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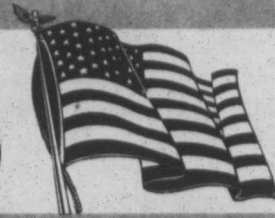
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New Home vs Borden Co. at Trent

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Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug. 20	78	60	
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## Back to School! Yea!

Going to school is apparently a joy for Maylaysia Washington, who seems delighted to report to class Monday morning at Tahoka Elementary School, for the first day of school.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



## Cities Propose Property Tax Rates

by JUANELL JONES

The four municipalities within Lynn County have proposed property tax rates for 2008, with Tahoka and O'Donnell city officials proposing to leave the rates at current levels, New Home city rates going up less than a penny, and Wilson city officials proposing to lower the city tax rate by about 9 cents.

Wilson City Council voted unanimously on Aug. 11 to set the 2008 city tax rate at the effective rate of .79870 per \$100 of property value, which would bring in about the same amount of revenue as the 2007 tax rate of .88500. The new lower tax rate would generate \$77,304 in revenue, compared to \$77,155 generated by last year's tax rate, due to higher appraisal values. The new rate would bring in only \$149 more to city coffers than the previous year.

New Home City Council is proposing a tax rate of .46038, which is the highest rate before triggering a rollback election. Last year's city tax rate was

.45284, which brought in \$29,661 in revenues. The proposed rate is less than a penny higher, and would generate \$33,014 in revenues. The new rate would bring in \$3,353 more for the City of New Home.

Tahoka and O'Donnell are proposing to leave their current tax rates in place, which is considered a tax increase because both are above their effective tax rates. The city tax rate in Tahoka is .74703, which generated \$417,251 in revenues in 2007, and is expected to generate \$444,718 in revenues at the same rate in 2008. Leaving the tax rate in place would generate \$27,467 more than the previous year for Tahoka city coffers, again due mostly to higher appraisal values. The effective tax rate for the City of Tahoka, which is figured to calculate a rate that would bring in the same amount of revenue as the previous year, is .69936.

Tahoka City Council voted 3-0 to propose a tax rate of .74703, with (See Tax Rates, page 4)

### Proposed City Tax Rates For 2008

Taxing Entity	2007 Rate	Effective Rate	2008 Rate*
O'Donnell	\$0.83650	\$0.80625	<b>\$0.83650</b>
Wilson	\$0.88500	\$0.79870	<b>\$0.79870</b>
Tahoka	\$0.74703	\$0.69936	<b>\$0.74703</b>
New Home	\$0.45284	\$0.42628	<b>\$0.46038</b>

\*Proposed Tax Rate



## Bulldogs Look For Better Year In New Alignment

The Tahoka Bulldogs don't expect life to be a lot easier in the lower classification after dropping from Class AA to Class A this season, but they do expect to improve and to score more with a new offense and a new head coach. Players, coaches and fans are optimistic as this year's team goes to Crosbyton Friday night to open the 2008 season.

Coach Jesse Garza's new offense will feature a lot of passing, with Mitchell Chapa, 150-pound senior, gunning from a spread formation. This formation worked for a couple of scores against Post in last week's scrimmage.

Garza has 17 lettermen back, including eight starters on offense, for a team which finished 1-9 last season in a really tough district.

The Lubbock *Avalanche-Journal* has predicted that Tahoka will finish fifth in a six-team district (7-A) which also includes Plains, Forsan, Stanton, Seagraves and Sundown, which lost only in the state semi-finals last season and is predicted to go further than that this year.

Michael Gonzales, senior running back who plays linebacker on defense, is expected to be one of Tahoka's defensive leaders.



(LCN PHOTO by Tina Huanacha)

**Slippery Jackrabbit ... Tahoka's Ridge Hall makes a valiant effort to tackle a Ralls Jackrabbit during the first scrimmage held Saturday morning, Aug. 16, at Ralls. The Bulldogs open season at Crosbyton this week, with the first home game on Sept. 5, hosting Denver City in Class 1A action.**

## Fire Alarm at Tahoka High School Evacuates Building Tuesday

by JUANELL JONES

A fire alarm at 11:20 a.m. Tuesday sent Tahoka High School/Middle School students and staff members scurrying from the building as Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department showed up in force outside the front door of the high school entrance. A smoke-filled front office at the high school campus sufficiently alarmed school officials, who took no chances with the safety of their staff and students while determining the cause of the smoke.

It was quickly determined that the smoke was from a burned-out motor on an air conditioning unit to the office, on the roof of the building. Firefighters brought in large fans to help dissipate the smoke from the office and front hallway, and students and staff returned to the building within a half hour of the evacuation.

Troy Hinds, High School Principal, said the school fire alarm - three long bells - was sounded just as students were in the hallways, going from one class to the next.

"I am so proud of our students - everybody did just what they were supposed to, and we had the building evacuated in under 45 seconds. This is on the second day of school, and of course we have not had any fire drills this year, but they did exactly what they have been taught. Of course, a lot of them thought it was just a fire drill, except for the students in classes in the front of the building, who could see and smell the smoke as they left the building, so they knew this was not a drill," said Hinds. Practice fire drills, he noted, had never been conducted during the period between classes when students were progressing through hallways, so this was indeed a test of how well students and staff responded to the three-bell school alarm.

Students and staff waited in groups on the football practice field and across the street on the elementary campus grounds, and in other designated areas,

as firemen and school officials determined the cause of the smoke. There were never any flames visible, according to people onsite, and students were never in any danger.

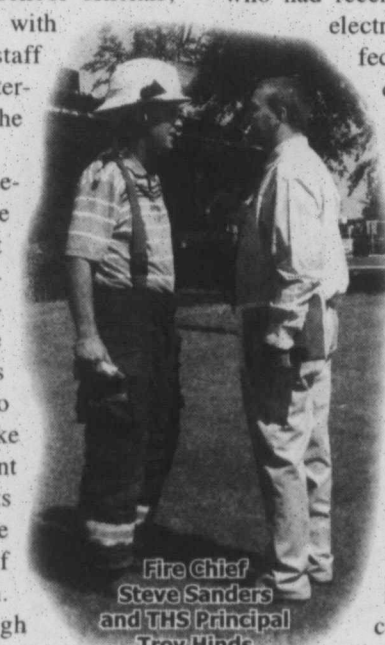
Justin Whitley of Whitley Mechanical, who happened to be nearby on campus with his staff checking another air conditioning unit, and who had recently determined which electrical breaker boxes affected each of the 72 air conditioning units in the school district, quickly offered his expertise in shutting down the electrical system to the affected unit. He accompanied firemen to the roof to check the air conditioner, and school officials asked him to repair the burned out AC unit, which was about six years old.

