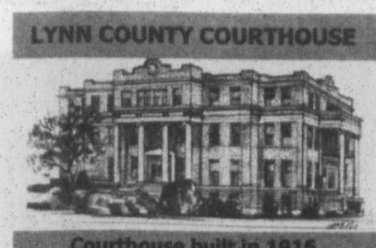
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FITNESS

County-Wide Adult Health Fair

Wednesday, Oct. 22
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
at The Center for Housing & Community Development
1400 Ave. K, Tahoka

(See info, page 2)

FOOTBALL

LAST WEEK'S SCOREBOARD:

O'Donnell 68-24 Loraine
Seagraves 40-0 Tahoka
Ropes 56-8 New Home
Wilson had an open date last week

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS, OCT. 17:

Klondike at Wilson
Grady at O'Donnell
New Home at Lorenzo
Plains at Tahoka

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Oct. 8	80	50	
Oct. 9	80	53	
Oct. 10	85	52	
Oct. 11	77	56	
Oct. 12	68	64	
Oct. 13	78	64	
Oct. 14	55	50	
Total Precipitation Oct:			1.34"
Total Precipitation Sept:			6.73"
Total Precipitation Aug.:			6.36"
Total Precipitation July:			1.26"
Total Precipitation June:			1.68"
Total Precipitation May:			4.45"
Total Precipitation Apr:			0.38"
Total Precipitation Mar:			0.07"
Total Precipitation Feb:			0.26"
Total Precipitation Jan:			0"
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Presidential Race, School Tax Rates on Ballots:

Early Voting Begins Monday For Nov. 4 Elections

Early voting for the Nov. 4 elections begins Monday, Oct. 20 and continues through Oct. 31. There are several ballots in Lynn County for voters to consider, including the General Election ballot with the hotly-contested race for President of the United States, and local ballots for New Home ISD trustee election, and for Wilson and Tahoka ISD tax rate elections.

Early voting in the general election will be held at the Lynn County Courthouse County Clerk's Office during regular weekday hours, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. In addition to the presidential election, the ballot will also include choices for U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative, Railroad Commissioner and Justice positions in the U.S., as well as State Senator (Dist. 28) and State Representative (Dist. 85). Locally, Brian L. Kingston is running for District Attorney, 106th Judicial District (unopposed), and there are five uncontested candidates for county positions who will be declared elected, whose names are listed on the ballot without a voting box next to their names, including County Attorney Donnis Scott, Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin, Tax Assessor-Collector Sherry Pearce, Pct. 1 Commissioner Keith Wied, and Pct. 3 Commissioner Don Blair.

County Propositions

There are also three county propositions on the ballot for voters to consider. Propositions 1 and 2 have to do with open range issues, and Proposition 3 is about the creation of one-half cent sales tax for economic development in Lynn County through a County Assistance District.

Lynn County was historically all open range, with animals allowed to run freely. Over the years, some landowners in the county petitioned the county commissioners to allow certain parts of their land to be closed range. Currently, it is very difficult for county officials to determine which areas in the county are open range and which are closed range, an issue that comes up in liability issues regarding vehicle accidents with horses/cattle. Basically, in an open range, animals are allowed to roam freely and it is the responsibility of other landowners to prevent the animals from coming onto their land. It also puts the liability upon vehicle drivers instead of animal owners in an incident involving a vehicle hitting an animal on the road. A closed range makes the animal owner potentially liable if proven negligent in containing animals within their property.

PROPOSITION 1 reads: **"Letting horses, mules, jacks, jennets, donkeys, hogs, sheep and/or goats run at large in Lynn County.**

PROPOSITION 2 reads: **"Letting cattle run at large in Lynn County."**

Voting for propositions 1 and 2 approves an open range, and voting against these propositions would make the county closed range. The wording on these propositions is mandated by state offices.

PROPOSITION 3 reads: **"Authorizing the creation of the Lynn County Assistance District and the imposition of a sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent for the purpose of financing the operations of the district."**

If voters approve Proposition 3, a half-cent sales tax will be imposed in the county and the Lynn County Assistance District (CAD) will be formed, overseen by the Lynn County Commissioners Court. Funds raised through the CAD could be used only in funding economic development programs, including road/highway construction or maintenance, the provision of law enforcement services, libraries, parks, museums or other recreational facilities or services that benefit the public welfare, or promote tourism.

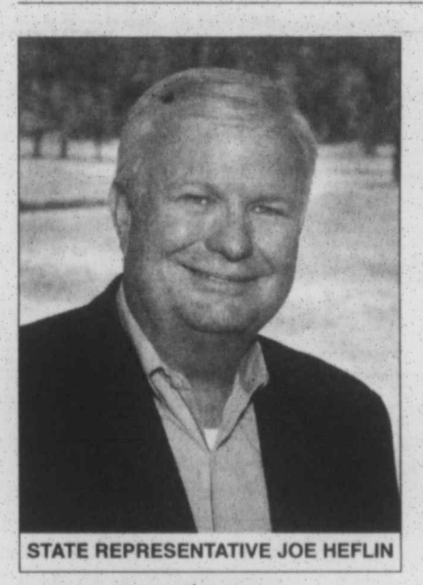
New Home, Tahoka and Wilson School Elections

Along with the General Election ballot, voters in New Home ISD, Tahoka ISD and Wilson ISD have additional ballots to consider.

New Home ISD will have a school trustee election, with five candidates on the ballot for three seats on the board of trustees. Candidates include incumbent Kevin Mitchell, Martin Gill, Jose Torres, Rachelle Link and Matt Barrington. Early voting in this election will be conducted at New Home ISD Business Office during regular business hours, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays.

Tahoka ISD and Wilson ISD both have tax rate rollback elections for voters to consider, with Tahoka ISD seeking to pass $1.17 tax rate, and Wilson ISD seeking to pass $1.23 tax rate. Early voting for the Tahoka ISD tax rate election will be held at the Lynn County Courthouse County Clerk's Office, during regular weekday hours, Oct. 20-31.

Early voting in the Wilson ISD tax rate election will be held at the Wilson ISD Business Office on weekdays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 20-31.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOE HEFLIN

Rep. Joe Heflin Seeks Re-Election For House Seat

State Representative Joe Heflin is seeking re-election to serve the citizens of District 85 in the Texas House of Representatives. Elected in 2006, Rep. Heflin fulfilled his promises to West Texas voters by opposing the Trans-Texas Corridor, working to stop private school vouchers, and restoring funding to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Rep. Heflin quickly became known for his hard work on behalf of constituents and for his bipartisan, team-player approach to the job. His peers named him Freshman Legislator of the Year.

