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Open House Set At LCHD Rehab Fitness Center

Lynn County Hospital District's Rehab and Fitness Center, located at the corner of U.S. Hwy. 87 and Hwy. 380 in Tahoka, is having Open House this Saturday, Aug. 20, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tour the facilities and enjoy free hot dogs and drinks, and let the children play in the sky bouncer. Visitors may also sign up for a free 3-month membership.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug. 10	87	67	
Aug. 11	89	67	
Aug. 12	88	70	
Aug. 13	85	70	0.50"
Aug. 14	74	69	0.61"
Aug. 15	77	67	0.15"
Aug. 16	84	67	
Total Precipitation in Aug:			4.18"
Total Precipitation in Jul:			2.27"
Tot. Precipitation in Jun:			0.77"
Total Precipitation in May:			5.88"
Total Precipitation in Apr:			0.19"
Total Precipitation in Mar:			0.97"
Total Precipitation in Feb:			1.86"
Total Precipitation in Jan:			1.07"
Total Precipitation to date:			17.19"

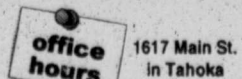
Words of Wisdom

One reason the dog has so many friends: he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

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2005 Bulldogs Planning Return To Winning Ways

By DALTON WOOD

With a new head coach and a good group of returning players who are a year older and stronger, the Tahoka Bulldogs football team on the verge of a new season believes that better things are ahead for a team which has had lots of difficulty competing for the last three seasons.

Coach Steve Heryford ("pronounce it 'Her-ford' as if the Y were silent") has seven starters returning on both defense and offense, and he's optimistic after the first scrimmage last Saturday against O'Donnell.

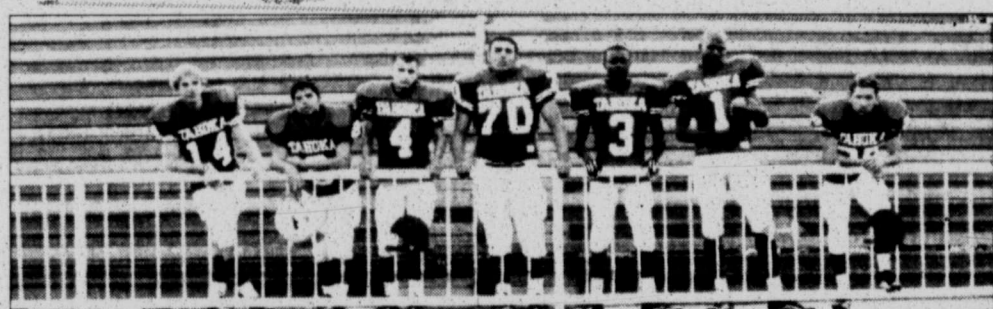
"O'Donnell has a good team, well-coached, and we mostly did well against them," said Coach Heryford, who came to Tahoka earlier this year from San Angelo Central, a Class AAAAA team where he was defensive coordinator and assistant head coach.

Before a two-year stint at San Angelo,

more than 1200 yards rushing last year as a sophomore. Among others being counted on for offensive power are senior wide receivers Troy Price and Zach Tillman (who has grown to 6-5, 210), junior running backs Damon Moore and Lance Murphy, junior tight end Byron Moore (6-0, 230), and some big linemen on both offense and defense, including senior Nathan Garcia (260), sophomores Josh Freitag (210) and Ty Cloe (230) and juniors Randy Carter (220), Josh Hawthorne (165) and Matt McLelland (215), who is a tight end and outside linebacker.

On defense, the Bulldogs will run a 3-4, meaning some of the linebackers will have to defend against passes as well as the run.

There were no injuries of consequence for either team as O'Donnell and Tahoka scrimmaged here Saturday, with Tahoka eventually coming out ahead 4 scores to 1.



BULLDOGS

SENIOR PLAYERS - (from left) Colby Gardner, Patrick Dotson, Jeremy Antu, Nathan Garcia, Troy Price, Zach Tillman, and Jesus Monsivais. (LCN PHOTO)

he was head coach at Class AAAAA Del Rio for four years, and prior to that had experience coaching at Magnolia and Sonora. He is married and he and his wife, Mary, who teaches English, have two children, Jacob, 12, and Jessica, 10.

Coach Heryford's Dogs will run multiple sets on offense, including versions of the I formation, with returning Quarterback Patrick Dotson expected to be the main man running the offense. Other offensive stalwarts returning include running back Ja-Vaen Tillman, who has beefed up to 185 ("without losing any speed," says the coach) and who gained

For awhile it was 1-1 after J. Tillman scored from 2 yards out for Tahoka and O.J. Hunter escaped on a run of about 50 yards to score for the Eagles.

Tahoka went ahead in the scrimmage after Colby Gardner caught a long pass from Dotson to set up a 2-yard score by running back Devin Lester. Tahoka added scores later in the scrimmage as Damon Moore took a swing pass from Dotson and raced 50 yards, and then Troy Price caught a short pass from Dotson and turned it into an 80-yard score. Heryford noted that Zach Tillman also caught some passes.

The coach said that on defense, linemen Byron Moore and Hawthorne did well and in the secondary, Murphy, Damon Moore and Kyle Preston did a good job. He praised the entire offensive line for carrying out blocking assignments well and for protecting the quarterback.