"I smelled the smoke, and ran into the building, jumped up on the counter in the front office and was tossing ceiling panels aside, trying to see where the smoke was coming from," Whitley said later. "We couldn't tell, and that's when school officials immediately sounded the fire alarm to evacuate the building," he added.

TISD Superintendent Jimmy Parker expressed his appreciation to the Tahoka fire department for their quick and efficient response. "We have a terrific fire department here," Parker told *The News*. "They were so fast to respond, and very professional in their approach to the situation. It's great to know they will be here if we need them."

The fire department brought several fire trucks to the scene in case they were needed. Fire Chief Steve Sanders said that many members of the department have children in the school system, and that the response to the call was "very fast - everybody came."

The drama ended quickly and safely, and Tahoka school staff and students trooped back into the building just before noon to continue their second day of school.



Fire Chief Steve Sanders and TISD Principal Troy Hinds

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THE AVERAGE office has hundreds of times more bacteria than a toilet seat, according to Charles Gerba, a professor of microbiology at the University of Arizona, described in an Associated Press story last week as "America's leading expert on work and home hygiene."

"Bacteria" is an egghead word meaning germs, and when I read the above statement, I wondered if Gerba was maybe America's ONLY expert on work and home hygiene. I also was reminded of Dr. C.L. Baugh, a man I used to play tennis with in Lubbock, who was a professor of microbiology at Texas Tech. He used to joke that he taught "just a little bit of biology." Anyway, he was a good guy, and I never saw him counting germs on toilet seats (or office equipment).

Anyway, Gerba says that computer keyboard and the enter and send buttons on the office fax machines carry high numbers of germs, as do the handles of restroom doors. He also noted that cleaning computers and their keyboards usually is left up to the user, who often doesn't bother. He recommends an alcohol-based sanitizer for cleaning the keyboard, noting that simply blowing compressed air over it won't remove germs clinging to the surface. He doesn't mention any particular brand of alcohol-based cleaner. I wonder if a fifth of Jack Daniels would work.

Washing your hands for 20 seconds under soap and running water is considered better than a quick squirt of hand sanitizer at your desk, doing a better job of reaching food debris and other particles. And many of the germs in the office are caused by people bringing food to their desks.

Despite all this, I sort of question the statement about the toilet seat being cleaner than the office. Either his office is extremely dirty or perhaps his toilet seat is a lot cleaner than the ones I am acquainted with.

THE DRUGGIST in downtown Tahoka says the best vitamin for making friends ... is B1.

## Marriage License Fees Increase

Beginning Sept. 1, 2008, the fee for a marriage license in the state of Texas, will increase to \$72.00. However, there is a way to get part of that fee waived.

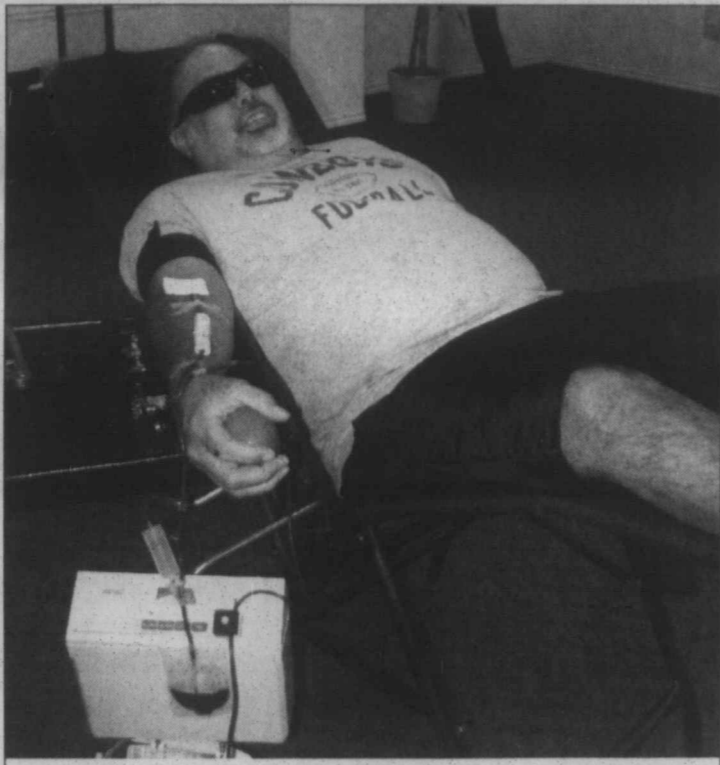
The legislature passed HB 2685 last session which authorizes a statewide initiative to promote "Healthy Marriages".

The healthy marriage initiative in Texas promotes free, skills-based marriage education and provides couples with the tools they need to manage the challenges inherent to relationships. Classes taught in various venues around the state include eight hours of training focusing on communication skills, conflict resolution and the elements of a healthy marriage.

Beginning September 1, the couples who take the courses and are provided a certificate by the approved providers will have the added benefit of having \$60.00 of the marriage license fee waived. The only cost to the couple who have the certification is \$12.00 instead of the regular \$72 for a marriage license.

For more information on where these courses are offered go to [www.family-service.org](http://www.family-service.org).

Lynn County Clerk Susan Tipton says the course will be available in Lubbock County, but may be available in Lynn County at a future date. More information will be printed in the Lynn County News when the courses become available locally.



**Super Mario ...** Mario Chapa of Tahoka was "super" on Monday, donating blood at the United Blood Services Blood Drive at the Life Enrichment Center. Every donor received a free t-shirt for donating the "gift of life."

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

## TeamKID Children's Ministry Offered At Sweet Street Baptist

The Sweet Street Baptist Church, located at 1300 Ave. J, will resume its TeamKID children's ministry this fall. Meetings will be held once a week on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m., in the north wing of the church building. The first meeting is scheduled for Sept. 3, and is for youngsters ages 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

"TeamKID is a fun, high energy ministry that encourages kids to know Jesus Christ and grow in a relationship with Him. Every part of TeamKID-Bible stories, scripture memory, life application, missions, recreation, and refreshments - all connect to teach life lessons to kids. TeamKID is designed so children learn biblical principles and develop skills that will help

them make wise decisions in life," stated Bro. Lynn Long, pastor of the church.

The TeamKID motto is, "Learning about God- using the Bible-Living for Jesus." This motto, as well as a club song and club Bible verses (Proverbs 3:5-6), are a part of each meeting for kids. These elements help kids focus on the purposes of the club. "Encourage your child's participation in TeamKID," added Bro. Long.