A fiscal conservative, Rep. Heflin will work for property tax relief and expansion of rural economic development opportunities. He currently serves on the Select Committee on Property Tax Relief and Appraisal Reform.

Rep. Heflin is a strong advocate for individual water and property rights who will work to ensure that eminent domain laws are not used to take farms, ranches, and homes in the name of urban interests. An effective representative for Agri-Business, in the last legislative session Rep. Heflin helped to pass a weight limit increase for agricultural vehicles. Through his service on the House Committee on Ag & Livestock and the Agriculture, Environment & Energy Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures, West Texans have a

*(See **Heflin**, page 4)*

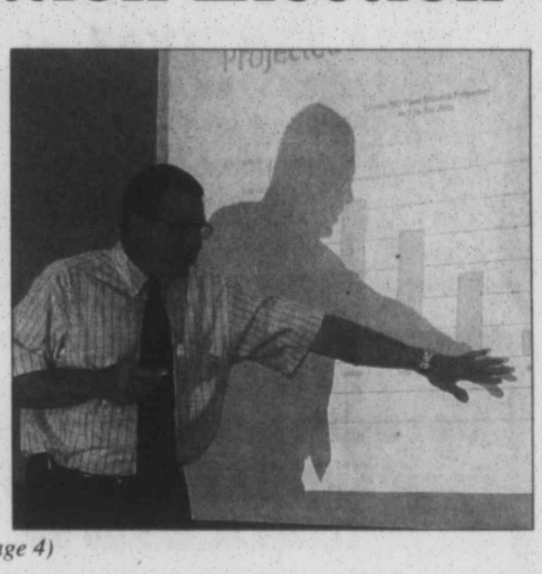
TISD Superintendent Addresses School Tax Ratification Election

by JUANELL JONES

Superintendent Jimmy Parker spoke to a group of approximately 40 people at a public meeting Monday night, explaining why Tahoka Independent School District is asking voters to approve a 13-cent rate increase in school property taxes in the Nov. 4 election. Members of the TISD Board of Trustees were also present at the meeting that lasted about an hour and a half at the Housing Authority Center in Tahoka. As the superintendent spoke, he used a slide presentation to present additional facts about the district and school finance.

Parker prefaced his remarks by explaining why the school district is currently in the unfortunate position of asking voters to ratify a $1.17 tax rate – commonly referred to as a "rollback" election because if voters do not approve the 13-cent increase, the tax rate will automatically roll back to the current $1.04 property tax rate.

"Basically, when state legislators compressed school property tax rates from the cap of $1.50 to $1.37 in 2006-07, and then lowered it another 33-cents to $1.04 cap in 2007-08, they promised that the state would make up the difference in revenue to school districts in state aid – and they did not do that," Parker said. "Tahoka ISD is not the only school district in this situation, as there are many other districts also having rollback elections. New Home ISD had a rollback election last year, which voters approved, and Tahoka and Wilson ISD, as well as many other area



*(See **TISD Election**, page 4)*

Wilson ISD Sets Community Meeting For Rollback Election

Wilson Independent School District Supt. Raymond Lusk and the Board of Trustees invite Wilson area citizens to a public meeting on Tuesday, Oct 21 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The meeting will provide information and answer questions about the school rollback election on Nov. 4, in which the school district is seeking voter approval for a tax increase.

Wilson ISD is asking voters to approve a tax rate increase from $1.04 to $1.17 per $100 valuation in the maintenance and operating (M&O) fund. With an additional 6-cent interest and sinking fund tax rate for bonded indebtedness, the WISD total tax rate would be $1.23 if approved.

See more information about the WISD Tax Rollback Election in this week's Letters to the Editor section.

woodwork

by dalton

SORRY, BUT IF you're one of those people who want to stick your bare feet in the water so fish can chew on them, you'll have to do it at the lake, or maybe in your goldfish bowl at home, because the State of Texas won't license barbers and beauticians to provide fish footbaths in their places of business.

The Texas Dept. of Licensing and Regulation in Austin last week released a ruling that a procedure called "fish pedicure" is not permitted in this state under their health and safety rules.

Apparently the department had received several inquiries about the procedure in which a customer places his or her feet in a footbath in which fish eat dead skin cells on the customer's feet.

It's the first time I ever heard of such a thing. Apparently some folks think their feet will look better after the fish eat the dead skin cells. If I were a fish, I think I would just wait for a tastier meal.

The whole idea sounds dumb to me. And dangerous, not just because some state agency thinks the fish might not be cleaned and disinfected properly. I'd want to know where the fish come from in the first place. My barber, if he were to set up a footbath full of fish for his customers, might make a mistake and include a couple of piranhas, the kind of fish that would not be satisfied with just eating the dead skin. They would want to bite my toes off.

My feet are very ugly, but I still would like to keep my toes. If a fish bit one of them off, it would cause me un-toed misery.

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RAY NAGIN, the mayor of New Orleans, reportedly was asked his views on Roe vs. Wade. He said he didn't care how people got back to their houses.

Obituaries



DAVID MOORE SMITH

David Moore Smith

Services were held for David Moore Smith, 56, of O'Donnell at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 14, at First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell with Rev. Ken Peterson and Rev. Larry Gaumond officiating. Interment followed at the O'Donnell Cemetery. He died October 11, 2008.

He was born on August 17, 1952 to Warren Denzal and Oleta Moore Smith in Lubbock. Smith graduated from O'Donnell High School in 1970 and Texas Tech University in 1975. He was Mayor of O'Donnell from 1988 to 1994 and served six years on the City Council. He was a farmer and businessman. He married Esther J. Quintana in 1996 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was a member of the Rotary Club, Shriner, member of the Masonic Lodge and SPAG. David was a member of the First Methodist Church in O'Donnell.

Survivors include his wife, Esther; mother, Oleta; one brother, Wm. Denzal Smith of Lubbock; and one brother-in-law, John F. Akeley of Lubbock. He is preceded in death by his father, Warren Denzal Smith.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like memorials be made to First United Methodist Church, 612 Fifth Street, O'Donnell, TX 79351 or O'Donnell Masonic Lodge, PO Box 415, O'Donnell, TX 79351.

Arrangements were under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka. Online condolences may be sent at www.whitefuneralhome.com.

Nettie Faye Autry

Services for Nettie Faye Autry, 71,of Robert Lee were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Robert Lee Baptist Church. Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m. in Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka.

She died October 9, 2008 in Robert Lee after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born December 2, 1936 in Tahoka to Lynn and Aquila Yandell. She married Joe Autry December 24, 1955 in Tahoka. She attended Tahoka schools. She was a member of Pecan Baptist Church in Robert Lee.

