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Tahoka Centenarian Madeline Hegi will celebrate her

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birthday on Friday, Aug. 21, 2015. She was born Aug. 21, 1911.

Madeline is a resident at Lynnwood Independent & Assisted Living Center in Tahoka. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MADELINE!

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Want to reserve **BOOTH SPACE** at the Sept. 19th Lynn **County Harvest Festival?** Call 561-4440

Rebecca Ingle - Booth Chairman

Hamburger cookout Friday to benefit Alzheimer's Association

Area citizens are invited to a hamburger cookout on Friday, Aug. 21, from 11:00 a.m. until sold out at the LCHD Specialty Clinic/Interim Home Health, at 1705 Lockwood in Tahoka (on the east side of Thriftway). Cost of the meal is \$5, and includes a burger, chips, water and a cookie

The cookout is sponsored by the staff at Lynnwood Independent & Assisted Living Center, Interim Home Health, and Tony Barrera at Gebo's in Lamesa. All proceeds will benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

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Time to decide Bond election issue to be put to vote tonight at Tahoka ISD Board meeting

email: LynnCoNews@poka.com

by JUANELL JONES

It's time we finally ask the

voters

what they want ... but we

do feel that you are only

going to get one chance.

Whatever you do, go for it

now because you

probably won't get a

second go-around.

-- GREG HENLEY

ime is running out for the Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees to come to a decision on whether to call for a bond issue, and how much money that bond issue will bring to the table. The Board met last Thursday to hear a presentation from the citizens advisory committee regarding their input on the issue, and took the next step in the process by voting to allow the language to be drafted that would appear on the ballot in a bond election that would be held in November 2015, should trustees decide tonight (Thursday) to seek a bond election. Tonight is decision time, as the board must order the bond election by August 24 to get it on the November ballot.

While all seven members of the TISD Board are in agreement that "something needs to be done" to improve facilities, it was apparent that not all agree on how much to ask citizens to consider funding, as the vote was split 5-2 on a motion to draft language that would ask for an additional 50-cent tax levy in a bond election. Trustees Matt Woodley and Clay Taylor voted against the motion put forth by trustee Scott Dimak and seconded by Brenda Dotson, with Dimak, Dotson, Jim Bingham, Abraham Vega and Dr. Cathy Box voting in favor, with the majority vote carrying the motion.

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However, trustees will have another opportunity tonight to reconsider the amount of the tax levy, as that 50cent figure can be lowered if trustees so choose, when a motion is put forth

about calling for the bond election. "The language that is drafted -

that is, the wording of the proposition that would be on the ballot - would be ready if the Board votes to call for

Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas

a bond election. The only difference is that, if trustees choose to change the amount of the tax levy, that figure can just be slotted in to reflect that change," said Vince Viaille with Specialized Public Finance Inc., a financial advisory service, who is advising the TISD Board on the bond election process.

Tonight, a special session will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the board

room in the TISD Harvick building, with the only item on the agenda to be the consideration of whether to call for a bond election, and if so, the amount of the tax levy on the issue.

During preliminary planning options, three different

tax levies were being considered, according to a financial overview presented by Viaille to the board. Under consideration were a 24.9cent levy that would fund a \$7,125,000 bond, a 33.8-cent levy that would fund a \$9,675,000 bond, and a 50-cent levy that would fund a \$12,675,000 bond. All would be 30-

year bonds. Community Facility Needs Committee During the last few months, a citizens advisory committee - called the Community Facility Needs Committee - met several times to develop a plan that they believed would best address the needs of the school district, and which they felt the community would support. Greg Henley, representing the committee, spoke at the board meeting to let trustees know what the committee recommended. Several other committee members were also present at the

"Our first choice is a plan that includes building a new elementary school - it affects the largest number of students, and therefore the largest number of parents or voters. We also felt that you should limit any new construction to address academic needs, such as new classrooms, rather than a new gym or field house," Henley told

"Everybody in the room wished we could do everything on a wish list, (See TISD BOARD, page 3)

County officials say their 'hands are tied' in regulating proposed shooting complex

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners met in special session Monday morning to consider their options in drafting an ordinance to restrict and/or regulate sport shooting ranges, after hearing concerns from citizens at a previous meeting about safety and public nuisance issues with a proposed outdoor shooting range in the New Home area. After some research into the issue, however, commissioners have concluded that their "hands are tied" as far as imposing an ordinance because the property is not in a subdivision.

Tom and Barbara Mandry, and their neighbor, Tim Thompson, had addressed commissioners at last week's session - and returned to Monday's special session as well - about their concerns that the shooting complex would be located too close to their homes. They said it would be 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.

County Attorney Rebekah Filley and County Judge Mike Braddock said they had both researched the issue during the past week, and that the question of whether the county could legally impose restrictions or regulations on the shooting complex did not have the answer they had hoped.

"The short answer is, yes we could if it is in a subdivision, but no if it is not," said Filley. "My understanding is we cannot do anything to impose any regulations as of right now," she said, adding that she had contacted Texas Association of Counties, the County Attorney Association, and other contacts in researching the issue. She cited that the law would allow commissioners to draft ordinances for property within a subdivision, but that the property in this instance is not located in a subdivision.

The proposed shooting complex would be located 2 miles east of New Home on FM 211, just west of Ave. M. on the north side of FM 211, and Mandry told commissioners that the owner plans to provide a multi-gun outdoor shooting range that will also be designated for therapy to help PTSD war veterans. Assorted weaponry, includ-

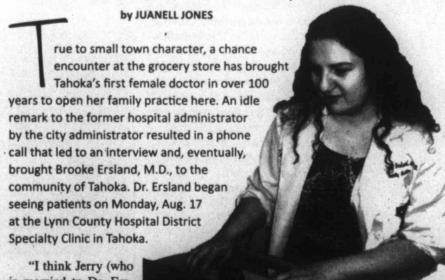
ing assault rifles, will be allowed at the shooting range, according to Man-

"The Mandrys, or other property owners, may pursue civil litigation if they so choose, but unfortunately, as far as the county goes, we cannot do anything at this time. However, I would suggest that you [commissioners] not act upon the issue today and leave it open, in case we come across something that can be done," said Filley.