"You will be amazed at the fun your son or daughter will have while studying the Bible, learning to apply Bible truths, and memorizing Scripture. The church encourages everyone to invite friends and neighbors to attend TeamKID with you. It is a great opportunity to invite other boys and girls who may not be familiar with church. They will experience Bible stories, songs, art activities, snacks, and recreational games and activities. Everything the children do will help them understand and apply biblical truths to their daily lives," Long added.

For more information, or to enroll, call 561-5320 or 561-5310.

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## OBITUARIES



HENRY HERNANDEZ

### Enrique (Henry) Albiar Hernandez

Funeral services for Enrique (Henry) Albiar Hernandez, age 79, of New Home were held at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 18 at the Heritage Funeral Home Chapel in Menard, Texas with Deacon Tim Graham officiating. Interment followed at Garden of Memories Cemetery in Menard.

Enrique, known to everyone in Lynn County as Henry, died August 14, 2008. He was born on January 7, 1929 in Millersview, Texas to Daniel Gonzales Hernandez and Maria Torres Albiar Hernandez. He and his parents and two siblings moved to Menard where he worked as a rock mason with his father and migrated to the northern states to harvest vegetables. He married Olivia Bermea in Menard on April 25, 1953 and would travel to Ropesville for seasonal work in the cotton gins until a farmer hired him as a farmhand. It was there in Lynn County, near New Home, that Henry and Olivia planted their roots and raised six children. Sadly, they lost one child to pneumonia at the age of 1. Henry continued light farming until November 2007.

He enjoyed playing baseball in his "younger" days and then watching his two sons play the sport during their "little league and high school years". He thoroughly enjoyed playing his guitar to Spanish and country music. Johnny Rodriguez and Freddy Fender were his favorites. Henry was always good at making up verses to get a laugh from his grandchildren.

He leaves behind his wife of 55 years. Other survivors are his children, Adela Flores and husband Pedro of Coleman; Mary Flores and husband Rogelio, Sr. of Meadow; Enrique "Henry" Hernandez, Jr. of Dimmitt; Mario Hernandez, Sr. and wife Robbie of Lubbock; and Gloria Ramirez and husband Mark of Sterling City.

His children blessed him with 12 grandchildren who are Rogelio Flores, Jr., Miguel Flores, Gregorio Flores, Marlana Flores, Danielle Flores, Mario Hernandez, Jr., Lee Hernandez, Andres Flores, Gabbie Hernandez, Rebekah Ramirez, Kirsten Hernandez and Caleb Hernandez.

Henry also had nine great grandchildren who are Kendra, Summer, Keeton, K'Lee, Analise, Javier, Logan, Elina and Anthony.

Another survivor he leaves behind is his loving sister, Manuela (Minnie) Deanda and her husband Rudy, of Menard, along with brothers/sisters-in-laws on his wife's side and numerous nephews and nieces he thought highly of.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Felipa Hernandez, and daughter Anabela Hernandez.

Pallbearers were his sons, Enrique Hernandez, Jr. & Mario Hernandez, Sr.; three of his grandsons who are Rogelio Flores, Jr., Miguel Flores & Lee Hernandez and his nephew Danny Deanda.

The family has requested that donations be made to the American Cancer Society in lieu of any flowers. (PAID)

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NATALIE UNFRED

### Natalie Unfred

Celebration of Life Services for Natalie Unfred, 82, of Lubbock will be held at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, August 28 at New Home Baptist Church in New Home, Texas with Kenneth McClung and Leo Cole officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She died on August 26, 2008. She was born to Acie and Zelma (Cunningham) Bailey on February 15, 1926 in Lynn County, Texas. She attended New Home High School, graduating in 1942 and then attended Texas Tech University where she studied pre-law. She married L.C. Unfred in 1944 in New Home. He preceded her in death on July 25, 2008. She was a member of New Home Baptist Church, serving there as Head of the Young People's Department, Sunday School teacher and member of the building committee. She was a past member of the Women's Cotton Promotion Association of the High Plains of Texas.

Survivors include one daughter, Tanya Thomas and husband, Dr. Malcolm Thomas of Lubbock; one son, Randy Unfred; and one grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, L.C. and one great-grandson, Dylan Thomas.

Pallbearers will be Steve Lisenby, Gid Moore, Pat Mouser, Kent Bruton, Stanley Gill, Kenny Timmons, Dickie Turner, and C.L. Boggs. Honorary Pallbearers will be Robbie Gill, L.H. Moore and James T. Johnston. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Meals on Wheels of Lubbock, 2304 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock, Texas 79411.

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### Senior Citizens MENU

SEPT. 1-5

**Monday:** LABOR DAY! Closed for Holiday

**Tuesday:** Ham and Butter Beans, Okra, Tossed Salad, Cornbread, Fruit of the Day

**Wednesday:** Chicken with Mushrooms, Black Eyed Peas, Carrots, Homemade Rolls, Bread Pudding

**Thursday:** Smothered Steak with Peppers and Onions, Brown Gravy, Rice, Squash Medley, Bread, Angel Food Surprise

**Friday:** Cheese Quesadillas, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Cherry Empanadas

### Senior Citizens Center Activities and Reminders

Our weekly Domino Nights are continuing each Monday evening at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to come out and join the fun!

We are still gathering recipes for our cookbook scheduled for holiday release. Please drop them by the Center or mail them to: PO Box 223, Tahoka 79373.

At this year's Harvest Festival we will be raffling off an especially beautiful quilt. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. It is now on display at the First National Bank. And this Saturday, (Aug. 30), we will be selling raffle tickets at Thriftway from 10am to 4pm. Come by and buy one or three or six for the benefit of our Senior Citizens Center!

### Call Now For Paw Prints

Volunteers will be painting Tahoka Bulldog paw prints on Sept. 6, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Anyone interested in having a paw print painted on their driveway at a cost of \$5 each should call Bianca Baker at 561-5264, or any member of the Bulldog Booster Club.

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**Cousin's Reunion ...** The Weatherby cousins held their annual reunion, on August 17 at The Center in Tahoka. Ages attending ranged from six months to 90 years and they had an attendance of 35. "Thank you, Lenda for opening the Museum for us to tour, everyone really enjoyed it," added one of the cousins.

### New Home ISD Election Now Contested Race

Five candidates have filed for three places on the New Home Independent School District Board of Trustees, making a contested race for the Nov. 4 trustee election. The filing period ended Tuesday, Aug. 26.

Trustees whose terms are expiring include Kevin Mitchell, Michael White and Angie Kieth, and only one incumbent filed for re-election. Kevin Mitchell, who currently serves as president of the board, is seeking re-election, and he is joined by candidates Martin Gill, Jose Torres, Rachelle Link and Matt Barrington for the contest.

The school board election will be held Nov. 4, in conjunction with the General Election.