Survivors include her husband, Joe; one daughter, Jodi Bittick and husband Gary of Odessa; one son, Mike Autry and wife Landa of Mineola; two granddaughters, Alicia Autry of Waco and Cali Bittick of Odessa; brothers and sisters-in law, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and five brothers, Hugh, Dave, Dan, Jack and Jim Yandell.

Memorials may be made to Pecan Baptist Church, P.O. Box 542, Robert Lee, Tx 76945.

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Well Mannered Characters...
Tahoka Elementary Second Grade music students performed for their parents and school on Wednesday, October 1. The presentation, titled "Character Matters," featured many speakers, soloists and ensembles. All of the students portrayed fairy tale creatures who needed some lessons on manners.

Care TO BE Aware

HEALTH NEWS FROM LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

by Julia Allen

12 power foods to shrink your belly fat

Taken from the Book 'Abs Diet for Women' by David Zinczenko

These 12 power foods make up a large part of your diet. The more of these foods you eat, the better your body will be able to increase lean muscle mass and avoid storing fat. They have been proven to do one or more of the following:

• Builds muscle • Helps promote weight loss • Strengthens bone • Lowers blood pressure • Fights cancer • Improves immune function • Fights heart disease

Though you can base entire meals and snacks around these foods, you don't have to. But do follow these guidelines.

1. Incorporate two or three of these foods into each of your three major meals and at least one of them into each of your three snacks.

2. Diversify your food at every meal to get a combination of protein, carbohydrates, and fat.

3. Make sure you sneak a little bit of protein into each snack.

Almonds and Other Nuts ~ Eat them with skins intact

Beans and Other Legumes ~ Including soybeans, chickpeas, pinto beans, navy , kidney or lima beans, spinach and other green vegetables

Dairy Products ~ Low fat

Instant Oatmeal ~ plain, no sugar

Eggs

Turkey and other LEAN meats

Peanut Butter ~ natural & sugar free

Olive Oil

Whole grain breads and cereals

Raspberries and other berries

Whey protein

Of course good old fashion exercise in addition to a healthy diet with some of these power foods added will also lend a hand in reducing that belly fat.

Flu Shots Available At Local Health Fair

Flu shots and a variety of health tests and information will be offered Wednesday, Oct. 22, at a County-Wide Adult Health Fair at the Center for Housing and Community Development located at 1400 Ave. K in Tahoka. The event is sponsored by Lynn County Hospital District, and healthcare officials will be on hand to answer questions and visit with attendees.

The Health Fair will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 2:30 p.m., and admission is free. Flu shots will be available at a cost of $15 (free for Medicare beneficiaries who bring their cards). All other health testing will be offered at no charge, including bone density tests, hemoglobin, blood pressure and oxygen saturation level tests, and glucose and cholesterol tests, as well as food and nutrition booths.

Get information about long-term health care, oxygen and medical equipment, and cardiac health. There will also be information about cooking for diabetics, breast cancer awareness and self-exam tutorial and a hand-washing sink to show what germs are missed when washing hands.

WILSON Livestock Association
MEXICAN STACK DINNER
Friday, Oct. 17 • 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Wilson School Cafeteria
Cost: $6.00 - Includes Mexican Stack, Drink & Dessert

Church of Peace and Liberty
FALL FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 18 • 10 AM TO 4 PM
1103 South 4th in Tahoka
Lots of Food! Games! Hourly Door Prizes!
Live Music! Raffles!
FUN FOR ALL AGES ... come see.

Come to the 39th Annual
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SUNDAY, OCT. 19
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St. Joseph Hall in Slaton • 20th & Division
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All the Trimmings ... with Homemade Bread • Desserts
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National Friends of the Library Week Set for Oct. 19-25

The City-County Library will join Friends of the Library USA (FOLUSA) in celebrating the 3rd annual National Friends of Libraries Week Oct. 19-25. The newly formed Friends of the City-County Library will mark the occasion with its first ever membership drive to recruit new members.

Library director Claudia Guin stated, "We are in the first stages of organizing a Friends group for our library and we thought FOL Week would present the perfect opportunity to hold a membership drive for charter members."

According to Guin, Friends groups are an invaluable source for small public libraries. "We all know that times are tough right now and it's rare for a library to have the funds and staff to offer all the services their patrons deserve; Friends of the Library provides extra funding and volunteer hands to fill in the gaps."

Friends help with special programs such as the summer reading program and movie night; volunteer in the library by decorating for holidays, book processing, and offering clerical help; organize and assist with fundraisers such as book sales, auctions, and special events; and advocate on behalf of the library in regard to policy and budget.

Yearly membership dues for Friends of the City-County Library (FOCCL) are: $2 for students, $5 for individuals, and $10 for families. Businesses are also welcome to become Friends; dues are $25, $50, $75, or $100 per year.

FOCCL will be offering "Tales for Toddlers" twice during the week at a time to be determined (call the library for details). The group will also have a booth at Tahoka ISD's Fall Festival on October 28.

Anyone interested in joining the local Friends group may contact the library at 561-4050.

Burglaries, Thefts, Assault Reported

Five burglaries at New Home, a forgery case, and thefts, burglaries, a traffic accident and a sexual assault in Tahoka kept county and city law enforcement busy during the last week.

At New Home last Thursday night or early Friday, items were stolen from the back of pickups, and a restaurant and a residence were burglarized Monday.

Robert Hiracheta of New Home reported that a Honda air compressor was taken from the back of his pickup parked at his home, and New Home school reported a Stihl weedeater was taken from the back of a maintenance pickup. Those items were recovered in Tahoka after a police officer noticed a vehicle unloading items during the night at a residence. Police confiscated the property, and it later was determined that the Stihl weedeater and the compressor had been stolen at New Home. Another weedeater was recovered, but no theft of it had been reported.

Not recovered was a Honda generator valued at $700, stolen from a pickup at the home of John Edwards in New Home.

The residence of Chris Hiracheta in New Home was burglarized in daylight hours Monday, but nothing was missing, although $450 damage to entry doors was estimated. And at New Home Monday night a restaurant owned by Irene Hiracheta was entered through a small window and about $112 cash was stolen, including $90 in a safe.

David Hernandez of Tahoka told police that tools valued at a total of $2,350 were stolen from his truck parked at his residence Friday.

A stereo was reported stolen from a vehicle owned by Felicia Danea Saldana of Tahoka, and Virginia Alvarado Lopez told police someone broke a window on her Chevrolet van parked at her residence in Tahoka Friday night. Damage was set at $200.

A Sony digital camera, 200 CDs and an Aspiron laptop computer were reported stolen in a burglary at the residence of Charline Flores of Tahoka last Wednesday. Total value of the stolen items was estimated at $1,512.

