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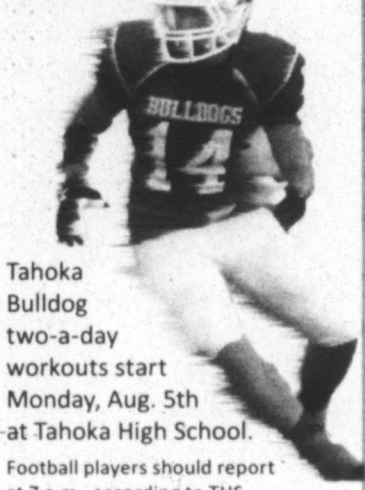
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2-a-days start Monday



Tahoka Bulldog two-a-day workouts start Monday, Aug. 5th at Tahoka High School. Football players should report at 7 a.m., according to THS Head Coach John Cornelius.

Family Pool Party Saturday, Aug. 3

to benefit Senior Citizens Center 6-9 p.m. at Tahoka City Pool
Free hot dogs, drinks, music, entry fee of \$3 (per person)

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SPLASH Wednesday, Aug. 7

Kids get FREE school supplies! 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Tahoka City Pool
Sponsored by Tahoka Church of Christ

Don't miss the



Friday, August 2nd
6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
at Tahoka City Hall

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 23	95	70	
July 24	95	72	
July 25	91	72	0.01"
July 26	89	64	
July 27	88	64	
July 28	91	64	
July 29	95	70	0.12"
Total Precip for Jan.:			0.93"
Total Precip for Feb.:			0.96"
Total Precip for Mar.:			-0-
Total Precip for Apr.:			-0-
Total Precip for May:			0.81"
Total Precip for June:			4.82"
Total Precip for July:			3.29"
Total Precip. for 2013:			10.81"

Sharla Askew appointed to TISD Board; policy closes elementary campus for lunch

A new board member, a new policy that prevents elementary students from leaving campus for lunch, and a 20-cent increase in school lunch prices is the latest news from the Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees session held on July 18.

Tahoka resident Sharla Askew is the newest member of the TISD Board of Trustees, after she was appointed to fill the seat vacated by the resignation last month of John Hawthorne. She was officially sworn in at the July 18 meeting. Askew will serve until May of 2014 and then the last year of Hawthorne's term will be placed on the ballot as a 1-year unexpired term.

Texas Association School Board policy FEE Local was approved by the Board, which confines elementary students to campus during the lunch period this school year. Superintendent Steve Burleson indicated that the board will also consider keeping middle school students confined to campus in the future, but this most likely won't occur until the 2014-15 school year.

Tahoka ISD is raising student lunch prices from \$1.80 to \$2.00 for the 2013-2014 school year, following a mandate from USDA.

"The United States Department of Agriculture is requiring all school districts to raise their school lunch prices based on the consumer price index. They are requiring districts to raise the regular lunch price to around \$2.60. We have until 2015 to reach that level," explained Supt. Burleson.

In other business, the Board approved Brittany Hawthorne as an elementary teacher for the upcoming school year. She will teach pre-kindergarten. High School Principal Jeff Perez and Athletic Director John Cornelius presented reports to the board, and there were two items on the agenda where there was no action taken at this time.

The next regular school board meeting will be Thursday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. Trustees will meet for a budget workshop prior to the meeting, at 5:30 p.m.



Thanks to the community ... Lynn County Hospital CEO Stace Holland (left) is pictured with Family Nurse Practitioner Melanie Richburg (second from right) and Tahoka Rotary Club representatives James Craig and Jana Bishop (holding the Rotary donation check), in front of the hospital's new remote Fukuda Denshi Telemetry and vital signs monitor. The system was purchased with the Rotary funds collected from the Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction and a \$50,000 grant from Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Health. "We would like to thank the Rotary Club and all the communities for their support in this effort," said Holland. "This is just one more step in our commitment to providing the best healthcare possible closer to home," he added.