### HONORING OUR HEROES

Military personnel with family ties to Lynn County are being honored on a pictorial display at Thrifway Grocery in Tahoka. Each soldier will also be featured in this column, with information provided by their families.

#### THIS WEEK'S HERO:

**LT. KEATON BRANNON ASKEW U.S. AIR FORCE**

LT. Keaton Brannon Askew is the son of Eddie and Carolyn Askew of New Home.

He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas A&M in 2006. He completed officer's training at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. He continued further training at Randolph AFB in San Antonio and is currently stationed at Laughlin AFB Del Rio for Pilot Training. He is scheduled to graduate from Pilot Training in October 2008.



### THS Students Listed On 2007-08 National Honor Roll

Four Tahoka High School students qualified for induction into the 2007-2008 National Honor Roll. They are: Anissa Alvarado, Paul Bernal Jr., Zach Garcia and Patrick Wells.

The National Honor Roll recognizes high-achieving high school and middle school students.

"Young people such as our inductees, who work hard to attain academic success, deserve to be congratulated," said Lynn Romeo, publisher of the National Honor Roll.

### BULLDOG BAND BOOSTER NEWS

All Tahoka band parents, grades 6-12, are invited to attend the first Band Booster Meeting of the new year on Tuesday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Band Hall.

The Band Boosters are committed to assisting the 3-D Band in many ways. In addition to providing funding for special items including camp scholarships for middle school and high school students, Band Boosters also assists in providing sponsors for road trips, helps fit uniforms, runs the Football Concession stand, and continually encourages and enthusiastically supports all performances of the 3-D Band whether in marching or concert season.

"Come out and join the Band Boosters as we support our award-winning 3-D Band through another outstanding season," said Tonda Freitag.

Anyone having questions may contact Tonda Freitag, 998-4928.

### BULLDOG Booster Club News

The Bulldog Athletic Booster Club will begin meeting every Tuesday night at 8:00 pm, during football season, in the High School-LRC beginning September 2. All community members, Middle School and High School parents are invited to attend.

Anyone interested in having a paw print painted at a cost of \$5 each; call Bianca Baker at 561-5264 before Sept. 6.

### THS Class of '83 Sets 25th Reunion

The Tahoka High School graduating class of 1983 will have their 25th year reunion on Sept. 19, 2008, and invites all class members to attend. The class will meet after the Homecoming football game at T-Bar Country Club.

Anyone who has contact information for class members is asked to contact Marci Gandy at 544-1719 or Julie Aten at 327-5386.

### New Home SCHOOL MENU

Sept. 1-5

**BREAKFAST**  
Monday: NO SCHOOL  
Tuesday: Pancakes  
Wednesday: Breakfast Burrito  
Thursday: Pancake Pup  
Friday: Breakfast Pizza

**LUNCH**  
Monday: NO SCHOOL  
Tuesday: Corn dogs, carrots and cucumbers, Calif. blend veggies, grapes  
Wednesday: Frito Pie, let-tuce/tomato, refried beans, hot sauce, pineapple chunks  
Thursday: Riblette sand-wich, mac & cheese, green beans, baby carrots, pear cup  
Friday: Chicken fried steak sandwich, fries, pickle slices, lettuce/tomato, fruit cup

### Wilson SCHOOL MENU

Sept. 1-5

**BREAKFAST**  
Monday: NO SCHOOL  
Tuesday: Cinnamon Roll  
Wednesday: Eggs, Sausage & Toast  
Thursday: Sausage on a Stick  
Friday: Breakfast Pizza

**LUNCH**  
Monday: NO SCHOOL  
Tuesday: Enchilada casserole, refried beans, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, milk  
Wednesday: Steak fingers, fries, Texas toast, gravy, frozen bar  
Thursday: Hoagies, baked chips, trimmings, fruit, crispy cereal treats  
Friday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, tossed salad, French bread stick, fruit

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Sept. 1-5  
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Monday: NO SCHOOL  
Tuesday: Pancake on a stick  
Wednesday: Breakfast pocket  
Thursday: Cinnamon rolls  
Friday: Breakfast Pizza

**LUNCH**  
Monday: NO SCHOOL  
Tuesday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, baked beans, baby carrots w/ranch, crispy cereal treat  
Wednesday: Chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cup  
Thursday: Pigs in a blanket, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple orange salad  
Friday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, hot roll, strawberry short-cake

### Class Of 1998 Reunion Set

The Class of 1998 will meet after the Homecoming game at the home of Davy and Kassadi Stone, 2514 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>, in Tahoka.

For more information contact Davy Stone at 928-1579, or April Braddock Terrell at 759-0904.



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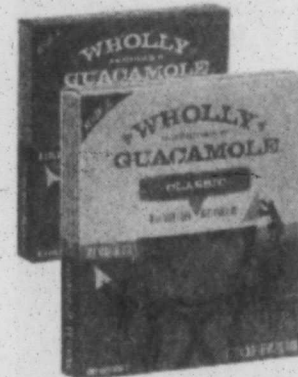
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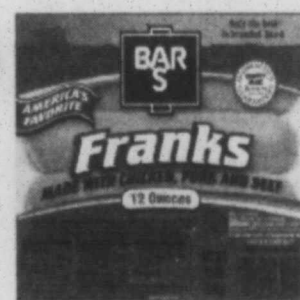
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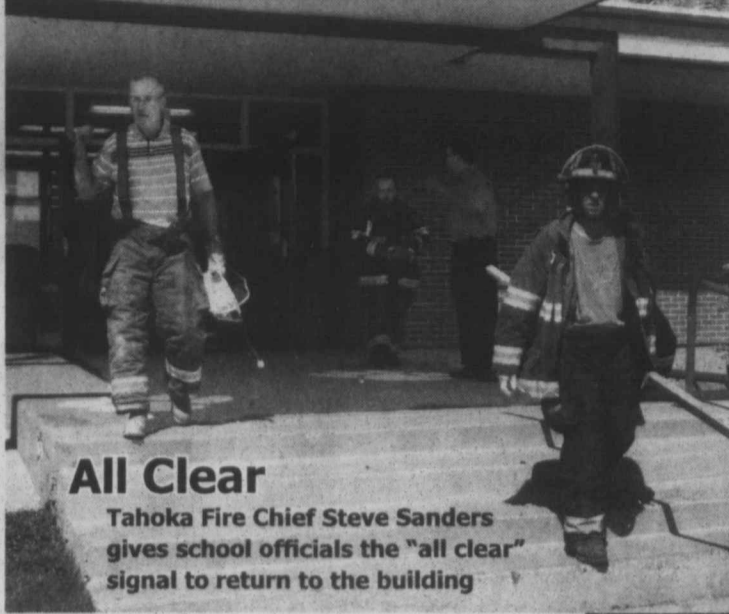
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## FIRE?

