday

Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule  
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### God is your rock

Psalms 28:1

In a time when he felt crushed by opposition within his kingdom, David turned to the Lord, begging God to save him. David called God "my Rock." This powerful image suggests that God is both strong and immovable. Because God is your rock, you will not be shaken. His stability becomes your stability. His strength, your strength. His steadiness, your steadiness. When you feel overwhelmed by problems or people in your life, follow David's lead and cry out to God, your rock. He will not turn a deaf ear to you but will hear your prayer and be your strength.

Excerpts from BibleGateway.com

### NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday School ..... 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11:00 am  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 2:00 pm  
Wed. Youth/Children's Activities ..... 7:00 pm

### Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church

16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381

(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com

PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE

Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am

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### Draw First United Methodist Church

(established 1907)

P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351  
Phone (806) 428-3357

PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS

Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

### New Home United Methodist Church

CURTIS SCHRADER, Pastor

(575) 602-2947  
CurtisSchraeder@live.com

350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383

(806) 924-7549

Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

### TAHOKA Church of Christ

2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373

(806) 561-4060 • email: tcc@poka.com

PULPIT MINISTER: STEVEN BONNER

Sunday School - 10:00 am

Sunday Worship - 11 am

Fellowship & Devotion - Wednesday 6:30 pm

### First Methodist of Tahoka

Billy Everett, Pastor

1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4500  
email: fmo@poka.com

SUNDAYS: Sunday School - 9:30 am

Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)

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### New Home Church of Christ

324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7579

MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON

Bible Class - 10:00 am

Sunday Worship Service - 10:45 am

Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00 pm

### Wilson St. John Lutheran Church

13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6373

Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.

YONDA FRITZKE, PLS

Sunday School - 9:30 am • Sunday Worship - 10:45 am

# A Taxing Issue ...

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wind energy farms — \$215,335,490 — is taxable, which amounts to a total tax value of \$326,356,475 for OISD's I&S property tax collections.

Wilson ISD's mineral values dropped from \$10,279,480 last year to \$5,575,410 — a 46% decline. That, added, to an 11% decline in ag values in the WISD tax base, accounts for a total tax value of \$43,345,540 this year, compared to a total tax value of \$50,705,430 last year.

All four school districts in the county have \$1.17 tax rate for Maintenance and Operating (M&O) and New Home and O'Donnell schools have additional I&S tax rates for debt service to pay off bonds for improvements to their facilities.

The \$1.17 M&O tax rate is the highest tax rate allowed by law for school districts. There is some good news, however, for homeowners. Senate Bill 1 has proposed allowing an additional \$10,000 exemption for residences, in addition to the \$15,000

exemption already allowed. At \$1.17 tax rate, that's a decrease of \$117 in taxes for homeowners. And for those with school taxes frozen due to the over-65 or disabled criteria, their taxes will also decrease with the additional \$10,000 exemption figured in.