Police are investigating a report Monday that a 25-year-old Tahoka woman had been sexually assaulted Saturday. A suspect was named.

No injuries were listed in a traffic accident in the 1800-block of N. 5th St. in Tahoka last Wednesday. A 1987 Mazda pickup driven by Michael A. Artiaga, 35, and a 2001 Dodge Intrepid driven by Guadalupe Perez, 32, collided.

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Seven persons were jailed in Lynn County during the last week, leaving the total number in jail here at 49, with 24 of these held for Lubbock County and five for Gaines County.

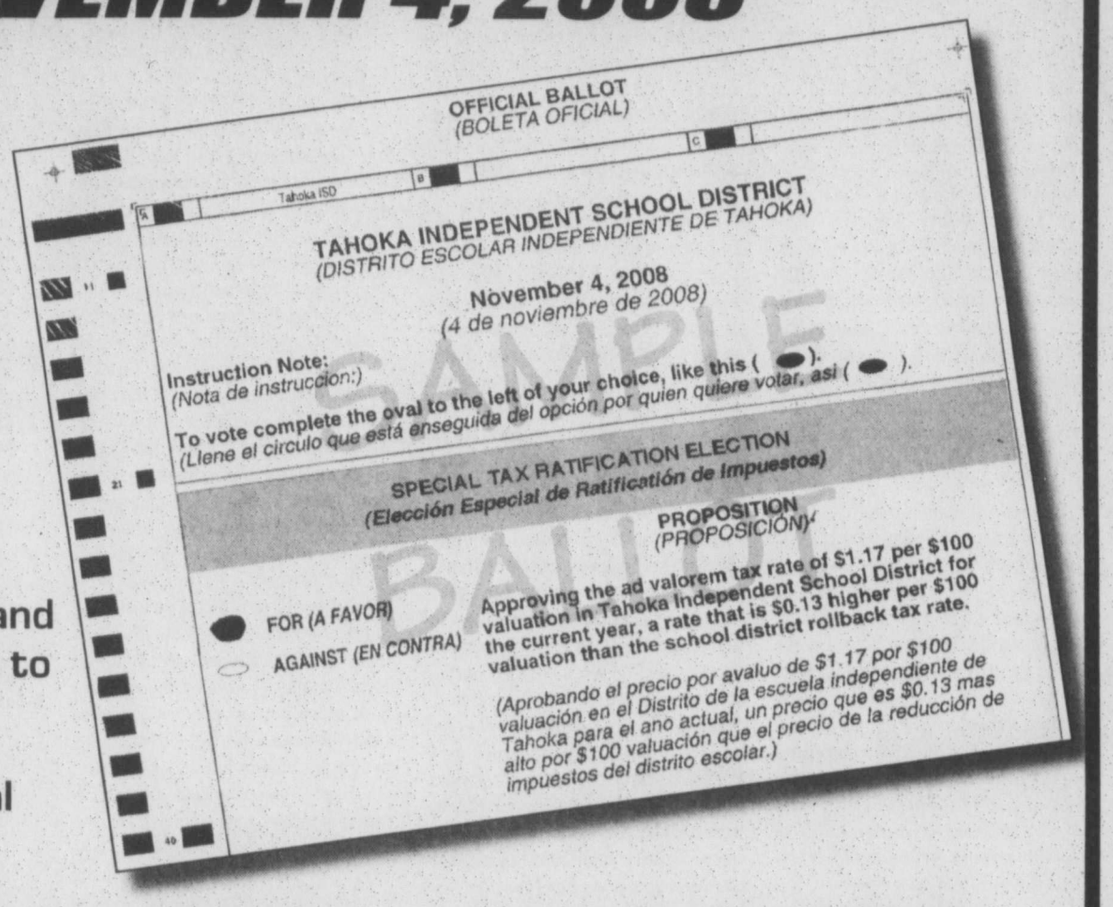
Charges bringing the latest arrests included public intoxication, driving while intoxicated, failure to appear on DWI charges plus displaying suspended license, driving while license invalid, and failure to appear on charges of possession of marijuana.



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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

Why we, the undersigned businesses and individuals support the Tax Ratification Election:


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Tahoka ISD

TAHOKA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE TAHOKA)

November 4, 2008
(4 de noviembre de 2008)

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SAMPLE BALLOT

SPECIAL TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION
(Elección Especial de Ratificatión de Impuestos)

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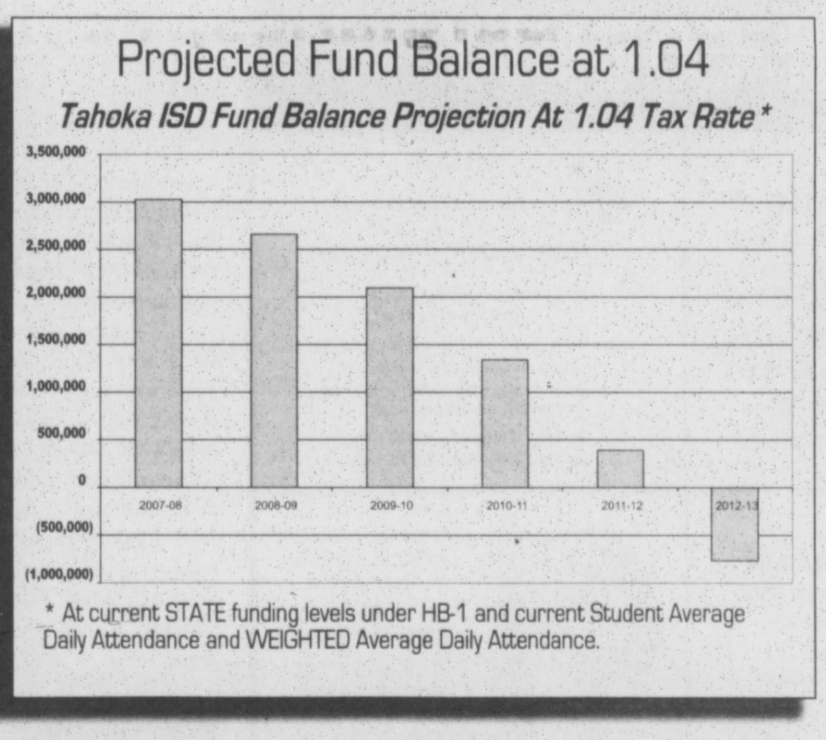
FOR (A FAVOR)
AGAINST (EN CONTRA)

Approving the ad valorem tax rate of $1.17 per $100 valuation in Tahoka Independent School District for the current year, a rate that is $0.13 higher per $100 valuation than the school district rollback tax rate.

