



READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL

The 2017 Tahoka Bulldogs are ready for their season opener, hosting the Crosbyton Chiefs this Friday night at Tahoka's Kelley Field, under the direction of new head coach Stephen Overstreet and his staff. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. The Bulldogs have three home games to kick off their 2017 schedule, hosting Post on Sept. 8 and Springlake-Earth for THS Homecoming on Sept. 15.

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Save the Date!
 Sept. 15, 2017:
THS Homecoming

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Lynn County Harvest Festival

Did you know ...

Only two NFL football players have caught, rushed, and thrown a touchdown against the same team in the same game: Walter Payton in 1979 and David Patton in 2001.

Deion Sanders is the only person both hit an MLB home run and score an NFL touchdown in the same week. He's also the only person to play in the World Series and the Super Bowl.



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 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

Commissioners propose 4-cent decrease for county property taxes

Lynn County Commissioners on Monday voted to set a proposed tax rate of 85-cents per \$100 of property value, which is a decrease of 4-cents in the county tax rate for the 2017 year. Commissioners approved a proposed budget as well in Monday's commissioner meeting, and set a public hearing for Monday, Sept. 11 at 9:00 a.m. for the budget. The Proposed Property Tax Rate is published in this week's issue of *The News* on page 6.

In other business, commissioners approved a preliminary plat for the third phase of the Palms at Kitty Hawk, a subdivision in northwestern Lynn County.

Commissioners also approved the adoption of an Interlocal Agreement between Lubbock and Lynn County made through the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases.

Election judges for the upcoming Nov. 7 general election were approved as follows: Precinct 1/5- Gary Jones/Elizabeth Tew, Pct. 2/8-Janie Rios/Clyde May, Pct. 3/10- Amanda Stidham/Linda Rosales, Pct. 4/11- Carol White/Lehman/Jolene Tomlinson, Pct. 7-

(See COMMISSIONERS, page 6)

New rate to be the same as last year

Tahoka ISD once again lowers proposed tax rate

Tahoka Independent School District, which published its proposed tax rate of \$1.52 a couple of weeks ago, has changed their proposal once again, and is publishing a new notice in this issue of *The Lynn County News* that lowers the former proposed tax rate by 6½ cents, to \$1.456. The new proposal includes an I&S tax rate of 28½ cents, instead of 35-cents which was in the last proposal. Originally TISD had proposed a new rate of \$1.60,

then lowered that proposal a couple of weeks ago to \$1.52, and now has lowered that once again to be the same as last year's rate of \$1.456.

"The TISD Board and I were able to re-do the budget and then were able to reduce the I&S rate back to last year's amount," stated TISD Superintendent Alan Umholtz.

A public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. today (Thursday, Aug. 31) in the TISD Administration/Harvick Building in Tahoka, to discuss the school district's budget that will deter-

(See TISD LOWERS, page 4)

Reed Filley announces his candidacy for District Judge

Reed Filley announces his candidacy for the 106th Judicial District Court. Filley's campaign to serve as the next District Judge officially began on July 1, 2017.

"My success as a former prosecutor, professor, and attorney has come as a result of honesty, hard work, and a belief that ours is the greatest legal system in the world. I will bring those same qualities and characteristics to my service as District Judge."

A 2001 graduate of Texas Tech University School of law, Reed Filley runs his own law office, which is located in Lamesa. He has handled hundreds of cases throughout the four counties (Dawson, Gaines, Garza; and

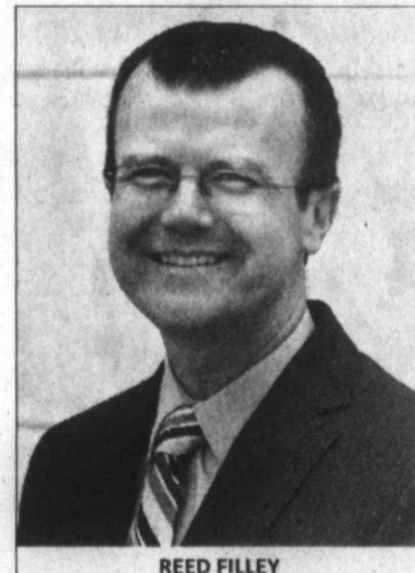
Lynn) of the 106th Judicial District. In addition to his private legal practice, Filley also serves as a law professor at Texas Tech University.

"As a judicial candidate, and an attorney, I believe that to be a good judge, a person must have respect, be hard working, and be fair. A good judge must have respect for the Constitution and the laws of this great State, as well as respect for the attorneys, litigants, defendants, and victims who enter the courtroom. A good judge must also earn the respect of those same people. In addition, a good judge needs to be hard working. The position of District Judge should be honored and respected with an

understanding of the amount of time and effort required to do the job right. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, a good judge must be fair. One of the primary factors that makes our legal system the greatest in the world is that everyone, no matter what sex, race, or financial status, has the right to a fair trial and a fair application of the law."

Reed Filley is married to Rebekah Filley, who is the County Attorney of Lynn County. They make their home in Tahoka and are active in the community and church with their two children, Kinley and Kennedy.

(Pol. adv. Paid for by Reed Filley in compliance with the voluntary limits of the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act. Reed Filley subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. R. Dale Newberry, Treasurer.)



REED FILLEY

Make a field goal - Win \$100!

Tahoka Chamber of Commerce to sponsor field goal kicking contest

Tahoka Bulldog fans who come to the home football games this year will have a chance to win \$100 or more while they support the Bulldogs. For the fourth consecutive year, the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) is sponsoring a field goal kicking contest at the Tahoka High School Kelley Field during all of the home football games, but fans must purchase a football program from the Bulldog Booster Club for a chance to compete. The kicking contest will be held at the beginning of the halftime period.

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

And, to start things off on a roll this year, there will be an additional \$100 in the pot, because at the final home game last season no one won the money, so it will be added to this week's \$100 for a chance for someone to win \$200 this first game. The prize money will carry over into the next game, if the kick is no good.

Only one program will be marked - look at the Tahoka Bulldog roster page in the center of the football program for information on which business is sponsoring the night's contest, and then find that business ad in the football program to see if it is specially-marked with a bright yellow round sticker.

"If you have the specially-marked program, bring it to the home entrance ticket window before the end of the second quarter, where I will be waiting with a football and a \$100-bill to give away, courtesy of the business sponsor for the night," said Filley.

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

At the beginning of halftime, Filley will escort the contestant to the football field, where he or she will have one opportunity to kick a field goal. If the kick is good, the kicker gets the prize cash. If the kick is not good, the \$100 (or more) goes into the pot for the next home game, with the winning pot increasing by \$100 each home game - potentially \$600 by the last home game if a kicker has not made the field goal by then.

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



Did you know?