Commissioners agreed to leave the issue open, with all four commissioners and Judge Braddock expressing their regret and frustration that apparently the county could not officially impose regulations.

"I hate that we can't do anything (See SHOOTING COMPLEX, page 6)

Dr. Brooke Ersland Tahoka's first female MD (in over 100 years) opens practice at LCHD Specialty Clinic



is married to Dr. Ersland's mother, Cissy) ran into the hospital administrator at the grocery store, and just

made an idle remark that I was now looking to open my practice and was talking to other hospitals, when Stace Holland (the former CEO of Lynn County Hospital) said, 'Well, she can open her practice here, tell her to come see me.' So I did, and I met the other doctors and family nurse practitioners, and I wanted to come," said Dr. Ersland last week from her office at the LCHD Specialty Clinic.

Although several female family nurse practitioners have served the healthcare needs of the citizens through the Lynn County Hospital District, Dr. Ersland is the first female to practice here with a Doctor of Medicine degree in over 100 years. According to the historical reference book, "Grassroots Upside Down: A History of Lynn County," a Dr. M.E. Miles and his wife, "Dr. Amy" were listed as doctors in 1908 in Tahoka during the early pioneer days. It is not known if Dr. Amy Miles actually held an MD license.

Dr. Ersland joins longtime physician Dr. Donald Freitag and Dr. Patrick Edwards on the LCHD staff, as well as Family Nurse Practitioners Melanie Richburg, Shan-

non Hammonds and Cheryl Brown, on the healthcare team.

The community will get a chance to meet the new doctor at an Open House slated for Friday, Aug. 21, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the LCHD Specialty Clin-

ic, located at 1705 Lockwood in Tahoka (just east of Thriftway). Dr. Ersland is joining Cheryl Brown, Family Nurse Practitioner, who arrived at the clinic earlier this summer, so the Open House will allow residents a chance to meet both health care practitioners, as well as their staff, Virginia Silvas, an LVN from Tahoka, and Brooke Bickerstaff, receptionist.

Although she is not from Tahoka, Dr. Ersland's mother, Cissy, resides here, so she already has close family ties to the town, and it's not her first visit to the area.

"I am happy to be here, and looking forward to meeting everyone," said Dr. Ersland, or 'Dr. Brooke' as she is happy to answer to. She has an infectious smile, and an easy manner, to which her patients should respond.

Open House "I like the medical staff here, and the 2:00-3:00 p.m. hospital, and the 'laid back' atmosphere, and Friday, Aug. 21 I really like the opat the LCHD portunity here that will Specialty Clinic allow me to follow my patients throughout their

healthcare, whether I see them at the clinic, or the emergency room, or the swingbed program at the hospital. It's quite unusual, you don't get that opportunity in bigger hospitals, so I am looking forward to that," said the physician.

"I was born in a small town in Oklahoma - Duncan - I think that's where Opie (Ron Howard's character (See TAHOKA'S FIRST FEMALE DR, page 3)





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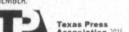
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Super readers... The Tahoka City-County Library had their Summer Reading Awards Ceremony last Thursday, sponsored by FirstBank & Trust, Tahoka. Top summer readers were presented 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies. Pictured from left, Cara Henderson, FB&T representative presented trophies to (K-2) 1-Virginia Lopez, 2-Jordan Pledger (not pictured) and 3-Jacob Tew; (3-4) 1-Estevan Calvillo, 2-Candy Garcia and 3-Mariel Robles, and (5-6) -1-Maribel Garcia, 2-Rogelio Garcia and 3-Amy Tew.

Summer Reading awards ceremony held at Tahoka City-County Library

The City-County Library "Super Hero" Summer Camps were a great success and, according to Director Cissy Webster, the camps were made possible due to donations from businesses for reading prizes and volunteers who gave of their time and ener-

Summer Reading Awards Ceremony, held Thursday, August 6, was sponsored by First Bank & Trust. Teachers of Tahoka ISD, Miranda Stice, Emilia Garcia, and Janel Earnest. won a year subscription to National Geographic magazine for

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their classrooms. Trophies for 1st. 2nd and 3rd place were presented to children in Kindergarten thru 6th grade. Participants received certificates and a \$1 gold coin provided by First Bank & Trust as medals. Cara Henderson, a representative of First Bank & Trust, presented the awards. First Bank & Trust also donated a gift card of \$25 to the child who could give the best answer to the question, "If you were in charge of minting the next Gold \$1 coin what American Hero would you put on the coin and why?" This award will be presented at a later date.

Parents and/or grandparents are welcome to bring little ones Wednesday, at 10:30 this next week, for bedtime stories with "Gracie Goose", the puppet.

The library wishes to express a multitude of thanks to businesses for their donations: First Bank & Trust, George's Restaurant, Rachel Case Avon, Tahoka Donuts, and the City of Tahoka and to our wonderful Summer Camp volunteers Liz Tew, Beverly Zuniga, Lynn Lankford, Axie Allen, Heather Jester, Janel Earnest and Ashley Oberholzer; and also to our real life community heroes, Dr. Brooke Ersland, John Baker, Micah Stone, Tracy Jolly, Steve Sanders, Rudy Fuentes, Bill Schoemann, Jeff Parker and Pete Vallejo. The library and all

the children want to express their gratitude to the Lynn County News and other individuals who made donations for the Popcorn

()bituaries Jerry "Sis" Guin

Services are pending for

Jerry "Sis" Guin, 83, of Tahoka, at Combest Family Funeral

Larry Sinclair Sanford

Larry Sinclair Sanford, 74, of O'Donnell, died August 14, 2015. Memorial services are pending.

