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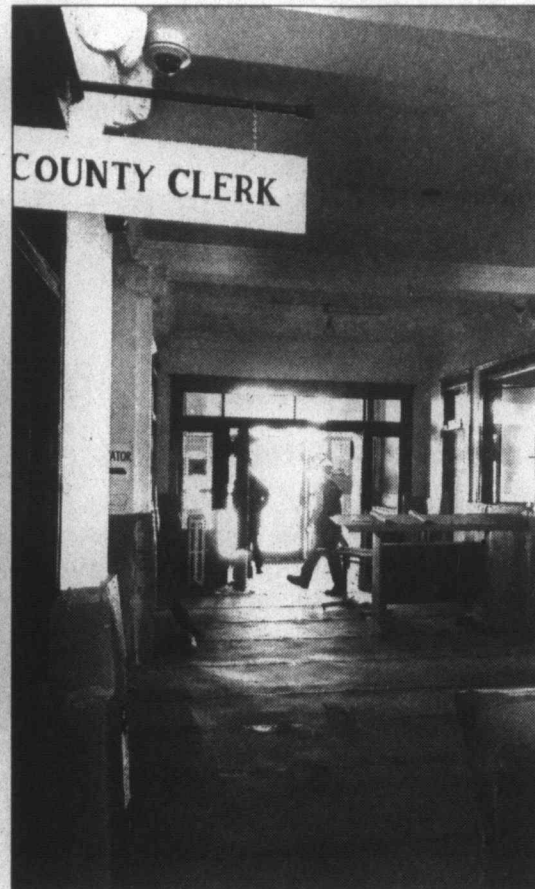
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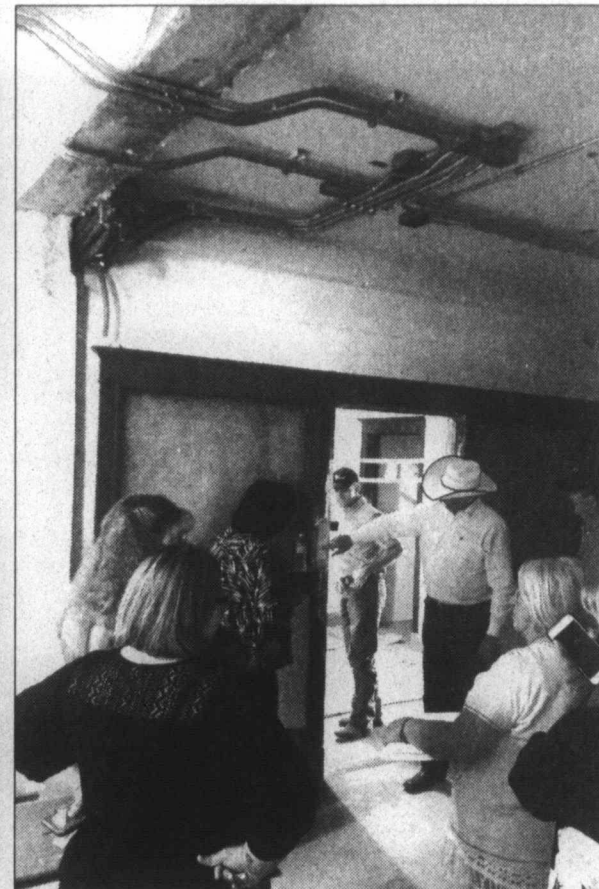
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**Renovation underway** ... On Monday, after the Lynn County Commissioners meeting, the County Judge, Commissioners and several other county officials ventured into the Lynn County Courthouse to see how the renovation project is getting underway. Construction workers have covered the original tile floors and marble stairways to protect them during the project, and repair of window facings, electrical and other work is just beginning. The 101-year-old courthouse, until now, was heated with the original floor and wall radiators using the original boiler in the basement. With the renovation, a new geo-thermal heating and cooling system will be installed, and most of the old radiators will be removed. Some will be placed in the public areas of the courthouse for historical value, but will be for looks only. It is anticipated that an auction may be held at a later date to allow the public an opportunity to purchase some of the other antique radiators, and possibly some other items that won't be used. (LCN PHOTOS by Juanell Jones)



Pictured at left is a first floor office that was originally the county courtroom and commissioners meeting room, which is all going to be restored to its original use, with the original wood floors restored as well. The center photo is in the foyer looking out the front doors, and at right County Judge Mike Braddock shows county officials some of the carpentry work that has begun, to restore the original wood facings. During the renovation process, the courthouse and grounds are closed to the public, and all county offices have temporarily relocated.