Figures released for taxing entities

Effective tax rates show slight changes from current tax rates

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Appraisal District this week released information about effective tax rates for five taxing entities including Lynn County Hospital District, Lynn County, and the cities of Tahoka, O'Donnell and Wilson (see advertisements with those figures in this issue of *The News*). The effective tax rate, which is the rate the entity would impose to collect the same amount of total taxes as collected the previous year, showed slight increases in three of the entities and slight decreases for the cities of Tahoka and O'Donnell.

O'Donnell's effective tax rate is 81 cents, compared to last year's tax rate of 83 cents; the City of Tahoka's effective tax rate is 73 cents, compared to last year's tax rate of 74 cents. Wilson's effective tax rate is 73 cents, compared to last year's tax rate of 71 cents, and Lynn County's effective tax rate is 80 cents, compared to last year's tax rate of 77 cents. Lynn County Hospital District's effective tax rate is 25 cents, about a penny higher than

last year's tax rate of 24 cents.

LCAD Chief Appraiser Marquita Scott said the increase in effective tax rates is due to overall declining values for agriculture, utilities and mineral values, compared to the previous year.

"Most taxpayers who own agricultural land saw an increase of about 5% in irrigated land value, but also a 15% decrease in dryland values as well as a 12% decrease in pasture land," said Scott. "Ag values are based on a five-year time period, with crops from 2007-2011 calculated in the ag schedule for the 2013 tax year. The disastrous 2011 crop year was picked up, but the bumper crop year of 2007 is still figured in the calculations for this year," she added.

She said that utilities and mineral values have also decreased slightly. With the figures calculated for effective tax rates and rollback rates, taxing entities can begin the process of proposing their 2013 tax rates. Information on those proposals will be printed in *The News* as they become available.

Where in the world is The Lynn County News?



Magical world of Disney ... Tahoka's Braiden Fisher, Cort Fisher, Morgan Fisher Batey, and Zach Batey (center, holding the Lynn County News) took *The News* with them on vacation in Orlando, Florida at Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom. Orlando is 1,415 miles from Tahoka.



Community picnic ... Pictured here are some of those who attended Saturday's community picnic on the grounds of the county courthouse, hosted by Mission Tahoka. The week-long event culminated with Saturday's picnic and a community worship service on Sunday morning at the THS auditorium.

MISSION: Tahoka

sponsored by Tahoka churches



Words of Inspiration: "There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because his conscience tells him it is right."

- MARTIN LUTHER

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Obituaries



Sherri Brooks McCord

Sherri Brooks McCord of Magnolia, formerly of Tahoka, was promoted to Glory on Monday, July 29, 2013 in Aurora, Colorado. Sherri battled lung cancer since 2009.

She was born June 30, 1957 in Lubbock, and graduated from Tahoka High School in 1975. She received her Bachelors of Science Degree in Education in 1980, specializing in Elementary Education and Special Education, along with her Master's of Education in Educational Physiology in 1991 all from Texas Tech University. Sherri started her teaching career in Lubbock ISD and moved back to Tahoka ISD where she taught for several years and then became the District Counselor, District Testing Coordinator, and Director of Curriculum and Instruction for over a decade. She has blessed many individuals throughout her time on earth. Sherri currently

worked at Region 4, in Houston, and strived to improve the overall educational system for every school district within the State of Texas. She was a loving wife, fantastic mother, and a blessed angel who devoted her professional career to help each and every student, educator, and administrator she worked with throughout her 33 years of service in the educational field. Sherri was a great daughter, wonderful mother, and committed to helping students. She was a beautiful loving and caring person inside and out.