He was born May 15, 1941 to Lawrence William Sanford and Vida Faye Jackson Bolin. He served in the US Air Force from 1960-62 as a Medical Specialist. Larry owned several hotels, farms, and various other business adventures in his lifetime. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell and attended various other churches regularly throughout the county. He was active in AA.

Survivors include a daughter Melissa of Lubbock; one uncle, Glenn Jackson, (formerly of Tahoka) of Rankin; and a granddaughter.

Harvest Festival seeks young ladies for Queen candidates

The Lynn County Harvest Festival Queen scholarship contest will be held on Sept. 19, with candidates for the event currently sought. Candidates may sign up by contacting Amy Rodriguez, chairman, at 806-928-0353 or by email at arodriguez@tahokaisd. us, or Starr Bray at 327-5602 or

Girls: Enter the Harvest Festival Princess contest

All girls in 2nd-5th grades in Lynn County schools are invited to participate in the Lynn County Harvest Festival Princess Contest on Saturday, Sept. 19, for a chance to win the title as well as cash prizes for the top five places. The Princess will win \$1000 cash, first runnerup wins \$750 cash, second runnerup wins \$500 cash, and the third and fourth runners-up will get \$350 each.

Additionally, every contestant will earn \$100 cash for every 350 tickets she sells.

All candidates will sell \$1 Harvest Festival tickets for 16 chances to win \$3500 in prizes, including a grand prize of a \$1000 prepaid Visa card, one drawing for a \$500 prepaid Visa card, four drawings for \$250 prepaid Visa cards, and 10 drawings for \$100 prepaid Visa cards. The drawings will be held at the Harvest Festival on Saturday, Sept.

Starting next Tuesday, Aug. 25, girls may sign up and get their tickets to sell by going to the home of Elizabeth Tew at 2001 Ave. K, or the home of Rachel Case, 1828 Ave. K, in Tahoka. Come by any weekday, from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m.

The winner of the Harvest Festival Princess contest is determined by the highest number of ticket sales. For more information, call Mrs. Tew at 806-790-4301, or Mrs. Case at 806-577-



S WE GET OLDER, it's tough enough trying to keep your body functioning properly, but now some group called the Association of Mature American Citizens (translation: old codgers and codgeresses) thinks we need special dieting to keep from completely losing our marbles.

The association says older people need to go on the MIND diet, which stands for Mediterranean Diet Intervention for Neurodegenerative Delay, a product of researchers at a Chicago medical center.

They suggest that older dieters need to limit unhealthy (and tasty) foods such as butter, sweets and pastries and almost never eat fatty cheeses, fried food and junk food, and the only recommended fruits are berries.

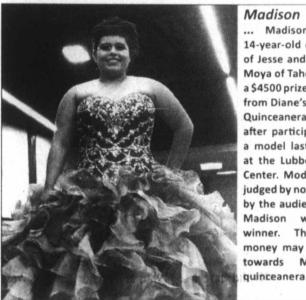
Well, duh. They are saying if we listen to them, we will live longer and enjoy it less. The researchers claim that the MIND diet may stave off the onset of memory loss. But I say, look up there in the second paragraph and read again what MIND stands for, and if you can remember all that, your mind is okay, no matter how many French fries or buttered rolls you eat.

Also, note that this information comes from Chicago. Nothing from the city that is widely considered a center of crooked political activity and misinformation can be trusted.

I understand that most of the things I prefer to eat are bad for my body, but I refuse to believe that my memory has deteriorated just because I eat fried stuff almost every meal and even sneak in some things like chocolate chip cookies and M&Ms nearly every day. I eat a lot of such things, and they don't affect my memory.

Not that I remember, anyway.

THE GAMBLER on Ave. G asserts that although the Bible says the race is not always won by the swiftest, nor the battle by the strongest (Ecc. 9:11), that's still the safest way to bet.



... Madison Moya, 14-year-old daughter of Jesse and Melanie Moya of Tahoka, won a \$4500 prize package from Diane's Bridal & Quinceanera Expo, after participating as a model last Sunday at the Lubbock Civic Center. Models were judged by noise made by the audience, and Madison was the winner. The prize money may be used towards Madison's quinceanera.

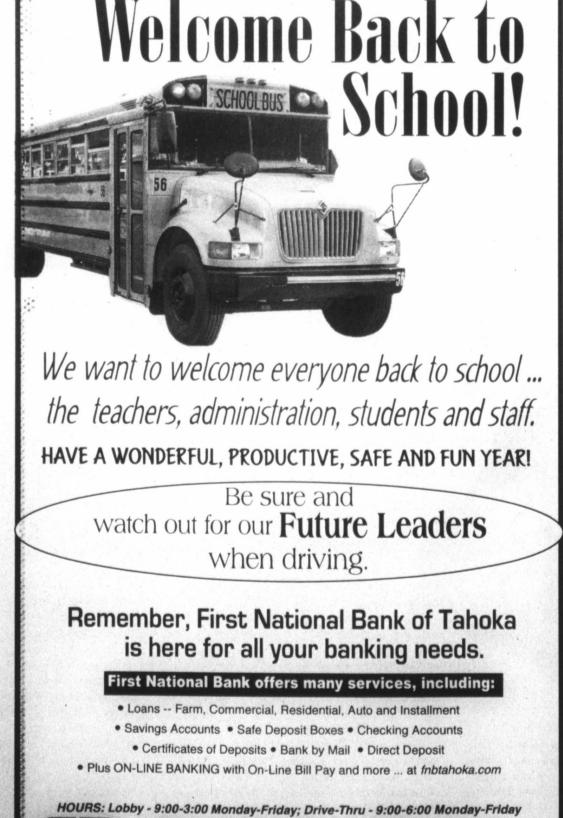
A minimum of five girls must

sign up for the contest to be held. Any Lynn County high school female may enter the contest. Candidates must be enrolled in a Lynn County high school, and may be a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior. The winners in the event will receive college scholarships. All candidates also earn cash based on ticket sales, whether or not they win the scholarship.