(Aprobando el precio por avaluo de $1.17 por $100 valuación en el Distrito de la escuela independiente de Tahoka para el ano actual, un precio que es $0.13 mas alto por $100 valuación que el precio de la reducción de impuestos del distrito escolar.)

- For each dollar of local money we contribute, the state contributes almost three dollars -- and this is the only method the District can utilize to access this additional state funding.
- That is approximately $400,000.00 additional revenue from the state
- Tahoka High School, Tahoka Middle School and Tahoka Elementary are all "Recognized" by TEA for Academic Excellence
- Superior Achievement on Financial Report Card from TEA every year
- Award-winning student programs and excellent teaching and auxiliary staff
- 80% of TISD revenue comes from the state, and only 20% from local taxpayers (state average is approx. 60-65% local/30-35% state)

Early voting begins Oct. 20 and ends Oct. 31
Election Day is Nov. 4



* At current STATE funding levels under HB-1 and current Student Average Daily Attendance and WEIGHTED Average Daily Attendance.

VOTE ✓ FOR the students of Tahoka ISD on November 4th

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TISD Election ... *(continued from page 1)*

districts, are having tax ratification elections this year," he said.

He explained that Tahoka ISD receives approximately 20% of its revenue from local property taxes, 77% from state funding, and 3% from federal funding.

"We are a very property-poor district, and there has been no increase in federal funding in the 10 years since I have been superintendent here," Parker said.

Acknowledging the significant increases in property valuations within the school district in the last couple of years, Parker gave a brief explanation as to why the Lynn County Appraisal District was forced to look at raising values.

"Lynn County Appraisal District was audited by the State Comptroller, who looked at the property values here and said our local values were not in line with comparable values, and LCAD had no choice but to reappraise property values in order to be in compliance," said Parker. "That is probably the brunt of why some of you saw an increase in values," he added.

Increased values would seem to bring increased funding to the district, but school finance is a complicated world of its own. Parker said that state funding is based on many factors, and that in fact "when we see a rise in local property values, we get less state funding." Local certified values in 2007-08 for TISD was $95,363,594, and with increased property values that figure rose to $104,826,280 in 2008-09. But state aid was reduced from $864,780 in 2007-08 to only $766,186 in 2008-09 to Tahoka ISD.

Currently, at the $1.04 tax rate, the school district can expect to generate $617,000 in Tier II state revenue. Adding a 13-cent increase to $1.17 tax rate would generate $1,005,579 in state revenue, which is right at $400,000 in additional state aid, the superintendent said.

With an approved budget of $5,801,366 for 2008-09, total revenue at the $1.04 rate is short by about $386,000 to fund the budget. Raising the tax rate to $1.17 would bring about $136,900 overage, putting the budget in the black with a cushion for unexpected expenses.

Parker told the group that Tahoka ISD spends approximately 70-75% of its budget on payroll costs, 20-25% on fixed costs (transportation, etc.) and only 5-10% on discretionary costs.

"Mandated teacher pay raises are seldom fully funded by the state, and we are facing increases in transportation costs and technology expenses," he said, noting that TISD has $3,026,023 in its fund balance. "We spent about a million dollars last year for improvements in science and chemistry labs and classrooms, and replacing the floors in the high school and middle school building, replacing tile that was probably original in the 1960s," he added.

"Tahoka ISD has a fund balance in place to cover a deficit budget of approximately $400,000, but TEA also requires school districts to have at least three months operating expenses in the fund balance – for us that's about $1.8 to $2 million. Fund balances are also used for emergency funds for major repairs (roofs, HVAC, buses, etc.), and for routine maintenance repairs (flooring, resurfacing the track, etc.)," said Parker.

He closed his remarks by saying that he believes Tahoka ISD has been financially responsible while providing a good education to students and maintaining high academic standards. "We have cut staff in the ten years since I have been here, from 131 to 116 fulltime employees, plus two part-time employees now. We look carefully at staffing positions when one becomes open by attrition or by someone moving away from the district. If the tax ratification election does not pass, we will probably have to look at ways to cut back, including positions and programs, but we have not had those discussions yet."

One audience member asked the superintendent if cutting back included administrative positions, and Parker answered, "We have one principal for each campus, and a curriculum director, and I don't see how we could do without them... I guess you could try to do without a superintendent," he said with a smile.

One of the slide presentations at the meeting showed a breakdown of what a 13-cent tax rate increase would mean to the average homeowner in the school district. Based on the average taxable value of a home of $33,145, taxes due at $1.04 rate would be $344, and at $1.17 rate would be $387, which is about a $43 increase (if the home's value was not increased). A home valued at $100,000 would see $130 more due in taxes with a 13-cent tax rate increase. Parker stressed that the comparisons were for a 13-cent tax rate difference, and does not reflect increases if a home's value went up.

"One of the most powerful slides you showed was the breakdown of cost to about $10 per month more for households if this tax rate passes," Tonda Freitag told Supt. Parker. "We need to look at that figure – this is not as big a burden as we think it is – my goodness, that's just buying a few less cokes to drink," she said.

Several audience members made other comments, and one man urged voters to approve the tax increase. "I don't mind telling you I am in favor of this tax increase," said Jim Morton. "We don't want our school to have to start cutting programs or technology here. And as to the fund balance, that's for emergency use, and you never know when that is going to be needed – just look at Mother Nature – we may not have 36-inches of rain to cause flooding damage but a tornado can sure do a lot of damage. We need to talk to our state legislators about the problems with increased property values and school finance, but let's not take it out on our children here," he said.

Supt. Parker urged people to vote, "whether you approve or disapprove the tax increase." Early voting is Oct. 20-31 at the Lynn County Courthouse, and the election is Nov. 4 in conjunction with the presidential election.

The wording on the Tahoka ISD Tax Ratification proposition will read: **"Approving the ad valorem tax rate of $1.17 per $100 valuation in Tahoka Independent School District for the current year, a rate that is $0.13 higher per $100 valuation than the school district rollback tax rate."**

(Editor's Note: There were additional comments made by audience members after I left the meeting, and those comments are not reported here.)



Come Back Here... Jamie Bingham (51) tries to stop Seagraves' Patrick Gibson (7) as the teams collided in a district game here Friday. Other Bulldogs above are Larry Saldana (55), Seth Hawthorne (88) and Troy Alvarado (77). Seagraves players include Joey Peña (52) and George Serna (61). (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Heflin Seeks Re-Election ...

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opportunity to have their voices heard on laws and policies involving energy, agri-business, and rural development at both the state and national levels.