Tahoka High/Middle School students and staff filed onto the football practice field to await the "all clear" signal to return to class.



Tahoka firemen climb atop the high school building, where an air conditioning unit was spewing smoke from a burned out motor.



## All Clear

Tahoka Fire Chief Steve Sanders gives school officials the "all clear" signal to return to the building.

## Building Evacuated in 45 Seconds!

Tahoka High School and Middle School staff and students evacuated the campus buildings within 45 seconds Tuesday morning, after the fire alarm bells rang at 11:20 a.m. School officials sounded the alarm after smoke began pouring into the front office in the high school.

## Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department

responded to the 9-1-1 call, and it was quickly determined that the smoke was coming from a burned-out air conditioner motor on the roof. No one was injured in the incident, and students returned to the building just before noon to resume classes on their second day of school.

(LCN PHOTOS by Juanell Jones)

## Back to Class



## Tax Rate...

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council members Rudy Fuentes, Jeff Martin and Ray Box voting for the motion, none opposed, and council members Amy Preston and Clara Calvillo absent from the meeting. Public hearings for comment on the proposed tax rate/budget are set for 5:30 p.m. Sept. 4 and Sept. 8, at Tahoka City Hall.

O'Donnell City Council is proposing leaving their tax rate at \$3650 in 2008, the same as 2007. In 2007, that property tax rate generated \$134,317 in revenues, and leaving that same rate in place would bring in \$9,603 more to city funds, expected to generate \$143,920 in 2008 revenues.

The first public hearing for comments on the proposed tax rate/budget was held Aug. 26,

and the second hearing will be held at 5 p.m. Sept. 2 at O'Donnell City Hall. Council members voted unanimously for the tax rate proposal, including councilmen Roger Doss, Paul Houston, Willie Luera, Scotty Martinez and Rex Little. The effective tax rate for the City of O'Donnell is .80625.



## DONATIONS

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## O'Donnell ISD Board Approves 2008 Budget, Tax Rate Proposal

O'Donnell Independent School District Board of Trustees held a public hearing on their proposed budget and tax rate Monday night, prior to their regular board meeting. No one addressed the board in the hearing, and trustees unanimously approved the 2008-09 budget as presented, and approved setting the tax rate at \$1.139 per \$100 of property valuation. The tax rate includes a Maintenance and Operating (M&O) rate of \$1.04, which is expected to generate \$1,083,239 in local revenue, and an Interest and Sinking (I&S) rate of .099, which will generate \$103,116 toward paying the district's bonded indebtedness.

OISD Superintendent Rodney Schneider said the tax rate is based upon a certified tax roll of \$109,639,657, compared to a 2007-08 certified tax roll of \$90,104,803. The new tax rate is about a two-cent increase from the previous year's combined tax rate of \$1.115, which included an M&O rate of \$1.013 and I&S rate of 0.985.

In other business, trustees awarded a fuel contract for 2008-09 to O'Donnell Oil and

Butane, and voted unanimously to initiate proceeding to publicly auction off the school district's house located at 205 5th Street. The bid will be open to the general public.

Budget amendments and the school's safety audit report were approved, and Supt. Schneider informed the board that Rebecca Childress would assume the position of school nurse on Tuesday, Sept. 2. Trustees approved a salary package for the position, and asked administrators to produce a salary schedule for the position.

No action was taken after considering salary schedules for custodial and cafeteria employees, but Supt. Schneider said in his board report that "the board does recognize that scheduled increases in the federal minimum wage may require adjustments to our current salary schedules."

Financial reports were presented, and enrollment figures were reported, with 175 students in elementary, 69 in junior high, and 76 in high school, for a total 320 students in OISD on the first day of school.

## City-County Library Gets \$3,529 Grant For Supplies

The City-County Library in Tahoka recently completed a \$3,529 grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission through Loan Star Libraries, the direct state aid program for Texas public libraries.

Visitors to the City-County Library had access to over 300 items purchased with these funds. In addition to materials, the funding was used to renew the library's movie license and provide books, crafts, and support for the annual summer reading program.

"We are grateful for the funds from the Loan Star Libraries Grant. We operate on a very small budget and grants from outside sources are essential to supply our patrons with the materials and programs they deserve," said Library Director Claudia Guin.

Since 2002, the Texas Legislature has made it possible to distribute \$19.4 million to Texas public libraries through the Loan Star Libraries grant program. In 2008, 540 public libraries across the state are sharing \$5.65 million in funds distributed by the Commission, an increase of \$3 million over 2007.

Libraries can use the grant funding however they wish, with few exceptions, to meet the needs of their communities. According to State Librarian Peggy D. Rudd, this flexibility is a major factor in the program's success. She says, "Local leaders know best how to maximize limited funds to meet specific local needs. The structure of Loan Star Libraries provides a great deal of latitude for judgment

while providing accountability for the use of state funds. This partnership between the State of Texas and local governments is a winning combination that has led to some tremendous strides in library services across the state."

The City-County Library, located inside the Life Enrichment Center at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka, is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (closed 1-2 p.m. for lunch); and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information about the library, visit their website at [www.tahoka.lib.tx.us](http://www.tahoka.lib.tx.us) or call 561-4050.



The road to education ... Technically it's the sidewalk to the school, but regardless, it was a busy scene outside the Tubb building of Tahoka Elementary, where all the younger students were arriving for their first day of school Monday.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

## Tahoka ISD Proposes Tax Rate, Sets Rollback Election For Nov. 4

Two citizens attended the public hearing for the Tahoka Independent School District budget and tax rate on Monday night, after which trustees adopted the budget and set the tax rate at \$1.17, and called for a tax ratification election on Nov. 4.

Kent Elliott and Jim Morton both addressed the board of trustees at the public hearing, questioning the need for a tax increase from the current rate of \$1.04 to \$1.17 per \$100 of property valuation. Elliott, owner of Fenton Insurance Agency in Tahoka, noted that local businesses were bearing the brunt of tax increases, and that he could not pass the cost onto his customers, and made other comments on the issue.

Trustees approved a total budget of \$6,121,366, which includes a \$135,950 athletic budget, \$5,677,076 general fund budget, and \$308,340 food budget for the district.

Projected revenue figures were based on the current \$1.04 tax rate, because school officials cannot guarantee voters will approve the \$1.17 rate. Based on the \$1.04 tax rate, expected revenue is \$17,500 for athletics, \$5,415,268 for the general fund, and \$302,500 for the food fund, for total expected revenue of \$5,735,268. Based on that figure, the district faces a \$386,098 deficit. If voters approve a \$1.17 tax rate, revenue figures could be expected to increase by \$400,000 to \$500,000.

