

"Meet the Bulldogs" at the new THS Gym

Tahoka citizens will get an opportunity to view the new Tahoka High School Gymnasium here Thursday evening, Aug. 12, with "Meet The Bulldogs" scheduled at the new gym at 7 p.m. The new gym is located in TISD's new sports complex, west of the intersection of N. 5th and Ave. P.

Tahoka High School athletes will be introduced at "Meet the Bulldogs," and parents and other citizens will have a chance to see the new gymnasium, which is almost finished.

There won't be an official ribbon cutting or grand opening at this time, because all areas of the sports complex are not yet completed. It is anticipated that school officials will plan an official grand opening ceremony when all areas of the complex are completed soon. In addition to the gym, the complex includes a baseball field, softball field, field house and football practice field.

Prior to "Meet the Bulldogs," students and parents are invited to "Meet the Teachers" at 5:30 at the new gym, for Middle School and High School campuses, and for a Title I meeting. At the Tahoka Elementary campus, students and teachers are invited to the classrooms for "Meet the Teachers" from 6-7 p.m.

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City reduces scope, cost of street bond election project

by JUANELL JONES

ew information from City of Tahoka officials on Monday night informed citizens that the proposed \$8 million street bond election project has been significantly reduced in both its scope and the estimated cost - by almost half. According to Mayor John Baker, the project is no longer being considered as a two-phase project, and is no longer going to include repaving/curbing currently paved streets.

"After hearing what citizens now \$4.15 million," the mayor said

for seal coating streets, which is an ongoing maintenance. Seal coating issues would be addressed in our annual budget, and not a part of the bond election," he said.

Council members must decide by Aug. 16 whether to call for an election for the \$4.15 million street bond project, in order to have it on the Nov. 2 general election ballot. The five council members appear to be split on whether to support the bond election, with three indicating they would be in favor of calling for an election, and two indicating they may not. However, those comments were made in conversation during the public hearing, and were not an official vote, as calling for an election was not on the agenda for the meeting. The council will most likely call a special meeting

on Aug. 16 for council members to vote on whether to call for a street bond election on the Nov. 2 ballot.

If the council places the issue on the ballot, and voters approve the bond, then an additional Interest & Sinking (I&S) tax rate would be added to pay for the bond, estimated at 24-26 cents per \$100 of property value.

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Now that's funny!

"Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else." -- MARGARET MEAD

COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Update Lynn County 08-09-2021: Lynn County total cases: 644 7 New cases confirmed

11 Active, 625 Recovered, 8 Deaths

NWS official readings for Tahoka

| Date | High | Low | Precip. |
|-------|------------------------------|------|--------------------------------|
| Aug 3 | 84 | 59 | |
| Aug 4 | 85 | 58 | |
| Aug 5 | 88 | 68 | |
| Aug 6 | 94 | 68 | |
| Aug 7 | 100 | 72 | |
| Aug 8 | 99 | 66 | |
| Aug 9 | 97 | 70 | |
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| Total Precip for Mar: | 0.10" |
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| Total Precip for Apr: | 0.51" |
| Total Precip for May: | 6.75" |
| Total Precip for Jun: | 2.39" |
| Total Precip for July: | 3.73" |
| Total Precip for Aug: | 1.06" |
| Total Precip. for 2021: | 15.92" |

told us at the last public hearing on this project, we went back to the city engineers and had them remove all the milling and resurfacing of current paved streets from the project. The scope of the project now is to pave streets that are not currently paved, address pot holes and drainage issues in problem areas, and to repair (not replace) currently paved streets that are in need of repair. Our best estimate for this project is

during the public hearing held at Monday's council meeting.

It is anticipated that the \$4.15 million bond would require between 24-cents to 26-cents tax increase to pay back the bond, instead of the formerly estimated 48cent tax increase for an \$8-million project.

"This would be only one phase, one project," said Mayor Baker. "The bond funds would not be used

Baker told The News that the council is not considering a tax increase in the Maintenance and Operating (M&O) budget for the city.

"We are not anticipating the need for a tax increase for our M&O tax rate," Baker said.

The city tax rate is currently 0.72-cents per \$100 of property value, and there is no additional I&S tax rate. If the bond election (See STREET BOND ELECTION, page 6)

Delta variant now cause of concern as Covid-19 numbers are on the rise COVID-19

by JUANELL JONES

elta, a highly contagious SARS-CoV-2 virus strain, a variant of the Covid-19 virus, has contributed to a surge of new Covid cases across the globe - but is it here in Lynn County? It is possible, although the Covid numbers are not high here.

In Lynn County, only seven active cases of COVID-19 cases are currently reported, according to information from the South Plains Public Health District. There has been no information, however, about whether these cases are the Delta variant.