“ The Baltimore Ravens are named after Edgar Allan Poe’s “The Raven.” The team mascots are named Edgar, Allan, and Poe. Poe wrote his famous poem while living in Baltimore in the 1830s. ”

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Obituaries



Hazel Jane Braddock

Hazel Jane Braddock, 89, of Tahoka passed away on August 26, 2017 in Lubbock. She was born on May 22, 1928 in Hill County, Texas to Algje Willis "Pete" and Flo Lois (Hunt) Baxter. She married the late Norman Dale Braddock on January 17, 1948 and together they began their family. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend to all that knew her. She was known for her cooking and canning abilities and loved to sew. Spending time with her family was her favorite past time. She attended Sweet Street Baptist Church.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, one son, Steve, one brother and one

sister.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Barbara Edgar and husband Tommy of Albany, Texas; son, Mike Braddock and wife Connie of Tahoka; honorary son, Louis Pierce and wife Deborah of Lubbock; and grandchildren, Tammi (Michael) Angeley, Bryan (Misti) Edgar, Marcus (Monica) Edgar, Rowdy (Cristine) Braddock, Amanda Edgar, April (Jake) Terrell and Shiloh (Vondi) Braddock; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Sweet Street Baptist Church, with burial at the Grassland Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorial donations be made to Fisher House, Inc. 7323 Hwy 90 West, Suite 107 San Antonio, TX 78227.

Please celebrate Hazel's life by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com



Kenneth Sanders

Kenneth Sanders, 83, of Lubbock passed away on Saturday, August 26, 2017 in Lubbock. He was born on June 14, 1934 to the late James William Sanders and Elsie Katy (Pryor) Wiles in Canadian, OK. He attended McAlester High School, and later moved to Lubbock. Kenneth married Mary Thornton on December 1, 2007 in Lubbock. He served in the United States Air Force.

Kenneth was a southern Baptist, and attended Southcrest Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by son, Jamie Sanders; sister, Anne Baer; granddaughter, Nycole Thornton Keatley; his first wife, Danna; and second wife, Linda.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; children, Michael Sanders and wife, Jenny of Wolfforth, TX, Scott Thornton and wife, Cindy, of Dallas, TX, Janna Bryan and husband, Rick, of Porter, TX, Debbie Sanders, of Tahoka, TX, and Jodie Thornton, of Lubbock, TX; Siblings, Helen Teague of Douglasville, GA, Millie Rivera, of Bakersfield, CA, and Margaret Sanders, of Lubbock, TX; 12 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will begin on Thursday, August 31, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. with the family receiving friends from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Combest Family Funeral Homes. Funeral service will be held on Friday, September 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Southcrest Baptist Church with burial to follow at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park.

The family suggest memorial donations be made to the Trinity Heart Line in care of Trinity Church, 7002 Canton Ave, Lubbock, TX 79413.

Please celebrate Kenneth's life by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com



Quilt Raffle... Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizen's will have this quilt, made by Dovie Miller and Angie Gutierrez, on display at First National Bank in Tahoka prior to the Lynn County Harvest Festival to be held September 16, at the Tahoka Mini-Park. Tickets are available at the Center for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Pictured from left are Connie Sepeda, Brenda Tillman and Rosa Longoria.

and donated a large portion of her time to her church. Everyone in town, all of her family and friends knew her as "Memom."

Memom lived an awesome life as a homemaker, devoting her time to her kids, grandkids, and great grandkids as well as all her adopted kids from the community. Her Philosophy was Faith, Family and Fun. She and Walter traveled all over the world with their good friends Glynn and Nelta Moore. They loved visiting the Holy Land and only missed one planned trip to China canceled due to 9-11. She had a love for life, joining Volleyball and Bowling teams, snow skiing, water skiing and enjoying her season tickets to the Tech games and never missing a local sports game either. She was loyal to Tech, but because of her grandkids had learned to love the Aggies as well.

She was preceded in death by son, Don Alan Steen 2010.

Jerry is survived by her daughters: Nan and husband David Wied of New Home, and Terie and husband Greg Wied of Colleyville; brother Harry

and wife Patricia Hewlett, Jr. of Dallas; sisters Shirley and Frank Bevers of Rockwall, Dixie Briggs of Austin, Neita and Karl Prohl of Kerrville, and Jeanie and Perry Turnbow of Denison; seven grandchildren; Jodi Smith of New Home, Nikki Kovar of Liberty Hill, Brady Wied of Denver, Lexi Sibert of Lubbock, Kaci Bearden of New Home, Brooke Wied of Los Angeles CA, Erin Wied from New York City, NY; eight great-grandchildren; Celee and Carley Smith of New Home, Stella and Sadie Bearden of New Home, Trenton and Blake Sibert of Lubbock, Easton and Tenley Kovar of Liberty Hill and number nine is on the way (Brady).

A Celebration of Life service was held at 11:30 AM on Thursday, at First Baptist Church - Wilson located at 361 FM 2192 Wilson, Texas 79381 with Billy Parmer officiating. Memorials can be made to First Baptist Church in Wilson, Green Memorial Cemetery Funds or in Jerry's own words "In Lieu of flowers, Plant A Tree"

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.englundfuneralservices.com



Jerry Steen

Jerry Steen, 84, of Wilson, went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 in Lubbock, Texas.

Jerry was born Monday, June 19, 1933 in Wilson. She was the daughter of the late Harry Hewlett and Gladys Cookston Hewlett. She married Walter Steen on July 7, 1950 in Wilson, after graduating Wilson High School. Jerry was a huge asset to her community and her church, the First Baptist Church in Wilson. Walter and Jerry taught Sunday School, she taught Vacation Bible School

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**NOTICE OF 2017 TAX YEAR
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR
TAHOKA, TEXAS**

A tax rate of \$0.747030 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of Tahoka, Texas. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of Tahoka, Texas proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of operation and maintenance.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.747030 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.747030 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.744037 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.803561 per \$100

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

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that Tahoka, Texas 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:

Property tax amount = (rate) X (taxable value of your property) / 100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:
Lynn County Appraisal District
Marquita Scott, Tax Assessor-Collector
1615 Main Street
806-561-5477
tahoka1915@poka.com
www.tahoka-texas.com

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

FIRST HEARING: September 5, 2017 at 5:30 PM at Tahoka Community Room, 1804 Avenue J.

SECOND HEARING: September 6, 2017 at 5:30 PM at Tahoka Community Room, 1804 Avenue J.

2nd Saturday
DEFINE JUNK DAY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
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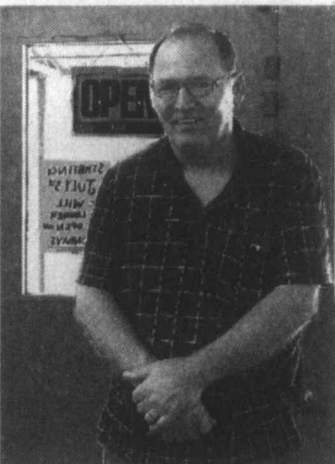
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NEWS from the Library

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

Tahoka Donuts partnering with the Library

The City-County Library would like to thank Al and Donna Garrett of Tahoka Donuts for partnering with the library by providing Wednesday afternoon snacks. Tahoka Donuts is located at 1515 South 1st Street in Tahoka. All donations to the City-County Library are used to serve the residents of Lynn County. The library encourages all Lynn County residents to patronize the businesses who generously donate to the library. The kids love the donuts!