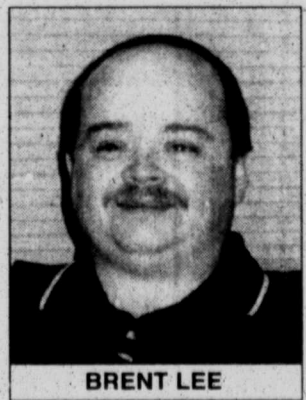
"Overall, the entire team did well," said Heryford. "Of course, we have some areas where we need to improve, but the scrimmage was good for us."

The Bulldogs will travel to Crosbyton Friday for a scrimmage, with the junior varsity set to start at 5 p.m., and the varsity scrimmage to follow.

Tahoka now is sitting on a 26-game losing streak, and the Bulldog players, coaches and fans are hoping to get that streak stopped in the opening game here next Friday, Aug. 26, when Sundown's Roughnecks come to town.

Brent Lee Named Chief Of Police For O'Donnell

O'Donnell City Council members unanimously appointed Brent Lee as O'Donnell Chief of Police in their Aug. 9 meeting, filling the position which had been vacated since January 2005 with the termination of former chief Arnold Freeman.



BRENT LEE

The position pays an annual salary of \$25,000, according to O'Donnell city officials, and the police chief will be required to live in O'Donnell. Lee will begin his duties there in late August.

Lee has been a police officer with the Tahoka Police Department since January 2004. He is a Certified Peace Officer, and was a Reserve Officer in O'Donnell for several months prior to his position in Tahoka. He also worked as a dispatcher at the Lynn County Sheriff's Department for 2-1/2 years.

He and his wife, Amanda, have two sons, Randall and Nick.

2005 BULLDOG SCHEDULE

- Aug. 26—Sundown
- Sept. 2—at Olton
- Sept. 9—at Falls
- Sept. 16—Open
- Sept. 23—Roosevelt *
- Sept. 30—at Denver City *
- Oct. 7—Abernathy H. *
- Oct. 14—at Shallowater *
- Oct. 21—Post *
- Oct. 28—Idalou *
- Nov. 4—at Slaton *
- * - district games
- H - Homecoming



ON HIS WAY - Tahoka's Troy Price has the ball here after a reception in a scrimmage Saturday against O'Donnell. Price scored once on a long run after a pass. O'Donnell players here include Caleb Scheider (72), Brenon Eaker (30) and Tim Motley (63). (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Drugs Seized After DPS Stops Driver

Six and a half grams of black tar heroin was seized by a Dept. of Public Safety Trooper who stopped a 42-year-old Lamesa woman driving a vehicle about six miles north of Tahoka on U.S. 87 last Wednesday.

Trooper David Hoard said when he activated his flashing lights about 5 p.m. he saw something being thrown out of a window of the vehicle. After stopping the vehicle, he went back and picked up a baggie of black tar heroin and then placed the woman under arrest, with charges pending.

The quantity of heroin was valued at about \$1100.

Sheriff's officers are in the process of questioning suspects in a burglary in Wilson last Friday. Damage of \$1700 was estimated to the back door of Faith Chapel Evangelical Methodist Church, but nothing appeared to be missing from the church.

Tahoka Police Saturday arrested a 33-year-old Tahoka man who allegedly as-

saulted his wife, striking her in the face and attempting to choke her.

Two O'Donnell Men Killed In Traffic Accident

Two young men from O'Donnell were killed and a third critically injured last weekend in a traffic accident in South Texas, where a module truck reportedly struck their vehicle.

The victims were David Austin Gass, 19 and Cornelio E. Peters-Groaming, 20. In critical condition as of Wednesday was Joey Martinez, 19, also of O'Donnell.

Services for Gass were in O'Donnell Wednesday. Services for Peters-Groaming are to be on Friday in Chihuahua, Mexico.

woodwork

by dalton



I PLAY LESS GOLF than I once did, but I balance this out by hitting the ball more times when I do play. I believe the worst single hole score I ever made was 13 on a par 4 hole with water strategically placed so that I could not get to the green.

Thirteen is a bad score to make on one hole, but not even close to the record. According to *Uncle John's Bathroom Reader*, Mrs. J.F. Meehan, playing in the Shawnee Ladies Invitational, had the worst hole of golf on record. When she got to the 16th hole (126 yards, par 3), she hit her tee shot into the water. It was a floating ball, so it floated on top of the water, but rather than use another ball, she got her husband to find a boat and row her out to the ball. She leaned over the front of the boat and swung...and kept on swinging. It took her more than 40 strokes to hit the ball onto land; then she had to play through a thickly wooded area to get back to the green. Final score for the hole was 161 strokes.

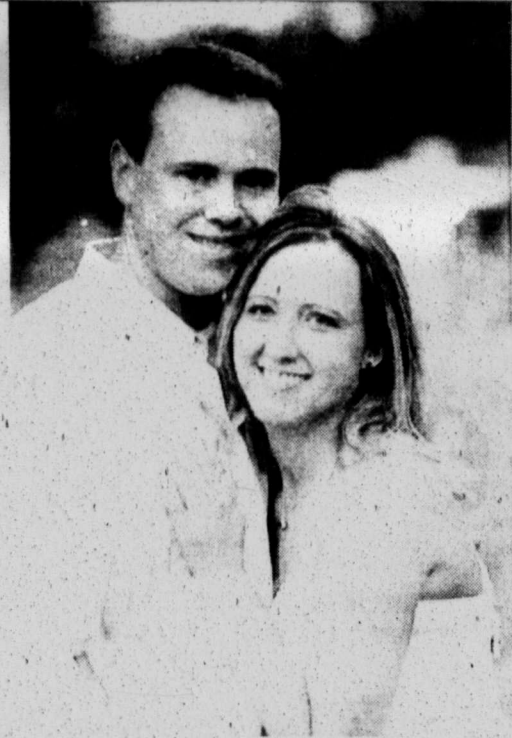
From the same book comes a note that the first woman driver was Madame Sarazin of Paris, France, and she learned to drive in 1891. Now there are jillions of women drivers, including the woman who drove the recent space shuttle, which perhaps explains why they landed 3,000 miles from where they were supposed to.