"We have had a significant increase in testing for Covid during the past two to three weeks, and we have had six positive test results from tests administered at Lynn County Hospital," Dr. Melanie Richburg, CEO of Lynn County Healthcare System, told The News this week. "However, those six positive cases were patients who did not live in Lynn County. None of those who tested positive were residents of Lynn County, so the cur-

rently active cases of Covid here must have tested elsewhere." Dr. Richburg said that the Lynn

County Healthcare System's Covid

Testing Drive-Up facility in Tahoka is available, but that an appointment should be made by calling the Covid Hotline at 806-561-2076. The hotline may be called 24-hours a day, and is answered by LCH staff who can determine if an assessment is needed and can set an appointment for the testing.

"Anyone who is concerned that they may have symptoms of Covid-19 may call our hotline, or call your own healthcare provider, and they will get you the help that you need," said Dr. Richburg.

Lubbock County has reported increasing numbers of the Delta variant of Covid-19 cases, and increased hospitalizations due to the disease

How is the new mutation of Covid-19 different from the original strain?

Compared to the original strain, people infected with the

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new strain -- called 614G -- have higher viral loads in their nose and throat, though they don't seem to get any sicker, according to health sources. Also, they are much more contagious to others. For this reason, vaccinated and unvaccinated people need to mask up again, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to help prevent the spread.

On July 27, the CDC recommended that everyone in areas with high Covid-19 infection rates wear masks in public indoor spaces, regardless of vaccination status.

Dr. Richburg said that according to information she has received from the Lubbock hospitals, that the most extreme cases of Covid illnesses there - ICU patients on ventilators - are patients that have not been vaccinated against the disease.

"We're being told that although there are some vaccined patients that have gotten Covid, that it is the unvaccinated patients who are having the most severe symptoms," Dr. Richburg told The News this week. "I would say that one's recovery likelihood is improved if you have had the Covid vaccine."



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Her advice? Get the vaccine.

Dr. Richburg encourages those who have not gotten a vaccine to get one (unless one's physician recommends a patient not to get the vaccine). She reminds citizens that the Covid vaccine is still available by appointment at Lynn County Healthcare System, by calling the local Covid Hotline at 806-561-2076 to set an appointment. There is no cost to get the vaccine. (See COVID CASES, page 6)





We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth the others are here for I don't know.



-- W.H. AUDEN

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Senior Citizens Menu

August 16-20

Monday: Polish sausage, red cabbage, German potato salad, black forest parfait Tuesday: King Ranch Casserole, pinto beans, sugar cookie, pineapple ring Wednesday: Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, mixed greens, peach short cake Thursday: BBQ Chicken breast, smothered potatoes, carrot & raisin salad, sliced apples

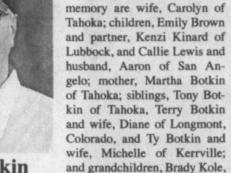
Friday: Pollock wedge, lima beans, coleslaw, lemon cookie

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of Tahoka, passed away on Wednesday, August 4, 2021. He was born in Tahoka on January 8, 1958, to Finis Gene and Martha Ann (Prohl) Botkin. Tommy was a lifelong resident of Tahoka and attended Texas Tech University upon high school graduation. He married Carolyn Cowan in Tahoka on December 31, 1982. He was a 3rd generation farmer in Lynn County and also worked as a loan officer at First National Bank for 10 years. Tommy was a member of First Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon for more than 30 years. He loved music, sang in the church choir for many years, and played the guitar for the praise and worship team. Tommy served on the Volunteer Fire Department for 29 years, the Tahoka School Board, and was a member of the local Rotary Club. Tommy loved hunting, camping, and going to sporting events, especially when it involved his grandkids. He touched many lives throughout his years of serving the church and community of Tahoka. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was a man of great faith;

by his father, Finis, in 2013 and his sister-in-law, Carol Botkin, in 2016. Those left to cherish his

Tommy Botkin Tommy Gene Botkin, 63,



in November.

First Baptist Church.

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Open visitation was at 2:00

He was born in Tahoka,

Texas on March 7, 1944, to

dolvn (Ward) Davis of Tahoka.

Billy Ward Davis Billy Ward Davis passed away on Thursday, August 5, 2021. A celebration of Billy's Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 14, 2021, at the First Baptist Church of Tahoka.

Ocie Vernon and Wilma Gwenone who leaves behind an extraordinary legacy.

He was preceded in death Billy was raised in Tahoka and

LCH Rehab & Fitness Center

graduated from Tahoka High School in 1962. He attended and played football for Abilene Christian College then returned home to farm after his father passed away. While farming he attended Lubbock Christian College and Texas Tech. Billy also had a swine operation while farming. He married Ann Louise Duncan on August

5, 1967, in Roscoe, Texas. In 1979, he attended insurance school in Waco and became a licensed insurance agent for Farm Bureau. Billy later became an independent agent and sold crop insurance and Connor Gene, who is due until he retired in January of 2021. Billy loved playing golf at T-Bar Country Club and traveling with Ann. He especially loved trips to see his grandkids. Billy served his community as a member of Rotary, 4-H Adult Leader Association, and the Chamber of Commerce. In 1986, he was elected to the Tahoka I.S.D. Board of Trustees. Billy loved getting in-

> local, district, and state-level 4-H Volunteer Associations. He also served on the Texas 4-H Foundation. Billy loved to volunteer at statewide 4-H youth events like Roundup and summer camp leadership programs. Billy welcomed many young people through the years to keep animals at his farm if they had no place to raise livestock. He was always available to encourage and help young people. He loved telling stories and sharing a new joke every chance he could to make people smile. He had a new joke every Sunday. He attended church at The Springs Fellowship in Lubbock, then later at the First Baptist Church of Tahoka.