Al Garrett- Tahoka Donuts
1, at noon. The staff will be at Thriftway in the afternoon selling raffle tickets for this year's fundraiser. All proceeds will serve the residents of Lynn

Fundraising Raffles

The City-County Library will close Friday, September

Man dies in early-morning collision on Highway 380

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) worked an early morning fatality in Garza County last Wednesday, Aug. 23, between Tahoka and Post. The crash occurred approximately at 2:30 a.m. west of Post on US 380 and just west of County Road 105.

According to information from DPS Sergeant John Gonzalez, a Ford pickup traveling west bound on US 380 crossed over the center line and collided into a tractor-trailer semi traveling east bound. The driver of the semi attempted an evasive maneuver, but still collided with the pickup.

The driver of the semi, 53-year-old Gilberto Rodriguez-Oaxaca of Albuquerque, NM, was not injured. Pronounced deceased at the scene was 19-year-old Jarod Burton Forshee of Caneyville, Kentucky.

After Forshee was pulled from the pickup, the vehicle caught on fire. The crash remains under investigation with DPS.

On Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 7:54 p.m. there was a single vehicle rollover involving a 2006 Ford SUV on US 87 approximately 5 miles north of Tahoka in which a Houston area family of four were taken by Lynn County EMS to UMC in Lubbock. The vehicle flipped and ended up on its side in the median. All four members were later released from the hospital. Later that same evening at 8:58 p.m. another vehicle hydroplaned and clipped the back end of a second vehicle. The driver of a 2016 Mazda was from Midland and the driver of a 2015 Dodge was from Big Spring; no injuries were reported.

Also on Tuesday, Aug. 22, two other incidents were reported at approximately the same location on US 87 between county roads 18 and 19 where flooding can occur. One vehicle's motor was flooded and another vehicle slid off into the ditch at the same location; no injuries were reported in either incident.

A 31-year-old male from New Deal was arrested for public intoxication on Aug. 22 after he was reportedly spotted walk-

ing in the middle of the road at 9:39 p.m. about one-quarter mile south of CR1 on US 87.

An 18-wheeler blocked traffic on US 87 near Allsup's in O'Donnell after getting stuck on Thursday, Aug. 24 at 9:02 p.m. Traffic on the highway was shut down by TxDot for approximately an hour while a wrecker was called to help get the 18-wheeler out of the roadway.

This week a couple of cows were hit by a vehicle a mile south of US 380 on FM 2956 at 12:24 a.m. on Aug. 22. No injuries were reported by the driver of the vehicle; however at least one cow was injured in the accident and was reportedly put down. The owner of the cows was advised that approximately 20-25 cows had gotten out of their pasture and they were later rounded up.

Lynn County deputies also responded to three different reports of domestic disturbances in the county; no arrests were made.

The Tahoka Police Department arrested two 20 year old males, one from Seagraves and one from Lubbock, for public intoxication early Sunday morning around 3:30 a.m. Both minors were discovered near a residence on North 5th after a caller advised that a male subject had tried to break into her backyard. While arresting the intoxicated male, police officers observed another heavily intoxicated male subject coming into from the back gate. The homeowner stated that no one else was in the home except for herself and her children, however the grounds were littered with beer bottles and cups of beer. The homeowner refused to allow a search of the home for any other intoxicated minors.

Other arrests this week included a man for possession of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 1 gram, less than 4 grams (a warrant out of Lubbock County) and one for assault/causes bodily injury family member/domestic violence. In jail this week were 22 inmates for Ector County, 7 for Dawson County and 14 for Lynn County.

County with quality programs.

Raffle items are: A one of a kind quilt donated by Katie Slone; 1,000 ft. of attic insulation donated by Contractors Insulation; and a copy of the book, Grassroots Upside Down. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. If you buy \$20.00 of raffle tickets you will get one free raffle ticket for the book.

Booksale

The fall book sale will be Thursday through Saturday September 14 - 16.

Hours for Thursday are: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Friday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and closed for lunch from 12-1 p.m. both days, and Saturday: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

All items are on sale for 50 cents each. There will be children and adult books, fiction as well as non-fiction. In addition to books we will also offer DVD's and audio CD's.

Jenga

The next Jenga will be held on Wednesday, September 6 at 4 p.m. All Lynn County kids ages 3rd-8th grade are welcome.



Silent Auction... Rosa Longoria, Brenda Tillman and Connie Sepeda are pictured here with items donated to the Lynn County Senior Citizen's for their Silent Auction to be held at the Lynn County Harvest Festival September 16. To donate items for the auction, bring to the Senior Citizen's Center or contact Sandra Norwood at 561-5264 for more information.

Tahoka City sets public meetings

The City of Tahoka will hold two public hearings for the 2017 Proposed Property Tax Rate which has been proposed at \$0.747030 per \$100 valuation, the same rate as was set last year. The first hearing is set

for Tuesday, Sept. 5 and the second hearing is set for Wednesday, Sept. 6. Both meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the City of Tahoka Community Room, 1804 Avenue J.

The City's proposed tax rate of \$0.747030 per \$100 valuation is the same rate as the previous 11 years. According to City Manager Jerry Webster the last time the city raised the tax rate was in 2006.

Harvest Festival Queen and Princess candidates are selling 2 different tickets to win **\$4000** in prizes! **WOW!**

LYNN COUNTY HARVEST FESTIVAL - QUEEN CONTEST RAFFLE - TAHOKA, TEXAS

(Need not be present to win)

This ticket enters the holder in 5 drawings in the Harvest Festival **QUEEN** contest:

1 Grand Prize drawing for a \$1,000 prepaid Visa card

and 4 drawings for **\$250 prepaid Visa cards**

\$1.00 Donation

All ticket proceeds go towards scholarships for the Queen Contest!

LYNN COUNTY HARVEST FESTIVAL - PRINCESS CONTEST RAFFLE - TAHOKA, TEXAS

This ticket is a VOTE for the PRINCESS selling the ticket, and enters the holder in 11 drawings for a chance to win:

1 GRAND PRIZE FOR A \$1,000 PREPAID VISA CARD

(This is a separate drawing from the Queen tickets)

+ 10 DRAWINGS FOR \$100 CASH

\$1.00 Donation (Need not be present to win)

Don't miss your 16 chances to win from these \$1 tickets!

Queen and Princess candidates are going door-to-door now! Your purchase helps support the Lynn County Harvest Festival, cash prizes for the girls, and Harvest Festival scholarships.

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

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SUNDAYS: Sunday School - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
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Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
Wed. Youth/Children's Activities..... 7:00 pm

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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)

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MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON

Bible Class - 10:00 am
Sunday Worship Service - 10:45 am
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00 pm

Small Deeds
Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?
John 6:9 (NIV)

Early one morning while watering my plants on my porch I noticed that my favorite hanging plant was wilting. The blossoms were beginning to fade. I had only a little water left in my watering can, but I poured that on the plant, intending to come back later with more. But in my busy day, I forgot to return to the plant. Much later, when I went back out to the porch, I noticed that my once-wilted plant had revived — the beautiful blooms full and glorious again! It only took a few drops of water to bring back its beauty. I realized that living our faith can work in a similar way. We may feel that if we can't do something big or if we don't have a lot to contribute, we cannot help someone. But many times, small gestures can make a big difference in someone's faith journey. One kind word spoken at the right time can turn everything around. Just like the boy offering his barley loaves and small fish in today's reading, a small deed done in the name of God can produce a miracle.