Just kidding, ladies. I know she was ordered to land in California instead of Florida.

A CRICKET ran up my pants leg the other day, causing one of us to throw a fit and the other to die. There are lots of crickets and other bugs around these days. I have heard that it is bad luck to kill a cricket; whoever believes that has never had one jumping around inside their clothing. I also read this about crickets, and I don't know if it works or not:

"If you listen to a cricket chirp, you can figure out the temperature. Count the number of chirps in 15 seconds and add 40, and that will give you the temperature in Fahrenheit."

As hot as it has been lately, no wonder we find lots of dead crickets. To reach 100, they would have to chirp 60 times in 15 seconds, a killing pace.



AMBER NICOLE FIELDING and TRAVIS LANE GRAHAM
Fielding, Graham
Announce Engagement

John M. Fielding of Brenham and Dixie L. Crouch of Shallowater announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber Nicole Fielding, to Travis Lane Graham, of San Antonio, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Graham of Liberty Hill, Texas.

Amber is the granddaughter of C.D. Crouch, Jr. of Ruidoso, N.M., and the late Helen B. Reynolds.

The wedding will be Sept. 17, 2005, at 6:30 p.m., at the Antique Rose Emporium in Brenham.

The bride is a graduate of Lubbock Coronado High School, and is employed by U.S.A. Federal Savings Bank in San Antonio. The groom is a graduate of Texas A&M University and is employed by the Texas Department of Banking in San Antonio.

Council Approves Sale of 7 Vehicles To Highest Bidders

Tahoka City Council members met in regular session Monday evening, Aug. 15, to conduct routine business, including the opening of sealed bids for seven vehicles offered for sale by the city. Bids for the following vehicles were awarded to the highest bidder:

- (1) 1992 Ford Explorer - \$1800 by Bob Roberts
- (2) 1987 Ford Ranger - \$266 by Joe Spout
- (3) 1988 Chevrolet Van - \$426 by Tim Devine
- (4) 1992 Chevrolet 4x4 Pickup - \$900 by David Hernandez
- (5) 1993 Plymouth Van - \$650 by Ricky Benavides
- (6) 1989 Ford Van - \$251 by Tim Devine
- (7) 1997 Ford F-150 Pickup - \$1551 by Randy Taylor

During the public forum session of the council meeting, Kenneth and Pat Treadwell addressed the council, expressing their desire for their home not to be annexed by the city. According to City Administrator Jerry Webster, the city has begun considering several areas for annexation, and city officials are allowing those whose property may be affected to express their concerns.

The council approved a request from Duncan Disposal, with whom the city contracts for garbage dis-

posal, for a 3% rate increase from the city to cover an increase in the consumer price index. Webster told *The News* that Duncan is also requesting a 4% fuel increase due to increasing fuel prices.

"The rate increase is for what the city pays Duncan Disposal - not a rate increase passed along to the consumers," Webster explained. "However, it has been nearly 10 years since a city fee rate increase in garbage collection has been passed along to city consumers, and that was a \$1.00 increase in 1996. Since then, the city has absorbed any rate increases from garbage collection contracts, but this latest rate increase may require us to consider raising city fees at some point in the future," he added.

In other business, police and fire department reports were presented, and monthly bills were approved.

Present for the meeting were Webster and city council members Jay Dee House, Ray Box, Clara Calvillo and Amy Preston. Councilman Rudy Fuentes and Mayor Mike Mensch were absent from the meeting.

Beth Moore Study Begins Sept. 13 At First Baptist

"Believing God," a Beth Moore study, will be presented in a Fall Women's Bible Study at First Baptist Church of Tahoka beginning Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m. All area women are invited to participate in the class, which will be led by Diann Reynolds and Retha Pittman. The class will be held in the FBC Fellowship Hall.

"Come and join us as we explore scripture with the vibrant teaching of Beth Moore," says Retha Pittman. "This study is energizing and fascinating. Daily lessons are simple, stimulating and shorter than most studies," she added.

"You will come away from these lessons saying, 'I wish I had known this a long time ago.' You will have scripture which you will grasp and hold standing in awe of its power. You will truly understand what believing God means," said Mrs. Pittman.

To register for the class, or for more information, call Diann Reynolds at 561-4871, Retha Pittman at 561-5217 or the FBC office at 561-4557.

Gospel Jamboree Set In Wilson

The Gospel Jamboree, a free event sponsored by the local churches in Wilson, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27, on the lot between First Baptist Church and St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson.

"We will begin serving food at 6:00 p.m., and the music will begin at 6:30 p.m. Plan to come and share an evening of good food, fellowship and great music," said a sponsor.



HOT DOG TIME - Nathan Ehlert and his sons, David and Garret, are next in line for hot dogs at the Tahoka Elementary "Back to School Night" held last Thursday. (LCN PHOTO)

DPS Seeking New Recruits

The Department of Public Safety is now taking applications for anyone interested in becoming a state trooper.

The next recruit school will start March 6, 2006 in Austin. The application deadline for Texas residents is September 16—September 9 for out-of-state applicants.

"We are trying to attract outstanding men and women who want to serve as the first line of defense for the citizens of Texas," said DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr. "Thanks to the Legislature, our new troopers will receive higher salaries that are more competitive with larger police agencies."