> He was preceded in death by his father, Vernon, in 1963 and his mother, Wilma, in 1981.

Those left to cherish his memory are wife, Ann of Tahoka; and children, Patricia Campbell and husband Terry of memory are her children, Ed-

Worth; grandchildren Joshua Noble, Kobi Grace, and Kyli Joy Adair all of Fort Worth; step-grandchildren Brittany and Josh Weaver of Odessa, Bailey and Wayne Waldrop of Andrews, Rebecca and Colton Carey of Lubbock, and Maddie Grace Campbell of Lubbock; and twelve step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations can be made to the First Baptist Church of Tahoka, PO Box 1547, Tahoka, Texas 79373, The Texas Boys Ranch, PO Box 5665, Lubbock, Texas 79408, or a charity of your choice.



Mozell Smith

Dorothy Mozell "Moie" Smith of Tahoka passed away on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at the age of 97. She was born November 19, 1923 in Sulfur Springs, Texas to Claude and Nellie (Willingham) Redman. Mozell married the love of her life Herbert "Hub" Smith on November 7, 1949 in Lovington, New Mexico. She worked for the Tahoka ISD as Cafeteria Manager for 28 years, retiring in 1989. Mozell will be most remembered for her strength, and as a loving mother, and grandmother; she was stern and strict but always applied with love. She was strong in her faith in the Lord and was selfless to a fault.

Mozell was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Herbert in 1984; and 14 siblings.

Those left to cherish her.

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Lubbock; and Katherine Adair ward Smith and wife Elaine and husband James of Fort of Tahoka, Eunice McMillan and husband Roger and Christy Gibbs and husband Roy, all of Lubbock; three siblings, Claudia Odom and A. E. Redman and wife Billie, all of Post and Edna McCowen of Austin; seven grandchildren; 18 greatgrandchildren; and one greatgreat-granddaughter.

Open visitation was at 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 6, 2021 at Combest Family Funeral Homes with the family receiving friends 5:00-7:00 p.m. Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, August 7, 2021 at Sweet Street Baptist Church with interment to follow at the Tahoka Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to Lynn County Healthcare System, PO Box 1310, Tahoka, Texas 79373; Sweet Street Baptist Church PO Box 751 Tahoka, Texas 79373, or a charity of your choice.

Patricia (Phillips) Bingham

Patricia Juanita (Phillips) Bingham, 76, of Lubbock, passed away on Sunday, August 8, 2021. She was born April 29, 1945 in Santa Anna, Texas to Thomas Milton and Vera Lee (Ragan) Phillips. Patricia married James "Tewatt" Bingham on January 30, 1964. She worked as a secretary for several different entities throughout her life. Patricia enjoyed sewing, crafting and genealogy. She was active in the Senior Citizens Center in Tahoka. Patricia was a member of Sweet Street Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; sisters, Melba Jo Swinford and Mildred Ann Hall and greatgrandson, Gunner Wesley Bingham.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son, Jimmie "Jim" Bingham and wife Christy of Abilene; daughter, Jennifer McLamore and husband Jim of Tahoka; sister, Tomi Engle of Tahoka; five grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

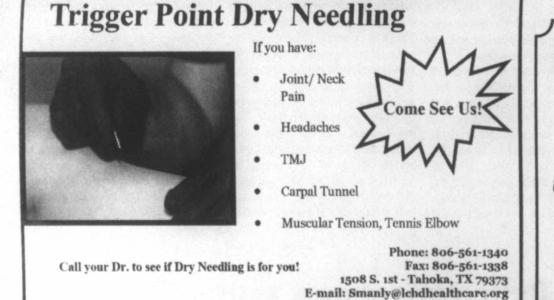
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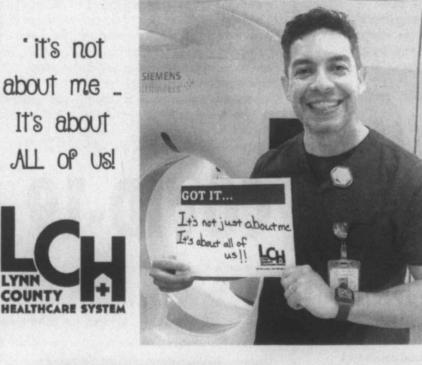
p.m. Friday, August 6, 2021, at Combest Family Funeral Homes, with the family receiving friends 6:00-8:00 p.m. Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 7, 2021, at volved to help kids, especially 4-H and FFA. He served on the





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Have <u>YOU</u> got your Covid Vaccine?



COVID VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE Call the Covid Hotline at 806-561-2076 to schedule a time to get your Covid vaccine. What You Need to Know

 COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective at preventing COVID-19 disease, especially severe illness and death.

