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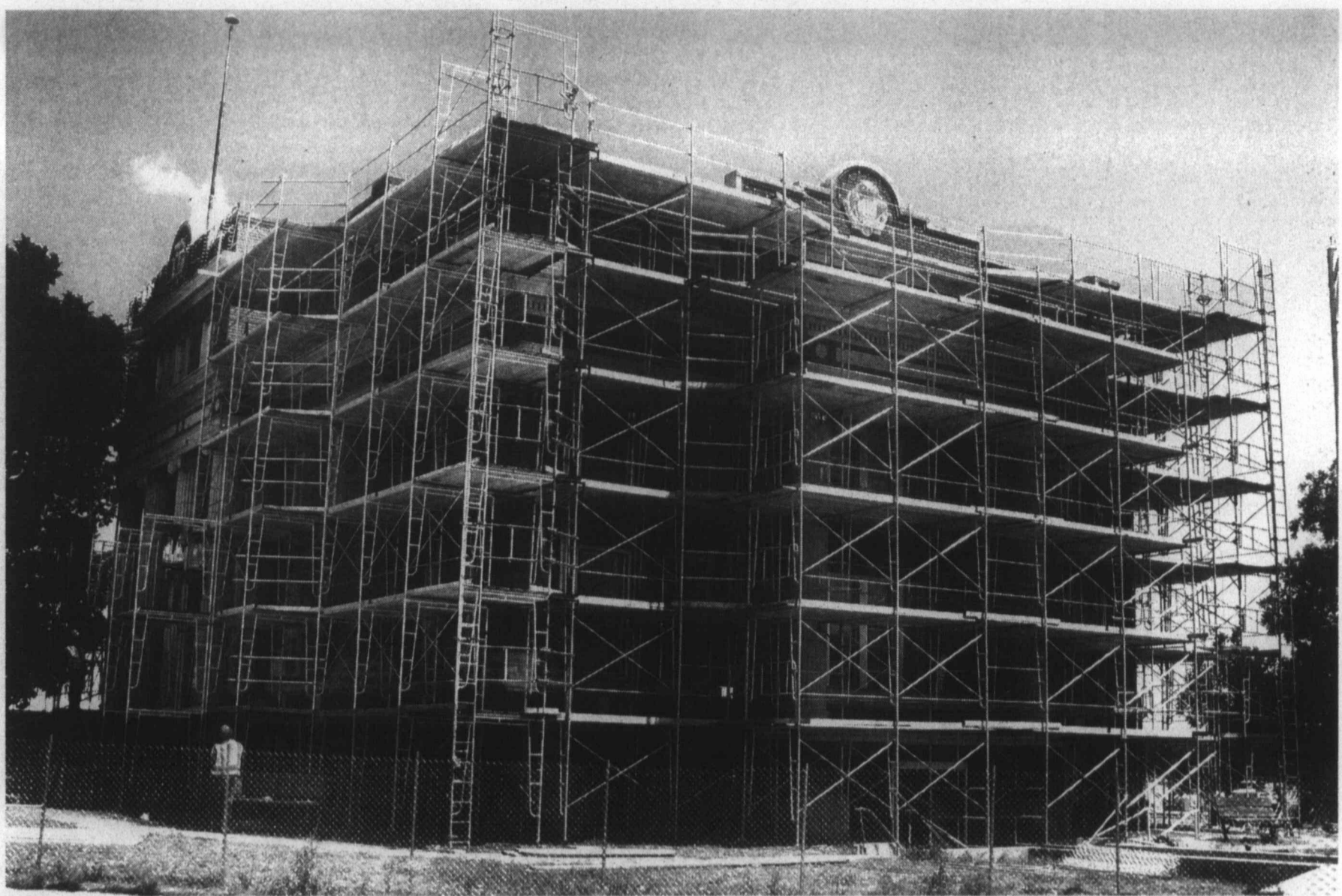
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### Stairway to Heaven?

Not quite, but the scaffolding and ladderwork outside the Lynn County Courthouse ascends into the sky, as workers prepare for extensive exterior restoration work on the brick and masonry on the courthouse. Inside the building, abatement crews are working to remove asbestos from all four levels, from underneath tile on the first floor and basement levels, and from plaster and wall coverings on the second and third floor areas. Work crews are also removing ceilings, beginning electrical and plumbing work, taking window frames out, removing door hardware, and other interior work. It's all part of the historical restoration/renovation of the courthouse, a project that is under the auspices of the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program (THCPP), with grant funds assisting the local matching funds. The Lynn County Courthouse was built in 1916, which makes it 101 years old.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



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## Where now?