Information is available through a toll-free number, 1-866-TXTROOP (898-7667), that rings directly into the recruiting office at DPS Headquarters in Austin. Additional information is accessible on the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us, and application packets can be picked up at the nearest DPS office.

"Diversity is important to DPS—and we encourage minorities and women to consider a law enforcement career with the Department," said DPS Recruiting Coordinator Lt. Renearl Bowie.

Graduates are initially assigned as uniformed officers in one of several services. After gaining experience, troopers can compete for a variety of assignments in the Texas Highway Patrol, Criminal Law Enforcement, Driver License, Administration and Texas Ranger divisions.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, at least 20 years of age, and have completed 90 hours of college credit. Law enforcement, jailer or military experience may be used toward fulfilling the college requirement.

Each applicant's background will be carefully scrutinized, including prior criminal history. They will also be required to submit to a polygraph examination. DPS is an equal opportunity employer.

Questions and Answers of the Day

The book of Jonah (Part 4 of a 5-part series)

Question: How significant are the shorter books of the Bible?

As we left off last week, Jonah was angry and pouting because God didn't destroy the people of Nineveh. Jonah just wanted to die because everyone heard him say God was going to destroy it, and then He didn't. Jonah went out of the city on the east side and made a booth and sat there waiting to see what would happen to the city. Man, he was mad. God put a gourd plant beside Jonah; He made it grow over Jonah for a shade. God did that to deliver Jonah from his grief. It worked; Jonah cheered up because of that plant. Then the next morning God put a worm in the plant and it died. Then God brought a wind storm from the east, and the sun and wind worked Jonah over so bad, he fainted. He was wishing to die about this time. God asked Jonah, "Are you doing well because you are angry, because of the gourd?" Jonah replied, "I do well to be angry until I die."

Now, I don't know about you, but I think I am seeing a temper fit. God said, "You had pity on that gourd that you didn't raise, didn't labor over. It just came up overnight and then died." What God was saying is, "you were mad because six score thousand people *didn't die*, and you were mad because a plant - with no emotional value - died." Jonah had a huge lesson in this.

(To be continued next week.)
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"For we are to God the Aroma of Christ to those who are perishing and to those who are being saved!" - 1 Corinthians 2:15 - bringing the Aroma of Christ to Japan!

Couple To Wed Saturday

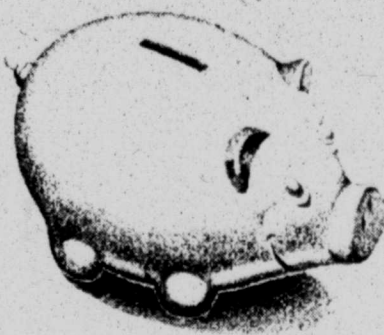
Marvin and Sheryl Rokytá of Cincinnati, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi Lynn Rokytá, to Jordan Briant Owens, both of Austin.

The prospective groom is the son of Buz and Gayle Owens of Grapevine, and the grandson of Elmer and Betty Owens of Tahoka.

Kristi works as a pharmacist, and Jordan is employed as a chemical engineer.

The couple plans to marry Saturday, August 20, at The Barr Mansion in Austin.

Technology has changed quite a bit ...



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OBITUARIES



MARIAH M. SANTOS

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Mass for Mariah M. Santos, 4, of Tahoka was held Saturday, Aug. 13, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church with Father Edward Teo officiating. Burial immediately followed at Nevels Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She died Aug. 11, 2005 in Lubbock. She was born on Aug. 21, 2000 in Tahoka.

Survivors include her parents, Raul Santos Jr. and Mathilda Martinez, both of Tahoka; a sister, Makayla Baeza of Sundown; grandparents, Raul Santos Sr., Barbara Santos, and Roger and Sandra Martinez, all of Tahoka; and great-grandparents, Susie Castillo of Sintoni, TX, and Ramiro Perez of Tahoka.

Hugh Blevins

Celebration of life services for Hugh Blevins, 87, of Lubbock were held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, Aug. 15, at White Memorial Chapel in Lubbock with the Rev. Dale Cain officiating. Interment followed in Green Cemetery in Wilson, Texas, under the direction of White Funeral Home.

He died Friday August 12, 2005. He was born July 20, 1918 in West Minister, Grayson County, Texas to Owen A. and Maude Caylor Blevins.

He married Thelma Mae Crider on July 24, 1942 in Hobbs, NM. He was a member of the Post Masonic Lodge, Southerst Baptist Church and was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, and two sisters. Survivors include his wife, Thelma Mae Blevins of Lubbock; two daughters, Debra Elaine Robinson and Jennifer Gail Davis, both of Lubbock; a brother, three sisters, four grandchildren; two great-children, two step-grandchildren, and two step great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd, Lubbock, TX 79423.

Senior Citizens MENU

August 22-26

Monday: Liver & Onions, Hamburger Steak, Brown Gravy, Baked Potato, Okra, Apricots, Oatmeal Cookie

Tuesday: Oven Fried Fish, Tartar Sauce, French Fries, Hushpuppies, Coleslaw, Fruit Salad

Wednesday: Turkey, Dressing, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Cobbler

Thursday: Burritos, Squash Casserole, Chilean Salad Dressing, Empanadas

Friday: Tacos, Beans, Rice, Strawberry Cake

Jeffrey Shellman

Services for Jeffrey "Porkchop-Jeffro" Shellman, 38, of Lubbock, were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005, at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He died Thursday, Aug. 11, 2005 in Lubbock.