 COVID-19 vaccines reduce the risk of people spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.

 You may have side effects after vaccination. These are normal and should go away in a few days.

 It typically takes 2 weeks after vaccination for the body to build protection (immunity) against the virus that causes COVID-19. You are not fully vaccinated until 2 weeks after the second dose of a 2-dose vaccine or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine.

 After you are fully vaccinated, you can resume activities that you did before the pandemic. Learn more about what you can do when you have been fully vaccinated.

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New City Judge ... T.J. McAuley is the newly appointed Municipal Judge for the City of Tahoka.

T.J. McAuley appointed Municipal Judge here

by JUANELL JONES

T.J. McAuley is the new the City of Tahoka, with the City Council approving the city administrator's recommendation from among an existing structure. a slate of six candidates for the Lubbock police officer, is a Municipal Judge, which is a rate of \$40 per day. part-time position here.

Council members approved the appointment during Monday night's city council meeting.

City officials have appointed Marisa Webster as Energy (including Tahoka), was the Municipal Court Clerk, as a full-time position. Webster was formerly the Director for Jay Dee House was reappointed the City/County Library here. for another term to serve as-The city is currently accepting the city's representative for applications for a new library the Canadian River Municipal director and an assistant at the library.

In other action at the council meeting, the council approved updates to ordinances for animal control, and for vehicle parking. A public and administration for the hearing on the street bond Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.

A zoning variance was approved regarding front Municipal Judge for and side yard setbacks on property at N. 1st and Ave. Q, as requested by the property owner, regarding easement for

The council approved an position. McAuley, a former interlocal agreement between the City of Tahoka and the currently the Municipal Judge Lynn County Sheriff's Office for the City of Shallowater, and 'for the reimbursement of he will also serve Tahoka as inmate housing and care, at a

An agenda item regarding Judge McAuley fills the the possible utilization of city position that was recently resources to tear down homes vacated by Dr. Ed Smith, who at the request of residents was retired from the position at tabled after some discussion, the end of July. Tahoka City to be considered at a later meeting.

> A resolution approving the negotiated settlement between the cities served by Atmos approved, and the 2019-2020 financial audit was approved. Water Authority, and council members approved an agreement between the City and South Plains Association of Government (SPAG) to provide grant application preparation

City -County Library awarded \$2,500 grant

Texas Book Festival awards grants to support collection the grant," said Library Di-

The City-County Library lic libraries, and enables li- grant is to help build up our Life Enrichment Center at has received a grant from braries to share the diversity Teen and Young Adult sec- 1717 Main Street in Tahoka, the Texas Book Festival in and breadth of literature with tion here at the library, along is open Monday-Thursday the amount of \$2,500. The their entire communities. "I am super excited about tion."

The City-County Li- 5 p.m. (closed during noon enhancement for Texas pub- rector Marisa Webster. "The brary, located inside the hour).

with our Large Print sec- 9 a.m.6 p.m. (closed during noon hour) and Friday 9 a.m.-

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

| The | Wilson Independent S | will hold a public | |
|------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--|
| meeting at | 6:00pm August 24,2021 | in | Wilson ISD Board Room |
| | Wilson, TX | The p | urpose 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 | \$.9630 | /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
|---|-------------|---|
| School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters | \$.3594 | /\$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 _ | | % increase | or _ | 4.21 | % (decrease) |
|------------------------------|------|------------|------|------|--------------|
| Debt service | 3.88 | % increase | or _ | | % (decrease) |
| Total expenditures | | % increase | or _ | 2.45 | % (decrease) |

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04) **Preceding Tax Year Current Tax Year** 253,486,940 276,487,225 Total appraised value* of all property Total appraised value* of new property** 289,480 761,360 197,546,395 178,375,830 Total taxable value*** of all property Total taxable value*** of new property** 289,480 761,360 "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8). "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17). *** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

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Ross Mason, spoke in regards as well. and street drainage issues.

election was also conducted, Local Parks Grant program. A and about a dozen citizens were copier contract with Hilliard in attendance. One person, Office Solutions was approved

to the street project during the Mayor Baker led the hearing, and two other citizens, meeting, with all council Betty Ehlers and Mary members present including Belew, addressed the council Ronny Jolly, Ray Don Box, regarding senior citizen funds Shiloh Braddock, Ryan Curry, and Courtney Stennett.