All seven trustees were present for the public hearing and board meeting, and voted unanimously to approve the budget and tax rate. Board President Jimmy Dorman presided, with Tony Garcia, Frank McLelland, John Hawthorne Jimmie Bingham, Kent Kahl and Joe Calvillo present, as well as Supt. Jimmy Parker and other school personnel.

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## County Landfill To Close, With City Facility Available

By JUANELL JONES

The county-operated landfill site will close Sept. 1, 2008, with the new landfill operated by the City of Tahoka now available for use by all county residents. Lynn County Commissioners approved the closing date in their Tuesday morning meeting this week. County residents may now take burn barrels to the Tahoka city landfill, as the county has contracted with city officials for use of the facility.

In other business at Tuesday's meeting, a public hearing was held to hear input on the proposed tax rate and budget. Several attended the hearing, but no one addressed the board regarding the issue. A second public hearing will be held at 9 a.m. Sept. 2, after which commissioners may approve the tax rate and final budget figures. Commissioners have proposed a property tax rate of \$0.87931, which is about two cents lower than the current of \$0.89780. The effective tax rate is \$0.80115. Budget figures show total expected expenditures at \$3,711,814 and total expected revenue of \$4,023,024, which leaves an anticipated cushion of \$311,210.

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported his office was now fully staffed, and presented a fee schedule proposal for sheriffs' and constables' fees. Commissioners approved the new fees to be effective Jan. 1. Franklin said the new fees are more in line with what adjacent counties charge, including \$100 each for Subpoenas, Summons, Writ of Attachments, Writ of Garnishment, Writ of Sequestration, Orders of Sale, Writ of Possession (property), Forcible Detainer, and Writ of Restitution. Other fees include \$75 each for Small Claims Citations and Justice Court Citations, \$50 for all other

Court Citations, and \$150 for a Writ of Execution. Some of these fees remained the same as currently charged, and some were increased.

County-owned cell phone service for was discussed again, and county officials decided to designate a \$10 per month incidental personal phone usage charge, and to pay the \$10 stipend as a benefit to employees/elected officials who carry the county-owned phones, to address income-tax issues regarding company-owned cell phones.

Monthly bills were approved as presented. County Judge H.G. Franklin led the meeting, and all four commissioners attended, including Keith Wied, Mike Braddock, Don Blair and Brad Hammonds, as well as other county officials.



**Welcome ...** Welcoming Kim Jones (second from left) to Lynn County Hospital District are, from left, Billy Tomlinson and Virginia Griffing, both LCHD Board members, and LCHD Business Office Manager Donna Raindi. The hospital hosted a reception welcoming the new Family Nurse Practitioner last Friday afternoon. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

### Athletic Booster Club Selling T-Shirts

Tahoka Athletic Boosters will be selling t-shirts at the JV game on Thursday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m. Club members will try to be at the first Junior High, JV and Varsity home games to sell shirts.

Two shirts are available this year. One is a royal blue shirt

with BULLDOGS in white print and a large white paw print. The other is gray with TAHOKA FOOTBALL in royal letters with black outline. The print has a distressed look.

All shirts, all sizes (up to 3x) are \$10. You can also contact Tonda Freitag at 998-4928 or Maritia Hall at 441-9300 to make other arrangements.



**Bulldog t-shirts ...** Tonda Freitag shows two t-shirts that the Bulldog Booster Club is selling this year. T-shirts are \$10 each, for any size, and are now available from Booster Club members. The Booster Club also plans to have the shirts available at the first home football games for varsity, junior varsity and junior high teams. One of the shirts is in Bulldog blue, featuring a paw print, and the other is a gray t-shirt with Tahoka Football on the front in distressed blue letters.



**See you after school ...** Kindergartener Nathaniel Sullivan gave a kiss to each of the toddlers in a double stroller, his little sister, Micaela and her twin brother, Luke, as he waited to go into class Monday morning at Tahoka Elementary School. They are the children of James & Michelle Sullivan. Watching with a grin on her face is Madilyn Conners, also waiting to go to class. Monday was the first day of school here. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

## Notice To Lynn County Residents:

Effective September 1, 2008:

### THE LYNN COUNTY LANDFILL will cease to operate.

County residents may begin disposing of refuse, including burn barrels, at the City of Tahoka Landfill.

Should you require further information, you are welcome to call my office at 806-561-4222.

Thank You,

*H.G. Franklin*

H.G. Franklin, Lynn County Judge

### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The **County of Lynn** will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 9.75 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The second public hearing will be held on **September 2, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at Lynn County Basement Court Room, Tahoka, Texas.**

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

**FOR:** BRAD HAMMONDS, KEITH WIED, DON BLAIR, MIKE BRADDOCK  
**AGAINST:** NONE  
**PRESENT** and not voting: NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **Lynn County** last year was \$40,503 (average taxable value of a resident homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$.8978 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$363.63 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **Lynn County** this year is \$44,540 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$.80115 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$356.83 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older.)

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$.87931 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$391.64 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

## Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The **COUNTY OF LYNN** conducted a public hearing on 8/26/2008 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the **County of Lynn** from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 9.75 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of .8978 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$2,323,841.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of .87931 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,547,460.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of .87931 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,574,724.

The **County of Lynn** is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on **SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 IN THE LYNN COUNTY BASEMENT COURT ROOM AT 9:00 A.M.**



**Checking his options ... Mitchell Chapa (#4), senior Quarterback for the Tahoka Bulldogs, looks for an open receiver during the Post scrimmage held here Friday, as a host of Bulldog Coaches supervise on the field. The Bulldogs finished the night with 24 minutes of live play, and Tahoka Athletic Boosters hosted a watermelon feast for both teams after the scrimmage. The Dogs open season with a game on the road, traveling to Crosbyton on Aug. 29.**  
(LCN PHOTO by Mark Wuensche)

## Lynn County Among Awardees From Victims of Crime Act Fund

Gov. Rick Perry awarded more than \$20.9 million to 179 programs to help victims of crime throughout the state, including funds to a program in Lynn County. These grants are awarded under the federal Victims of Crime Act Fund (VOCA) and distributed by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD).

The Lynn County Victim Assistance program, headed by Lena Cloe at the Lynn County Law Enforcement Center in Tahoka, was awarded \$44,630.

"Texas has an obligation not only to protect its citizens, but to offer support and rehabilitation in the event they become victims of a crime," Gov. Perry said. "It is important to all Texans that we support programs that protect victims, administer justice and provide a safer living environment for all residents."