Thought for the Day: I can share God's love through a small act of kindness.
Mary Beth Rademaker (North Carolina, USA)
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 1160 • 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

PASTOR CLIFF HOLDRIDGE

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

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New Home United Methodist Church
Pastor Madoc Thomas
(806) 470-2939
emt@madocthomass.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: tccoc@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 - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday
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TISD lowers proposed tax rate ...

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mine the tax rate that will be adopted.

Tahoka ISD is proposing a total tax rate of \$1.456 (instead

budget. Superintendent Umholtz decided that he and the TISD Board could re-work the budget in order to further reduce the I&S rate to be equal to

The board and I try to be extremely diligent with our taxpayers' money.

- TISD Superintendent Alan Umholtz

of their previous figure of \$1.52) per \$100 of property value, which would include \$1.17 in Maintenance & Operations (M&O) and \$0.286-cents per \$100 of property value (down from their previous proposal of 0.35173-cents) in the Interest & Sinking (I&S) Fund. This new proposed total tax rate keeps it the same as last year's total tax rate (\$1.456).

According to information from Superintendent Umholtz, school officials were originally able to lower the I&S tax rate a couple of weeks ago by seeking state assistance from the Existing Debt Allotment Program (a program in which the state helps pay off some of the bond payment, for qualifying school districts). After looking at the

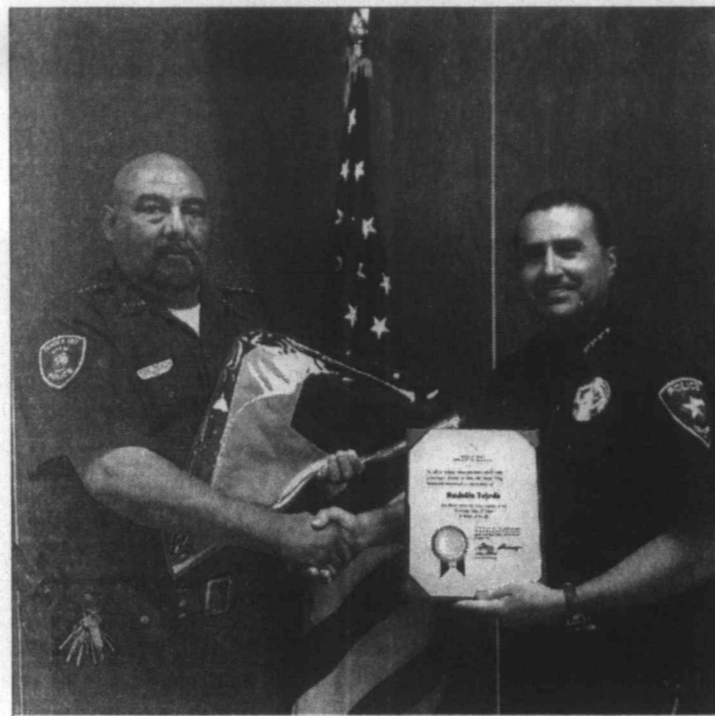
last year's rate.

"The Board and I try to be extremely diligent with our taxpayers' money, and I believe that keeping the same rate as last year just helps to benefit all of our property owners," added Superintendent Umholtz.

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 only \$0.07 this year. (See TISD Notice on this page.)

The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.46.



Tejada Honored... Tahoka Police Chief, Miguel Reyna, (right) presents a Texas Flag to Tommy Tejada, in honor of his brother Rudy Tejada. A reserve officer for the Tahoka Police Dept. for 23 years, Rudy Tejada passed away earlier this year. A letter from Texas Governor Greg Abbott, reads, "Know ye that the Texas Flag herewith presented to the family of Rudolfo Tejada was flown above the State Capital of Texas in honor of his life." (LCN Photo by Pam Elrod)

Harvest Festival tickets offer \$4000 in prizes

The 42nd Annual Lynn County Harvest Festival is just a few weeks away, slated for Saturday, Sept. 16 at the mini-park in Tahoka. This year's candidates for Harvest Festival Queen and Harvest Festival Princess will be selling two different raffle tickets that feature 16 chances to win \$4,000 in prizes - all for only two \$1 tickets.

"That means for every \$1 you spend to purchase one ticket, you will increase your odds for claiming prizes ranging from \$100 all the way up to \$1000! And, the odds keep going up the more tickets you buy - so keep buying those tickets!" said a Harvest Festival Committee member. "And, remember, the girls selling the tickets get

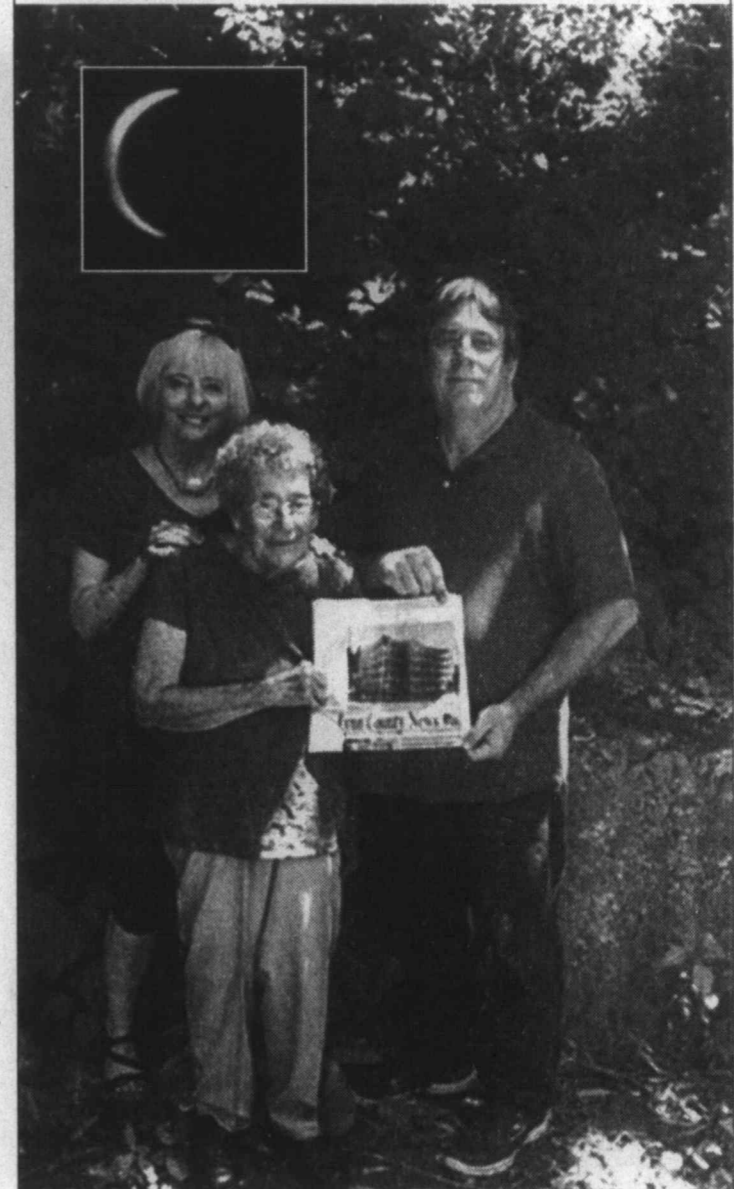
rewarded as well, earning cash back for every few hundred tickets they sell, plus cash awards and scholarships for placing in the top of their contests."