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**Where now?**  
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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! Email to: LynnCoNews@poka.com

**What's Outside**  
NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug 8	85	67	
Aug 9	85	66	
Aug 10	92	66	
Aug 11	95	66	
Aug 12	94	68	0.47"
Aug 13	85	67	0.15"
Aug 14	92	65	

(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:	1.24"
Total Precip. for 2017:	12.45"

## County considering 4-cent decrease in property taxes; Bee attack causes man to fall from courthouse scaffolding

by JUANELL JONES

**A**n employee of Stoddard Construction, the company working on the Lynn County Courthouse renovation project, was severely injured last Friday evening when he fell from the scaffolding surrounding the outside of the courthouse.

County Judge Mike Braddock reported at Monday's commissioner meeting that the man is in stable condition in a Lubbock hospital following the incident, with a shattered hip and elbow after falling from scaffolding about midway up the building Friday at about 5:30 p.m. Apparently the man fell as he was assisting an exterminator (who was wearing protective bee clothing) who was attempting to kill the bees. The exterminator handed down some equipment to the man below him, and that's apparently when the bees followed the equipment down and swarmed around the man, who was not wearing protective clothing. As he tried to get away from the bees, his hands apparently slipped on the railing and he fell to the ground below, narrowly missing the concrete to land on the ground. Lynn County EMS transported the man to a Lubbock hospital.

Judge Braddock said that an OSHA representative would be visit-

ing the courthouse in regards to the incident. Jerry Kissling, Superintendent of Stoddard Construction, told *The News* Monday that all scaffolding on the courthouse meets OSHA safety requirements.

In other business at Monday's commissioner meeting, commissioners and Judge Braddock said that the county is considering proposing a decrease in the county tax rate, after looking at budget issues and expected revenue. Currently set at 89-cents per \$100 of property value, county officials are considering a 4-cent decrease, down to 85-cents. The proposed tax rate is anticipated to be published in the Aug. 31 issue of *The Lynn County News*.

"I think we are fortunate to be able to do this (lowering the tax rate), and we are pleased to be considering a decrease of four cents," Judge Braddock said at the meeting.

Commissioners discussed setting specifications for caliching county roads, in order to have standards set



**Welcome to the TISD Board** ... Clay Taylor, President of the Board of Trustees for Tahoka Independent School District, welcomes newly-appointed trustee Lisa Hawthorne to the Board. She was appointed last week to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of trustee Cathy Box.

in the event that other individuals seek permission from the county to caliche a county road. The specifications will be outlined and then considered at a later meeting for adoption.

Commissioners approved the purchase of a used Caterpillar maintainer for Precinct 1 at a cost of \$122,000.

Commissioners approved a list of county holidays for 2018, and (See COMMISSIONERS, page 4)

## Lisa Hawthorne appointed to TISD Board

In action taken at last week's Board of Trustees meeting of the Tahoka Independent School District, trustees voted to appoint Lisa Hawthorne to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of trustee Cathy Box.

Mrs. Hawthorne was installed as a new board member, taking the official oath of office at the meeting.

With the appointment of Mrs. Hawthorne, the TISD Board of Trustees once again has a full slate of seven members. Clay Taylor is Board President, and other members include Scott Dimak, Doug Green, Jon Luna, Blanda Watts and Drew Stone.

## Tahoka ISD lowers proposed tax rate

Tahoka Independent School District, which published its proposed tax rate of \$1.60 in last week's *Lynn County News*, has changed their proposal, and is publishing a new notice in this issue that lowers the former proposed tax rate by 8 cents, to \$1.52. The new proposal includes an I&S tax rate of 35-cents, instead of 43-cents which was in the initial proposal.

Tahoka ISD is proposing a total tax rate of \$1.52 (instead of last week's figure of \$1.60) per \$100 of property value, which would include \$1.17 in Maintenance & Operations (M&O) and \$0.35173-cents per \$100 of property value (down from last week's proposal of 0.43173-cents) in the Interest

& Sinking (I&S) Fund. The new proposed total tax rate is 6.5-cents 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.