Where are Tahoka High School exes, and what are they doing now? Send us a few sentences about any Tahoka ex, and tell us what year they graduated and where they are now, what job they have, etc., and we will publish in our Sept. 14 issue just prior to Tahoka's Homecoming. Share the good news!  
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## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug 1	84	67	0.32"
Aug 2	84	65	0.30"
Aug 3	83	64	
Aug 4	87	64	
Aug 5	90	67	
Aug 6	96	69	
Aug 7	94	70	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	2.51"
Total Precip for Feb:	1.16"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.21"
Total Precip for Apr:	2.88"
Total Precip for May:	0.10"
Total Precip for June:	2.49"
Total Precip for July:	1.86"
Total Precip for Aug:	0.62"
Total Precip. for 2017:	11.83"



Welcome to Tahoka ... Kathy Grant, Public Relations director with Lynn County Hospital District, (right) greets Alan Umholtz and his wife, Beth, at a meet and greet reception for the new Tahoka ISD Superintendent on Monday. Umholtz is friendly and eager to meet local residents, and he and his wife say they are pleased to move to Tahoka to join the school district here.  
(LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)

## Wilson VFD responds to house fire; tires slashed on five vehicles here

**by JUANEL JONES**  
A house fire and reports of criminal mischief were among reports from the Lynn County Sheriff's Office this week, and Tahoka Police are investigating several incidents of tire slashing.  
Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. was paged out to a fire at a home at 1206 E. Studeman in Wilson last Friday at 1:35 a.m., after the homeowner called 9-1-1 to report a bathroom was filled with smoke. EMS was also dispatched, and reportedly transported one patient for breathing difficulty due to smoke. No report was available as to the condition of the home.  
Criminal mischief was reported at 12:20 p.m. last Tuesday. A homeowner reported that someone had run over a chain link fence on their property on the east side of US 87 just south of the cemetery overpass.  
A tandem fell off a tractor in the south-bound lane of US 87, 11 miles north of Tahoka last Thursday about

1:20 in the afternoon, which required traffic to be detoured while it was removed. Trespassing was reported on the Wilson city farm last Thursday at 8:30 a.m., with vehicles "mudding" in the ditches, and a Wilson resident reported that an I-phone was stolen Sunday night.  
Tahoka Police are investigating several incidents of tire slashing that occurred last Wednesday night/Thursday morning in the northwest section of Tahoka. Tires on five vehicles in that area were slashed, all belonging to different owners, including a white Tahoe, a white Ford pickup, a maroon Ford Explorer, a blue Dodge pickup, and a silver Pontiac Firebird. Police Chief Miguel Reyna said they have good leads to pursue in this case.  
Police arrested a 33-year-old Lubbock woman on charges of Driving While Intoxicated, after investigating a call reporting a reckless driver coming into Tahoka at 11:45 p.m.  
(See POLICE REPORT, page 3)

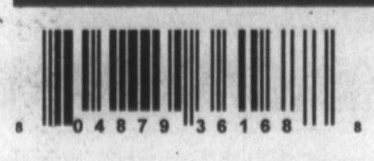
## School districts set public meetings for proposed tax rates/budgets

Three school districts in Lynn County have scheduled public meetings to discuss budgets and proposed tax rates, according to notices printed in this week's *Lynn County News*.  
Tahoka, New Home and O'Donnell school districts are publishing notices that indicate the proposed tax rates that will be considered for adoption. Wilson ISD has not yet released that information to *The News*. The following information was taken from the notices being published.  
**Tahoka ISD proposal is 14.5-cent increase**  
Tahoka ISD is proposing a total tax rate of \$1.60 per \$100 of property value, which would include \$1.17 in Maintenance & Operations (M&O) and 0.43173-cents per \$100 of property value in the Interest & Sinking (I&S) Fund. The total tax rate is 14.5-cent higher than last year's total tax rate, which had an M&O at \$1.17, and an I&S rate of 0.28600-cents, for a total tax rate last year of \$1.456.  
TISD has a debt obligation of \$8,110,000 that I&S funds will be used to pay.

Average market value of residences within the TISD has increased, from \$55,955 last year to \$56,034 this year, and the taxes due on an average residence would increase by \$63.07 this year.  
The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.60.  
A public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31 in the TISD Administration/Harvick Building in Tahoka.  
**O'Donnell ISD proposal is 1-cent decrease**  
O'Donnell ISD is proposing a total tax rate of \$1.49 per \$100 of property value, which would include \$1.11 in Maintenance & Operations (M&O) and 0.38-cents per \$100 of property value in the Interest & Sinking (I&S) Fund. The total tax rate is 1-cent lower than last year's total tax rate, although the M&O for last year was higher by 0.06-cents at \$1.17, but the I&S rate was lower, at 0.33-cents, for a total tax rate last year of \$1.50.  
OISD has a debt obligation of  
(See PROPOSED TAX RATES, page 4)



One-on-one time ... Tahoka High School AD/Head Football Coach Stephen Overstreet takes a little one-on-one time with one of his players, during two-a-day workouts this week. The Bulldogs will open at home on Sept. 1, hosting Crosbyton.  
(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



## Did you know?

It takes about 600 cows to make one full season's worth of NFL footballs. A cow has only a 1 in 17,420,000 chance of becoming an NFL football that is used in the Super Bowl.

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**Obituaries**



**Alice Marie Hatchet**

Mrs. Alice Hatchet, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend departed this life on July 30, 2017 at the age of 72. She was born in Edge, Texas on March 13, 1945 to Tony and Alberta (Harris) Wilson. She married Ervin Hatchet, Jr. on December 11, 1964 in Tahoka, and they were together for 35 years before he passed. She was a member of the Greater Antioch Baptist Church. She was an active member of the choir mission Sunday school and the Usher Board.