The amount of the scholarships awarded will be determined by ticket sales of the queen candidates. Last year, a total of \$5,000 was awarded in scholarships to the queen and runners-up. Beginning this year, a special bonus will be added to the Queen's scholarship. Upon enrollment in college, these scholarship checks are made directly to the young ladies, to be used in any manner that will help their college ca-

Queen candidates are judged by non-partisan judges, hired each year by the Harvest Festival Committee. Judges will use their discretion to score contestants on a scale of 1-10 on the following: personality, communication skills, appearance, intelligence, poise and overall effectiveness during their presentation on stage at the Harvest Festival. The judges' scores are tabulated to determine the winners.

All queen candidates support the scholarship program by selling Harvest Festival raffle tickets. This year's raffle ticket features 16 chances to win \$3500 in prizes, including a grand prize of a \$1000 prepaid Visa card, one drawing for a \$500 prepaid Visa card, four drawings for \$250 prepaid Visa cards, and 10 drawings for \$100 prepaid Visa cards, Drawings will be held at the Harvest Festival on Sept. 19.

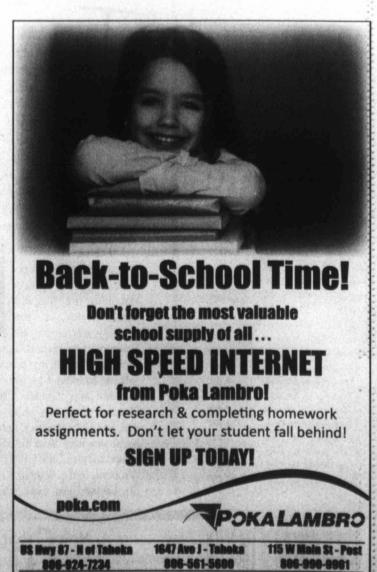


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Come see us at Open House ... The community is invited to meet the new doctor and staff at an Open House on Friday, Aug. 21, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the LCHD Specialty Clinic, located at 1705 Lockwood in Tahoka. Dr. Brooke Ersland (right) is joining Cheryl Brown (second from left), Family Nurse Practitioner, and staff Virginia Silvas, LVN (left), and Brooke Bickerstaff, receptionist.

Tahoka's first female Doctor ...

(Continued from page 1)

on The Andy Griffith Show in the 1960s) grew up," she said, laughing. "And then most of my growing up years we lived on military bases all over the place – I went to high school in four different places, including England, Virginia, and Norman, OK. I guess living on a military base is kind of like a small town because it is a very encapsulated community.

"I've always known I wanted to be a doctor. I did my undergrad work and went to medical school at the University of Oklahoma - which I liked despite being a Sooner fan - and completed my residency in Corpus Christi, followed by two years in Albuquerque, NM," she said.

Dr. Brooke enjoys hiking, painting, and reading, as well as tending a garden when she has the time. She is eager to begin seeing patients of all ages at the LCHD Specialty Clinic.

"The name Specialty Clinic is kind of misleading to people, I think, because this is a family practice clinic with full doctor care - from 'womb to tomb' as they say. Actually our slogan is that all our patients are 'special.' At one time LCHD did have a specialist here, but now we offer full care, and can see walk-ins, sick visits, people with chronic medical issues, sports physicals - anything and everything. And, if you already have a doctor but can't get in to see them for some reason, come see us. We're happy to share - we can take care of your immediate needs, then you are welcome to go back to your regular doctor when they are able to see you," she said.

Dr. Ersland said she is eager to begin building relationships with families, as she believes healthcare that follows one family member to another is a good practice, both for the physician as well as for the patient.

"If I can build a relationship with a family, it makes it

easier to talk with other family members or follow the issues of someone that has a significant medical problem, especially if the medical issue is shared by other family members," said Dr.

In addition to family patient care, the clinic also offers healthcare services for women's health, urgent care, and minor injuries. A variety of birth control options are available to women, Dr. Ersland says, including a small implant in the arm or intrauterine device (IUD). A sliding scale payment is available for qualifying persons.

Dr. Ersland will share patient-care duties with Cheryl Brown at the Specialty Clinic. Brown brings 32 years of experience in the healthcare field to the Specialty Clinic, and has been a nurse for 27 years, the last six as an FNP. She was a Laboratory Specialist in 1984 at the School of Health Care Sciences, Shepard AFB, TX, and earned her LVN (1988) and RN (1989) at New Hampshire Technical College, NH. She earned a Bachelors of Science in Vocational/Technical Studies, Vocational Program Development (1986) at the University of West Florida, FL, a Master of Education, Curriculum and Instruction (1989) at the University of West Florida, and a Master of Science in Nursing, Family Practice

Brown was active in Medical Missions in Central America, living 4 years in Honduras and 2 years in Guatemala, and was in the Air Force. She continues to be involved in the Guatemala medical mission.

The LCHD Specialty Clinic is part of Lynn County Hospital District's healthcare team, working together with the other healthcare providers to bring Lynn County and area citizens compassionate and personalized healthcare.



This is what we think ... Greg Henley (standing left) presented information from the Community Facility Needs Committee at the Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees meeting, regarding the committee's recommendations about construction or renovation of facilities if a bond election brings funds for such projects. The TISD Board will make their final decision tonight on whether to call for a bond election. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

From City Hall

Police Department: It's official. The Tahoka Police Department has completely moved out of the old building into their new offices at 1807 Main Street (the former Lyntegar building) in the rear. The phone number remains the same, at 806-561-5255. You can access the police department from the Avenue J side. We have a big new sign on the building and a sign on the entrance. We continue to work on the rest of the building to be used by city hall personnel. We hope to be in by early Septem-

What's going in? We have been asked about the block being cleared on the access road north of the old city warehouse. Smith Energy out of Levelland is putting in a pipe yard. It is part of the oil field service industry. They will stock oil field pipe and small tanks for use in the oil field. There won't be any structures on the land at this time, but possibly in the future.