Those left to cherish her memory include her loving husband of 37 years, Gary McCord; daughter Marissa McCord of Covington, Indiana; sons Sgt. Zachary Lindsey of Quantico, Virginia, Brandon McCord of New Orleans, Louisiana and Wesley Cameron McCord of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Sherri's parents are Joe and Jeroline Brooks of Tahoka; brother Britt Brooks of Houston, and wife Andrea, sister Angela Gau of Ballinger, and husband Tim. Her brother-in-laws are Jimmy McCord of Dallas and wife Nancy, Terry McCord of Wichita Falls, and wife Susan. She had many nieces and nephews, who will greatly miss the fun times with their Aunt Sherri. She leaves the legacy of many friendships and lives she has touched over her lifetime.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, August 1, at Combest Funeral Home in Tahoka. Services for Sherri will be held Friday, August 2, at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Tahoka. Interment will be at Nevel's Cemetery.

Please celebrate the life of Sherri by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers the family request donations go to help school children can be sent to Northwest Houston Assistance Ministries for their Back to School Project, 15555 Kuykendahl Road, Houston, Texas 77090-3651 or can be made online at www.namonline.org Please specify the school supplies are being donated in honor of Sherri McCord.

Pallbearers will be Randy Evans, Emilio Calvillo, Jim Solomon, Tom Ellis, Gary Stennett, Mike Rivas, Stephen Brookshire, and Alan Curry. (PAID)

18 persons in county jail

Lynn County jail was holding 18 persons early this week, with two held for Andrews County.

One male and one female were jailed in the last week, each on charges of driving while license invalid, with previous convictions on the same offense.

You are 23 Times more likely to crash when you text while driving.
Park the phone when you drive.

by Dalton Woodwork



BECAUSE SOMEONE recently brought me a little jar of huckleberry jam from Yellowstone National Park, I was made aware, for the first time, that there is a berry by that name.

The only huckleberries I can remember encountering in my many years of encountering things are Huckleberry Finn, Huckleberry Hound, and a reference in the song *Moon River* to "my huckleberry friend." The song doesn't explain what is meant there, but references to the word's use in slang suggest it meant "little friend," because the berries are small.

The Hound was a cartoon dog that I saw only a few times years ago. Huck Finn was a friend of Tom Sawyer. They were characters in a Mark Twain book I read many years ago, but which I remember fondly as a book which included no profanity or descriptive scenes of sexual activity, unlike virtually every book written in the last 25 years.

I have never seen a huckleberry, but an encyclopedia tells me they are grown in many states in the northwest and northeast, and that huckleberry is the state fruit of Idaho. They look like blueberries and have a similar taste. However, some huckleberries have a different taste, and the taste may range from tart to sweet, sort of like some romances.

In the Pacific Northwest, huckleberries grow well in alpine regions and often on the lower slopes of mountains, which may explain why I've not seen any growing in Lynn County.

I have not heard of any stores around here selling huckleberry jam, but my little gift jar is going down fast, so I'd like to locate a supply. That stuff is berry good.

A LADY CAME INTO the office last week and said she saw a fox in downtown Tahoka, and it vanished by running into an area between two buildings. I wanted to tell her yes, I saw a giraffe in my wife's flowerbed this morning, but I kept quiet. She insisted she saw a grey fox zipping into the space between The Cake Palace and Fenton Insurance.

I'd think that the fox by now has moved into a residential area. So if anyone sees two little beady eyes looking into your living room when your TV is on, don't panic. It's just a little stranger trying to catch something on the Fox channel.

Sign up Aug. 5:

Cheer Camp offered here for young girls

Girls ages 3 years old through sixth grade are invited to participate in a Tahoka Cheer Camp hosted by the Tahoka Varsity Cheerleaders. The camp

will be held Aug. 5-7 from 9 a.m. to noon and Saturday, Aug. 8, at 5:30 p.m. a pep rally will be held for parents and family members.

To register your junior cheerleader, bring the registration form printed in this newspaper, and the \$40 registration fee, to signups at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5 at the Tahoka High School gym.

For more information, contact any varsity cheerleader or sponsor Heather Tekell at 577-3132.

Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

- AUGUST 5-9**
Monday: Salmon patties, scalloped potatoes, green peas, salad, peach-apple crisp
Tuesday: Herb roasted chicken, potato wedges, peas & carrots, strawberries
Wednesday: Ham & beans, spinach, corn, orange/pineapple cup, apple crisp
Thursday: BBQ chicken, ranch potatoes, summer squash, salad, peach cobbler
Friday: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, melon medley

Mark your calendars...

- A community fundraiser for the center will be in September.
- Monetary donations are encouraged and greatly appreciated and needed this month.
- Wii bowling tournament coming soon! Check our facebook page for upcoming events.
- Timeless Treasures Cookbooks available for \$12 each.
- The Center has gently used medical equipment available to lend out. Call 561-5264 for more information.
- The Center's "Feed Our Community" program offers a ten-day lunch ticket for a suggested donation of \$35. If the individual is under 60, a ten-day lunch ticket costs \$50. Tickets can be used for an on-site meal, a take-out meal or delivery (if eligible). Tickets can be purchased for a specific person or donated and the Center will pick a person.
- Aluminum can recycle is on N. 5th street across from the City Barn. All donations benefit the Sr. Citizen's Center meal programs. Please tie bags.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Crockett County Mining, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 51984L002, which would authorize continued operation of a Portable Rock Crushing Plant located approximately 3 miles north of US 380 on FM 1328 and 1.25 miles east of FM 1328, Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas 79373. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

This notice concerns 2013 property tax rates for LYNN COUNTY for the two taxing entities listed below. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:

Last year's operating taxes	\$	132,407.81	87,589.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$	13,109.41	0
Last year's total taxes	\$	145,517.22	87,589.00
Last year's tax base	\$	17,423,456.00	12,240,896.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$	0.835180/ \$100	0.715544/ \$100

THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	145,288.88	87,423.49
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	17,736,870.00	11,908,330.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$	0.819134/ \$100	0.734137/ \$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$	132,200	87,423
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	17,736,870	11,908,330
= This year's effective rate	\$	0.745340/ \$100	0.734133/ \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$	0.804967/ \$100	0.792863/ \$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$	0/ \$100	0/ \$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$	0.804967/ \$100	0.792863/ \$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$		
= Rollback tax rate	\$		

STATEMENT OF INCREASE / DECREASE

If CITY OF O'DONNELL adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.819134 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2012 taxes by \$131.

If CITY OF WILSON adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.734137 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2012 taxes by \$1,332.

SCHEDULE A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

TYPE OF PROPERTY TAX FUND	GENERAL	GENERAL
BALANCE	26,551.00	0.00

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at

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Family Pool Party on Saturday to benefit Senior Citizens Center

Area citizens are invited to a family pool party on Saturday, August 3 at the Tahoka City Pool, from 6-9 p.m. Free hot dogs, drinks, music by DJ Yoyo and fun in the pool will be offered, with an entry fee of \$3 (per person) to benefit the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center. Pool rules apply and lifeguards will be on duty.

"Everyone is welcomed and we encourage you to come join our 4th Annual Moralez Family Pool Party and Senior Citizens Benefit," invites coordinators

Carlos and Gloria Moralez and family.

"This event will be at the Tahoka City Pool on the corner of South 8th and Avenue L. This will benefit the Lynn County Senior Citizens Program."

"In addition to the entry fee, other acceptable donations that the Senior Citizens Center can use include paper towels, box of 33-gallon trash bags, toilet paper, plastic drinking cups, napkins, plastic silverware, paper plates, or the like," added sponsors.



Story teller ... Barry Pittman reads a story to several children at the City-County Library's Summer Reading program held last week for area children. Several volunteers read story books and visited with children during the event.