She is preceded in death by eight sisters; five brothers; and daughter Uronda Hatchet.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Casandra Tillman and husband, David, Alwyn Hatchet, and Dereck and wife Gina Hatchet, Sr. of Rockport, Texas; five grandchildren, David Tillman, Jr., Donovan Tillman, Dereck Hatchet, Jr., Kiana Hatchet, and Devin Hatchet; sister-in-law, Laura Wilson, brother-in-law, Rev. Roosevelt Moore, one special nephew, Charles Wilson and wife, Monica of San Angelo; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Celebration of Life services were held on Friday, August 4, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, with interment at Nevels Cemetery.

Help the family celebrate the life of Alice by visiting [www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com) (PAID)



**Margaret J. Hardt**

Margaret J. Hardt, 86, of Tahoka died on July 27, 2017. She was born on March 14, 1931.

Services are pending. She married Warren Hardt, Jr. and he preceded her in death on April 13, 2003. She was also preceded in death by her parents, on son Jack Matheson, and one step-son Walter Hardt.

Survivors include one son, Warren Hardt of Tahoka; step-sons Ronny Hardt, and Robert Hardt, both of Tahoka; and one step-daughter, Teresia Devine of Tahoka. (PAID)

**TISD Dual Credit meeting set for students/parents**

There will be a mandatory Dual Credit meeting for all Tahoka ISD students who are taking Dual Credit courses this fall and their parents. It will be held on Thursday, August 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library following the Title I meeting, which is at 5:30. This is in conjunction with the Open House and Meet the Bulldogs.

**Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU**

August 15-19

**Monday:** Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, pears

**Tuesday:** Chicken fajitas, chuckwagon corn, fajita veg., fruit cocktail

**Wednesday:** Lasagna, spinach, salad, banana

**Thursday:** Chicken tenders, gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, mandarin oranges

**Friday:** Ham & beans, cornbread, spinach, corn, apple crisp

Mark your calendars...

• **Game Day Tuesdays...** On Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. we will have game days. Dominoes, cards and you can also bring your favorite game!

• Donations to benefit the Center for the building fund are greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible; we are a 501(c)3 organization. An account has been set up at the First National Bank of Tahoka.

**Lynn County Harvest Festival September 16**

*Where in the world is*  
**The Lynn County News?**  
**San Diego**



**California fun ...** The Edwards' cousins gathered in San Diego to celebrate the oldest cousin's 70th birthday in July, taking their picture with *The Lynn County News*. Pictured are Mary Ann Edwards, Donna Stone, Cody Dieson, Kalia Galvan, Elva Edwards, Kena Galvan, Calva Ledbetter, and Cody Galvan. San Diego is 1,036 miles from Tahoka.

A look back at ...  
**Woodwork**  
*(Reprinted from the past)* Dalton Wood

**W**E ALL HAVE heard the advice, "Don't sweat the small stuff," and preachers and others are always urging us to keep our sights set on the really important things in life, higher goals and all that. But that doesn't keep most of us from getting all bent out of shape over things which really don't matter much.

For example, I still get bothered by people who install toilet paper so that it feeds from the bottom of the roll instead of the top. I even wrote a column about this once.

Even my wife, who has better priorities than I do, has a couple of little things which bug her. For one, she really hates it when I open the car door and leave the key in the ignition for a few seconds. The beeping sound greatly irritates her and I usually am immediately advised of this.

That's just one little thing. I, on the other hand, am bothered by lots of little things. Just last Sunday at the noon meal I commented negatively on the mashed potatoes. "I like potatoes fixed almost any old way, but I really don't like them that much mashed," I said. And one of my daughters spoke right up:

"We know, dad. You say that every time," implying that nobody wants to hear it again.

I don't believe I say it every time. I remember once in 1993 when I had a cold and lost my voice, I didn't say anything about the mashed potatoes.

Back to the bathroom for a minute: One thing which really bothers me is commodes which won't flush, especially those which flush just fine for everybody else, but don't work properly when I trip the handle. I complain about the equipment and someone else steps into the bathroom and flushes it the very first time. Then they go off muttering things like "that old guy has a college degree and he can't even flush a commode."

There are many little things which bother people, and none of them matter much in the long run.

So I am going to try to ignore all those little things I don't like and concentrate on things I do like. As soon as I can come up with any.

AMONG THE THINGS I can't help being bothered by is the high cost of everything, like the water bill I received from the city of Tahoka last week. It was easily the highest one I ever got. I noticed there was a statement stamped on the bill which advised that "Swimming pool opens June 3." I guess they must have filled it with water channeled through my meter. ~May 31, 2005

**Bell schedule for THS/TMS students set for 2017-18**

Tahoka Middle and High School officials have released the following Bell Schedule for the 2017-18 school year.  
Tutorials: 7:50 - 8:20  
1st Period: 8:24 - 9:10  
2nd Period: 9:14 - 10:00  
3rd Period: 10:04 - 10:50  
4th Period: 10:54 - 11:40  
5th Period: 11:44 - 12:30  
Lunch: 12:34 - 1:10  
6th Period: 1:14 - 2:00  
7th Period: 2:04 - 2:50  
8th Period: 2:54 - 3:40

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**Please visit these Lynn County Churches**

**First Methodist of Tahoka**  
1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503  
email: [functahoka@poka.com](mailto:functahoka@poka.com)  
**SUNDAYS: Sunday School - 9:30 am**  
**Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)**  
"Like" our Facebook page... [facebook/FMofTahoka](https://www.facebook.com/functahoka)  
**Let the Children Come** 7 am-6 pm M-F  
LICENSED CHILD CARE 561-4529

**Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381  
(806) 628-6471 • [www.stpaulwilson.com](http://www.stpaulwilson.com)  
**PASTOR: DAVID W. RORDE**  
Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am  
"Where Christ Serves People"

**Wilson St. John Lutheran Church**  
13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573  
Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.  
TONDA FREITAG, PLM  
Sunday School - 9:30 am • Sunday Worship - 10:45 am

**NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Corner of 4th & Smith • Pastor: Larry Maddox  
"Serving the Lord for 100 Years"  
**SERVICES:**  
Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship..... 11:00 am  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm  
Wed. Youth/Children's Activities..... 7:00 pm

**Sweet Street Baptist Church**  
1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-5310  
DAVID EARNEST, PASTOR • (806) 438-5105  
**Sunday School - 9:45 am**  
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)  
**Morning Worship - 10:50 am**  
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)  
**Wednesday Night - 6 pm**  
(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**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

**The Footprints of Angels**  
*Romans 7:14-8:2*  
**M**y nine-year-old daughter gave me a watercolor painting she had done. It was a snowy woodland scene, but at the top near the center was an inch-long brown streak. I told her how pretty it was and asked her to explain it to me. She pointed to this feature and that, then finally to the brown streak. She said, "I guess you're wondering what that is. It's really a mistake. But you can just think of it as an angel's footprint." Mistakes are part of life. What a blessing my daughter gave me that day, though, in the thought that sometimes our mistakes can be seen as the footprints of angels. When we become aware of some shortcoming or sinful attitude, perhaps it is one of God's divine messengers tiptoeing into our hearts, pointing those things out to us. Rather than wallowing in guilt, maybe we should consider being grateful that God is at work within us.

P. Harmon, S. Carolina (from The Upper Room)  
**Do you need a church home? Please visit one of the churches listed on this page. May the peace and love of God, in Christ, be with you.**

**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

**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

**First Baptist Church**  
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373  
(806) 561-4557 • [www.fbctahoka.org](http://www.fbctahoka.org)  
**PASTOR CLIFF HOLDRIDGE**  
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  
There's A Place For Me at FBC!

**New Home United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Madoc Thomas  
(806) 470-2939  
[emt@madocthomas.com](mailto:emt@madocthomas.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: [tcoc@poka.com](mailto:tcoc@poka.com)  
Sunday School - 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship - 11 am  
Fellowship & Devotion - Wednesday 6:30 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 - 11:50 am & 6:30 pm  
Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday 6:30 pm Wednesdays  
Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages  
• Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth

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Tackle Football - \$75 per child  
3rd through 6th Grade  
Cheerleaders - \$50 per child  
Pre-K through 6th grade  
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**Reading is fun ...** Mayor John Baker is pictured with Summer Reading children group 3rd-5th grade who attended the City-County Library Summer Reading Awards program.

## NEWS from the Library

CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY  
1717 Main St. • Tahoka TX  
(Inside the Life Enrichment Center)

### Summer Reading Awards Ceremony

The City-County Library hosted our Summer Reading Awards ceremony August 3rd. This summer was an outstanding turnout doubling in numbers of participants compared to last year. We at the library are very proud of these kids and ecstatic to honor them for their hard work. Parents were recognized with a Certificate of Making a Difference and summer reading participants were rewarded with their very own Gold Dollar Medal along with their very own certificate. Winners were rewarded with 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place trophies and gift cards to Cinemark Theaters and Altitude Trampoline Park. We were honored to have Mayor John Baker present all of the awards. We would also like to give a big thank you to our 2017 Summer Reading Sponsors: Leighton & Joan Knox for Trophies, First Bank & Trust for Gold Dollars, George's Restaurant Gift Cards, & Tahoka Donuts Gift Cards.

### Once upon a time...

City-County Library is excited to have Rebecca Dimak continue Toddler Story Time. A retired teacher of 12 years at Tahoka Elementary, Rebecca is married to Scott Dimak and the proud mother of two daughters McKenzie and Maci who are lifeguards at the Tahoka City Pool. She also owns her own Younique Cosmetics business. Rebecca loves working with young children and enjoys spending time with family and friends. Please join Rebecca Wednesday August 16th at 10:30 am and let imagination take you and your child away through a book.

### August Jenga Winner

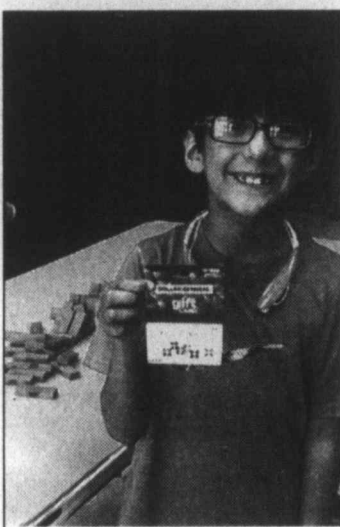
Ethan Cavillo was the Jenga Tournament winner for the month of August. The next tournament will be Wednesday, September 6th at 4:15pm. All current 3rd grade children through 8th grade may enter the