School Zone: School starts back on Monday the 24th. Please be aware the school crossing lights on Lockwood Street will begin flashing in the morning and the afternoon. Watch out for the children, and don't speed in the designated crossing area. Also, please do not use your cell phone in the designated areas. The fine for speeding in a school zone is doubled and the fine for using a cell phone is \$200.

August 24-28 Monday: Taco salad, corn chips, corn, watermelon, peach cobbler

Tuesday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, mixed veggies, winter fruit cup

Wednesday: Baked chicken w/ mushroom sauce, pinto beans, green beans, salad, cantaloupe Thursday: Mac & beef w/ tomato, lima beans, fruit cup Friday: Crispy chicken on a bun, trimmings, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit

cocktail

· 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 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 or-

TISD Board to decide on Bond election ...

(Continued from page 1) but that list is very daunting, and unfortunately you have a limited amount of dollars, even with a 50-cent tax levy. But, we all felt that it is time to take it to the voters – somebody's got to do it. It's time we finally ask the voters what they want ... but we do feel that you are only going to get one chance. We'd rather you hit us, as taxpayers, with all you need instead of trying to break it up in several phases and keep coming back with another bond issue later. Whatever you do, go for it now because you probably won't get a second go-around,"

Henley added. School officials, and the citizens committee, have considered nine different options for renovation and new construction, but the most favored plan appears to be one that includes building a new elementary school on school-owned property on N. 5th Street, demolishing the original three-story middle school building that is nearing 100 years old and has a long list of compliance/safety issues, and renovating the current elementary school into an intermediate school, possibly for grades 5-8. The demolition would include the auditorium on the first floor of the middle school building,

THS Class of 1995 seeks classmates

but the band hall would remain.

The Tahoka High School Class of 1995 is seeking classmates for their 20th class reunion coming up Sept. 18-19. Plans are in the making for Homecoming and Harvest Festival events. More details to come soon

For more information contact call or text Katy Huffaker Adams, 2kjadams@gmail.com, 806-438-2447.

It would take \$12 million to fund this option, which would take a

50-cent tax levy. "First and foremost, I agree that we need to do something," said trustee Matt Woodley, who is a local ag producer. "But looking at my taxes, personally, at 50-cents I'm looking at a significant increase [figuring both his home and land taxes). I just hate that we're having to spend so much and that it doesn't fix that much. I'm just letting you know that 50-cents is a lot to swallow," he said, adding that local ag producers are already facing financial issues just trying to break even on operating funds.

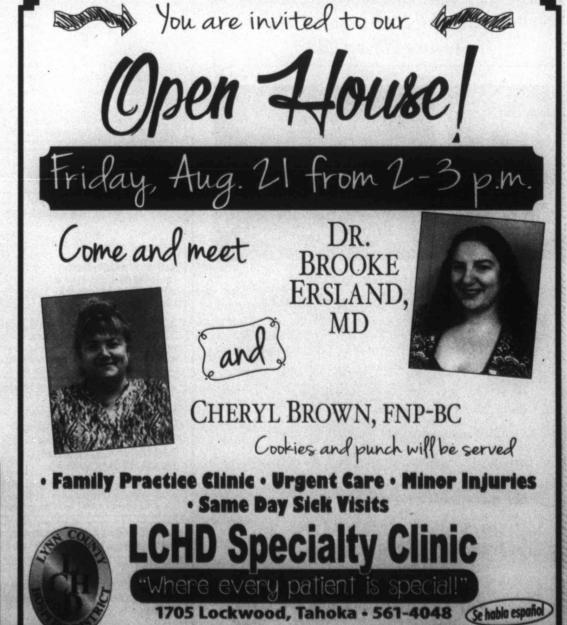
"My banker said his farmers in Lynn County are 20-30% short of their operating notes - the reality is that we're not a wealthy county," added Clay Taylor. "How much better of an education are our kids getting in an old building or a new building? But I'm not saying that we do nothing," he said.

Abraham Vega commented, "We are just facilitating the voters an opportunity to decide how they want us to proceed. In the end it is up to the citizens to decide - if they are going to shoot it down, then they do, and we will go from there."

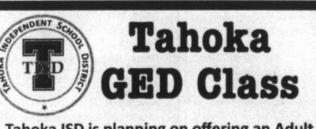
In other business at last week's meeting, trustees heard reports from campus principals, and Dr. George McFarland, superintendent, reported on legislative issues and asked trustees if they wanted him to research creating a policy regarding naming of buildings/facilities in honor of individuals. Trustees instructed him to put together wording for a policy for consideration at a later

Dr. Cathy Box, Board President, led the meeting that lasted nearly three hours, adjourning at





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Tahoka ISD is planning on offering an Adult **Basic Education (ABE) General Education** Development (GED) class in the fall of 2015.

The class would be offered 2 nights a week for 3 hours each night. The likely nights for the classes would be Mondays/Tuesdays, but there could be flexibility, depending on the availability of the participants and their needs.

There is no cost for the classes, but participants will have to pay when they are ready to take their GED test.

Anyone interested, please contact Linda Lennon at Tahoka ISD at 806-561-4105, and we will add your name to our list of possible participants in our program.





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Listing #2

New administrators anticipate successful year for Wilson ISD

by JUANELL JONES

Jerry Burger, terim Superintendent. and Richard Soliz, M.Ed. Principal. anticipate good year Wilson Independent School Dis

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JERRY BURGER. SUPERINTENDENT AT WILSON ISD

new administrative leaders at the school. Both bring an enthusiasm to the leadership of the school and believe that their staff is ready to guide students to a successful year.