He was a self-employed businessman, working in residential painting.

Survivors include a son, Taylor of New Home; two daughters, Kheila and Callan, both of Lubbock, mother, Patti Webb of Anton; and one sister Keri Matthews, of Lubbock.

A memorial has been established at People's Bank c/o Taylor Shellman College Fund.



DAVID AUSTIN GASS

David Austin Gass

Services for David "Austin" Gass, 19, of O'Donnell were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, in the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell, with Rev. Scott Hensley, officiating and Rev. Richard Rush, assisting. Interment followed in the O'Donnell Cemetery, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He was born January 11, 1986, in Lubbock, Texas. He died Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005.

Austin was a Christian and was a member of First Baptist Church of O'Donnell. He attended O'Donnell schools, graduating in 2004. He participated in football, track, and was a member of the first O'Donnell Eagle baseball team, earning district honorable mention as a catcher. He was a member of O'Donnell FFA and showed barrows in many area and regional shows. Much of his spare time was spent working on his families' farms, becoming an accomplished tractor and stripper driver. He attended South Plains College and was employed by David Franklin Farms, harvesting cotton in the Corpus Christi area.

Survivors include his parents, Todd and Doris Gass, of O'Donnell; a brother, Tate Gass of O'Donnell; grandparents, David and Treva Franklin, and Jerry and Sherry Gass, all of O'Donnell; several aunts and uncles, including Ben and Debbie Franklin, Ryan Gass, Terri Small and Christy Gass, of O'Donnell; and Brady and Jacki Gass of New Home.

The family has requested memorials to the O'Donnell Schools Scholarship Fund in lieu of flowers.

A Gift to the AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY MEMORIAL PROGRAM strikes a blow against cancer



BIRD DOGS - Several Tahoka Bulldogs are converging here on an O'Donnell Eagle with the football in a scrimmage here Saturday. The player making the tackle appears to be Colby Gardner, with Lance Murphy closing in from the right and Jeremy Antu just behind the runner. At far left is Ty Cloe. No. 72 for O'Donnell is Caleb Scheider. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Dr. Larry Mills

Memorial services for Dr. Larry Mills, 53, of Post were held Tuesday, August 16, 2005, at the First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Jerry Koch and Elizabeth Abraham officiating.

Dr. Mills died Sunday, August 14, 2005 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born July 1, 1952 in Slaton. On August 21, 1976 he married Kim Mitchell in Slaton. That same year he graduated from Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine and practiced in Post for many years. He served as treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church and was a member of the West Texas Umpires Association. He was active in the Antelopes Booster Club and was a member of the West Texas Running Club.

Dr. Mills frequently came to Tahoka to conduct rabies clinics sponsored by Tahoka Rotary Club, the last time in July.

He collapsed during a running event in Lubbock and later died.

Survivors include his wife, Kim of Post, a son, Mitchell Mills of Lubbock, two daughters, Macee Balka of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Megan Mills of Lubbock, his mother Wynelle Craft of Post, a brother Toby Craft of Levelland, and two sisters, Vickie Miller of Houston, and Traci Craft of Decatur.

The family suggests memorials to Larry Mills Student Athlete Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Wells Fargo Bank, 216 West Main, Post, TX 79356.

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Peace Officer Academy Registration Continues at SPC

Registration continues for the 2005-2006 Basic Peace Officer Evening Academy at South Plains College.

Classes will meet 5-11 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays Sept. 12, 2005-Aug. 9, 2006 in the SPC Law Enforcement/Petroleum Technology Building, room 115.

Pre-registration is required prior to Aug. 31. A non-refundable \$50 application fee is required for a state and federal background check through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE).

The 618-hour course is designed to meet requirements by TCLEOSE for the Texas state peace officer licensing exam. The course will include basic topics such as all Texas laws and procedural requirements, force options, multiculturalism and human relations, professionalism and ethics, fitness and wellness/stress management, civil process, mechanics of arrest, criminal investigation and firearms.

Approximate costs are \$1,532 for in-district students and \$2056 for out-of-district students. Books and supplies cost an additional \$150.

Instructors will be Larry Nichols, academy coordinator, professor of law enforcement and chairperson of the Professional Services and Energy Department, and criminal justice/law enforcement personnel.

Applicants who have a GED must have completed 12 semester hours of regular college credit from an accredited college or university. Applicants must also apply to and be accepted by SPC and meet all SPC college entrance requirements.

College applications are available in the SPC Admissions Office or on the web at www.southplainscollege.edu.

Academy information is available in the SPC Law Enforcement/Petroleum Technology Building, room 102.

For more information, contact SPC at 894-9611, ext. 2291 or email Patsy Garner, departmental secretary, at pgarner@southplainscollege.edu.

Tahoka To Receive \$250,000 Grant For Sewer Improvements

City of Tahoka officials this week received notification of a Community Development Fund grant award of \$250,000 to be used for city sewer improvements.

The grant will provide first-time sewer service to 11 households by installing approximately 3,600 linear feet of sewer line, 10 manholes, two new lift stations, and 11 service connections. Construction will take place during the next two years at the following locations: Ave. P from 1st to 6th Street, 6th Street from Ave. P to Ave. O, and Ave. H from 4th Street to 7th Street.

The funding comes from the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) through the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP).

Mobile Congressional Office To Visit Tahoka Aug. 25

U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer invites residents seeking federal assistance or experiencing problems involving federal agencies to visit one of his mobile offices in the 19th District. Staff members from Neugebauer's Big Spring office will be available in Tahoka on Thursday, Aug. 25, from 10:30 until 11:30 a.m. in the downstairs County Courtroom at the Lynn County Courthouse.