According to information from TISD Superintendent Alan Umholtz, school officials were able to lower the I&S tax rate by seeking state assistance from the Existing Debt Allotment Program. In this program, the state helps pay off some of the bond payment, for qualifying school districts. Supt. Umholtz just recently received notice that Tahoka ISD was approved for the program, thereby allowing the new lower proposed tax rate.

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 \$40.07 this year. (See TISD Notice on page 3.)

The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.52.

A public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31 in the TISD Administration/Harvick Building in Tahoka, to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.

## Bulldogs to scrimmage at Olton Friday night

The Tahoka Bulldogs will travel to Olton Friday, Aug. 18 for their first scrimmage of the season, at 6 p.m. The Dogs will host a scrimmage the following Friday, Aug. 25, with Trinity Christian and Roosevelt, starting at 6 p.m. Season opener for the Bulldogs is at home against Crosbyton, Sept. 1.



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**Masonic Lodge Service Awards ...** On August 1, 2017 the Tahoka Masonic Lodge #1041 met for a meal and to award Brother Tom Lusk, a 50-year pin, and Brother Richard Bruns, a 60-year pin. Pictured back row from left: Ed Follis, Earl Clark, Leighton Knox, Gene Ingle, Robert Woodfin, and Marc Maule. Front row: Royce Dycess, Ted Franklin, Richard Bruns (60-year pin), District Judge Carter Schildknecht, Tom Lusk (50-year pin), and Milt Draper.

**Harvest Festival seeks young ladies for Queen candidates**

The Lynn County Harvest Festival Queen scholarship contest will be held on Sept. 16, 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.org.

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. 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 careers.

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 Queen raffle tickets. This year's Queen raffle ticket features 5 chances to win \$2000 in prizes, including a grand prize of a \$1000 prepaid Visa card, and four drawings for \$250 prepaid Visa cards. The drawings will be held at the Harvest Festival on Saturday, Sept. 16.



**Practice, practice ...** Tahoka High School football team continues with two-a-day practices this week, working on drills and techniques to prepare them for the upcoming season. The Dogs travel to Olton for a 6 p.m. scrimmage this Friday, and will host a scrimmage on Friday, Aug. 25 with Trinity Christian and Roosevelt. The first three games will be home games for the Bulldogs, on Sept. 1, 8 and 15, followed by four games on the road and an open date before the Bulldogs play at home again, on Oct. 27.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

**New this year: Free breakfast, lunch will be available to all TISD students**

Tahoka ISD students and parents will notice a welcome change in the school's lunch program this year - free lunches for all students. Students already get free breakfasts, but lunch has always been on a pay-as-you-go basis (except for those students whose families qualified for free or reduced price lunches).

TISD has now qualified for the Community Eligibility Program through the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program. This means that every student from Pre-K through Seniors will receive free breakfast and lunch for the 2017-2018

school year.

Schools qualifying to operate the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) provide breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

Staff will continue to pay for any meals at the cafeteria, according to school officials.

The free lunch that is available to students is the meal that would be served in the regular cafeteria line. Students will still have an option to purchase other food items through the Snack

Bar, ice cream at the Ice Cream Bar, or salads at the Salad Bar. These purchases may be paid with cash, or through prepaid charge accounts for each student.

The free breakfasts are provided to students on each campus each morning. On the elementary campus, meals are brought to the classrooms. On the middle school and high school campus, breakfast stations are at various locations where students may pick up the breakfast and take it to their classrooms.

"We are very pleased to be able to offer free breakfast and lunch to all of our students," said a school representative.

**ALL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS are invited to sign up for the Sept. 16, 2017 Lynn County Harvest Festival Queen Contest!**

Open to girls who attend Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell High Schools

**Sign ups start soon**  
To sign up, call Queen Chairman  
**Amy Rodriguez**  
806-928-0353  
or email:  
arodriguez@tahokaisd.org

CAITLYNN ADAMS  
2016 QUEEN

The Queen and top 2 Runners-up will win COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS!

**Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU**

August 21-25

**Monday:** BBQ Chicken breast, baked potato, mixed veg., mandarin oranges

**Tuesday:** Pork roast, mashed sweet potatoes, mixed veg, coleslaw, trop. fruit salad

**Wednesday:** Veg. beef stew, zucchini squash, salad, apricots

**Thursday:** Swedish meatballs, parsley noodles, angel food cake

**Friday:** Breaded fish on bun, potato wedges, coleslaw, peach chantilly

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.