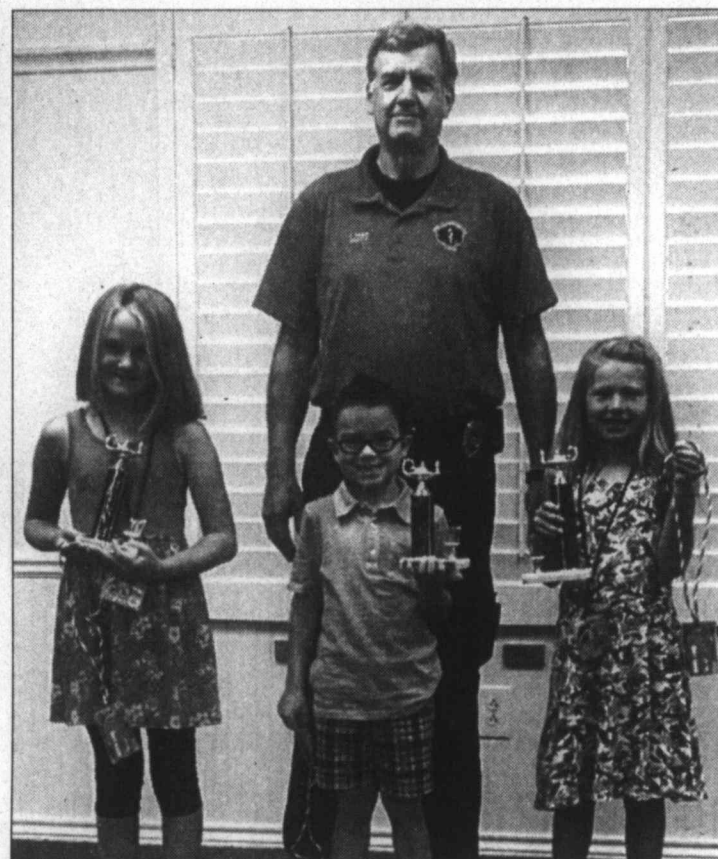
**Great kids ...** Tahoka Mayor, John Baker, is pleased to be pictured with Summer Reading K-2 children who attended the Summer Reading Awards program at the City/County Library.



**Best readers ...** Mayor John Baker was pleased to present trophy winners in the 3rd-5th grade group in the Summer Reading program hosted by the City-County Library: 1st place Denton Moore, 2nd place Kassius Ramos and 3rd place Jacob Tew.



**Jenga winner ...** Ethan Cavillo is the August Jenga Tournament winner at the City-County Library. All kids currently in 3rd - 8th grade are welcome to join the fun Wednesday, September 6th at 4:15 pm.



**They love to read ...** Tahoka Mayor, John Baker, is pictured with Summer Reading K-2 trophy winners: Chelsea Colwell, 2nd place; Cason Curry, 3rd place; and Ava Bond, 1st place, at the City/County Library in Tahoka.

## Police report ...

(Continued from page 1)

During the month of July, Lynn County Sheriff's Office communications staff processed 416 calls including 165 for Lynn County, 138 for City of Tahoka, 46 for Animal Control, 41 for EMS, 20 for City of O'Donnell, and 6 for fire departments.

Lynn County Jail held 36 inmates during the week, including 15 for Lynn County, 12 for Ector County, and 9 for Dawson County.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Where are Tahoka High School exes, and what are they doing now? Send us a few sentences about any Tahoka ex, and tell us what year they graduated and where they are now, what job, etc., and we will publish in our Sept. 14 issue just prior to Tahoka's Homecoming. Share the good news! Email to: [LynnCoNews@poka.com](mailto:LynnCoNews@poka.com)

tournament. Winners pictures are posted on the Jenga Winners board in the City-County Library. Thank you, Tahoka Donuts, for donating snacks on Wednesdays for the children.

## 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 24, 2017 in the School Board Room 400 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	\$1.11 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.38 / \$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	6 % (decrease)
Debt service	10 % increase	or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	0 % increase	or	24 % (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	\$ 357,780,213	\$ 340,236,762
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 174,830	\$ 556,080
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 112,355,962	\$ 95,079,380
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 141,930	\$ 552,580

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

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness*	\$ 13,058,000
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\* 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	\$ 0.33 *	\$ 1.50	\$ 3,553	\$ 8,113
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.11	\$ .38*	\$ 1.49	\$ 3,721	\$ 9,360
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.11	\$ 0.38*	\$ 1.49	\$ 3,721	\$ 9,360

\* 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	\$ 39,681	\$ 37,353
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 14,681	\$ 12,353
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.49
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 220.21	\$ 184.06
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$	\$ -36.15

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 1.49. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.49.