IRS: Moving this summer? Expenses may be deductible

Although moving can be costly, some expenses may be deductible on your federal income tax return. If you moved due to a change in your job or business location, or because you started a new job or business, you may be able to deduct your reasonable moving expenses but not any expenses for meals. To qualify for the moving expense deduction, you must satisfy two tests. Under the first test, the distance test, your new workplace must be at least 50 miles farther from your old home than your old job location was from your old home. If you had no previous workplace, your new job location must be at least 50 miles from your old home. The second test is the time test. If you are an employee, you must work full-time for at least 39 weeks during the first 12 months immediately following your arrival in the general area of your new job location. If you are self-employed, you must work full time for at least 39 weeks during the first 12 months and for a total of at least 78 weeks during the first 24 months immediately following your arrival in the general area of your new work location. There are exceptions to the time test in case of death, disability and involuntary separation, among other things. For more info, refer to Publication 521, Moving Expenses, at www.irs.gov.

THS Varsity Cheer Clinic

August 5-7 (Mon.-Wed.) 9 am-12 noon
Pep Rally, Thurs. Aug. 8 at 5:30 pm
 for Ages 3 yrs-6th grade • Cost: \$40
 AT TAHOKA HIGH SCHOOL GYM

Name: _____ Age: _____
 T-Shirt Size: (circle one) YS YM YL AS AM AL
Emergency Contact Information:
 Parent/Guardian Name: _____
 Parent/Guardian Contact #: _____
 Please bring this complete registration form along with \$40 to Registration at 8:45 am Monday, August 5th. THANKS!
 Questions? Contact a cheerleader or sponsor Heather Tekell at 806-577-3132.

Register for \$25 gift card:

Poka Lambro to host school supply drive

Poka Lambro is excited to announce that they are hosting a "School Supply Drive" to help those in need. Drop your donation of school supplies by the nearest Poka Lambro store and register for a chance to win one of several \$25 gift cards!

All school supplies collected will be donated to local area schools for children who need them.

"Poka Lambro employees are also getting in on the action

by setting up a few company-wide fundraisers to collect money to purchase school supplies," according to Amy Preston, Public Affairs Manager for Poka Lambro. "Help us help those in need and register to win a \$25 gift card".

Poka Lambro has four convenient locations: 1647 Ave J in Tahoka, 307 Hill Ave in Seagraves, 115 West Main Street in Post, and 11.5 miles north of Tahoka on US Highway 87.

Plan Ahead:
 THS Homecoming - Oct. 4
 Harvest Festival - Oct. 5

Senior Citizens fundraiser

Family Swim Party

AT TAHOKA CITY POOL
7-9 P.M. SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Admission: \$3 per person
 with FREE hot dogs & drinks!

sponsored by the Moralez Family, benefitting the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Meal Program

NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

This notice concerns 2013 property tax rates for LYNN COUNTY for the three taxing entities listed below. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	LYNN COUNTY	LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT	CITY OF TAHOKA
LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:			
Last year's operating taxes.....	\$ 2,700,971.00	945,678.84	474,950.05
Last year's debt taxes.....	\$ 285,412.99	0	0
Last year's total taxes.....	\$ 2,986,383.99	945,678.84	474,950.05
Last year's tax base.....	\$ 387,842,076.00	389,168,246.00	63,578,444.00
Last year's total tax rate.....	\$ 0.770000/ \$100	0.243000/ \$100	0.747030/ \$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:			
Last year's adjusted taxes.....	\$ 2,985,032.56	945,481.98	474,931.37
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)			
+ This year's adjusted tax base.....	\$ 372,609,048.00	373,876,260.00	64,949,560.00
(after subtracting value of new property)			
= This year's effective tax rate.....	\$ 0.801116/ \$100	0.252886/ \$100	0.731231/ \$100
(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)			
THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures).....	\$ 2,699,749	945,482	474,931
+ This year's adjusted tax base.....	\$ 372,609,048	373,876,260	64,949,560
= This year's effective rate.....	\$ 0.724552/ \$100	0.252886/ \$100	0.731230/ \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate.....	\$ 0.782516/ \$100	0.273116/ \$100	0.789728/ \$100
+ This year's debt rate.....	\$ 0.075050/ \$100	0/ \$100	0/ \$100
= This year's total rollback rate.....	\$ 0.857566/ \$100	0.273116/ \$100	0.789728/ \$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate.....	\$ 0.042145/ \$100		
= Rollback tax rate.....	\$ 0.815421/ \$100		