The mobile offices will also set up in Gail and Jayton on Tuesday, Aug. 23, and at Post in the afternoon of Thursday, Aug. 25 (2-3 p.m. in the Garza County Courthouse, Drivers License Room).

The 19th Congressional District covers 27 counties, and the mobile office offers constituents an opportunity to discuss problems with federal agencies, such as not getting their Social Security checks or veteran's disability payments, with staff members from Neugebauer's office. Constituents can also contact one of Neugebauer's permanent district offices in Abilene (325-675-9779), Big Spring (432-264-1838), or Lubbock (806-763-1611).

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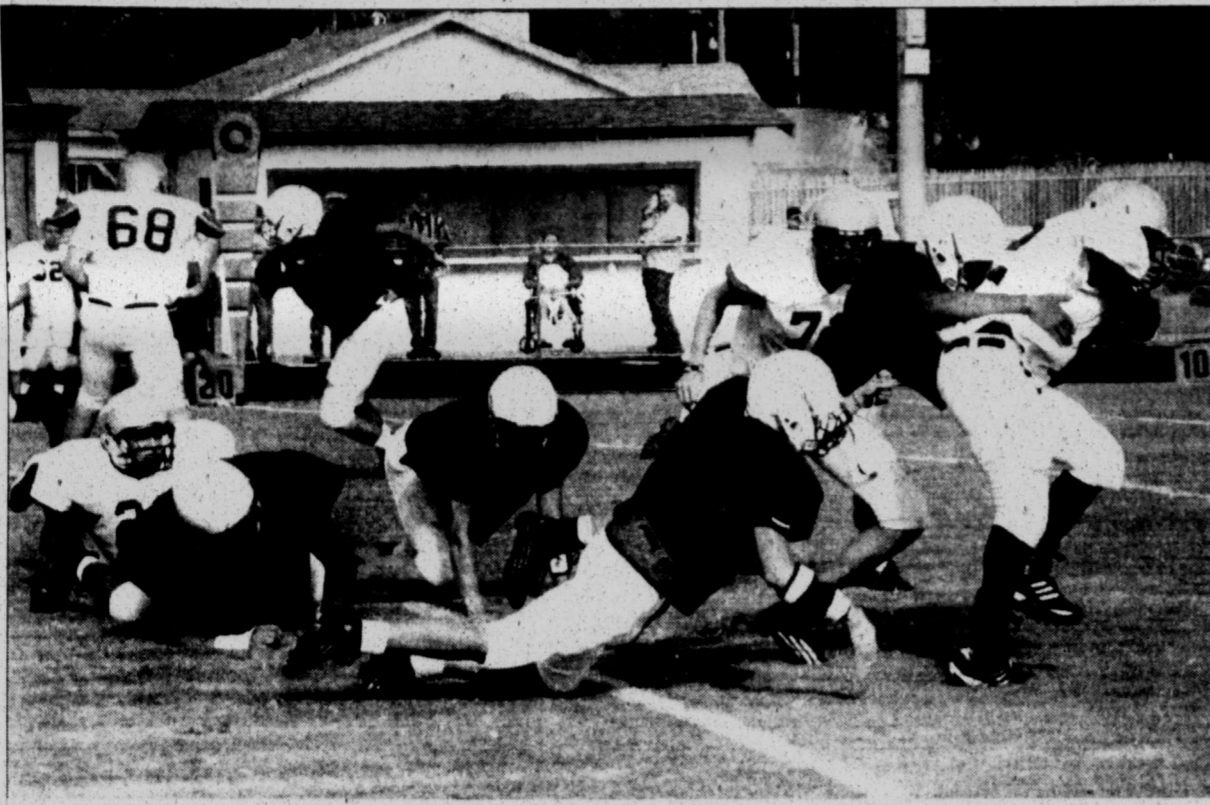
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BUSY MAN - O. J. Hunter of O'Donnell carried the ball a lot for the Eagles in a scrimmage against Tahoka Saturday, and he has it here, trying to get out of the picture to the right. Hanging on is Damon Moore of Tahoka, and just behind him is Jeremy Antu. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

TDLR Sets Cosmetologist, Barber Meeting In Lubbock

William Kuntz, executive director of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), and Brian Francis, TDLR's deputy executive director, will conduct a town hall meeting in Lubbock for South Plains residents who are involved in the barber and cosmetology professions to acquaint them with the agency and solicit information that will help shape the future of barber and cosmetology regulation in Texas.

"The barbering and cosmetology professions are about to undergo their most significant change in decades and we want everyone involved to have a voice in the future of their professions," Kuntz said. "TDLR is committed to working with the members of these professions to ensure that our regulations are fair and reasonable and based on common sense."

The meeting will be on Tuesday, August 23, at South Plains College, Rees Technology Center, 819 Gilchrist Drive in Lubbock. To ensure that all interested individuals have the opportunity to participate, TDLR will conduct two sessions:

- 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Barbering Schools and Shop Owners and Cosmetology Schools and Shop Owners;
- 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Barbers,

cosmetologists and specialty licensees, such as manicure specialists, facial specialists, hair weaving/ braiding specialists and shampoo specialists.

Senate Bill 411, which was passed by the 79th Texas Legislature and signed by Governor Rick Perry on June 18, transferred regulation of the cosmetology and barbering professions to TDLR, effective September 1, 2005.