### 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)	\$ 3,783,549
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 158,030

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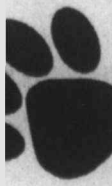
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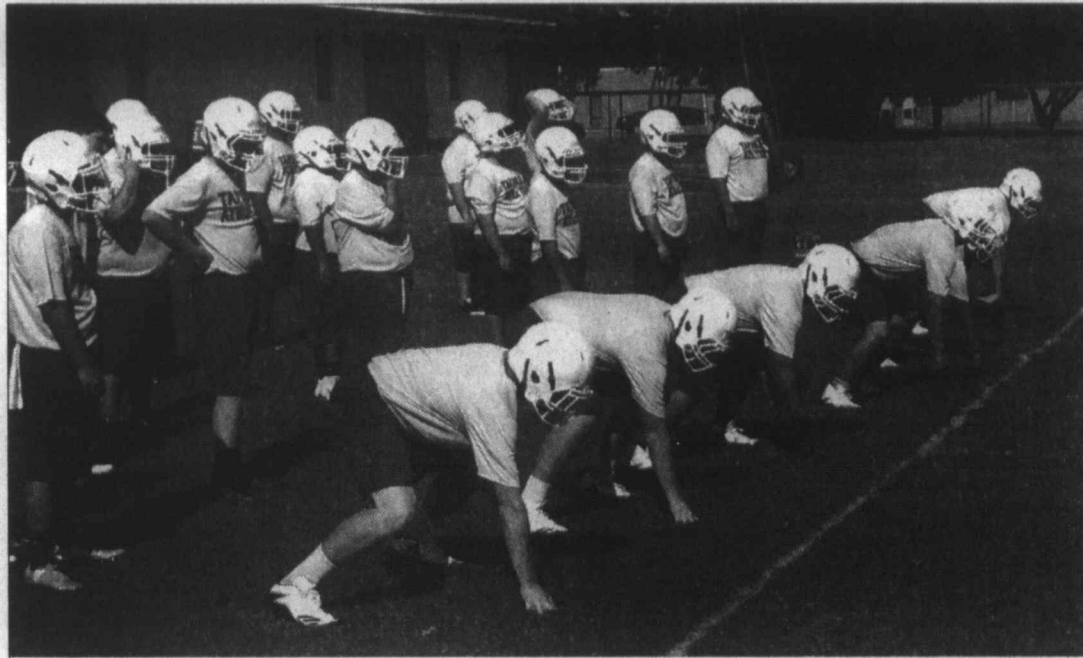


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**Producers invited to Farm Bill session in Lubbock Aug. 17**

On Aug. 17 at 1:30 p.m., the Lubbock, Lynn/Garza County Farm Bureaus will sponsor a Farm Bill discussion and meeting at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture. Speakers will include Michael White, Vice President of Texas Farm Bureau, Dr. Darren Hudson, Professor of Agriculture and Applied Economics at Texas Tech University, and District 19 Congressman Jodey Arrington, Congressional House Ag Committee Member. A panel discussion will follow the speakers, led by Tom Sell of Combest, Sell and Associates. All interested people are encouraged to attend.



**Two-a-day practice ...** The Tahoka High School football squad began two-a-day workouts on Monday, to prepare for the 2017 football season. The Dogs will scrimmage at Olton on Friday, Aug. 18, at 6 p.m., and will host a scrimmage on Friday, Aug. 25 with Trinity Christian and Roosevelt, also at 6 p.m. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

**Wilson VFD gun raffle tickets available now**

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Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 18	Olton (Scrimmage)	Olton	6:00
Aug. 25	Trinity Christian / Roosevelt (Scr)	Tahoka	6:00
Sept. 1	Crosbyton	Tahoka	7:30
Sept. 8	Post	Tahoka	7:30
Sept. 15	Springlake-Earth (Homecoming)	Tahoka	7:30
Sept. 22	Smyer	Smyer	7:30
Sept. 29	Sundown	Sundown	7:30
Oct. 6	Open		
Oct. 13	Seagraves	Seagraves	7:00
Oct. 20	Roby	Roby	7:00
Oct. 27	Hamlin	Tahoka	7:00
Nov. 3	Roscoe	Roscoe	7:00
Nov. 10	Plains (Parents Night)	Tahoka	7:00

**Community Walk to Stop Diabetes is next Tuesday**

Area citizens are invited to participate in the "Community Walk To Stop Diabetes" event next Tuesday, Aug. 15, from 6-8 p.m. The walk starts at 6 p.m. from the grounds of Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka. This fun event is sponsored

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**Proposed tax rates ...**

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\$13,058,000 in bonded indebtedness that I&S funds will be used to pay.

Average market value of residences within the OISD has declined, from \$39,681 last year to \$37,353 this year, and the taxes due on an average residence would lower by \$36.15 this year.

The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.49.

A public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24 in the OISD Board Room, 400 Small Street in O'Donnell.

**New Home ISD proposal is 4.5-cent decrease**

New Home ISD is proposing a total tax rate of \$1.36950 per \$100 of property value, which would include \$1.17 in Maintenance & Operations (M&O) and 0.19950-cents per \$100 of property value in the Interest & Sinking (I&S) Fund. The total tax rate is about 4.5-cents lower than last year's total tax rate, which had an M&O rate at \$1.17, and an I&S rate at 0.24440-cents, for a total tax rate last year of \$1.41440.

NHISD has a debt obligation of \$5,100,000 in bonded indebtedness that I&S funds will be used to pay.

Average market value of residences within the NHISD has increased, from \$128,464 last year to \$153,555 this year, and the taxes due on an average residence would increase by \$297.27 this year.

The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.36950.

A public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28 in the New Home ISD Board Room, 225 North Main, New Home.