Wilson ISD to propose keeping \$1.32 tax rate

tax rate of \$1.32240 per \$100 facilities. of property value, which is the rate.

a Maintenance & Operating year, including total appraised (M&O) tax rate of \$0.96300, value of new property of and an Interest & Sinking Fund \$761,360, (I&S) tax rate of \$0.35940 to \$289,480 the previous year. pay off bonded indebtedness. \$7.6 million bond November of meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, 2019, for school improvements, Aug. 24 in the Wilson ISD including construction of a a Board Room to discuss the new ag facility, and renovation school district's budget that of the school auditorium will determine the tax rate into a new science facility. that will be adopted. Public Other improvements included participation in the discussion roofing, electrical, plumbing,

Wilson Independent Scho- installation of air conditioning ol District is publishing for the gymnasium, security information this week that they fencing, and additional security are considering proposing a for entryways at school

The total appraised value same rate as last year's total tax of all property in Wilson ISD increased from \$253,486,940 The \$1.32 tax rate includes last year to \$276,487,225 this compared to

The WISD Board of Wilson ISD voters approved a Trustees will hold a public is invited.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$_____

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

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| | tenance erations | Interest hking Fund* | Total | Revenue Student | Revenue Student |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate | \$.96300 | \$.35940* | \$ 1.32240 | \$ 8,373 | \$ 10,678 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & | | | | | |
| Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.06573 | \$.32473* | \$ 1.39046 | \$ 11,115 | \$ 8,654 |
| Proposed Rate | \$.96300 | \$.35940 * | \$ 1.32240 | \$ 10,811 | \$ 8,860 |

* 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 La | st Yea | ar's Levy on | Averag | e Residenc | e |
|---|--------|--------------|--------|------------|---|
| | Last | Year | This | Year | |
| Average Market Value of Residences | \$ | 72,048 | \$ | 74,797 | |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ | 54,341 | \$ | 57,854 | |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ | 1.3224 | \$ | 1.3224 | |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$ | 718.60 | \$ | 765.06 | |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | | \$ | 46.45 | |

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 Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter 1.3224 . This election will be automatically held if approval at an election is the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.3224

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) Ś 1,700,000

> > 58,000

Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) Ś

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.



City of Tahoka Councilman, Shiloh Braddock

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Tahoka Bulldogs scrimmages are both on the road

The two scrimmages to School Bulldog varsity Olton, beginning at 6 p.m. and junior varsity teams out of town.

see how the Tahoka High be this Friday, Aug. 13, at Sudan. 20 but now rescheduled p.m.

The first scrimmage will to Thursday, Aug. 19, at

The Bulldogs will The second scrimmage host the season opener on are preparing for the 2021 has been rescheduled, Friday, Aug. 27 at Bulldog season will both be played originally slated for Aug. Stadium, hosting Plains at 7



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

| The | New Home Independent School District | will hold a public |
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meeting at

50-280 (Rev. 8-19/5)

in New Home, Texas

7:00 PM August 23, 2020

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the

the New Home ISD Board Room

school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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.9603 **Maintenance Tax** /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Service Tax .4950 Approved by Local Voters \$

/\$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 | 5 | % increase | or | % (decrease) | |
|----------------------------|-----|------------|----|--------------|---|
| Debt service | 145 | % increase | or | % (decrease) | 1 |
| Total expenditures | 13 | % increase | or | % (decrease) | |

| Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Va | alue |
|--|---------|
| (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26. | 04) |
| Draceding Tax Veer | Current |

| Total appraised value* of all property | \$ 217,682,230 | \$ | 255,162,800 | |
|--|-------------------|----|-------------|--|
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 9,902,900 | \$ | 11,876,100 | |
| Total taxable value*** of all property | \$ 129,213,680 | \$ | 151,603,500 | |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 9,772,540 | \$ | 11,013,630 | |

"New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Brush fire ... Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to a brush fire just south of the FM 400 overpass near Tahoka on

Traffic accidents, brush fires in law reports for the week

Friday, just visible through the smoke in this photo.

by JUANELL JONES

the past week.

Sunday, Lynn Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and DPS officers responded to a on Hiracheta Dr. in New caller who said he was driving Home reported to LCSO that westbound on US 380 and a neighbor's pitbull tried to that another vehicle was in his attack her, at 4:23 p.m. Aug. lane. The caller said he moved 5, and said that it was not the his vehicle over to avoid the first time that the dog had other vehicle but that it struck tried to attack. The woman his side mirror. A black Dodge was reportedly able to escape Ram 1500 and a black Toyota harm. A deputy met with the Tundra were involved in the owners of the dog, notifying incident, and both stopped to the owners that the dog had wait for officers to arrive at been identified as aggressive a location between CR HH and must be kept on their and II on US 380. No injuries property. were reported. The driver of the other vehicle was a minor, Dept. responded to two brush who was transported to the fires during the past week, LCSO to wait on parents to _ one just south of the FM 400 pick him up, according to the overpass near Tahoka on LCSO call sheet.

caller to LCSO reported that north of Tahoka on US 87. the back end of a red Dodge Avenger was sticking out residence in the 1700 block into the road, after it had of South 1st at 10:30 p.m. apparently struck a guardrail Monday," after the Lynn on FM 179 near FM 2053, and County Sheriff's Office said that the vehicle was not pinged a location from two occupied. Officers arriving 9-1-1 hangup calls. Police at the scene discovered that called for Lynn County EMS the vehicle had been reported to respond to the location, and stolen out of Dawson County, one person in the residence and had the vehicle towed was transported for medical away from the scene. In Wilson last Thursday morning, a caller to the LCSO week included a dog reported reported at 9:30 a.m. that a missing in Wilson, suspicious blue Toyota had been sitting vehicles, assisting motorists, at a four-way stop sign for civil matters, domestic about 45 minutes, at 12th disturbances, reckless drivers, and Gouger Ave., and said and a report from Lynn that the vehicle had front-end County Hospital stating there damage. Shortly afterwards, was a female in the ER with LCSO received a second call a cat bite, and that the cat about the same vehicle, from a belonged to the female who City of Wilson employee who was bitten.

reported that the male driver Two traffic accidents, two sitting inside the vehicle brush fires, and a report of a appeared to be passed out. A potential dog attack were in deputy arriving at the scene law enforcement reports for arrested the male driver on charges of No Drivers License Just after midnight and Possession of Drug County Paraphernalia.