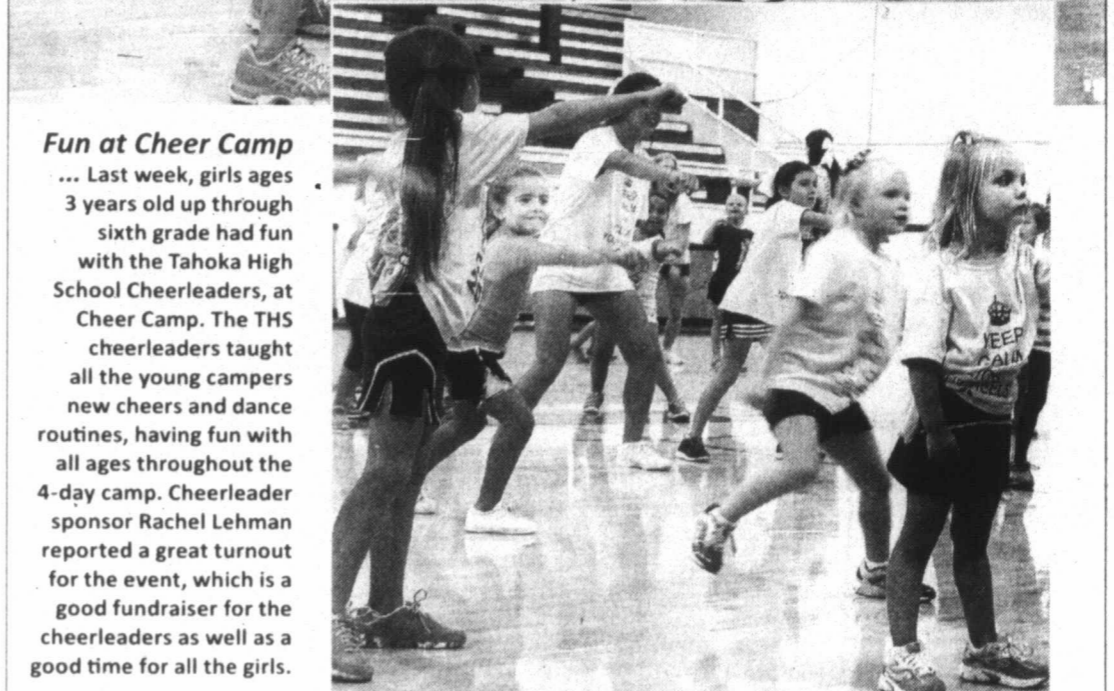
"However, all that being said, SB 1 is not law yet, but appraisal districts have been instructed to calculate the additional exemption as state officials anticipate that voters will approve the \$10,000 exemption in the November constitutional amendment election," said Scott.

Last year, O'Donnell ISD had an additional 40-cent I&S tax rate, for a total tax rate of \$1.57, after voters approved a bond issue for new construction. This year, the district is proposing a 7-cent decrease in their I&S rate, for a 33-cent I&S rate and a total \$1.50 proposed tax rate. The I&S debt rate is calculated solely on the amount of the actual debt payment required

for the current fiscal year. New Home ISD is also lowering their I&S tax rate by 5-cents, from 31.5-cents last year to 26.9-cents, for a total proposed tax rate of about \$1.44.

"New Home ISD's total tax value actually increased slightly, with six new homes added and some increased values on irrigated land. Last year, the total tax value was \$62,636,750 compared to this year's value of \$63,333,530 — a gain of \$696,780," said Scott.

Lynn County Hospital District has the same decline in mineral/ag values as Lynn County, but because of an 80% tax abatement for the wind energy farms, compared to a 100% tax abatement for the county, the hospital's total tax value is different from Lynn County's. The hospital's total tax value is \$396,673,672 for 2015, compared to \$398,612,753 last year — a decline of \$1,975,081. Currently, the tax rate for LCHD is 29.4-cents. The effective tax rate, to bring in the same amount of revenue as the previous year, is calculated at 32.9-cents.



### Fun at Cheer Camp

... Last week, girls ages 3 years old up through sixth grade had fun with the Tahoka High School Cheerleaders, at Cheer Camp. The THS cheerleaders taught all the young campers new cheers and dance routines, having fun with all ages throughout the 4-day camp. Cheerleader sponsor Rachel Lehman reported a great turnout for the event, which is a good fundraiser for the cheerleaders as well as a good time for all the girls.

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There may be some mold growth you just don't see. Porous foods like bread, muffins, cakes, and other baked goods also allow easy penetration of molds below the surface. (health.com)

Bottom line? Super bad!

## Tahoka ISD selected to participate in highly competitive grant opportunity

Raise Your Hand Texas (RYHT) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization advancing public education by igniting fiercely innovative leadership and advocacy for the state's 5 million+ students. The organization announced a state wide Blended Learning Grant Initiative earlier this spring. Tahoka ISD, along with other public school districts and charter schools from throughout Texas, applied to be part of the \$2.5 million program.

Tahoka ISD received notification on August 4th that they were one of only 75 participants selected from among state applicants. As a first step in the competitive grant opportunity, Tahoka ISD will participate in a 2-day, expense paid, blended learning workshop to be held in September of this year.