"Parents, if you are looking for a great place for your child to succeed, you may want to consider Wilson ISD," says Supt. Burger. "Our district offers small classrooms with personal attention for all children. Wilson ISD received a 'Met Standard' rating indicating positive growth in all facets of the district. Wilson ISD has acquired cutting edge technology and has hired an excellent staff with 63% of the faculty possessing a Masters Degree," he added.

"A new attitude abounds at Wilson ISD. Please come visit and be part of the excitement. Wilson ISD is honored to serve you and the Wilson ISD community," said Supt. Burger.

Burger was superintendent at Normangee ISD from 2008-2014, and was principal and assistant superintendent at Teague ISD for eight years, as well as holding administrative positions at Splendora, Llano, and Ector County ISDs.

The new principal, Richard Soliz, comes to Wilson ISD from Post ISD, where he was an administrative intern at Post Middle School, with teaching experience prior to that, including middle school science department head and computer applications instructor. He earned his BA in Psychology in 1999 from Texas Tech Uni-

versity, and earned his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. and Principal certification in 2015, from Lubbock Christian Univer-

"First of all I want to say how excited I am to be the new principal at Wilson ISD," Soliz said. "I am grateful to former superintendent Russell Schaub and Wilson's school board for giving me this opportunity. I want to expand on the good things that Mr. Schaub and former principal Brenda Prather have established here. I am in a good situation with an awesome staff and great technology - we need to take advantage of this to ensure the success of our students.

"My overall mission is to bring a climate of energy, enthusiasm, and positivity to the campus. I believe this will generate interest from the community and others. I am already receiving warm responses

from the community and others I hope this will lead to them want ing to get involved. It is only with the sup port of our parents and commu-

RICHARD SOLIZ, PRINCIPAL AT WILSON ISD

nity that our school and students will succeed and thrive," added Soliz.

The Mustang football team, under the direction of head coach Bear Chesley, will host Lorenzo in a scrimmage Friday at 7 p.m., and will host the season opener against Loop on Aug. 28. Kickoff is at 7:30.

Mustang varsity schedule:

Aug. 28 - Loop Sept. 5 - Benjamin (2 pm Sat) Sept. 12 - at Jayton

Sept. 17 - at Sands JV

Sept. 25 - at Cotton Center Oct. 2 - Pview Christian (Homecoming)

Oct. 15 - at Nazareth JV Oct. 23 - at Wellman-Union

Oct. 30 - at Southland

Nov. 6 - Whitharral

New Leopard gym ... Pictured here is the south entrance to New Home ISD's new gym. Inside, on the north end, will be a commons area (cafeteria) and new kitchen. The gym will also include four dressing rooms and coaches' office. The old cafeteria will be converted to the library.

Enrollment climbs to 380 students as New Home ISD opens school year

by JUANELL JONES

Enrollment continues to climb at New Home Independent School District, as school administrators report that 380-plus students will fill the halls on day one. Staff members have already begun preparing for students to return to classes that will begin Monday, Aug. 24.

"Our students continue to reach new heights academically, as indicated by the recent release of STAAR scores from the 2014-15 school year," says Shane Fiedler, Principal at New Home ISD. "Our students' scores earned New Home four Distinction designations in the areas of Reading/ELA, Mathematics, Student Progress, and Postsecondary Readiness. When compared to other schools in our region we ranked in the top 10% in all four performance indexes - way to go Leopards!" he added.

The grounds crew and custodians, consisting of Dale Clem, Mike Donham, Pam Estrada, Ericka Silva, Delores Torres have been hard at work all summer to keep the school's facilities in top shape.

Construction has been underway throughout the summer for new classrooms, a new cafeteria and new gymnasium, with classrooms expected to be ready for students on Monday. The cafeteria and gymnasium are expected to be completed soon.

"There has never been a more exciting time for the students and faculty of New Home ISD as construction is in full swing and the new facilities are going to be amazing!" says Fiedler. "Although, the much needed rain has put us behind schedule, the new classrooms will be ready for students on day one, with the cafeteria soon to follow, and our basketball teams will look to start district play in the new gymnasium at the beginning, of January. Speaking of athletics, the football team looks to improve on last year's record under the tutelage of new head coach Fernando Baeza and baseball will once again make its presence in New Home as coach Brady Webb looks to revive the program by playing a JV schedule this year," added the principal.

"I am proud to be associated with such a wonderful group of students, faculty, parents, and community members and look forward to the coming school year," said

The Leopards' 2015 football schedule opens at Amherst on Aug. 28, with the first home game on Sept. 4, hosting Hermleigh. Parents' night for football will be held Sept. 4 and Homecoming will be on Sept. 25.

New Home varsity schedule: Aug. 28 - at Amherst

Sept. 4 - Hermleigh

Sept. 11 – at Sands (Ackerly) Sept. 18 – at Borden County

Sept. 25 - O'Donnell (Homecoming)

Oct. 2 - Grady

Oct. 9 - at Ropes

Oct. 30 - at Meadow

Nov. 6 - Whiteface

Bulldog Country

Tahoka High School building on success of students; Tahoka Middle School to continue "ICU" program; Elementary emphasizes "character" along with lessons

by JUANELL JONES

Campus administrators at Tahoka Independent School District are eager to welcome students back to school on Monday. Christa Ritchey, the new Elementary Principal, joins High School Principal Jeff Perez and Middle School Principal Jeff Fleenor on the administrative team leading the Tahoka campuses for the 2015-2016 school year. All administrators anticipate a successful upcoming year, building on programs that have proven successful in the past.

Mrs. Ritchey came to Tahoka from Lamesa, where was the Assistant Principal at South Elementary for two years. Previously, she worked as the Assistant Principal at Lamesa High School for one year, and an English teacher at Clyde Junior High School. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in English and a Minor in Education from Hardin-Simmons University, and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Abilene Christian University. She and her husband have two elementary age

"I want to welcome everyone to the 2015-2016 school year!" says Ritchey, noting several changes in campus staff over the last few months. Mrs. Kaci May is the new full time Elementary counselor; Mrs. Ashley Witt will is s new secretary; Mrs. Janel Earnest has been hired as the 3-5 Special Education teacher; and Ms. Susie Lara, Ms. Khrystin Jolly, and Ms. Shelbie Donaldson have been hired as Teaching Assistants.