A woman at a residence

Tahoka Volunteer Fire Friday, and one Monday south At 5:17 a.m. Monday, a of the west roadside park,

Police responded to a

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Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$_ 21,495,000

* Outstanding principal.

50-280 (Rev. 8-19/5) (Back)

| | Maintenance & Operations | | Interest & Sinking Fund* | | Total | | Local Revenue Per Student | | State Revenue Per Student | |
|---|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|---------|-------|--------|------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| Last Year's Rate | \$ | 1.0137 | \$ | .1962* | \$ | 1.2099 | \$ | 2,835 | \$ | 9,330 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & | ì | | | | | | | | | |
| Pay Debt Service | \$ | .8850 | \$ | .4526 * | \$ | 1.3377 | \$ | 3,681 | \$ | 9,21 |
| Proposed Rate | \$ | .9603 | \$ | .4950 * | \$ | 1.4553 | \$ | 3,779 | \$ | 9,23 |

* 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 Lev | y with Last | Year's Levy | on Average | <u>Residence</u> |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------------|
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| | | Last Year | | This Year | |
|---|----|-----------|----|-----------|--|
| Average Market Value of Residences | \$ | 196,925 | \$ | 272,362 | |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | | 168,121 | \$ | 231,118 | |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | | 1.2099 | \$ | 1.4553 | |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | | 2,034.09 | \$ | 3,363.46 | |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | | \$ | 1,363.57 | |

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 Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter

approval at an election is

. This election will be automatically held if 1.4553

the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of _

1.4553

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) 1,954,510

Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)

120,000

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

treatment.

Other calls during the

New Home ISD Board to propose property tax rate of \$1.45

New Home Independent Voters within the school School District Board of district approved an \$18 Trustees is proposing a total million bond election in May tax rate of \$1.4553 for 2021, for the construction of a new which includes a Maintenance elementary campus and new and Operating (M&O) tax football and track facilities, rate of \$0.9603 and an Interest due to the district's continued and Sinking (I&S) tax rate of unprecedented growth in \$0.4950, per \$100 of property student population. value.

rate is an increase of 25-cents, ISD has increased from compared to the previous \$217,682,230 last year to year. Last year the school \$255,162,800 this year. This district had an M&O rate of includes a total appraised \$1.0137 and an I&S tax rate of value of new property of \$0.1962, for a total tax rate of \$11,876,100 for this year, up \$1.2099.

The M&O rate is about a 5-cent decrease from last Trustees has scheduled year's rate of \$1.0137, but the a public hearing on the I&S rate is 30-cents higher proposed tax rate and budget than the previous year, to pay at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23 for bonded indebtedness for in the New Home ISD Board new construction of facilities. Room.

Total appraised value of The proposed total tax all property in New Home from \$9,902,900 last year.

The NHISD Board of



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CITY OF TAHOKA JOB POSTINGS

The City of Tahoka is looking for people driven by a desire to contribute,

possess a willingness to be challenged, and are committed to public

service. The City-County Library has an opening for a Library Director.

The Library Director position is responsible for performing a variety

of customer service, events, clerical and logistical duties related to

community relations, events, record keeping, filing, shipping and

receiving, and multifunctional equipment. This position will perform a

variety of customer service tasks especially with children and families

with a variety of duties; including but not limited to, organizing and

setting up of children and family events, ordering books and continual

rotation of books on the shelves for people to enjoy, utilizing the various

office equipment; such as a 3-D printer, scanners, copiers, and be able

to help with simple network and Wi-Fi issues. A qualified candidate

should be able to communicate effectively (both written and oral),

have good customer service skills, intermediate level experience in

Microsoft Office, some accounting and cash handling experience and

management experience preferred. The minimum qualifications are

a High School Diploma or GED, a valid Texas Driver's License, and be

able to pass a drug screen and background check. The candidate will

be required to attend the Texas State Library and Archives training.

Candidates must submit a resume and complete a City of Tahoka

Employment Application on the City's website on the Public Notifications

page to be considered for this recruitment; www.tahoka-texas.com.