Two \$1,000 grand prizes will be given away this year, one from the Queen ticket raffle, and one from the Princess ticket raffle. In addition, there will be four drawings for \$250 prepaid Visa cards (from the Queen tickets), and 10 drawings for \$100 cash (from the Princess tickets). The drawings will be held the day of the Harvest Festival.

Winners need not be present to win, and will be notified by Jay Dee House, Chairman of the Harvest Festival Committee.

Where in the world is

The Lynn County News?



Tennessee... Pictured are Vanita Hobbs, Randy Hobbs, of Wilson, and Bev Peoples (Hobbs) of Greenville, SC with the Lynn County News at the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. While Vanita was in Greenville, SC visiting her daughter and husband, she was able to watch the total eclipse. The News was approximately 1257 miles from Tahoka.

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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.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.17 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.286 / \$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	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 26.01(217).
 *** "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	\$ 0.35173*	\$ 1.57519	\$ 3,484	\$ 9,469
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.28600*	\$ 1.45600	\$ 3,167	\$ 8,023

* 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	\$ 1.46
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 450.70	\$ 450.77
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.07

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 1.46. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.46.

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

TAHOKA SCHOOL MENU

September 4-8
Breakfast
 Monday: NO SCHOOL
 Tuesday: Cinnamon Toast Crunch/K-12: Cocoa Krispies Cereal Bar
 Wednesday: Breakfast Pizza/ K-12: Breakfast Pizza
 Thursday: Zucchini Bread/ K-12: Cinnamon Bun
 Friday: Cheerios/ K-12: Cheerios
Lunch- Pre-K
 Tuesday: Cheese pizza, steamed broccoli, fresh apple
 Wednesday: Cheese Crisp, baby carrots, tropical fruit salad
 Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich, broccoli florets, pineapple tidbits
 Friday: Beef macaroni, green peas, banana
Lunch- K-12
 Tuesday: Cheese pizza/ Chicken Caesar salad, grilled hamburger, steamed broccoli
 Wednesday: Turkey lettuce wrap, Green chili cheese crisp/Crispy Beef tacos
 Thursday: Turkey hot dog/Grilled Cheese Sand/Tuna Salad sub
 Friday: Beef macaroni/Deli Stack-er sand/Chicken nuggets

Doggone it, shop at home when you can.

Our local economy is fragile ...

Shopping locally is a vital part of our growth and prosperity.

Why send locally-owned, hard-earned dollars out of town to support someone else? Money spent in Lubbock or other surrounding towns does not support our community, our school, or our hospital.

The local businessperson pays a high percentage of local taxes and they are always great supporters of our community. Every time a business goes under, local taxes will go up in order to have the same tax base. That means homeowners and remaining businesses will inevitably pay more in taxes. So please, *think before you shop out of town* -- if prices seem cheaper elsewhere, are they really going to be cheaper in the long run? What will happen when you can no longer buy what you need in our town and there are no businesses left?

And all local businesses especially appreciate it when our taxing entities -- our school, county, hospital and city -- spend the taxes they collect from us in our own town and county.

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We currently offer two specialty lines, cardiology and dermatology, with the intent to expand into additional specialties. These services are available with a referral from your primary care physician. With the a telemedicine visit, we are helping decrease travel time and cost as well as wait times to be seen by a specialist.



Contact Denise Villarreal at 806-998-4533 x 403 for more information.

WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS by Jessica McBride

WISD News

Meet the teachers was held last week and there was a very good turn out.

Monday, August 28th was the first day of school. There were happy smiles, nervous smiles and even a few tears. My children were very tired and were asleep by 6:45!

Wilson FFA is selling their hay bale hauler. It was hand made by the FFA students last year. Contact Bobby Oaks at the high school for purchase information.

School uniform shirt order forms are online at Wilsonisd.org. Click on the link to get your two free polo shirts. If you are unable to order online, forms are available at the school. Uniforms are not required until the second six weeks of school, beginning October 6th.

Mustang Football

Last Thursday the Mustang football team had their final scrimmage of the year. The boys are showing a ton of heart and teamwork. They are look-

ing better and better after each play.

This Friday, September 1st, the Mustangs will take on the Rotan Yellowhammers in Rotan at 7:30 p.m. Come out and show your support of the boys and all their hard work.

Wilson VFD Fundraiser

Sunday, August 27th, was the annual Wilson Volunteer Firemen's Fish Fry. These guys cook some amazing fish! They had an amazing turnout serving 160 plates of fish.

Winners of the raffles were: Jayson Dunn-Henry 223, Gary Jones-Ruger 6.5 Creedmoor, Eddie Buckleback Keltec 22. The ladies surprise package went to Sherri Gicklhorn

Be sure to thank the members of the Wilson Volunteer Fire Department. Not only will they cook you an amazing lunch.

"We would like to thank everyone who attend our dinner and purchased raffle tickets. It is greatly appreciated." Craig Wilke, fire chief, WVFD.



2017 Wilson Mustangs ... This year's Wilson Mustangs will take on the Rotan Yellowhammers in Rotan on Friday, Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in their first game of the season.

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

I'VE HEARD OF people having some unusual pets, such as snakes, lions and skunks, and so far as I am concerned, all of those are no- nos. But I read recently that some more common wildlife can be dangerous to humans. The article said that E. coli from adorable farm animals, many in petting zoos, hospitalized 56 youngsters in Pennsylvania and Washington state last year. Among some other things it mentioned:

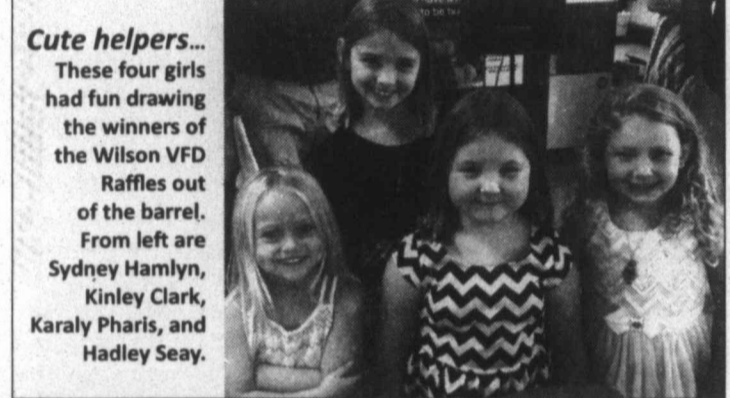
Deer cause a half-million car accidents and 29,000 injuries a year.