**NEWS from the Library**

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

**More DVD's added**

The end of July has been hot. Take a break from the heat and come check out the recent additions to the DVD's in the City-County Library. Thank you to everyone who has donated your gently used DVD's and books to our library.

**Tea & Tales**

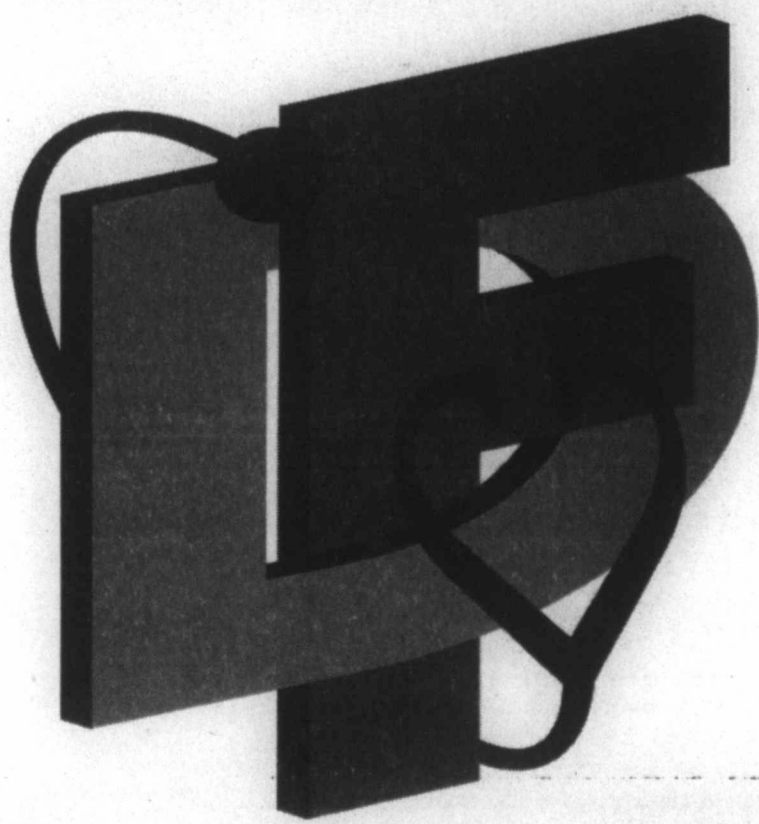
Ladies enjoyed a meeting full of making plans for the upcoming fall meetings. Thank you Loretta Tekell for bringing delicious refreshments for everyone. September will be a time of volunteering at the City-County Library Fall Book Sale September 14-16. Call the library at 561-4050 if you would like to help. They will help set up the books on Wednesday from 1:30 until completed, then help with the book sale Thursday and Friday.

**Memorial**

A memorial was given to the City-County Library in memory of Retha Dunn. Thank you for the generous donation.

**2017-18 Bluebonnet books are in**

Get a jump-start on Bluebonnet reading at the City-County Library. We have just added several books on the 2017-2018 Bluebonnet reading list. There are also a few of the books in Overdrive, our eBook provider. Check out the titles offered online in our catalog.



**Cheers to 25 years!**  
Join us to celebrate Dr. Freitag's 25th year of service to the Lynn County Community!

August 30, 2017 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Dr. Freitag's Clinic  
2600 Lockwood Suite A  
Tahoka, TX 79373

**ALL GIRLS IN 2ND-5TH GRADE are invited to sign up for the Sept. 16, 2017 Lynn County Harvest Festival Princess Contest!**

**Sign ups start Aug. 29th**  
Starting Aug. 29, come by any weekday, 6:00-9:00 p.m., to sign up and get tickets, at:  
2001 Ave. K (home of Elizabeth Tew)  
- or -  
1828 Ave. K (home of Rachel Case)

The girl who sells the most Harvest Festival tickets will be the Princess!

The PRINCESS will win \$1000 !!!

This year's Harvest Festival \$1 raffle ticket will have 11 chances to win, including a Grand Prize of \$1000, (this is a separate drawing from Queen's drawing) and 10 drawings for \$100 cash!

For more information, call co-chairmen:  
Elizabeth Tew - 806-790-4301  
Rachel Case - 806-577-7791

1st Runnerup - \$750  
2nd Runnerup - \$500  
3rd Runnerup - \$350  
4th Runnerup - \$350

Win Cash Prizes!