You may submit all required and additional documents in person or via

The City of Tahoka is looking for people driven by a desire to contribute,

possess a willingness to be challenged, and are committed to public

service. The City-County Library has an opening for a Librarian. The

Librarian position is a fun filled position that works with children and

They are responsible for performing and organizing Storytime and

other crafts and events with children, teens young adults, and adults;

helping patrons find the books they need and utilize the equipment

properly. This person will help the Library Director in programs, ordering

supplies, stocking the shelves and working with the circulation of books

for people to enjoy, utilizing the various office equipment; such as a

3-D printer, scanners, copiers, and be able to help with simple network

A qualified candidate should be able to communicate effectively (both

written and oral), have good customer service skills, intermediate level

experience in Microsoft Office and various other software applications.

The minimum qualifications are a High School Diploma or, GED, a

valid Texas Driver's License, and be able to pass a drug screen and

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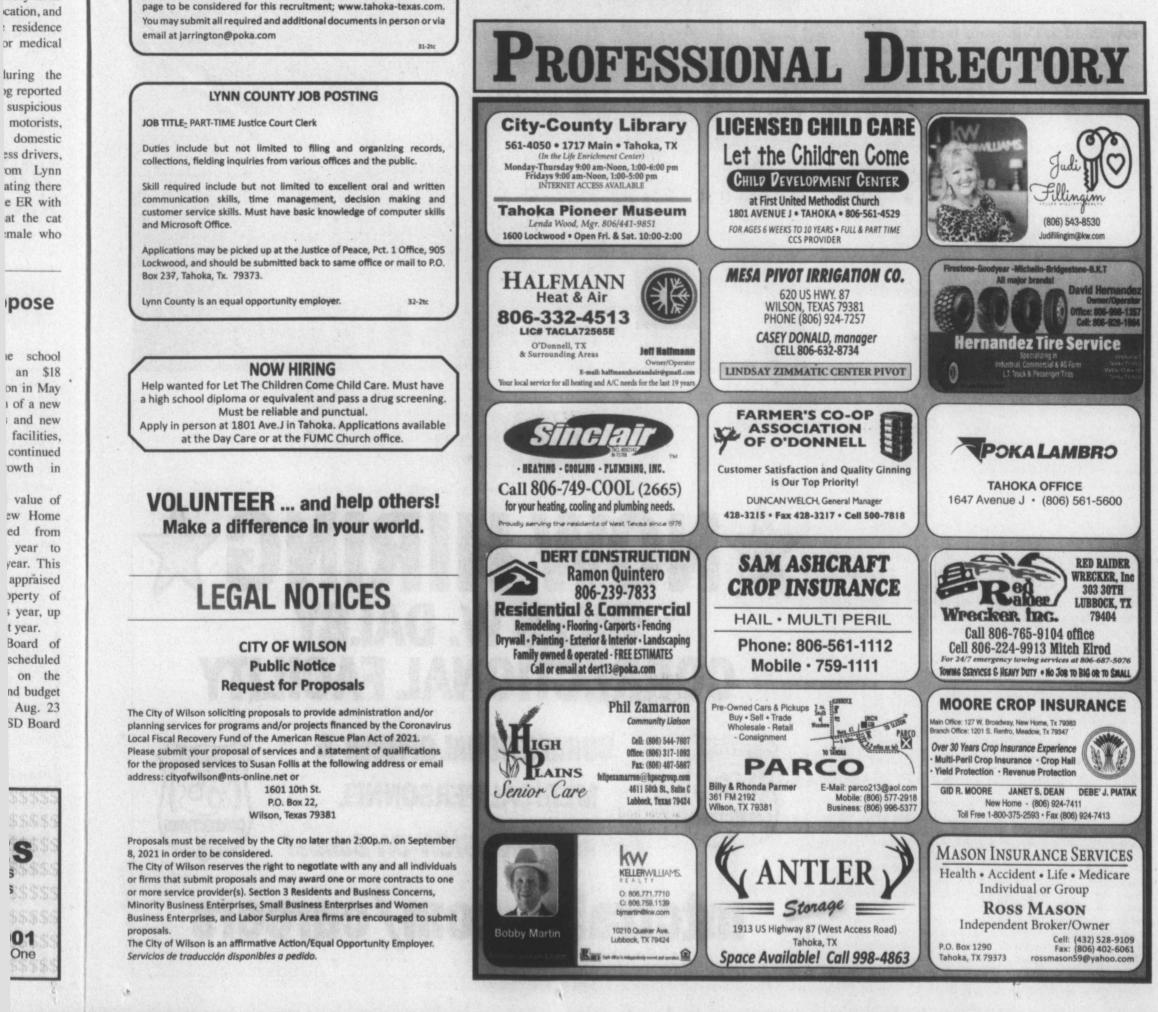
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Did you know?

• Titan, Saturn's largest moon, is the only moon known to have a fully developed atmosphere. In fact, it is about 50% denser than Earth's.

Area News from area newspapers

Covid cases jump to 20

LAMESA - There's no question about it, Covid-19 is making a resurgence here both in Lamesa anda cross the area. The South Plains Public Health District on Friday (Aug. 6) reported 20 acrive Covid cases among Dawson County residents.

That is up from seven active cases the previous Friday, and four on the Friday before that.