Ducks and geese, sandhill cranes and other birds collide with planes by the thousands, causing \$400 million in damage each year. (On the bright side, I'd bet that no single bird has ever collided with a plane more than once).

Cat scratch disease, caused by bacteria in cats' claws, can cause raging infections in your lymph nodes and eyelids. (I only lymph on my left leg, and I don't own a cat, so it's safe to say this is no problem for me. It's as plain as the nose on my face).

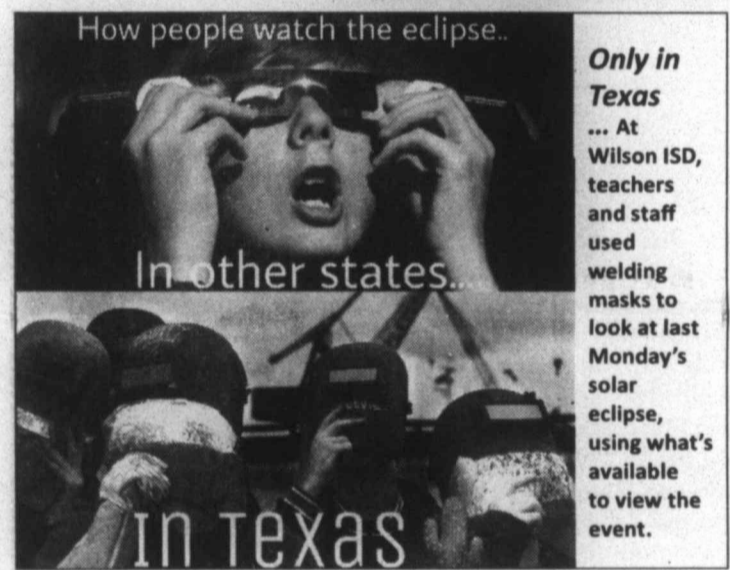
Mark your calendars...

- **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 FNB of Tahoka.
- Donations for the Silent Auction to be held during the Harvest Festival on Sept. 16 are still being accepted at the Center! Proceeds to benefit the Building Fund.



Cute helpers...

These four girls had fun drawing the winners of the Wilson VFD Raffles out of the barrel. From left are Sydney Hamlyn, Kinley Clark, Karaly Pharis, and Hadley Seay.



Only in Texas

... At Wilson ISD, teachers and staff used welding masks to look at last Monday's solar eclipse, using what's available to view the event.

Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

September 4-8

Monday: Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Italian veg., broccoli, Autumn Jell-o

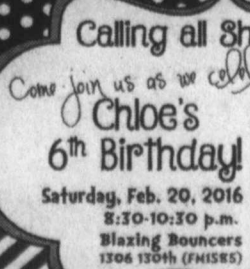
Wednesday: Beef Stroganoff w/ noodles, mixed veg., winter fruit cup
Thursday: Liver & onions, scalloped potatoes, carrots, coleslaw, white cake
Friday: Sloppy Joe on bun, potato salad, carrots & zucchini, fruit square

Having a Party?

If you need an invitation for a **Baby Shower, Wedding, Anniversary, Birthday Party** or anything else, come by the Lynn County News office and let us help you! We have all kinds of designs to choose from and can help you customize your invitations ... all at a low price.

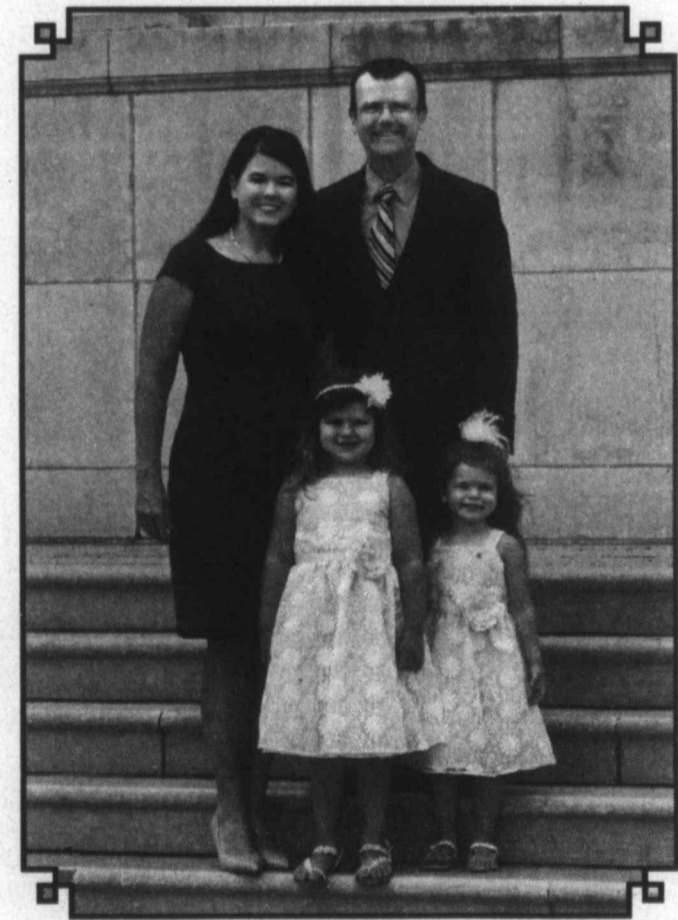


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With the upcoming retirement of the District Judge at the end of her current term, I have respectfully decided to seek the Republican Nomination for the position of 106th Judicial District Court Judge.



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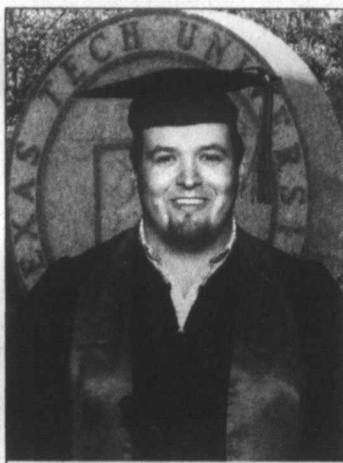
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Tahoka - PTO POST-ITS

Sept. 5th-8th: Elementary Penny Wars! Please send coins with your child all week to help us raise money to be donated to Houston area elementary schools!

Sept. 5th: PTO Ice Cream Social @ 6:15pm on the Elementary Playground. Supervision for children will be provided

Sept. 16th: 2nd Annual Harvest Hustle Fun Run/Walk @ 8am! More details to come.



Texas Tech graduate ... Jonathan Nieman, a graduate of New Home High School, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Agriculture from Texas Tech University on August 12. He is the son of Gregg and Stina Nieman of New Home and the grandson of John and Sara Chapa and Martin and Beulah Edwards all of Tahoka.