"At Tahoka Elementary we are 'Building a community of 21st century learners.' As educators of 21st century learners, we are focusing on building life-long learners and citizens of character. A lifelong learner at Tahoka elementary is a problem solver, collaborative, growth-minded, and self-directed. A citizen of character is one who is trustworthy, respectful, self-confident, and humble," said Ritchey. "These qualities will be infused in the students' daily classroom rou-

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tines and also through our weekly character lessons," she explained.

"We are excited for this coming school year, and we welcome you to the new school year! If you have any questions, we would love to hear from you. Our contact number is 806-561-4350," Ritchey

Middle School Principal Jeff Fleenor says he is looking forward to seeing all of the returning students again and meeting new stu-

"Welcome to Tahoka Middle School, home of the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Tahoka Bulldogs," says Fleenor. "We are very excited to begin the 2015-2016 school year. We would like to welcome three new staff members to our campus: Mrs. Stipe will be our Special Education Assistant, Coach Phelps is our girls' coach and 6th grade Math teacher, and Coach Elizondo is our boys' coach and 7th grade Math teacher. We are excited to have them and know they will be a great addition to our already in credible staff," he added.

Fleenor explained that he is pleased to continue the school's ICU program this year.

"We are fired up about continuing our 'ICU' program. 'ICU' stands for Intensive Care Unit just like in a hospital. It means that we will be 'prescriptive' with our students to meet each one's specific needs. All of our students are teamed up with a staff member and meet throughout the year so they can really get to know the student on a personal level and find out what that student needs to be successful. We also want our students to know that 'I-SEE(C)-YOU(U),' and that each one of them is important to us and that we care about them, not just their education," explained the princi-

"We are excited to open up our new Instructional Support Lab. We have turned a classroom into a cool place where students cancome to get extra help or spend time in enrichment activities," he

"Thank you for entrusting your student with us this year. 'We serve, students WIN' is our motto. Our goal is to not only provide a quality education for them, but also to meet their individual needs and help create young ladies and young men who will be productive members of society. Please don't hesitate to call us if you have any questions or concerns, at (806) 561-4538," added Fleenor.

At Tahoka High School, Principal Jeff Perez is pleased with the success in the 2014-15 school year, and anticipates building on that to another successful year.

"Students and teachers of Tahoka High School had great success in the 2014-2015 school year. For the third year in a row, THS students have met State Standard and for the second year in a row THS students have earned three State Distinctions. Distinctions earned for the 2015 accountability school year include Academic Achievement in Reading/ ELA, Academic Achievement in Mathematics, and Postsecondary Readiness. Huge congratulations should be extended to all staff members and students for their ac-

complishments," said Perez. "As the 2015-2016 school year fast approaches, one thing that is common among all faculty and staff members is that we are all extremely excited and we are all looking forward to what the new school year has to offer. While we. all enjoy our summers, very much I might add, what we really look forward to is working with kids. This is, after all, why we do what we do.

"We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new staff members to THS. Mrs. Martinez is our new Counselor, Mr. Rogers is one of our new Social Studies Teachers and is also an assistant coach, Mr. Freitag is the newest member to our Math team, Mr. Durham is one of our new English Teachers and is also an assistant coach, Mrs. Rampy is our new Business Education Teacher, and Mrs. Rosales will be serving as a new secretary. We are excited to have these individuals be a part of our school and our community." the principal added.

"Here is to a great 2015-2016 school year where we believe that when 'We Serve, Students Win'," said Perez.

Wilson Independent School District

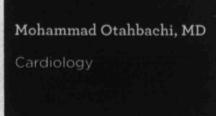
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

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.

\$1.170000 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) **Maintenance Tax**

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Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations % increase or 15.7 % (decrease) Debt service % increase or % (decrease) Total expenditures % increase or

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 Total appraised value* of new property** 1,433,560.00 Total taxable value*** of all property 62,636,750.00 Total taxable value*** of new property** 1,433,560.00

"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*

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Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last	Last Year	This Year \$107,822.00	
Average Market Value of Residences	\$105,650.00		
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)	

purviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased by 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:

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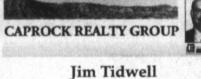
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about this," commented commissioner Don Blair, with commissioners Keith Wied, Larry Durham and John Hawthorne expressing their agreement.

"I do too," said Judge Braddock. "I hate that our hands are tied - it's extremely irritating," he added. "I will visit with Rep. Dustin Burrows (District 83, House of Representatives) on this, to see if anything can be done by the legislature. I know it won't help now, but you can be sure I will see if we can do something for the future," he said.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wuensche arrived midway during the special session to express their concerns about the shooting complex, saying that they believed the whole town of New Home would be able to hear the guns. Wuensche added that they were also concerned that the shooting complex would negatively affect property values in

The special session lasted only a half hour, adjourning at 9:30 a.m.

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County producers urged to watch for sugarcane aphids in grain fields

by Chris L. Green **Texas AgriLife Extension** Lynn County

Sugarcane aphids have been located in and around the Lynn County area, and area producers may contact the Lynn Coun-



ty Extension Ag Agent Chris Green to learn how to manage the issues and how to scout for the pest in their fields.

"Since this is the first year for us to have the sugarcane aphid in damaging infestations, we are unsure of what to expect and how best to manage it, What has been learned in southeast Texas, where sugarcane aphids have been a pest since 2013, is how to identify the aphid and thoroughly scout fields," said

If a producer finds aphids in their field that are unfamiliar to them, they are urged to collect a sample to be taken to the AgriLife Extension office or contact the county agent to collect a sample for species identi-

"Two weeks ago, sugarcane aphid infestations were confirmed at treatable levels in Floyd, Crosby and Lubbock counties. Also, infestations have been confirmed in Dawson, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Swisher and Terry counties," he said.