The SPPHD reports Gaines County currently has 29 active cases, Terry County has 24, and Yoakum has 20.

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Fire truck accident claims life

of Stanton volunteer firefighter

STANTON - The residents of Stanton were in shock Aug. 4 when news of a fatal accident was announced involving a Stanton volunteer fire truck.

Two members of the Stanton Volunteer Fire Department, Danny Ireton and Allan Carby, were responding to a wreck in Martin County early Wednesday morning. While enroute, the fire truck collided with an 18-wheeler on FM 3113 somewhere between FM 829 and Hwy. 137.

Carby was transported to a nearby hospital and is currently listed in stable condition with several injuries. Ireton did not survive the accident.

Covid cases ...

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nated, the CDC says.

"It takes about 10-14 days

for us to get the specific test

results to determine if it is the

Delta variant, but that is the

primary virus strain that is being seen right now in many

having a lot of issues with al-

lergies, and one of the symp-

toms of Covid-19 is upper

respiratory type infections, so that causes people to become

concerned. However, most

often there is a fever associ-

ated with Covid. Patients with

Covid-19 are also still report-

"This time of year we start

areas," said Dr. Richburg.

The CDC described Delta as ing loss of smell and loss of more transmissible than the taste, or gradual loss of these senses, and then sometimes common cold and influenza. gastro-intestinal symptoms. The highest spread of cases and severe outcomes is hap-Be sure to tell your healthcare provider all of the symptoms pening in places with low vaccination rates, and virtually you are experiencing, if you are concerned," she added. all hospitalizations and deaths She said that Lynn County have been among the unvacci-

Healthcare Systems is ready and able to assess, test, and determine treatment needed for Covid, but that precautions are in place to protect both the patients and the staff of the hospital.

"Our entry doors are locked, but there is a camera and button to communicate with our staff at every entrance. We are going to screen you at every door. If appropriate, we will ask to see you in the parking lot in your vehicle, so that we don't expose others to possible covid.

"We also have tele-medicine, and will be happy to see you that way (virtually), and, if needed in some situations, we also have a community provider on staff that can come to your home to do testing, in situations that might require that," stated Dr. Richburg.

"Our hospital and our clinics remain open, and our healthcare providers are ready to help. Please call your primary care provider, or our Covid-19 Hotline (806-561-2076) if you have any concerns about your health," said Dr. Richburg.

Street Bond Election ...

News, which is 391 miles from home!

Where in the world is

The Lynn County News

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passes, the funds generated by the additional I&S tax rate are set each year to meet the annual payment, and, by law, must be used only for making the annual payment for that debt.

The city has not had a tax increase for the past 15

years, and in fact had a 2-cent decrease in 2020. The property tax rate for the City of Tahoka was 74.7-cents from 2006-2019, and in 2020 was lowered to 72.7-cents. No additional I&S rates were in effect during that time period as well.

The Gypsy Chick ... Nita Chandler Emerine, Jannis Childress, Alyssa Moreno,

Ashleigh Lopez, Hendrix Moreno and Leasa Lopez are The Gypsy Chick at Granbury Lake,

during a trip to the Dallas/Ft Worth area. They took a photo op with The Lynn County

"We really just do not have the funds in our general funds to address our unpaved streets in any timely manner," the mayor told The News. "We do apply for the CDBG grant funds for streets, but that is a \$300,000 grant, which would probably pay for paving about two blocks. It would take us a long time to accomplish much that way," he added.

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- from the Martin County Messenger

Brownfield has vineyard festival

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BROWNFIELD - The Brownfield Chamber of Commerce's 9th annual Grape Capital of Texas was held last weekend at Reddy's Vineyard. The two-day festival brought wine lovers together to enjoy the foods and wines from the many vineyards in Terry County and a few from mother areas in the state, as well as a tour of three local vineyards.

Approximately 200 people attended on Friday, and about 140 on the second night.

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

LEGAL NOTICES

August 12, 2021 **GRANT ENGINEERING SERVICES PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Tahoka is submitting a 2022 Local Parks Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation grant program through Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified engineer/engineering firm registered to practice in the State of Texas to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications and conduct all necessary interim and final inspections. These services are being solicited to assist the City in its application preparation and project implementation of a TPWD contract, If awarded, to support the outdoor recreational projects in the City of Tahoka.

Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the address below:

City of Tahoka Attn: Julie Arrington, City Manager 1807 N. Main Tahoka, TX 79373

Proposals must be received by the city no later than 2:00 PM, August 23, 2021 to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals, engineers or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns. Minor-Ity Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE **CITY OF TAHOKA TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT** NON-URBAN OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT APPLICATION

The City of Tahoka will hold a public hearing at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, August 23, 2021 at Tahoka Council Chambers, 1807 N. Main Street, Tahoka, Texas in regards to the submission of an application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) for a Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant. This meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to review and discuss the proposed Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant project and make comments. The city encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TPWD application and to make their views known at the public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Julie Arrington, City Manager at Tahoka City Hall at 1807 N Main Street, Tahoka, TX 79373. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact Tahoka City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact Tahoka at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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