New Home School Menu

September 4-8

Tuesday: Sausage Kolache/Muffin

Wednesday: Breakfast taquito/PBJ

Thursday: Waffles & sausage

Friday: Breakfast pizza/PBJ

Lunch

Tuesday: Drumsticks, TXToast/

Pizza/Santa Fe Salad

Wednesday: Crispy Tacos/Frito

Pie/Santa Fe Salad

Thursday: Lasagna/Chic.Nuggets

Friday: Burgers/Hot Dog/Santa Fe

Salad

Woolam Gin certified as first U.S. Organic Textile Processor utilizing applied DNA molecular tagging system

Applied DNA Sciences, Inc. has announced that one of their ginning partners, the Woolam Gin in O'Donnell, was awarded the Global Organic Textile Standard ("GOTS v5.0") certification, making it the first certified U.S. organic cotton gin utilizing Applied DNA's molecular tagging system, which provides a single platform to tag, test, and track the organic cotton fibers throughout a certified supply chain. According to the Control Union Certifications, a global certification body, Woolam Gin

is 100 percent compliant with all standards and requirements for the GOTS v5.0 audit. Those standards and requirements examine the high level environmental criteria for processing organics, as well as socially responsible manufacturing practices. The GOTS certification coupled with USDA's National Organic Program (NOP) certification for organically grown cotton is the highest possible measurement standard.

According to the 2016 Textile Exchange Organic Cotton

report, the global market value of organic cotton is \$15.76 billion and continues to grow as more brands and retailers expand their organic cotton collections. In the U.S., organic fiber sales represent about \$1.3 billion (2015) which equals more than 37 percent of total organic non-food sales of \$3.5 billion. The first molecularly verified organic cotton is expected to debut at retail in spring, 2018, using the "OrganiCott™" cotton fiber brand, providing a means for consumers to know where the organic cotton comes from, and that it follows a certified organic cotton process.

"In an environment where consumers are demanding more information about the origin and authenticity of their products, Applied DNA is proud to partner with Woolam Gin to integrate molecular tagging," said Dr. James Hayward, president and CEO of Applied DNA. "SigNature T assures that the organic cotton grown and ginned in Texas is not blended with other cottons from different origins or with non-organic cotton, thereby remaining pure throughout the supply chain, all the way to the consumer."

Continued Dr. Hayward, "The tagging of organic cotton evidences Applied DNA's growing entrenchment in the U.S. cotton industry. The deployment of our tagging system, starting first with Pima cotton and continuing on to the Upland varieties and organic cotton reflects the importance industry participants today place on the use of technology to change the way that they source cotton and take control of their supply chain. Participating in the supply chain of certified organic cotton now sets the precedent for our participation in other certified organic supply chains, providing the assurance that both the manufacturers and consumers demand."

Since 1999, on a world scale, there has been a four-fold increase in organic agricultural land (from 11 million to 43.7 million hectares in 2014 (FiBL & IFOAM - Organics International, 2016). The GOTS standard provides chain of custody assurance covering cotton processing, manufacturing, packaging, labeling, trading and

distribution of home and apparel textiles made with organic fiber. The standard prohibits the use of toxic inputs during the processing stages and includes strong labor protections, including prohibitions on child labor. As of January 2017, more than 1.4 million*workers were in more than 4,600 facilities in over 60 countries certified under GOTS.

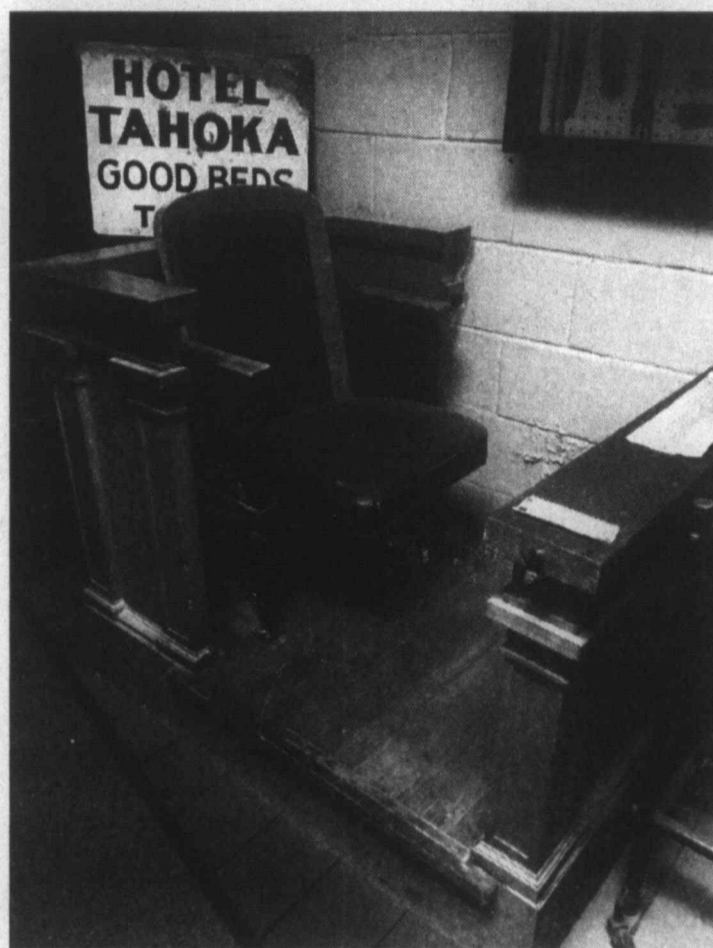
"We are excited that GOTS has approved our ginning process utilizing the Applied DNA SigNature T molecular tag," said Jimmy Wedel, president, Texas Organic Cotton Marketing. "Use of the molecular tag will give an added level of traceability, transparency and trust that are an important value to our cooperative and its members." The Texas Organic Cotton Marketing Cooperative, based in West Texas High Plains area, grew almost 80 percent of all the organic cotton in the US in 2015.

"We are committed to a ginning process that authenticates our Texas organic cotton at its source," said Kendall Harris, manager of Woolam Gin. "We take this commitment seriously and work hard to ensure that our organic cotton meets the highest standard to date. Woolam Gin is pleased to partner with Applied DNA and Control Union to complete our GOTS certification. This was a huge step and it is an honor to become the first GOTS v5.0 certified gin in the United States."

Applied DNA is a provider of molecular technologies that enable supply chain security, anti-counterfeiting and anti-theft technology, product genotyping and DNA mass production for diagnostics and therapeutics.

We make life real and safe by providing innovative, molecular-based technology solutions and services that can help protect products, brands, entire supply chains, and intellectual property of companies, governments and consumers from theft, counterfeiting, fraud and diversion. The proprietary DNA-based "Certain™" platform can be used to identify, tag, test, and track products, to help assure authenticity, origin, traceability, sustainability and quality of products.

SigNature® DNA describes the core technology ingredient that is at the heart of a family of uncopiable, security and authentication solutions such as SigNature®T and fiberTyping®, targeted towards textiles and apparel, BackTrac™ and DNAnet®, for anti-theft and loss prevention, and digitalDNA®, providing powerful track-and-trace. All provide a forensic chain of evidence, and can be used to prosecute perpetrators. Applied DNA Sciences is also engaged in the large-scale production of specific DNA sequences using the polymerase chain reaction.