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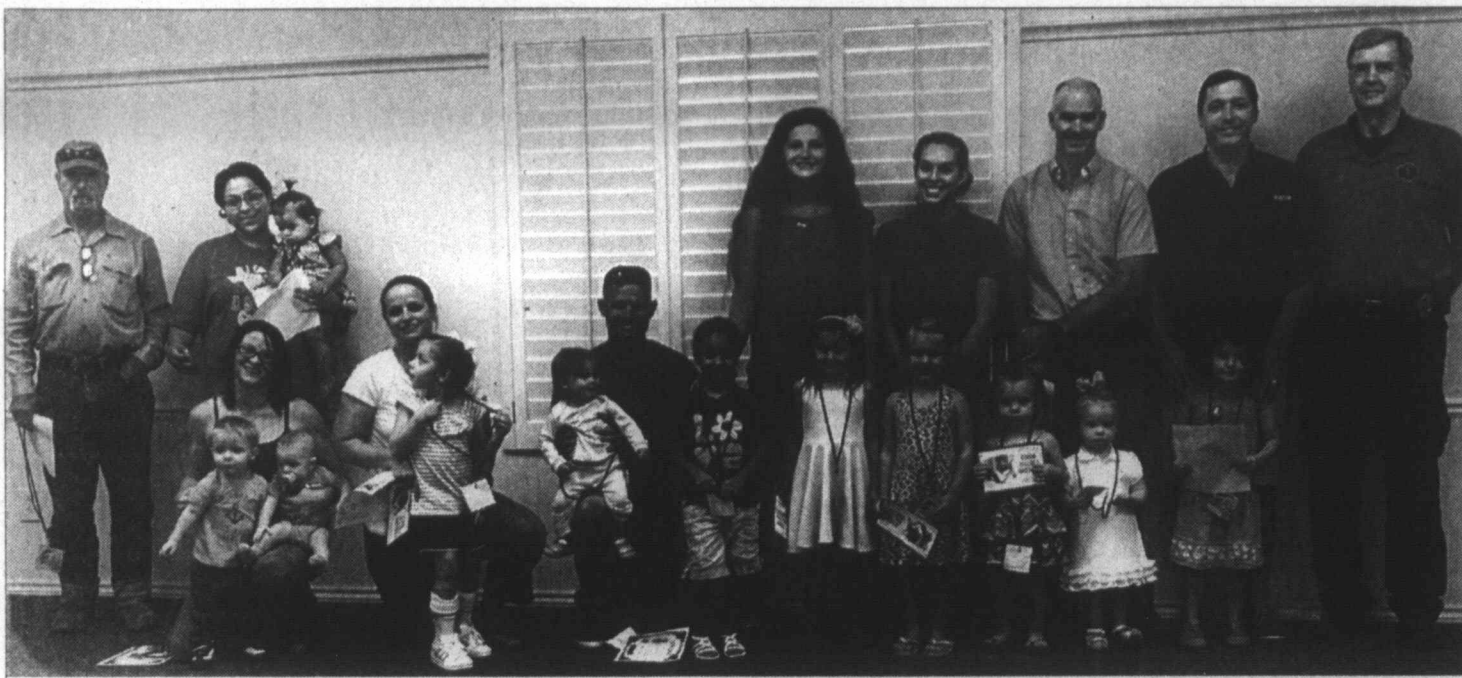
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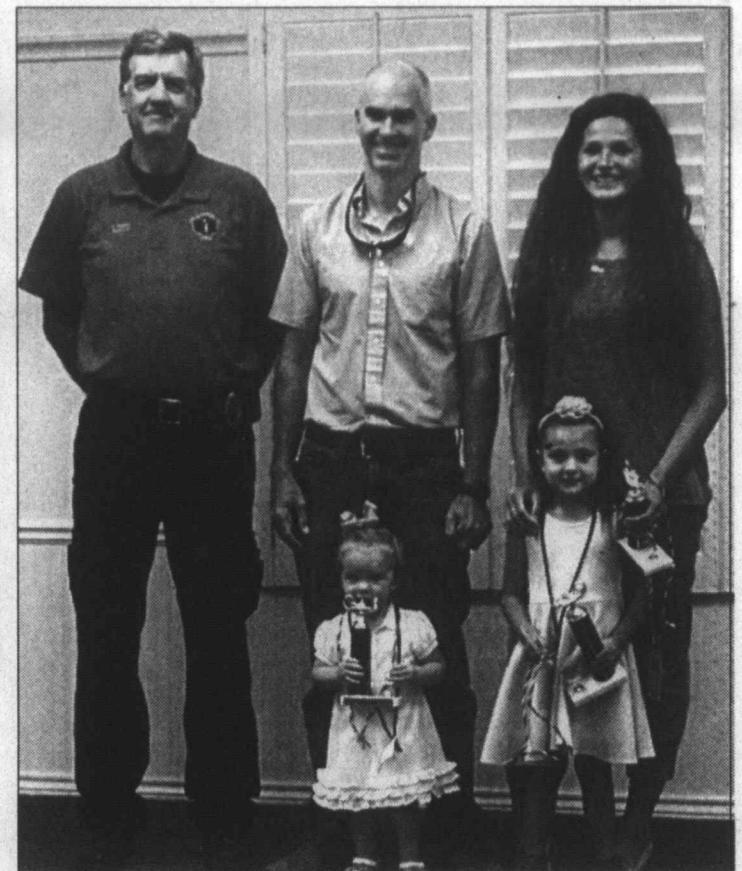
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Read to Me ... Tahoka Mayor, John Baker (right) is pictured with Read to Me children and their parents who were at the Summer Reading Awards program, at the City/County Library.