A paramount issue again next year will be public education. "Our school boards must be able to build a valid budget based on reliable sources of funding," explained Rep. Heflin. "Public education is an investment in our future. We also must provide adequate pay for our retired teachers."

In the last legislative session Rep. Heflin helped to pass legislation giving retired teachers a "13th paycheck," and the Texas Classroom Teachers Association named him an Honorary Legislative Star. Rep. Heflin believes too much emphasis has been placed on standardized testing of public school students. He plans to work for expansion of vocational education opportunities and for affordable higher education.

The Texas Medical Association recently presented Rep. Heflin with its Champion of Rural Healthcare Award. Rep. Heflin recognizes that quality rural health care remains a major concern for citizens of District 85.

A native West Texan, Rep. Heflin was born in Morton, Cochran County, Texas. The grandson of cotton farmers and carpenters, he credits his dad with teaching him how to work, and gives tribute to his mom, a teacher, for instilling his love of reading and learning.

Rep. Heflin is a graduate of South Plains College, Eastern New Mexico University, and Texas Tech University School of Law. He and his wife, Linda, live in Crosbyton, where he maintains a solo law practice. The Heflins are active members of First Baptist Church. They have two daughters, a son-in-law, and three beautiful granddaughters.

Before his election to the Texas Legislature, Rep. Heflin served five years as County Judge in Crosby County and was elected to two terms as an alderman for the City of Crosbyton.

(Paid Pol. Announcement, Joe Heflin Campaign, Gary Hardin, Treasurer)

3-D Band UIL Marching Contest Is Saturday

The Tahoka High School 3-D band will perform this Saturday, at 4:30 p.m. at Lowery Stadium in Lubbock, at the annual UIL Region 16 Marching Contest.

"Several of the 1A bands immediately before us are literally the best 1A bands in the state of Texas. Since Tahoka is now a 1A school, this is an excellent opportunity to see how the Tahoka 3-D Band stacks up against the best in the state," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith.

The music of the 3-D Band this year encompasses several decades, from the 50's to the twenty-first century and commences with Elmer Bernstein's immortal "Magnificent Seven." This is followed by the fast paced popular song by Matchbox Twenty, "How Far We've Come." The music then goes back to 1969 and Bill Chase's "Get It On." The finale is from one of the very first big detective television shows, "Peter Gunn."

"We urge everyone to come early and watch the other great 1A bands, especially Sundown who performs at 2:35, for they won the 1A UIL State Marching Championship in 2003, 2005, and were second in 2007. This is who we will be competing against next year in 2009 when it will be an advancing year and we will have the opportunity to pit ourselves against the very best in the state."

"I believe Tahoka has the very best Band Boosters/Supporters of any school, especially for our size. I know of no other school in 1A, 2A, or even 3A who will have more supporters at contest than Tahoka. Come and support these wonderful, hard-working young people of Tahoka, stated Rhodes. "Your support means everything to them."



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Jesus spoke these words to Peter to signify "the kind of death by which he would glorify God," but I can't keep from applying them to my own approaching old age If I live long enough, I will need help. The day may come when I will need help getting my meals, taking my bath, putting on my clothes. When I can no longer receive the help I need at home, I may have to live in a place where I do not want to go.

What does the Lord say to us when we are apprehensive about the future? He says the same thing he said to Peter: "Follow me!" In Isaiah 46:4 (NRSV), God says, "Even when you turn gray I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save."

In times of trial, God is with us, often providing for us through other people. The Bible encourages us to continue in prayer as we trust and follow the Lord. As we reflect on our past, we will find that the Lord is faithful and worthy of our trust.

Prayer: Precious Lord, in difficult times, help us to trust your loving heart. Teach us to follow you, even into our old age. Amen.

-- D.D. Cardwell ... from The Upper Room

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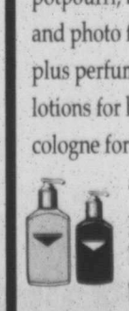
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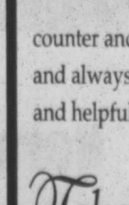
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On the road to physical fitness ... Tahoka Elementary students and faculty who participated in National Walk or Ride your bike to school day on Wednesday, October 8th are pictured here. This event is part of a Wellness and Fitness program sponsored by Tahoka Elementary physical education teacher Tina Wuensche. In the top photo are Pre-K through 2nd grade students and staff, and in the lower photo are students/staff in 3rd-5th grades.



Thanksgiving Dinner Offered By Wilson Catholic Church On Nov. 2

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Wilson is hosting their annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 2 at the church hall. Turkey and dressing and all the trimmings, plus dessert, will be served from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Plates are $6.75 for adults, and $4 for children age 10 and under.

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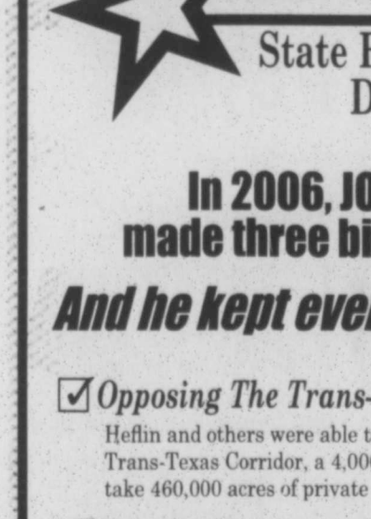
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Early voting begins Monday, Oct. 20 and ends Friday, Oct. 31

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4

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Wilson Livestock Assn. Dinner Is Friday, Oct. 17

The Wilson Livestock Association will host a Dinner on Friday, Oct. 17, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Wilson Cafeteria. Dinner will include Mexican Stack, drink and a dessert, at a cost of $6. Everyone is invited to attend.

Wilson School Menu

Oct. 20-24
BREAKFAST
Monday: Muffin
Tuesday: Biscuits w/ gravy
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Breakfast Pizza
Friday: Sausage on a Stick
LUNCH
Monday: BBQ on a bun, tots, corn cobbett, pineapple tidbits
Tuesday: Fish, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, fruit
Wednesday: Popcorn chicken or fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, biscuits
Thursday: Nacho Grande, lettuce, tomato, corn bread, biscuits
Friday: Corn dog, oven fries, broccoli w/ ranch, sparkly apple

New Home School Menu

Oct. 20-24
BREAKFAST
Monday: Breakfast Burritos
Tuesday: Pancake pup
Wednesday: Mini corndogs
Thursday: Cinnamon Roll
Friday: French Toast Sticks
LUNCH
Monday: Popcorn chicken, mac and cheese, green beans, baby carrots, applesauce
Tuesday: Hamburger or cheeseburger, fries, lettuce/tomato, cookie
Wednesday: Steak fingers, whipped potatoes, corn on the cob, biscuit, pear cup
Thursday: Crispy tacos, lettuce/tomato, pinto beans, cornbread, orange half
Friday: Pizza, lettuce/tomato, corn, pudding

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Letters To The Editor

Facts Given About WISD Rollback Election

This article is written to the residents of Wilson Independent School District, with the hope that all will read, be informed and be motivated to explore and learn more about the future of your school.