First witness stand ... The original witness stand, including the wooden stall and chair, is believed to have been installed in the new (then) Lynn County Courthouse in 1917. Now the stand is displayed at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum, given to the museum by county officials when it was removed from the courtroom. This and other displays are at the Museum, located at 1600 Lockwood, open from 10:00 a.m.;2:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Admission is free.

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**NOTICE OF 2017 TAX YEAR
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR
LYNN COUNTY**

A tax rate of \$.85 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of

LYNN COUNTY

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$.85 per \$100

PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE \$.89 per \$100

EFFECTIVE TAX RATE \$.866509 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for

LYNN COUNTY from the same properties in both the 2016

tax year and the 2017 tax year.

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

property tax amount = (rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

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

MARQUITA SCOTT

LYNN COUNTY tax assessor-collector

1815 MAIN STREET

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Commissioners decrease taxes ...

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Coye - McCleskey/ Minerva Rash, Pct. 9- Tonda Frietag/ Gloria DeLeon, Pct. 12- Rebecca Ingle/Annabelle Saldana, Pct. 13- Oliver Thompson/ Alan Wuensche, Pct. 14- Virginia Quintero. It was also approved to consolidation voting precincts 1/5, 6, 7, 9, 12 and 14 at the Tahoka Life Enrichment Center; 2/8 at Wilson Green Museum; 3/10 at O'Donnell Community Center and 4/11 & 13 at New Home Community Center.

Budget amendments approved included the following: Public Welfare-Autopsy/Inquest +\$3700; Sheriff Office Insurance Claims +\$5490 and +\$5990; and for Pct. 1 - Note Interest +\$435; Note Principal +\$17180; Capital Outlay +\$121590; Misc. Income +\$72090.

After explaining that Lynn County currently contracts with Garza County Emergency Management for services at a cost of \$25,000 per year, Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock stated that a merger of the Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) position with the Juvenile Probation Officer position would be a cost savings to the county of about \$12,500 per year. Commissioners approved this merger which will begin April 2018 at which time William Schoemann will hold both positions (he will move from his current position as Adult Probation Officer at that time). Salary was set at \$10,000 for EMC (\$833.33 per month) and the Lynn County Juvenile Probation Officer salary will remain the same as budgeted; secretary for Mr. Schoemann, Gracie Zapata, will be paid \$100 per month compensation for her added EMC duties.

Commissioners Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham were all present at the meeting, which was led by Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock.



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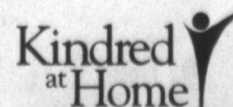
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The proposed budget is on file in the County Clerk's office and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. till 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. till 5:00 p.m.
Items to be considered include a possible increase in longevity and the salaries to elected county and precinct officers as follows:

OFFICE	PRESENT Salary	PRESENT Longevity	PROPOSED Salary	PROPOSED Longevity
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/s/ Mike Braddock
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Bulldogs to face Crosbyton in game here this Friday

by Coach Stephen Overstreet
The Bulldogs wrapped up a very productive two-a-day camp and scrimmages this past Friday night. I was very pleased with the steps we took forward during both two-a-days and at both scrimmages. We scrimmaged Olton first and did a very good job for the first time against someone else. If you are keeping score we came out on top 1-0. The only draw back to that scrimmage was we lost Jowan Hamilton for six weeks due to an injury. I was very pleased with how our Offense played with us putting in an entirely new system. After we got hit in the mouth early on the kids responded well and played with some juice. We wrapped up this past Friday with a 3 way scrimmage against Lubbock Roosevelt and Trinity Christian. We did an excellent job in this scrimmage as well and we looked very sharp in our 2 live quarters. Same thing -- if you

are keeping score we were 2-0 over Roosevelt and 0-0 against Trinity.
I am super proud of these kids and the progress we are making. I have asked them to come in and embrace the process of change. We talked about how football isn't a sprint it's a marathon so they have to come to work each day and GRIND it out to get better at what we are doing. I told them that the past is the past and we must focus on 2017. We are using a slogan that "Nothing Changes, if Nothing Changes." That starts with all of us from players, coaches, parents, and the community as a whole. These kids are buying in and I have seen some very positive steps forward. We still have a long way to go, but I believe the bricks are being laid to turn this thing around.
We have a very tough opponent coming Friday night at 7:30. Crosbyton is a team we played in our first game last

year and came out with a huge win. I told the kids that this is 2017 and what was done last year is in the past and we have to move forward. We can't carry that win from last year over to this year so they need to be ready to play and be sound in what we are trying to do.
Crosbyton is going through a coaching change, but they still have a very good core of kids back. They have a very big and physical offensive line and an outstanding running back in Tim Childers. We are going to have to play our game and not try and do too much.
Being at home will help and we hope to see the stands packed this Friday night. Getting that first win of the season sets everything up so much better the rest of the way. However I reminded them that in getting us better that doesn't mean being 5-0 to start the year. We are playing for something bigger and that's to win a district championship and that starts October 12.
I have no doubt that if we stay healthy, keep taking steps



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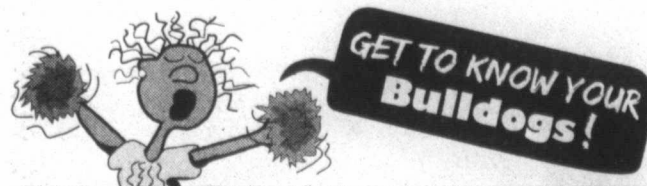
Front row: Coach JOSHUA REESE, girlfriend Brittany Jackson, daughter Kennedy Brooke (not pictured) • AD/Head Coach STEPHEN OVERSTREET, wife Kayla, and children Cooper and Canton • Assistant Coach/Manager DJ TILLMAN, a former Bulldog! • Back rows: Coach TERRILL AMBURN, wife Carla, children Jackson and Reese • Coach KAVIN COMER, wife Haley • Coach MICHAEL MALDONADO, wife Maegan • Coach JUSTIN GORMAN, wife Jennifer, twins Cooper & Masyn.

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DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
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Sept. 8	Post	Here	7:30
Sept. 15	Springlake-Earth**	Here	7:00
Sept. 22	Smyer	There	7:30
Sept. 29	Sundown	There	7:30
Oct. 6	OPEN		
Oct. 13	Seagraves*	There	7:00
Oct. 20	Roby*	There	7:00
Oct. 27	Hamlin*	Here	7:00
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Nov. 10	Plains*	Here	7:00

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- Who was the former Tahoka Bulldog football coach to play for Bear Bryant at Texas A&M?
- In 1969, who played the entire second half of a game against Denver City with a broken leg?
- Which Tahoka football coach was named "Coach of the Year" on the South Plains by the Lubbock Avalanche Journal?
- Which current Division 1 team holds the record for the most losses?
- What is the oldest rivalry in college football?

ANSWERS:

1. Don Smith
2. Greg Thomas
3. A.J. Viertel in 1974 (120 meetings)
4. Northwestern (619)
5. Minnesota and Wisconsin