Ten finalists chosen in January 2016 will receive assistance in refining their plans. Five winning teams, announced in April 2016, will receive up to \$500,000 and technical support in implementing their programs over three years. Raise Your Hand plans to coordinate support to encourage the other applicants to refine and implement their plans and intends evaluation and public reporting of grantee implementation to drive broader statewide adoption of blended learning approaches.

"We feel blessed and honored to be selected for participation in such a great opportunity provided from such a prestigious educational organization such as Raise Your Hand Texas," declared Tahoka ISD superintendent Dr. George McFarland. "RYHT invests in best-in-class programs to develop an innovative new breed of leaders for Texas public schools, and leads research-driven public policy advocacy that elevates the quality of Texas public education, ensuring that our economy remains strong and Texas' future remains bright. We are excited to partner with RYHT and seek to improve ourselves profes-

sionally in order to provide our students with the maximum opportunities to experience success in their learning."

Different from the broader trend of simply equipping classrooms with devices and software, blended learning is a blend of online learning and

brick-and-mortar schooling that takes place when students learn at least in part online, with some student control over the time, place, path, and/or pace of their learning — as defined by the Christensen Institute, a non-profit, nonpartisan think tank and pioneer in blended learning.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners Court of Lynn County, Texas will hold a public hearing to receive comments or questions of the public regarding its pending budget for budget year 2015-2016 on Monday, August 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom located in the Courthouse basement.

The proposed budget is on file in the County Clerk's office and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. till 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. till 5:00 p.m.

Items to be considered include a possible increase in longevity and the salaries to elected county and precinct officers as follows:

| Office                     | PRESENT  |           | PROPOSED |           |
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|                            | Salary   | Longevity | Salary   | Longevity |
| Commissioner Precinct 1    | \$26,064 | \$373     | \$26,666 | \$428     |
| Commissioner Precinct 2    | \$26,064 | \$0       | \$26,666 | \$0       |
| Commissioner Precinct 3    | \$26,064 | \$825     | \$26,666 | \$885     |
| Commissioner Precinct 4    | \$26,064 | \$135     | \$26,666 | \$0       |
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| Sheriff                    | \$33,764 | \$468     | \$34,777 | \$615     |
| County Clerk               | \$30,117 | \$1,425   | \$31,021 | \$1,440   |
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| Tax Assessor/Collector     | \$30,117 | \$171     | \$31,021 | \$207     |
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| Justice of The Peace Pct 4 | \$19,668 | \$750     | \$20,258 | \$810     |
| Treasurer                  | \$30,117 | \$135     | \$31,021 | \$171     |
| County Attorney            | \$30,117 | \$0       | \$31,021 | \$0       |
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## NOTICE OF 2015 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR City of Wilson

A tax rate of \$ .865505 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of City of Wilson. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate,

and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| PROPOSED TAX RATE         | \$ .865505 per \$100 |
| PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE | \$ .792863 per \$100 |
| EFFECTIVE TAX RATE        | \$ .801396 per \$100 |
| ROLLBACK TAX RATE         | \$ .865505 per \$100 |

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Wilson from the same properties in both the 2014 tax year and the 2015 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Wilson may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

Marquita Scott

City of Wilson tax assessor-collector

P.O. Box 789, Tahoka, Texas 79373

806-561-5411

lynncad@poka.com

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: August 26, 2015 at 8:30 am at Wilson City Hall  
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**Wilson ISD, City tax rates proposed; city rate increases**

Wilson Independent School District and the City of Wilson released information this week regarding proposed tax rates for 2015, with the school district keeping their current rate of \$1.17 and the city proposing a tax rate increase.

Currently the City of Wilson tax rate is at 79-cents (0.792863 per \$100 of property value). The Wilson City Council voted to propose a tax rate of 86-cents (0.865505), which is a 7-cent increase and tops out at the rollback rate, which is the highest rate that the City of Wilson may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to

limit the rate. The city's effective tax rate, which is the rate calculated to bring in the same amount of revenue as the previous year, is 80 cents (0.801396).

The total adjusted tax base for the City of Wilson is \$12,360,700, which is slightly lower than last year's total value of \$12,559,109. According to a city official, the council is proposing the tax rate increase to help fund street work projects, among other issues.