STATEMENT OF INCREASE / DECREASE

	IF LYNN COUNTY adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.80111 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2012 taxes by \$33,910.	IF LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.252886 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2012 taxes by \$65,887.	IF CITY OF TAHOKA adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.73123 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2012 taxes by \$4,774.
GENERAL	1,288,621.00	0.00	0.00

SCHEDULE A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

TYPE OF PROPERTY TAX FUND	BALANCE
GENERAL	1,288,621.00

SCHEDULE B - 2013 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT	BUILDING & EQUIPMENT
PRINCIPAL OR CONTRACT PAYMENT TO BE PAID FROM PROPERTY TAXES.....	\$ 222,323.64
INTEREST TO BE PAID FROM PROPERTY TAXES.....	\$ 60,626.79
OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE PAID.....	\$ --
TOTAL PAYMENT.....	\$ 282,950.43
Total required for 2013 debt service.....	\$ 282,950.43
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A.....	\$ 0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources.....	\$ 0
- Excess collections last year.....	\$ 0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2013.....	\$ 282,950.43
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only.....	\$ 100% (anticipated collections) 0
= Total Debt Levy.....	\$ 282,950.43

SCHEDULE C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, LYNN COUNTY estimated that it will receive \$103,235.65 in additional sales and use tax revenues. The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at

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Where in the world is The Lynn County News?



LCN has good taste ... "Here's a picture of us reading the Lynn County News by Lake St. Clair, New Baltimore, Michigan," says Tahoka resident Cathy Box (right) with her daughter Sarah Descamps and grandson Mason Descamps. "Mason then proceeded to eat the paper, but that just shows he has good taste!" she added. New Baltimore is approximately 1450 miles from Tahoka.

Grants available to bring improved educational, health care services to rural communities

The USDA is accepting applications for grants to provide access to education, training and healthcare resources in rural areas. Funding is authorized through the Department's Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program.

"Schools and health care facilities in rural Texas have increasingly tighter budgets each year. Distance Learning and Telemedicine grants are powerful tools for providing expanded educational and medical opportunities which otherwise may be unavailable," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director of Texas.

Under this notice, USDA may provide up to \$17.5 million in grants. Funds can be used to buy equipment and provide technical assistance. To be eligible, applicants must serve a rural area, demonstrate economic need and provide at least 15 percent in matching funds. Awards range up to \$500,000. Completed applications must be received by August 12, 2013. For further details, see the notice published on page 38915 of the June 28, 2013 Federal Register: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-06-28/html/2013-15597.htm>

Letters to the Editor

Thank you Mission Tahokal
Dear Editor,

We would like to extend our gratitude and sincere appreciation to the Mission Tahoka and everyone involved. My children and I are new residents to this community. Mission Tahoka came and fixed our back fence so the kid's dogs couldn't get out. We are very excited to live in such a caring community and look forward to interact in all the opportunities here in Tahoka.

Sincerely,
Jennifer, Caleb,
& Kyle Wilhite

I want to express my sincere appreciation to volunteers of Mission Tahoka. Thank you to those who worked on my home and to those who provided meals.

I am really enjoying the pretty plants given to me. May God bless you!

Helen Bookman

A big thanks to Mission Tahoka Volunteers! Your generosity to a fine Christian woman is greatly appreciated! May God bless you.

A friend of Helen Bookman

Thank you note sent to library for summer reading

(Editor's note: The following note was sent to Claudia Guin and staff at the City-County Library, after the library's Summer Reading Program.)

To Claudia and everyone,
Thank you so much for a fun week!!! Thanks to your volunteers and sponsors - love the graphic novels books.