Depending on when a field is infested, sugarcane aphids can reach damaging levels in five to 14 days. It is important to know how to identify each of these pests because the insecticides and management options are different for the sugarcane aphid and the yellow sugarcane

Updated information about the sugarcane aphid distribution, scouting procedures, treatment thresholds, insecti-

NOTICE OF 2015 TAX YEAR

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cides and management options with other pests can be found at http://www.txscan.blogspot. com and http://www.texasinsects.org/sorghum.html.

For additional information contact Chris Green at the Lynn County Extension Office, at 806-561-4562 or chris.green@ ag.tamu.edu.



40 years of service... Richard Lopez (left) of Tahoka and Jerry Bennett of Lamesa, were presented 40-year awards at Lyntegar Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting Tuesday, Aug. 11.

Lyntegar presents employee awards at 77th Annual meeting

Lyntegar Electric Cooperative held its 77th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, August 11, on the Tahoka ISD Football Field.

Before the business meeting started, service awards were presented to employees who were recognized for service to the cooperative. Those receiving service awards included, 3-years: Brenda Whitten, Accountant; Tammy Curry, Dispatcher Clerk; Steve McKay, Night Dispatcher; and Coleton Horrell, 1st Class Lineman. 5-year awards went to: Bobby Alvarado, Building Grounds Keeper; Christy Bingham, Executive Assistant and Dwayne Schuknecht. Journeyman Lineman. A 10-year award went to Wesley Turner, Lamesa Service Branch Manager. 15-year award: Jana Bishop, Manager Human Resources; 20 year: Joby Long, General Service Technician; Barry Pittman, Manager, Member Services; Brent Fowler, Journeyman Lineman; David Engle, Seagraves Service Branch Manager and Derek Sellers, Journeyman Lineman. 25 Year: Brian Durham, Journeyman Lineman and Randy Hall, Office Engineering Assistant. 30-year awards: Mark Wuensche, Staff Assistant; Greg Henley, CEO; Mike Allen, Coordinator Outside Engineering Services; 35 year: Rickey Chapa, Utility Person; Roddy Gandy, Maintenance Superintendent; Aaron Smith, Journeyman Lineman. 40 year: Jerry Bennett, Lamesa Crew Foreman and Richard Lopez, Coordinator Inside Engineering Services.

Recognition of the 2015 Lyntegar Electric Cooperative schol-

per \$100

arship recipients and the student participants who attended the 2015 Government-in-Action Youth Tour followed the service awards.

The business meeting was then held. Wendell Morrow, member of the Nominating Committee, got the board election started by reading the list of those nominated to run for the two seats on the Lyntegar board. Earl Brown and Ben Franklin were both re-elected to the board of directors.

The meeting closed with the presentation of prizes, where there were a total of 46 winners. This included the grand prize of a 50" LG smart television.

One dead in three-vehicle accident near O'Donnell One man was killed early

Sunday in an accident involving three vehicles at the intersection of U.S. 87 and FM 2053 just north of

Tony Carmona, 49, of San Juan, TX died at a Lubbock hospital about 5 a.m., just under three hours after the accident. The report of an investigating state trooper said Carmona was the driver of a 1996 Chevrolet Camaro that had stopped at the intersection, and then pulled out into the path of a 2013 Ford F-250 pickup headed north on US 87.

When the two vehicles collided, the Camaro spun into the median where it came to rest, and the Ford, driven by Peyton Wilde, 27, of Lubbock, then veered into the southbound lane, where it struck a 2006 Chevrolet pickup driven by Miguel Reyna, 49, of O'Donnell.

Carmona was taken by Aero-Care helicopter to University Medical Center in Lubbock. Also taken by ambulance to that hospital for treatment of unspecified injuries was Carmona's son, name and age not listed, who was a passenger in

Not treated for injuries were Wilde or Reyna, who just last week was named police chief at Tahoka. None of the three vehicles involved overturned, according to the Dept. of Public Safety report.

A Lubbock Avalanche-Journal report Tuesday said a fourth vehicle was involved, struck by flying debris, but this information was not confirmed by the DPS report Mon-

A Tahoka Police Dept. spokesman said this week that new information on a reported shooting here in April has shown the report to be false. At that time, a 23-yearold Tahoka man suffered a bullet wound in his leg, and claimed that the shot came from an unknown source as he was standing in his yard. Police said it now has been determined that the man shot himself accidentally and that charges of filing a false report and unlawful possession of a firearm are pend-

On Aug. 10, Zachary Tate Lerma of Tahoka reported the theft of an Apple iPod plus other items including about 300 DVDs from his residence in Tahoka. A suspect was named. Exact value of the stolen items was not listed, but the police case was designated as a theft over \$500 and less than \$1500.

Last Saturday, Maribel Perez of Tahoka advised police that the driver's side mirror on her 2009 Ford Expedition was damaged while it was parked near her residence and unattended. Investigation is continuing.

LEGAL NOTICES

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 32681

APPLICATION Texas Star Cooperative Gin, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 32681, which would authorize continued operation of a cotton gin located at 1004 Mirrun, Wilson, Lynn County, Texas 79381. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's generallocation is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to applica $tion. \ http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=33.314444\&lng=-101.7275\&zoom=13\&type=r.dexable for the state of the state of$ The existing facility and/or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, and sulfur dioxide

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on August 5, 2015. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the Lynn County Courthouse, 1501 South First Street, Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Lubbock regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of the following authorizations or changes to authorized facilities related to this permit. alterations, amendments, permits by rule, and changes in emission factors. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 18006874040. The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 18006874040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Texas Star Cooperative Gin, 4421 East Farm-to-Market Road 41. Slaton, Texas 79364-7761 or by calling Mr. J. Kelley Green, Texas Cotton Ginners' Association, at (512) 615-1102.

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