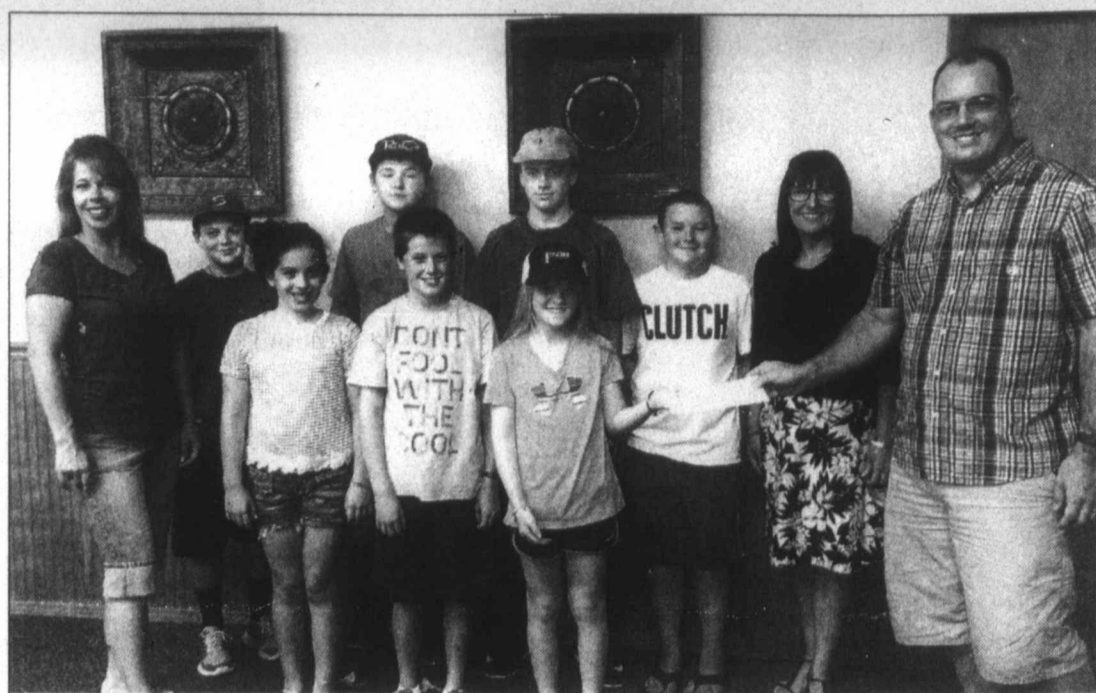
The council has scheduled two public hearings for public comment on the proposed tax rate, with the first hearing set for Aug. 26 at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall, and the second hearing on Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. at Wilson City Hall.

Wilson ISD's tax rate of \$1.17 will remain the same, which is the highest rate for Maintenance and Operating tax levies allowed for school districts (and also is the same rate which the other school districts in the county levy). Wilson ISD does not have an additional Interest & Sinking (I&S) tax rate, as the district has no debt service. Total taxable value of all property for Wilson ISD is \$43,345,540, which is \$7,359,890 lower than last year's total taxable value of \$50,705,430.

The Wilson ISD Board of Trustees have scheduled a public meeting for 7 p.m. Aug. 2 in the Wilson ISD Library to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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**Donation to 4-H...** Lynn County 4-H received a \$1,000 donation from the Lynn County Harvest Festival last week, to help fund 4-H programs for county youth. Pictured from left are Elizabeth Tew (representing the Harvest Festival Committee), 4-H'ers Bryson Stone, Axie Allen, Kash Kahl, Connor Cook, Braden Stone, Laine Cook, Whit Smithson, Lynn County Extension Agent Wendy Scott, and Tim Pledger (also representing the HF Committee).

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**Sea of Galilee...** Pictured from left are Claudia Flippin, of Tahoka, her granddaughter, (top) Kristy Rose along with Jewel and Dayton Parker, formerly of Tahoka, with their copy of the Lynn County News on a boat ride in the Sea of Galilee. The News is approximately 7096 miles from home.