Funds are awarded according to Gov. Perry's victim restoration strategy, which focuses on assisting individuals who are

victims of crime to achieve full physical, mental and emotional health. CJD encourages victim assistance providers to build lasting partnerships between the criminal justice system, victim advocacy organizations and faith-based/community-based organizations to expand the impact and scope of assistance provided.

VOCA funding supports programs that address family violence, child abuse, sexual assault and other violent crimes, and provides crisis intervention, counseling, emergency shelter, criminal justice advocacy and emergency transportation to help victims recover.

Each year, CJD contributes to public safety and the reduction of crime in Texas through the deliberate deployment of strategy, direction and funding. The division administers more than \$113 million in both state and federal funds to support criminal justice, juvenile justice and victim restoration efforts.

## New Home School Burglary Reported

Two burglaries were reported in the county, including a break-in at New Home School during the last week.

The school burglary, discovered Monday morning, resulted in the loss of a laptop computer valued at \$1,000 and two bank bags containing about \$200, after entry was gained by breaking a window. Investigation is continuing.

Another burglary was at a residence in the county north of Tahoka, and a suspect was arrested and jailed on a burglary charge. Sheriff's deputies said the suspect, Lucas Gutierrez, 27, of Tahoka, is facing additional charges related to the burglary.

Tahoka police arrested a 23-year-old man for assault/family violence Sunday. The victim of the assault, a 20-year-old female, also was arrested, on an outstanding traffic warrant from Lubbock.

An 18-year-old Tahoka man was arrested Friday on a warrant from Lubbock, and a rifle reported stolen in Lubbock was found in his bedroom.

In the 1500-block of S. 5th St. Saturday a 1990 Ford F-250 pickup driven by Ray

Rodriguez, 49, struck a parked 2003 Ford Mustang owned by Frank Rodriguez of Tahoka.

Police also talked to a 17-year-old Tahoka youth about loud music coming from his parked vehicle and then discovered that the occupant of the vehicle was wanted on a Lubbock warrant for tampering with evidence. He then was arrested.

Seven persons were jailed in Lynn County in the last week, with five of those facing multiple charges, bringing the total in jail here to 43 early this week. Of the total, 21 are being held for Lubbock County, and five for Gaines County.

Charges bringing arrests last week included burglary of a habitation plus warrant for evading arrest twice, Lubbock warrant on tampering with evidence plus displaying an altered registration certificate, furnishing alcohol to a minor plus driving under the influence by a minor, driving while intoxicated plus public intoxication, DWI plus false report to a police officer, Lubbock warrant on four Class C misdemeanors, and assault/family violence.

## Hospital Board Lowers Tax Rate

With most property owners in the Lynn County Hospital district facing higher appraised evaluations this year, the hospital board Tuesday night voted to adopt the effective tax rate of 24.7 cents per \$100 valuation, almost 3 cents less than the current tax rate set last year.

The effective tax rate, actually 24.7454 cents, is a rate which the appraisal district has

determined would be needed to raise the same amount of money for the hospital as last year's rate of 27.7 cents.

Actually the appraisal board Tuesday night projected that the new tax rate will bring the hospital \$7,570 more than was received from taxes this year, expected to total \$720,284 by the end of this fiscal year Sept. 30.

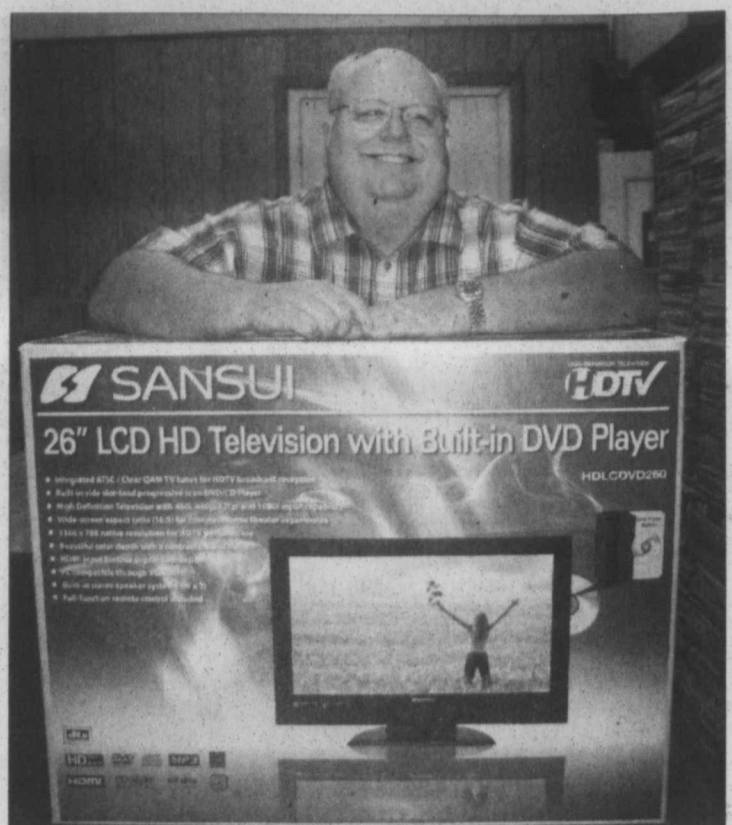
The hospital's budget for the coming fiscal year was adopted, with a total expenditure of \$4,228,447 projected, and a total income anticipated at \$4,133,769.19, which would result in a loss next year of \$148,097.81. This year the hospital district is expected to wind up in the red by \$467,194. However, Administrator Jim Morris advised the board that the hospital could see increased revenues in the coming year, mainly because of the addition of new medical personnel, including the addition of a new doctor soon.

The board also heard from two longtime employees of the hospital a suggested incentive plan for hospital workers to continue on the job past 10 years, through increased vacation time. The board agreed that these changes in the handbook need to be implemented and voted to have the handbook brought up for revision as quickly as possible.

Prior to the unanimous vote on the tax rate and budget, the board approved a motion by Cal Huffaker to amend the budget to include \$25,000 for capital improvements during the next year. Huffaker noted that "there are some things around this hospital that need to be fixed up."

Following an annual review of the administrator's performance, the board voted unanimously to increase the administrator's salary by \$5,500 to \$63,000. Morris was commended by the board for doing a good job in the face of many problems during the last year, and the board noted that Morris had saved the hospital about \$100,000 this year by addressing a longtime omission in billing procedures.