On November 4, 2008, you are encouraged to go to the polls and vote on the Wilson ISD tax proposition. **A vote for this proposition is a vote to keep your school alive.** Following are reasons and facts explaining the necessity for approving this resolution:

As a result of declining school enrollment, state revenues to the school continue to decline.

Local tax revenue currently represents only 27% of the school budget. The remainder comes from state and federal sources.

Increased local tax collections will also increase the amount the state contributes to the district. For each local dollar generated above the $1.04 tax rate, $1,455 is contributed by the state. Thus, the $.13 increase called for in the proposition will increase local revenue by $53,210 and state revenue by $77,420, for a total increase of $130,630.

State law lowered the maximum tax rate in 2006. At that time, Wilson ISD taxes lowered from $1.50 per $100 valuation to $1.00. The current rate is $1.04, the maximum allowed without voter approval.

Because of the declining enrollment, inflationary factors, mandated teacher salary increases, increased cost of fuel and utilities, and a multitude of other factors which increases the cost of "doing business", the school finds itself in a financial situation which borders on crisis status.

Financial projections show that if revenues remain at the current level, and even if expenditures are decreased by $100,000 over the next two years (an impossible task without seriously compromising the school's ability to provide an adequate education),Wilson ISD will be forced to close its doors no later than 2011. A more realistic date would be 2010.

Other points to consider are:

You will be voting to increase the tax rate from $1.04 to $1.17 per $100 valuation. On a home valued at $100,000 this $.13 will increase your yearly tax bill by $130.

By voting against this proposition and voting to shut down Wilson ISD, you would be voting to send our children to another school district.

School taxes would not be eliminated. If there is no school in Wilson, you will pay taxes in the consolidating district. Those taxes will, in all likelihood, be at the $1.17 rate.

For those taxpayers who are 65 or older, whose taxes are frozen, this new tax rate will not increase your tax bill.

Wilson ISD has a rich history of excellence, and all who are or have been associated with the school can take pride in this fact. This is your opportunity to vote to continue this tradition. If you have any questions or need further explanation, please contact Raymond Lusk, Interim Superintendent, or any of the Wilson ISD Board members.

Raymond Lusk
Superintendent, Wilson ISD

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Support The Bulldogs!

I would like to let everyone know, we, in Tahoka, have a SUPER football team. I know we have not won but one game this year, but our young men have not quit. These young men are warriors. Given the support they deserve, they are victorious. Why can I say this? Because, I saw them in action in Wink. With weather keeping the crowd low, the crowd of supporters were very noisy. We were so loud the team could hear us. Because they heard us they fought many odds to show the crowd and themselves they were indeed fighters. They were winners!!

I am writing this to BEG everyone at the games we have ahead of us to, please, come out and join us in making a lot of NOISE to show the warriors we are supporting them in this effort. If they hear us they will fight to the last second.

A Fighting Bulldog Fan,
Ellen Fant



September students ... Wilson students (left to right) Laura Joiner - High School, Carrie-Rose McDaniel - Elementary, and Peggy Jackson - Junior High were named as September Students of the Month.

Everyone Is Invited To Attend The COUNTY-WIDE

Adult Health Fair

Wed., Oct. 22 • 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
at The Center
for Housing & Community Development
1400 Avenue K in Tahoka



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4-H Achievers... The annual Lynn County 4-H Achievement Banquet was held October 6, at the Center for Housing and Community Development in Tahoka. Members recognized included (from left) Harley Reynolds, Silver Star award; Allison Burenheide, Best Intermediate Recordbook; Coy Mercer, Bronze Star award; and Jacob Bingham, who received the coveted Gold Star award.



Outstanding 4-H Leaders... Recognized for their support and help with 4-H at the recent annual 4-H Banquet held Oct. 6 in Tahoka are (left to right): Billy Davis - Golden Clover award; Kim Mercer - Outstanding Adult Leader; Jim Bingham - Outstanding Adult Leader; Jeff Martin – 4-H Alumni award and Matt Hamel – Friend of 4-H award.



After February 17, 2009 analog TVs using antennas will no longer receive free over-the-air programming. Broadcast stations will be required by law to air programming in digital format; however, TVs connected to cable will be unaffected.

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Diabetes Cooking School Offered Here

Anyone who would like to find out how to live better with diabetes, plan to attend the Cooking Well with Diabetes cooking school and program series Mondays, October 20, 27, November 3 and 10, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., at The Center for Housing and Community Development, 1400 Ave K, Tahoka. Presentations include recipe demonstrations, recipe sampling (yes, you will get to taste the demo recipes!), up-to-date nutrition information, door prizes and more. For more information contact Amy Baugh, local Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent at 561-4562.

St. Joseph Sausage Festival, FunFest This Weekend

The St. Joseph 39th Annual German Sausage Festival will be held Sunday, Oct. 19, at 20th and Division St. in Slaton. Dinner will be served from 11:00 until 3:00. Take-outs available.

The Funfest will be held at St. Joseph's school, from 11:00-4:00, with a silent and live auctions, games, music, mini-Bazaar, raffles and more.

On Saturday, Oct. 18, German sausage and jalapeno sausage will be sold by the pound from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00.

For more information, call Pat Kitten at 828-3379 or St. Joseph School at 828-6761.