Thanks for reading to me ... Tahoka Mayor, John Baker (left) is pictured with Summer Reading 'Read to Me' trophy winners: 2nd place, Kenna Curry and her father Ryan Curry; 1st place, Evianne Bond and her mother Keturah Bond; 3rd place, Zoe Bond not pictured. The program was sponsored by the City/County Library.

**WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS** by Jessica McBride

There has been a slight change to the school uniforms at Wilson ISD. The district will not fully implement the new dress code until the second six weeks, October 9th. This is in order to comply with the Texas Education Code of allowing 90 days before implementing a uniform dress code. However, parents can have their students in the new dress code uniforms Day One of school.

Also, the district will provide each student two polo shirts at no cost. We will have an online order form available on the school website shortly. Parents will be able to order additional shirts at \$7 each as well as Wilson logo shirts for \$15 each. First day of school will be Monday, August 28.

The school supply list can be found on the Wilson ISD web site. Along with all rules for the dress code. As a reminder, the dress code from last year will be in forced until October

9th. Transfer information is also available on the website.

This Saturday, August 12, at 10 a.m., will be the Meet the Mustangs on the football field. Come out and meet all the football players, cheerleaders, and cross country kids. You will also get to meet the new coaching staff. We have three new coaches this year. Coach Maskew, we have been lucky to have him since February. Coach Garza and Coach Foust are new to the district.

Coach Kris Foust grew up in New Mexico in the small town of House. He attended Capitan and House schools. During high school he participated in basketball, football, track and baseball. Coach Foust graduated with a Bachelor's degree in 2013. Even before fully graduating Coach Foust was assistant head coach at San Jon, New Mexico in 6-man football. He was hired in 2014 at Hagerman High School to be the Head Girls Basketball coach, as well as, coaching in middle school for football and track. The following year, he was promoted to varsity football and became

the head coach in 2016. Coach Foust will be helping with all sports for the Mustangs. Welcome Coach Foust, we are glad you are here!

On August 27 the Wilson VFD will hold their annual Fish Fry and gun raffle. The plates will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. This year's raffle includes three guns: A Ruger American Predator 6.5 Creedmoor, KEL-TEC PRM 30 22 mag, and a Henry long ranger 223. Tickets can be purchased from any of the firemen for \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Tickets are also at the Lynn County News in Tahoka.

There will also be a raffle for a "ladies surprise package." In years past, they have had some wonderful stuff in this package. I asked the fire chief, aka my dad, what was in it this year. He wouldn't tell me but says we all need to get tickets! Tickets for the ladies surprise package are \$2 each or 6 for \$10.

Everyone should make plans to attend this dinner.



It's storytime ... Rebecca Dimak will be leading the City-County Story Time starting Wednesday August 16 at 10:30 a.m.

**Lynn County Harvest Festival is Sept. 16, 2017**

To Reserve Booth Space call Rebecca Ingle 806-561-4440

**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 28, 2017 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	\$ 1.17 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$.19950 / \$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	8 % increase	or	— % (decrease)
Debt service	.04 % increase	or	— % (decrease)
Total expenditures	8.04 % increase	or	— % (decrease)

**Total Appraised Value and total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04)**

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 81,032,530	\$ 98,140,660
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 2,325,780	\$ 5,381,930
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 69,526,870	\$ 82,625,150
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 2,061,090	\$ 5,317,770

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8).  
 \*\* "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\* \$ 5,100,000.00  
 \* 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	\$ 1.17000	\$.24440*	\$ 1.41440	\$ 2,441	\$ 8,067
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.16334	\$.19953*	\$ 1.36287	\$ 2,304	\$ 8,217
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$.19950*	\$ 1.36950	\$ 2,647	\$ 8,217

\* 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	\$ 128,464.00	\$ 153,555.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 103,464.00	\$ 128,555.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.41	\$ 1.36950
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1,463.29	\$ 1,760.56
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$	\$ 297.27

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 1.36950. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.36950.

**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)	\$ 823,076.86
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 26,768.04

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

The Tahoka Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 31, 2017 in the board room of the Harvick Education Building, 2129 Main St., Tahoka, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.17 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$.43 / \$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	0.00 % (decrease)
Debt service	10 % increase	or	0.00 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	10 % increase	or	0.00 % (decrease)

\* 100% increase in debt service taxation is due to the fact that the district had zero debt service taxation last fiscal year.

**Total Appraised Value and total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04)**

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 156,710,166	\$ 160,180,440
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 2,637,430	\$ 2,236,570
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 111,941,706	\$ 115,290,888
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 2,360,060	\$ 2,235,910

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8).  
 \*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17).  
 \*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10).

**Bonded Indebtedness**

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 8,110,000  
 \* 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	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.28600 *	\$ 1.456	\$ 3,253	\$ 9,469
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.22346	\$ 0.43173*	\$ 1.60173	\$ 3,484	\$ 9,469
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.43173*	\$ 1.60173	\$ 3,484	\$ 9,469

\* 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	\$ 55,955.00	\$ 56,034.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 30,955.00	\$ 31,034.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.46	\$ 1.60
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 450.70	\$ 513.77
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$	\$ 63.07

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 1.60. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.60.

**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)	\$ 3,325,907
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

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