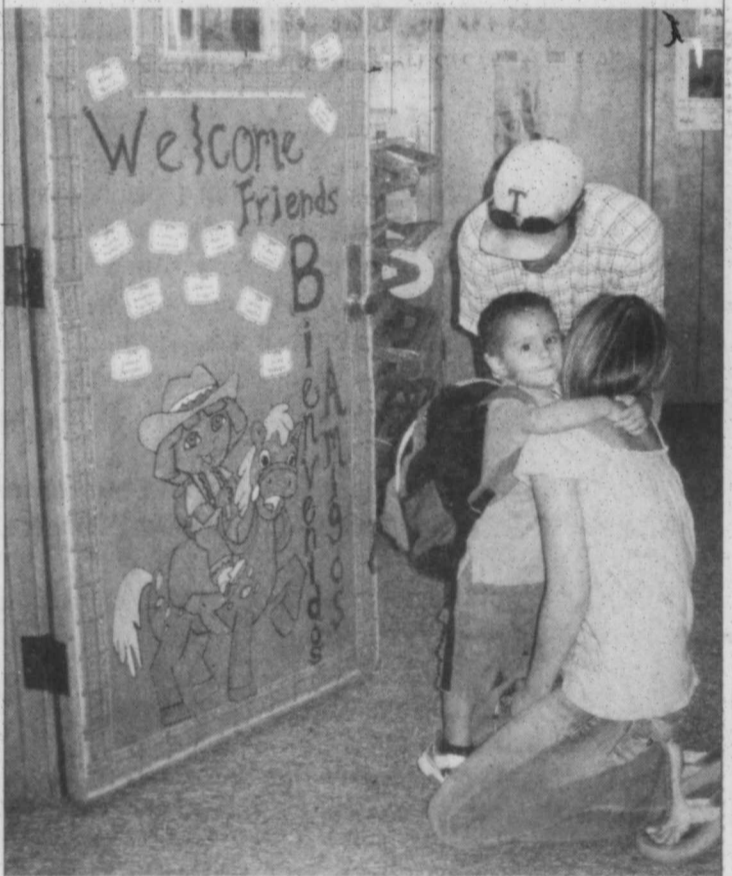
Billy Tomlinson presided in the absence of board president Jerry Ford. Other board members present were Virginia Griffing, Huffaker and Dalton Wood. Absent were members Jannis Horwood, Frances Truehart and Ford.



**TV Giveaway ... Want to win this new 26" flatscreen LCD HD television? Enter the Lynn County News football contest and you will automatically be entered for the grand prize drawing for this TV at the end of football season. Kent Elliott with Fenton Insurance Agency in Tahoka is donating this Sansui TV that includes a built-in DVD player. Every football contest entry, whether it is a weekly winner or not, will be entered in the drawing for this TV. The contest begins this week, with entries due at the Lynn County News office by 4 p.m. Fridays (completed entries may be placed in the blue mailbox dropbox in front of the News Office when the office is closed).**  
(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



**Busy already ... Noe Gutierrez, Truman Hager and Isaac Garcia seem to be busy enjoying the first few moments at Tahoka Elementary School Monday morning, entertaining themselves with crayons and puzzles as the teacher, Sally Escobedo, welcomed students to her pre-kindergarten room.**



**Bye, Mommy ... Brady Brown gives a big hug to his mother, Emily, as dad Ryan leans down to give some encouraging words on Brady's first day of school. Students returned to classes Monday at Tahoka ISD.**  
(LCN PHOTOS by Juanell Jones)

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The first public hearing will be held on **Sept. 4, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at Tahoka City Hall, 1612 Lockwood, Tahoka, Texas.**

The second public hearing will be held on **Sept. 8, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at Tahoka City Hall, 1612 Lockwood, Tahoka, Texas.**

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

**FOR:** RUDY FUENTES, JEFF MARTIN, RAY BOX  
**AGAINST:** NONE  
**PRESENT** and not voting: NONE  
**ABSENT:** AMY PRESTON and CLARA CALVILLO

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **City of Tahoka** last year was \$43,905 (average taxable value of a resident homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.747030 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$327.98 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **City of Tahoka** this year is \$44,428 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$.699366 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$310.71 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older.)

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$.747030 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$331.89 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

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Area growers interested in wheat production are invited to a wheat management meeting on Friday, September 5 at the O'Donnell Community Center (100 Nassau Road, O'Donnell). The meeting is sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Dawson, Borden and Lynn Counties. The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 9:30 a.m.

Topics to be addressed include: review of 2007-2008 variety trials, seeding rates, fertility and best management practices for grazing and for grain production. 2 CEU's will be offered for pesticide applicators.

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**2319 Main Street, Tahoka:** is affordably priced 1300 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, living room, large den and screened in porch and carport. Call for appointment to see.

**1807 S. 2nd, Tahoka:** is a brick 3BR, 1 bath with EXTRA HOUSE! If you need storage, this home has 2 boxcars. Home also has detached garage with storage, workshop, cellar and water well. This home is part of an estate and PRICED TO SELL QUICKLY!

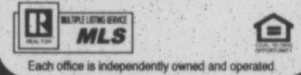
**2029 Ave. K, Tahoka:** is an affordable older 1800 sq. ft. brick home with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. With original hardwood floors, wide baseboards, wood French doors, glass knobs, this home really is a show stopper!

**1801 N. 7th:** is a brick home in Tahoka having over 3200 sq. feet, 4 BR, 3B, 2 car garage! Features include a large open concept family room with fireplace, kitchen and dining area with adjoining sunroom. Other benefits include a large finished basement, oversized backyard patio, mature landscaping, plenty of storage and a 6 ft. cinder block fence. UNBELIEVABLE HOME is waiting for a new owner!

**2011 N. 4th - Tahoka:** ... is an affordable smaller home in a great location. This home has 3 BR, 1 bath, wood floors, wainscot paneling and natural wood cabinets in the kitchen. Exterior has siding with a fenced backyard and close to school. Call today for a tour!

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## Card of Thanks

The family of Enrique (Henry) Hernandez would like to thank everyone for all the calls, visits, food and cards received during our loss. The family also sends appreciation of thanks to Enrique's physicians and their staffs, Dr. Chebib of Brownfield, Texas, Dr. Sharif, Dr. Kharrat and Dr. Shalaby (along with the Joe Arrington Cancer Research Center) in Lubbock, Texas and especially to The Odyssey Health Care and Hospice of Lubbock. The family would like to extend a BIG thank you to his fishing/farming/guitar-playing amigo, Clarence Nieman, of New Home, as well as Clarence's brother, Willie, of Slaton.

*God needs someone in heaven to plow and plant the rows. And when He calls on me, I know that I must go. Remember that I won't be gone - I will just be away, working on God's farm 'til we're united again one day. There will be no storms in heaven and the fields are long and straight. When it's time for you to join me, I'll be waiting inside heaven's gate. Remember, until that day arrives, when once more our lives we'll share, to look in the green fields growing and you'll see me working there.*

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