**AgriLife Extension names new risk management specialist**

Will Keeling began Aug. 3 as the new Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service risk management specialist at Lubbock.

Keeling, who is headquartered at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, will provide support and education for farmers and ranchers in AgriLife Extension's 20-county South Plains district. He will focus on analyzing the financial performance and risk of agricultural decisions through the agency's FARM (Financial And Risk Management) Assistance program.

FARM Assistance is part of AgriLife Extension's risk management education program, designed to provide sound statistically based strategic financial analysis to those who may not have ready access to such in-



**Tiny cheerers ...** These future cheerleaders had a great time at the THS Cheer Camp held last week for girls ages 3 years old up through sixth grade. Current THS cheerleaders taught new cheers and dance routines.

formation. The program offers a long-term projection of an operation's financial performance and feasibility the producer can use to compare alternative strategic business plans.

Keeling earned master's and bachelor's degrees in agricultural and applied economics

from Texas Tech University at Lubbock.

He previously worked for Rabo AgriFinance in Amarillo as a credit analyst and as a graduate research assistant with Texas A&M AgriLife Research at the Lubbock center.

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

The O'Donnell Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 27, 2015 in the O'Donnell ISD Administration Office, 504 Small Street, O'Donnell, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Maintenance Tax                                  | \$1.17 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters | \$.33 / \$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 | 0 % increase | or | 1.05 % (decrease) |
| Debt service               | 0 % increase | or | 1.44 % (decrease) |
| Total expenditures         | 0 % increase | or | 3.43 % (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   | \$ 245,917,977     | \$ 310,434,030   |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 1,446,120       | \$ 149,622,420   |
| Total taxable value*** of all property   | \$ 146,045,187     | \$ 111,020,985   |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 1,446,120       | \$ 5,225,890     |

\* "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\* \$ 11,712,669  
\* 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                  | \$ 0.40 *                | \$ 1.57    | \$ 5,738                  | \$ 5,285                  |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.13610               | \$ .94967*               | \$ 2.08577 | \$ 6,939                  | \$ 5,480                  |
| Proposed Rate  | \$ 1.17                  | \$ 0.33*                 | \$ 1.50    | \$ 6,977                  | \$ 7,540                  |

\* 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                    | \$ 36,810.00 | \$ 36,753.00 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences                   | \$ 21,810.00 | \$ 11,753.00 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.57      | \$ 1.50      |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence                        | \$ 342.42    | \$ 176.30    |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes                          | \$           | \$ 166.12    |

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 1.57. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.57.

**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) | \$ 2,674,805.00 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | \$ 37,051       |

**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 August 27, 2015 in the Wilson ISD School Library, Central Office Building, Wilson, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Maintenance Tax                                  | \$1.170000 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters | \$0.000000 / \$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 | 1.05000 % increase | or | _____ % (decrease) |
| Debt service               | 0.00000 % increase | or | _____ % (decrease) |
| Total expenditures         | 1.05000 % 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   | \$ 64,101,520.00   | \$ 58,927,100.00 |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 269,280.00      | \$ 174,360.00    |
| Total taxable value*** of all property   | \$ 50,705,430.00   | \$ 43,345,540.00 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 203,600.00      | \$ 31,980.00     |

\* "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   | \$ 1.170000              | \$ 0.0000 *              | \$ 1.170000 | \$ 6,079.00               | \$ 7,946.00               |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.46204               | \$ 0.0000*               | \$ 1.46204  | \$ 6,039.00               | \$ 4,801.00               |
| Proposed Rate  | \$ 1.17000               | \$ 0.0000*               | \$ 1.17000  | \$ 4,813.00               | \$ 8,401.00               |

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

**Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence**

|   | Last Year    | This Year    |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Average Market Value of Residences                    | \$ 44,060.00 | \$ 44,320.00 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences                   | \$ 29,060.00 | \$ 19,320.00 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.17/100  | \$ 1.17/100  |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence                        | \$ 340.00    | \$ 226.04    |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes                          | \$           | \$ (113.96)  |

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) | \$ 793,900.83 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | \$ 0.00       |