And, EVERY CONTESTANT will receive \$100 cash for every 350 tickets she sells!



## Service Awards presented at Lyntegar's 79th Annual Meeting held in Tahoka

Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. held its 79th Annual Meeting of the Members this past Tuesday, August 8, on the Tahoka ISD Football Field. A barbeque meal was catered by River Smith's of Lubbock.

Before the business meeting started, service awards were presented to employees who were recognized for their years of service to the cooperative. Those receiving their service award were:

Three year awards: Levi Hawthorne - 2nd Class Lineman - Sundown, Albert Vara - 2nd Class Lineman - Lamesa, Jesse Perez - Journeyman Lineman - Tahoka, Bo Mitchell - 1st Class Lineman - Seagraves, Britt Rebber - 1st Class Lineman - Lamesa.

Five year awards: Steve McKay - Night Dispatcher, Tammy Curry - Dispatcher Clerk, and Brenda Whitten - Accountant, all of Tahoka.

Ten year awards: Robert Sosa - Tree Trimmer Helper - Tahoka, Jessie Cruz - Journeyman Lineman - Lamesa, Travis Rosenquist - Journeyman Lineman - Tahoka, Scottie Olivan - IT System Administrator - Tahoka, Ty Smith - Journeyman Lineman - Lamesa, and Johnny Morin - Materials Supervisor - Tahoka.

Fifteen year awards: Justin Harvey - Crew Foreman - Tahoka and Brady McConal - Journeyman Lineman - Seagraves.

Thirty year awards: Ray Box - CFO - Tahoka and Johnny Antu - Crew Foreman - Lamesa.

Thirty five year awards: Allen Elrod - Utility Person, Robbie Autry - Plant Accountant, Menford Gandy - Manager Outside Operations, and Charlie Engle - Journeyman Lineman, all of Tahoka.

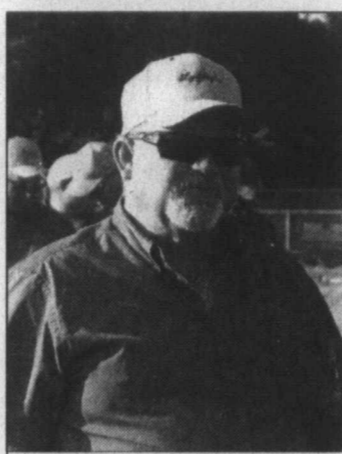
Forty year award: Ricky Meeks - 40 Years - Crew Foreman - Tahoka.

The awards presentation was followed by recognition of the 2017 Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. scholarship recipients and the student participants who attended the 2017 Government-

in-Action Youth Tour.

Earl Brown, President of the Lyntegar board, called the business meeting to order. Daniel Gibson of Richards, Elder, & Gibson PLLC, Lyntegar's attorneys, served as the master of ceremonies. Reverend Kalith Brown, of the Church of Christ in Tahoka, gave the invocation and then special guests and visitors were recognized. Billy Weaver, Board Secretary, gave the Secretary's Report and read the notice of the annual meeting. Trey Rowe, with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, LLP, gave the Auditor's Report and informed the members that the cooperative is in good financial standing.

Wendell Morrow, member of the Nominating Committee, got the board election started by



**40 years of service...** Lyntegar Electric Cooperative held their annual meeting / employee service awards on August 8th at the Tahoka football field. Ricky Don Meeks (Crew Foreman - Tahoka Branch) was honored for 40 years of service.



**35 years of service...** Employees of Lyntegar Electric Cooperative-Tahoka Branch, honored for 35 years of service included Charlie Engle (Journeyman Lineman), Menford Gandy (Manager Outside Operations), Robbie Autry (Plant Accountant) and Allen Elrod (Utilities Person).

reading the list of those nominated to run for the two seats on the Lyntegar board. Ronnie Barron was reelected to the Board of Directors and Kirk Tidwell was elected to serve as the director for District 3. The District 3 seat had been held by Troy Howard, who decided to retire this year after 33 years of service.

The meeting closed with the presentation of prizes, where there were many winners. This included the grand prize of a 50-inch Magnavox smart TV.

The membership voted to hold the 2018 Annual Meeting in Tahoka at the football field and for barbeque to be served again.