Estevan and Ethan Calvillo

REMINDER:

The Lynn County
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Craft time

... Children enjoyed craft time and other events during the City-County Library's Summer Reading program held last week in Tahoka for area children. Volunteers included Tahoka teens and adults assisting in crafts, reading and other activities.



DMV reports decrease in Texas auto crime

The Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA), part of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV), reports that auto theft in Texas has decreased 61 percent since 1991.

There were 163,837 vehicles stolen in Texas in 1991, when ABTPA was formed, and the latest figures from 2011 show that auto theft has dropped to 63,379 stolen vehicles, according to the Texas Uniform Crime Reports.

"While this is a significant decrease, Texans should not be complacent," said Charles Caldwell, director of ABTPA. "Auto crime accounts for millions of dollars in economic losses and is a bridge to other serious crimes."

In 2008, ABTPA added auto burglary to its purview. ABTPA also reports that auto burglaries have decreased by 14.8 percent between 2008 and 2011. Auto crime includes burglaries (stealing the items inside a vehicle) and theft (stealing the entire vehicle).

Think Like a Thief is the campaign message Texans will have seen and heard around the state during "Watch Your Car Month" in July.

"We are asking Texans to evaluate whether or not they're doing all they can to reduce the likelihood that they'll be a victim of auto crime," said Caldwell.

The Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority offers these tips:

- Keep CDs, books, clothes and other personal belongings out of sight. Do not leave behind valuables, such as cell phones, laptops, instruments, purses or wallets.
- Stop idling. Whether you're "warming up" your vehicle or making a quick trip inside the gas station, running vehicles left unattended become tempting targets for thieves.
- Don't leave loose change in the console or cup holder. Thieves may break into your vehicle for a small amount of change.
- Store your garage door opener

in your glove compartment or take it with you. Garage door openers allow access into your home. Thieves can use left-behind mail or an insurance card to learn your address.

• Ask valets and auto repair shops to not leave the keys in

your vehicle if it will be unattended.

- Always keep your keys with you — never leave them in the vehicle.
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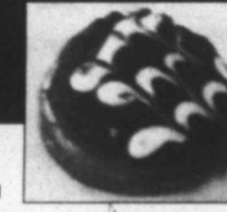
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Thank you again,
Janet Porterfield

Thank You!

I have enjoyed serving the citizens of Tahoka for the past 18 years as Municipal Judge for the City of Tahoka. Thanks to the city staff for hosting my retirement reception last week. I had a great time and appreciate all the well-wishes and cards.
- Jerry Ford

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Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at City Hall. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the Mayor and City Council for action.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of the City of Wilson in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds in the forms provided within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner, as required by Article 5160, V.A.T.C.S., as amended by H.B. 344, passed by the 56th Legislature, Regular Session 1959.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and contract documents and plans are on file in the City Hall, City of Wilson, Texas, and at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423.

Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423 (Phone 806-473-2200) as follows:

1. Download documents (pdf file extension format) from PSC's Info Exchange web site after registering as a plan holder with issuing PSC office. There is no cost or deposit required for this option.
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3. A digital copy (pdf file extension format) upon a non-refundable deposit of \$20.00 per each CD.

Deposit shall be Company check or cashier's check made payable to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc.

No partial sets will be issued.

Bid Documents (paper and digital) will be shipped pre-paid to the requester. Digital Bid Documents will not be e-mailed.

Addenda will not be faxed to document holders. Addenda will be issued to document holders by one of the two following methods:

1. E-mail notification to document holder with link to download addenda from PSC's Info Exchange website.
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Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin. Adherence to the grant recipient's Section 3 Policy is required for contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$100,000.

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

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Commissioners approve repairs at showbarn

Lynn County Commissioners met in special session last Thursday to consider a bid from David Bryer, representing Dbrayerco, for rust preventative coating on the exterior walls of the Lynn County livestock barn, and gutter downspout replacement. Commissioners accepted the bid for \$12,500 for the repair work at the showbarn.