The town hall meeting will allow barbers and cosmetologists to become acquainted with TDLR and agency leadership. It also will provide an opportunity for barbers and cosmetologists to voice concerns and offer suggestions related to the rules and regulatory efforts affecting their professions. It will help TDLR to gain a better understanding of how the barbering and cosmetology professions work so that the agency can be better prepared to provide services when the programs are transferred.

Barbers and cosmetologists who are unable to attend the meeting still may provide comments and suggestions to TDLR in writing or by email, at strategicplan@license.state.tx.us.

For more information about the meeting, barbers and cosmetologists may call (512) 463-3173.

Trustees Approve Property Insurance

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met last Thursday evening, approving property insurance among other routine agenda items. Property, Casualty and Fleet insurance for the 2005-06 school year was awarded to Walker and Solomon Agency in the amount of \$45,451.

School principals were named as second appraisers for teacher appraisals, and the PDAS Calendar was approved as presented. Superintendent Jimmy Parker announced the resignation of Jody Furlow, an elementary teaching assistant, and informed trustees that Billy Wilborn had been hired as a Special Education Assistant.

James Crawford, technology director, addressed the board regarding technology in the district, and school principals gave their reports.

Supt. Parker informed trustees that Business Manager Nathan Ehlert had earned the designation of Registered Texas School Business Administrator after completing certification requirements through the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO). Parker also reported on the upcoming school board convention, and other board training sessions.

Tahoka ISD has set a public hearing for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29 and a meeting following at 7 p.m. to adopt a budget and set the tax rate. The meeting will be held at the Harvick Educational Center on Main Street. The proposed tax rate remains at \$1.50 for the school district.

The next board meeting was scheduled for 8 p.m. on Sept. 8. All seven trustees were present for the 2-1/2 hour meeting, including Board President Math Bartley and trustees Joe Calvillo, Carmen Chapa, Jimmy Dorman, Frank McLelland, Kent Kahl and Valton Stephens.

REGISTER and Vote!

You must be registered to vote 30 days prior to any election.

Register at the Lynn County Courthouse Tax Office.

4-H Golf Tourney Set For August 20

Lynn County 4-H will host a 4-person open golf scramble at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20th at T-Bar Country Club. Cost for the event is \$120 per team, which includes a meal.

Cash prizes will be paid to teams along with contests for the longest drive and closest to the pin. Over \$1,200 was paid out last year to golfers. Door prizes and raffle tickets for a 3-day, 2-night stay at the Innsbrook Village Condos in Ruidoso will also be available. All benefits will benefit Lynn County 4-H members.

"Once again we will have a putting contest. Contestants will pay \$5 for a chance to qualify for the final putt-off. Five individuals will compete in the finals with the winner receiving \$120 and the runner-up receiving \$80," stated a 4-H representative. This year's putting contest is sponsored by Ag Texas Farm Credit Services.

For more information or to sign up, contact T-Bar Country Club at 806/998-5305.



HAPPY TO MEET NEW STUDENTS - Tahoka Elementary Pre-Kindergarten teacher Shayla Erickson greets children in her room during "Back to School Night" held last Thursday. School began Monday for Tahoka ISD students. (LCN PHOTO)

SPC Adds Fall Orientation Session

South Plains College will offer a final orientation session Aug. 23-24 for incoming freshmen planning to enroll for the fall 2005 semester.

Orientation will include information geared for college success and advisement and registration for fall

classes.

To attend orientation, students need to have submitted a completed application for admission and taken a college placement test, such as Accuplacer, unless exempt. To pre-register online for orientation, go to www.southplainscollege.edu/counseling.

Orientation is scheduled 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Aug. 23 in the Sundown Room of the Student Center. Students will be assigned a time to meet with their advisor and pre-register for fall classes Aug. 24th in the Technology Center.

An Accuplacer test will be given Aug. 22, 24, 25, 29-31 at SPC Levelland and Aug. 22, 24-26 and 29-31 at the SPC Reese Center campus in Lubbock.

Pre-registration is required for all tests. A \$30 money order as well as a picture ID and some form of identification containing the student's social security number are also needed.

Applications for admission can be found at www.southplainscollege.edu under Quicklinks.

For more information, contact the SPC Office of Guidance and Counseling at 894-9611, ext. 2366 or 2368.

Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

August 22-26

- Monday:** Breakfast Burger, fruit
Tuesday: Donuts
Wednesday: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit
Thursday: Breakfast Sandwich
Friday: Sausage Biscuit, Fruit
- Lunch**
Monday: Steak Fingers, Grilled Cheese, Creamy Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit
Tuesday: Chili Dog, Turkey & Cheese Salad, Baked Beans, Carrot Sticks, Fruit
Wednesday: Chicken Fajitas, Patty Melt, Salad, Sliced Peaches, Peas and Carrots, Fruit
Thursday: Baked Chicken, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Corn on the cob, Salad, Roll, Applesauce, Fruit
Friday: Sloppy Joe on a bun, Corn Dog, Lettuce & Pickle, Cheese Broccoli, Fruit Crisp, Fruit



NATHAN EHLERT

Ehlert Earns TASBO Certification

Nathan Ehlert, Business Manager with Tahoka Independent School District, has successfully completed the requirements to earn the designation of Registered Texas School Business Administrator (RTSBA), according to the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO).

A voluntary certification effort founded in 1985, the TASBO certification program is designed to elevate professional standards, enhance individual performance and designate those who demonstrate knowledge essential to the practice of school business management. TASBO certification is earned through a combination of specified coursework, school business experience, and active membership in the Association. Once it is earned, certification is maintained through continuing education and participation in the profession.