### THS Class of 1987 seeks classmates

The Tahoka High School Class of 1987 is seeking classmates for their 30-year class reunion. Homecoming is scheduled for Friday, September 15th. Please contact Tammi (Hood) Pillow (tpillow87@gmail.com or (806) 474-2831) BamBam (Rivas) Tomlinson (btomlinson2@gmail.com) or Emilia (Sastre) Garcia (emilia-garcia40@gmail.com). Please include mailing address, or email so a letter can be mailed regarding reunion information.



**30 years of service...** Employees of Lyntegar Electric Cooperative were honored at the annual meeting held on August 8 in Tahoka. Honored for 30 years of service were Johnny Antu (Crew Foreman - Lamesa Branch) and Ray Box (CFO - Tahoka Branch).

### Man drives from Lubbock to Tahoka in wrong lane of US 87

by JUANELL JONES

Two single-vehicle accidents occurred in Lynn County last week, according to reports from the Lynn County Sheriff's Office, and deputies also arrested a man for drunk driving who had apparently fallen asleep while driving. No injuries were reported.

A collision with a deer occurred on FM 1313 at about 10 a.m. Friday. No information was available as to the identity of the driver or type of vehicle, but EMS was not called to the scene.

Almost weekly there have been reports of vehicles hitting deer in Lynn County, on US 87 as well as many Farm-to-Market roads. Drivers are urged to be aware of the possibility of deer on the roads. Most incidents, but not all (as was the case in this week's collision), occur in the early morning or late evening hours.

Lynn County Jail held 34 inmates this week, including 11 for Ector County, 9 for Dawson County, and 14 for Lynn County. Local charges included one for driving while intoxicated, one for possession of drugs, and one for interfering with emergency request for assistance.

Deputies arrested Justin G. Saenz, of San Antonio, on charges of Driving While Intoxicated after stopping him on US 87 just north of Tahoka at about 4 a.m. Sunday morning, driving southbound in the northbound lane of traffic. The man had apparently driven south all the way from Lubbock in the wrong lane, and at least one other driver had called 9-1-1 to report the vehicle as it traveled towards Tahoka. Fortunately, no accidents occurred as the result of the vehicle driving in the wrong lane. Deputies said that there was also a passenger in the vehicle, who was reportedly intoxicated as well.

A one-vehicle rollover was reported at 5:26 a.m. last Thursday, that occurred 3 miles north of New Home on FM 1730. Reports indicated that the driver may have fallen asleep while driving. No injuries were reported.

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### Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

August 23-25

Elementary/High School Breakfast

**Wednesday:** Cinnamon Toast Crunch/High School: Cocoa Krispies Cereal Bar

**Thursday:** Chocolate chip muffin/High School: Chocolate chip muffin

**Friday:** Breakfast on a stick/High School: Breakfast on a stick

Lunch- Pre-K -5th

**Wednesday:** Hamburger, peppered broccoli, apple

**Thursday:** Italian beef over noodles, carrots, pineapple tidbits

**Friday:** Chicken nuggets, carrot sticks, banana

Lunch- Middle/High School

**Wednesday:** Chicken Caesar salad/Hamburger/Cheese quesadilla, peppered broccoli

**Thursday:** Italian beef over noodles, carrots/ Chicken fajita Panini/Chef salad

**Friday:** Chicken nuggets/ Grilled cheese/Caribbean chicken salad, peppered corn

### Don't text and walk

A woman on her cell phone fell through a sidewalk in New Jersey recently. Not long ago a young woman texting on her cell phone was caught on surveillance video tripping into a fountain in an Arizona mall.

The incidence of distracted cell phone usage has grown at an alarming rate, says the Association of Mature American Citizens, so much so that the Honolulu City Council recently passed a law that prohibits looking at your cell phone while walking.

While texting and driving is illegal in most places, it is believed to be the time pedestrians are liable as well.

# Welcome Back to School!

We want to welcome everyone back to school... the teachers, administration, students and staff.

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

The Tahoka Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 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.

<b>Maintenance Tax</b>	\$1.17 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
<b>School Debt Service Tax</b>	
<b>Approved by Local Voters</b>	\$ .35 / \$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	8 % increase	or	0.00 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	8 % 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
<b>Last Year's Rate</b>	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.28600 *	\$ 1.456	\$ 3,253	\$ 9,469
<b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b>	\$ 1.22346	\$ 0.35173*	\$ 1.57519	\$ 3,484	\$ 9,469
<b>Proposed Rate</b>	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.35173*	\$ 1.52173	\$ 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	\$ 1.52
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 450.70	\$ 490.77
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$	\$ 40.07

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or 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 1.52. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.52.