In other business, budget amendments in several departments were approved as well. All four commissioners were present at the meeting led by County Judge H.G. Franklin.

AGRICULTURAL FACTS:
In 2010, \$115 billion worth of American agricultural products were exported around the world. The United States sells more food and fiber to world markets than we import, creating a positive agricultural trade balance.



THS Cheerleaders attend camp...The 2013-2014 Tahoka High School Cheerleaders attended UCA Cheer Camp in Grapevine recently. Pictured here from left are, Kelsi Hilger, Bayle Jolly, Klynn McCleskey, Charlie Duran, Megan Alvarado, and Yuli Villegas. In front, Ashlee Anderson and Miranda Rose DeLeon, both were named all-American cheerleaders.



Backyard Bible Club ... Mary Aguero (seated) and Sandy Autry (behind Mary) are pictured with some of the children who attended one of the Backyard Bible Clubs during the Mission Tahoka weeklong event, sponsored by local churches.

USDA acreage reporting deadline for FSA is Aug. 2

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) has extended the FSA acreage reporting deadline to August 2. Farmers and landowners must submit their annual report of acreage to their local FSA county office.

Accurate acreage reports are necessary to determine and maintain eligibility for various programs, such as the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP); the Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE); the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP); and the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistant Program (NAP).

Farmers are reminded to report any loss within 72 hours of discovery to their insurance company. Losses must be reported and an insurance adjuster must view and release the crop before the crop is destroyed.

Ironman football signups August 4

South Plains Ironman football signups will be on Sunday, August 4, at the Tahoka Mini Park from 7-9 p.m. Volunteers are needed for coaching teams and in other areas. Age groups are Pre-K through 6th grade.

For more info, contact Reggie Moore, 806-790-8552.

Drive clean across Texas campaign offers chance to win hybrid car

Summer in Texas not only means road trips and vacations, but also soaring temperatures and an increase in ozone pollution levels. To help motorists save money and keep the air clean, the Texas Department of Transportation and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality launched the Drive Clean Across Texas campaign. The campaign offers gas-saving tips for motorists and a chance to win a 2013 Ford Fusion Hybrid.

"Harmful ozone is formed when chemicals found in vehicle exhaust and other sources combine with sunlight and heat," said Margo Richards, TxDOT Travel Information Division director.

If you keep the correct pressure in your tires, you can help keep the air clean and save about \$85 a year in gas. Drive Clean Across Texas also warns that driving a car in need of maintenance can add \$120 to annual gas spending.

For more tips on keeping the air clean and saving money, visit the Drive Clean Across Texas website at drivecleancross-texas.org. Visitors also can register online for a chance to win a low-emission, gas-saving Ford Fusion Hybrid car sponsored by the Dallas Cowboys. The deadline for entering is Sept. 15, 2013. Winner will be announced at Cowboys Stadium on Sunday, Oct. 6.

MONTHLY PHOTO THEME in the Lynn County News is available to all readers. E-mail your photos to LynnCoNews@poka.com

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL
PERMIT NUMBER 51984L002

APPLICATION Crockett County Mining, LLC has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 51984L002, which would authorize continued operation of a Portable Rock Crushing Plant located approximately 3 miles north of US 380 on FM 1328 and 1.25 miles east of FM 1328, Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas 79373. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=33.205&lng=-101.953611&zoom=13&type=r>. The existing facility and/or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air contaminants: carbon monoxide, organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on July 12, 2013. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the Tahoka City County Library, 1717 Main Street, Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Lubbock regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of the following authorizations or changes to authorized facilities related to this permit: alterations and amendments. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 18006874040. The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "I/we request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 18006874040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Crockett County Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 14168, Odessa, Texas 79768-3913 or by calling Ms. Andrea Stewart, Westward Environmental, Inc. at (830) 249-8284.

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