Senior Citizens Menu

Oct. 20-24

Monday: Carne con papa burritos, pinto beans, mexican corn, lettuce & tomato salad, apricot halves *(Domino night begins at 6:30.)*

Tuesday: Steak fingers, white gravy, mashed, potatoes, asparagus, bread, strawberry cake

Wednesday: Baked ham, oven fried potatoes w/ onions, green beans, homemade biscuits, Jello

Thursday: Roast beef, Augratin potatoes, corn on the cob, homemade rolls, banana pudding

Friday: Tilapia fried fish, black-eyed peas, coleslaw, hushpuppies, cherry crisp

Tahoka School Menu

Oct. 20-24

BREAKFAST

Monday: Yogurt, graham cracker

Tuesday: Breakfast sandwich

Wednesday: Cinnamon Roll

Thursday: Breakfast pizza

Friday: Cereal w/ graham cracker

LUNCH

Monday: Meat and bean chalupa, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomato, corn bread, orange smiles

Tuesday: Sub sandwich, baked chips, baby carrots, brownie

Wednesday: Pizza, corn, salad, sliced peaches

Thursday: Stuff baked potato, baby carrots w/ ranch, fruit cup

Friday: Oven crispy chicken, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, roll, fancy gelatin

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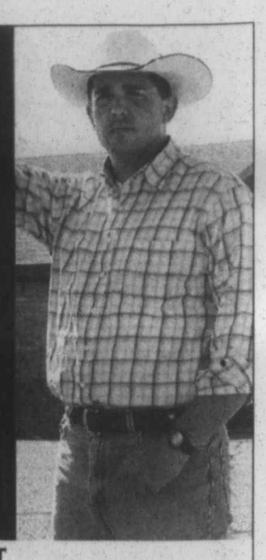
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JASON ECKERT

Eckert Joins NRCS Staff

Jason Eckert, Rangeland Management Specialist, for the NRCS, recently transferred from the Matador field office to the field office here in Tahoka.

Since graduating in 2001 from Texas Tech University, with a degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Management, he has managed wildlife and cattle ranches in Doss and Yancey, Texas. Jason also spent one year working for the United States Forest Service in Wisdom Montana.

Jason and his wife, Lindsay, who works at the UMC Cancer Clinic, live in Lubbock. They have a two year old son, Joshua, and are expecting another child in October.

PRIDE CORPS NEWS

The Book Fair will be held the week of October 27 through October 31, at the Tahoka Elementary Library. It will be open during school hours.

The Fall Festival will be held October 28, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Tahoka Elementary. It will be located on the West Side parking lot of the Elementary. Games, and prizes will be held during the Festival. Children may wear their costumes to the Festival. No costumes will be worn to school on October 31.

Order forms for sweatshirts that were distributed earlier will need to be turned into the homeroom teachers by October 28.

Students who sold cookie dough for the Elementary fundraiser will receive their orders on October 29 for delivery.

For more information on these events, or to volunteer in Pride Corps, contact Amie Sauceda at 577-3533 or Elizabeth Tew at 561-9994.

TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

by THS Journalism Students

Middle School Football
By Logan Tekell

The Tahoka Middle School Bulldogs played as a combined team against the Seagraves Eagles and won 30-14 on Oct. 9.

Jalen Garza was six for nine passing for one touchdown. Garza also ran for 40 yards for another touchdown. He had four defensive tackles. Keshawn Hood ran for 105 yards and two touchdowns, and had three defensive tackles. Kordell Baker caught a pass for a touchdown.

Levi Hawthorne caught two passes for 15 yards. John Ryan Barrientez had a 46 yard fumble recovery and seven defensive tackles. Luke Hawthorne ran for 28 yards. Trystan Hilger ran for 28 yards and had four defensive tackles.

JV Football
By Hannah Thomas

Tahoka JV played Seagraves Eagles Oct. 9, losing 23-0.

Leading passer was Zach Garcia, and Trai Smith was leading rusher. Ricardo Delgado was lead receiver; and Chance Cook was lead tackler.

Varsity Football
By Ben Freitag

The Tahoka Bulldogs lost on their home field to the Seagraves Eagles 40-0 on Oct. 10.

Defensively, the lead tackler was Allen Henderson. Seth Hawthorne came in second with seven tackles and also had three sacks.

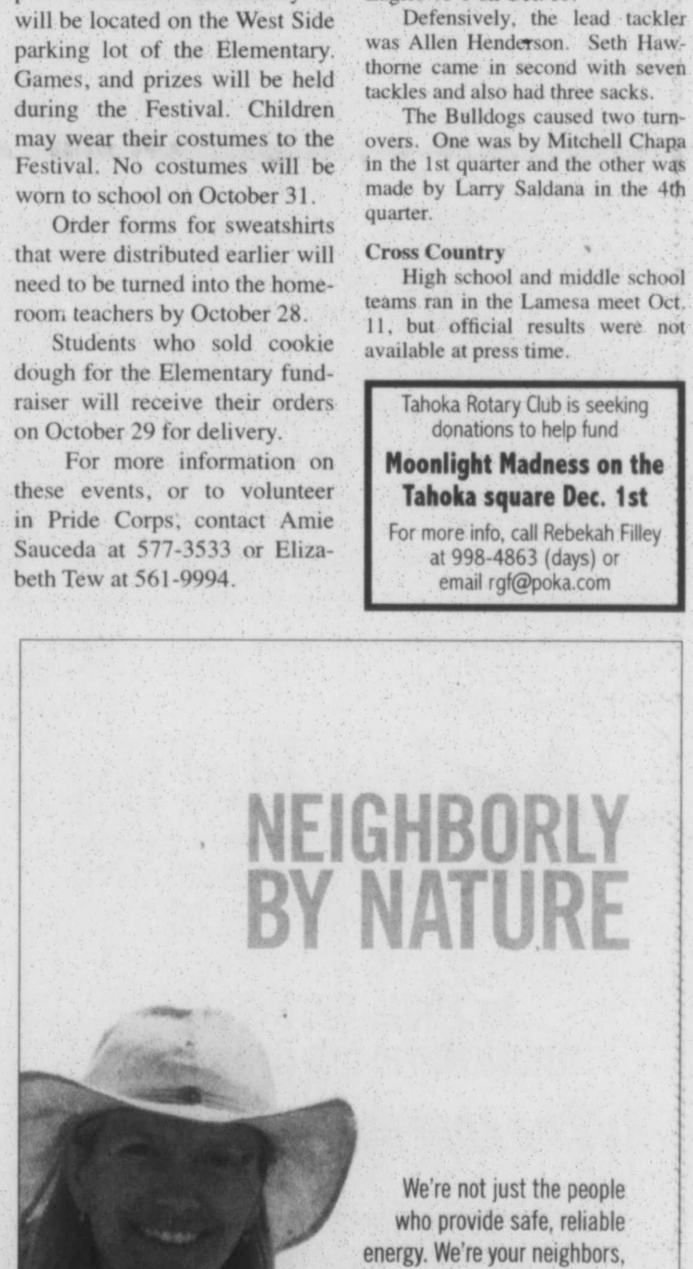
The Bulldogs caused two turnovers. One was by Mitchell Chapa in the 1st quarter and the other was made by Larry Saldana in the 4th quarter.

Cross Country

High school and middle school teams ran in the Lamesa meet Oct. 11, but official results were not available at press time.

Tahoka Rotary Club is seeking donations to help fund
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Your many acts of kindness have helped our family. Thank you all for loving Ethellyn and making her feel so special. You are priceless treasures to our family.

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#68 - A.J. CURTIS
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