**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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**Scholarship winner ...** Brook Tyson (center) won the Heart of a Champion scholarship this past weekend at the Battle of the Cattle stock show in Ft Worth. Brook is the daughter of Casey and Nikki Donald, and is a junior at Tahoka High School.

**Wilson City Council proposes 12-cent tax rate increase**

Officials at the City of Wilson are proposing a tax rate of 98.5-cents per \$100 of property valuation, which is an increase of 12-cents from the previous year's tax rate of 86.5-cents.

According to information printed in a public notice in this issue of *The News*, the City of Wilson's effective tax rate (the rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue as the previous year) is 91.2-cents, but city officials voted to propose a tax rate of \$0.985004, which is also the rollback tax rate (the highest tax rate that may be adopted before voters are entitled to petition for an election).

Two public hearings have been scheduled by the Wilson City Council to hear public input on the issue. The first hearing is Monday, Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m., and the second hearing is Thursday, Aug. 31, at 10:00 a.m. Both hearings will be conducted at Wilson City Hall, 1601 10th Street in Wilson.

Mayor Donald Klaus told *The News* that the increase is to cover increasing operating expenses for the city, and that citizens are welcome to attend the public hearings for more information.

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**Commissioners ...**

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approved dates for regular commissioner meetings to continue to be held on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Budget amendments and monthly bills were approved, and Sheriff Abraham Vega reported on his department's activities. A short budget work session was held, and then county officials walked over to the courthouse to view how work was progressing in the basement and first floor interior levels.



**Bobcat in the museum ...** A bobcat has been added in front of the mural display of Tahoka Lake at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum. Kent and Vendell Elliott donated the bobcat, and visitors to the museum can read a story about how the bobcat was captured. The museum is located at 1600 Lockwood, open 10:00 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Admission is free. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

**Wilson Community News**  
by Jessica Wilke

Football practice has begun at WHS! They have had a great turnout for football this year. Mike Garcia and Alex Balderas are the returning seniors for the 2017 year. Other returning players are Bryan Mendez (Jr), sophomores - Stetson Wilke, Justin Guzman, Tony Pantoja, and Marcos Noyola. New comers are freshmen, Strait Earwood, Ramiro Balderas, Oscar Castanon, Ryan Hinojosa, Juan Perez, and Isaiah Valdez. These boys and their coaches are putting the hours in. They are counting on the support of their community.

The first scrimmage for the Mustangs will be against Amherst this Friday, August 18, at 5:00 pm in Wilson. Come out and watch these boys leave it all on the field.

Cheerleaders for the 2017-

2018 are: sophomores - Mariela Balderas, Kaitlyn Yell; juniors - Amber Guzman, Ashyton Roman; seniors - Randee Autry and Rachel Reese.

Picture day for football players and cheerleaders has been rescheduled. We will take them this Saturday August 19, at 10:00 am. Football roster t-shirts will go in sale August 19th. I will have order forms available at the football field during pictures. We will only have a small window to get these ordered so we can have them for the 1st game. Parents please come meet the teams. Also as a reminder there is a form to fill out to allow me to post their photos online.

August 22 the school is hosting the Mustang Roundup, from 6:00-7:00 pm. There are a lot of new faces on campus! Ev-

eryone come out and meet new staff.

There are a lot of things coming up this month still.

August 18, scrimmage at 5:00 pm in Wilson.

August 19, cheer and football pictures at 10:00 am

August 22, Open House at the school 6:00-7:00pm

August 27, Wilson Volunteer Fire Department fish fry at 11:30am.

August 28, first day of school!!

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**NOTICE OF 2017 TAX YEAR  
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR  
CITY OF WILSON**

A tax rate of \$ .985004 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of City of Wilson. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of City of Wilson proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of maintenance and operations.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ .985004	per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$ .865505	per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$ .912040	per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$ .985004	per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Wilson from the same properties in both the 2016 tax year and the 2017 tax year.

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

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

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

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Marquita G. Scott, RPA/RTA  
CITY OF WILSON tax assessor-collector  
1615 MAIN ST., TAHOKA, TX 79373  
(806)561-5477  
lynncad@poka.com  
www.lynncad.org

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

First Hearing: MONDAY, AUG. 28, 2017, 6:30pm at WILSON CITY HALL, 1601 10TH ST., WILSON, TX

Second Hearing: THURSDAY, AUG. 31, 2107, 10:00am at WILSON CITY HALL, 1601 10TH ST., WILSON, TX

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

The Wilson Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:00 p.m. on August 28, 2017 in the Wilson ISD School Library, Central Office Building, Wilson, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.170000 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.000000 / \$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

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

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

Maintenance and operations	1.68 % increase or 1.68 % (decrease)
Debt service	N/A % increase or N/A % (decrease)
Total expenditures	1.68 % increase or 1.68 % (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	\$ 57,746,880	\$ 56,998,620
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 374,230	\$ 900,550
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 44,886,300	\$ 43,124,330
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 374,130	\$ 888,450

\* 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*	\$ 0.00
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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 to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.170000	\$ N/A*	\$ 1.170000	\$ 4,634	\$ 8,724
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.27409	\$ N/A*	\$ 1.27409	\$ 4,430	\$ 9,206

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 48,963.00	\$ 49,310.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 23,963.00	\$ 24,310.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 280.36	\$ 284.42
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$	\$ 4.06

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.

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**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)	\$ 700,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ N/A



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Job Title-Office Manager, Lynn County Office of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

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The Tahoka Independent School District announced today a change to its policy for serving meals to children served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2017-2018 school year. Schools qualifying to operate the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) provide breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

For additional information please contact the following person:  
Tahoka Independent School District  
Attention: Candice Quintero Business Manager  
Tahoka Independent School District Business Office  
2129 N. Main St. Or P. O. Box 1230  
Tahoka, Tx 79373  
806-561-4105  
Email: [cquintero@tahokaisd.org](mailto:cquintero@tahokaisd.org)

**Lynn County Hospital District**  
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Tahoka, Texas 79373

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## Caution urged in construction areas on Tahoka ISD campuses; Information sought about location of buried time capsules

With students and teachers returning to classrooms in the near future, Tahoka ISD officials are reminding students and citizens to be mindful of the construction areas on school grounds, and to take safety precautions. Additionally, school officials are seeking information about the location of buried time capsules that will need to be relocated, and a memorial tree is going to need to be relocated as well.

"Tahoka ISD's construction is underway and progressing

well. Of course, the safety of our students is always our number one priority, so we are asking everyone to use caution as school begins due to heavy traffic in and around our campuses," said Alan Umholtz, TISD Superintendent, this week.

"We are having some issues with the beautiful trees on the high school campus, but we are seeking expert advice from Tom's Tree Service to make the right decisions. The Memorial tree's problems include phone line and sewer line issues. We

have decided the best location and focal point for this tree would be the front south corner of the high school. This would mean replacing the old elm tree because of its current condition. After a thorough examination, it has been determined that the tree has Dutch Elm Disease (DED) and fungus," explained the superintendent.

"We also are trying to locate the buried time capsules in front of the gym. Our new auditorium will be placed here with a new cement pad. We will be relocat-

ing these capsules and we need anyone who has information to contact the high school offices or superintendent.

"Tradition is very important to everyone involved in the construction process. It's the tradition that makes this community great, and it will continue for the years to come. Tradition helps shape our families and community. These traditions serve as an avenue for creating lasting memories for our alumni and future graduates," Umholtz said.

## Where in the world is The Lynn County News?



**Pittsburgh Steelers training camp ...**  
Belen Saldana (above) and Pete Rodriguez (right) recently traveled to Latrobe and Pittsburgh, PA to watch the Pittsburgh Steelers in training camp and tour Heinz Field. Belen is pictured with her Lynn County News at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh. Pete is pictured inside Heinz Field, home to the Steelers. The News approximately 1463 miles from Tahoka.

### Important dates listed for TISD Back to School

Important dates for Back to School, for Tahoka school campuses include:

- Thursday, Aug. 17, 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Open House for the High School and Middle School. Middle School will meet in the auditorium. High School will meet in the library.
- Thursday, Aug. 17, 7:00 p.m. - Meet the 'Bulldogs' at the football stadium. Hot Dog supper provided by Atmos Energy.
- Monday, Aug. 21, 5:30-7:00 p.m. - Open House at Tahoka Elementary campus.
- Wednesday, Aug. 23 - First day of school.

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