"Certification by TASBO offers school business officials the opportunity to expand their professional knowledge base, continue their education in the ever-changing rules and regulations of state and federal laws, and establish an additional level of professional recognition and respect," said Gwen Santiago, TASBO Executive Director. "Certification is a mark of distinction, a symbol of leadership and accomplishment, and it is highly regarded by others in education as well as school business management. Also, certification offers a competitive edge in today's job market."

"Nathan Ehlert is to be commended for pursuing professional excellence through TASBO certification," Santiago said. "The Association is pleased to recognize this outstanding personal achievement."

Ehlert has been Business Manager for TISD for the past five years.

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Thursday, August 25, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
 Free Admission

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The program will feature guided tours of the west stadium complex, food and refreshments, door prizes, and information on TTLIC membership. Please call 742-7200, ext. 222 to make your reservation for this special event!

TTLIC is a membership organization which provides learning opportunities for people 55 years of age and older who want to continue to expand their knowledge and interests. Enjoy learning with no tests and no grades, through classes, discussion groups, special events, and social activities. Membership is not required to participate in most offerings.

Contact The Lynn County News by e-mail at: lc1tahoka@poka.com

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TAHOKA NATIVES - Jean Flippin Moffatt and Susan Draper are pictured after a performance of "The Little Flute" at Opera in the Ozarks, Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony, Eureka Springs, Arkansas, in July. Susan played the Second Lady in the production.

Susan Draper Performs At Opera In The Ozarks

Susan Draper, daughter of Milt and Dorothy Draper of Tahoka, was one of 41 singers in the company of Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony (IPFAC) in Eureka Springs, Arkansas in June and July. This was the 55th season. Her parents attended a performance early in the season.

Susan played the Baker's Wife in "Into the Woods" by Stephen Sondheim, for which she was chosen Most Outstanding Female in a Leading Role. She also played Second Lady in "The Little Flute" by Mozart and was a part of the Chorus in "L'Elisir d'Amore" by Donizetti. She received one of seven Colleague awards chosen by members of the company at the end of the season.

IPFAC is a summer opera workshop sponsored by the South Central Region of the National Federation of Music Clubs. The Texas Federation of Music Clubs is one of five state members.

Aspiring opera students from across the country come to IPFAC each summer for eight weeks, spending four weeks preparing four operas and four weeks performing them in full costume, with sets and a live or-

chestra providing musical accompaniment. The fourth full opera this summer was "The Magic Flute" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Jean Moffatt, a Tahoka native who now lives in Seminole, serves as Recording Secretary to the IPFAC Governing Board. She is the daughter of Claudia Flippin and the late Welch and Marian Flippin. She came to IPFAC for Federation Days and renewed her acquaintance with Susan.

Susan, a 1995 graduate of Tahoka High School, recently completed a master's degree in a vocal performance at the University of Houston. She auditioned for IPFAC at her school and attended with help from a Phyllis Moore scholarship, established by Artistic Director Vern Sutton in memory of his wife.

Susan received her bachelor's degree from Wayland Baptist University, majoring in music education with emphasis in voice and piano and minoring in theatre. A former music teacher in Pampa, she has a job teaching at Houston Academy this fall. She also plans to audition in Houston theaters and the Lyric Opera.

223rd Anniversary Of Purple Heart Observed August 7

Sunday, August 7, was the anniversary of the Purple Heart, which is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are wounded in conflict with an enemy force or while held by an enemy force as a prisoner of war. The Purple Heart is also awarded posthumously to the next of kin of members of our armed forces who are killed in conflict with an enemy force or die of a wound received in conflict with an enemy force.

The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the world still in use. It was established on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, when General George Washington issued an order establishing the Honorary Badge of Distinction, otherwise known as the Badge of Military Merit. Award of the Purple Heart ceased with the end of the Revolutionary War, but was revived in 1932, the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth.

The Purple Heart represents the most honorable of characteristics in a service member and a citizen. It has been awarded to more than 1,535,000 recipients, approximately 550,000 of whom are still living.

ACS "Cancer Survivors Network" Now Online

With one click of the mouse, cancer survivors and caregivers can seek support from coast to coast. The Cancer Survivors Network, created by the American Cancer Society is an online community for cancer survivors and caregivers. From diagnosis, cancer becomes a part of a survivor's life and a caregiver's life experience. The Cancer Survivors Network unites all people touched by cancer, providing an opportunity for personal growth and renewal of spirit. An estimated 85,000 Texans will be diagnosed with cancer this year, however the 5-year survival rate for all cancers has increased to 64%.

The link to the Cancer Survivors Network is located on the American Cancer Society's Web site www.cancer.org and clicking the Cancer Survivors Network link. By logging onto the site, cancer survivors and caregivers can read, or download personal stories and discussions among survivors and caregivers. They may also explore and contribute to the Expressions Gallery, a compilation of survivor's stories, poems and songs.

Other options include creating a personal homepage to share stories and get connected to others, participate in chats and discussion groups, and communicate with other survivors and caregivers via email. Cancer Survivors Network also offers cancer treatment decision tools, suggested books, articles, Web sites, support groups and organizations, and allows access to the American Cancer Society's cancer information database.

No matter how cancer touches your life, the American Cancer Society's Cancer Survivors Network can help. The Web site is also accessible in Spanish and Chinese languages.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

For more information on cancer, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.



HUGS FROM THE TEACHER - Lisa Hawthorne, Tahoka Elementary Pre-Kindergarten teacher, gives a hug to two boys who came by to visit her classroom during Back to School Night held last Thursday. Several children and their parents are also shown. (LCN PHOTO)

Winter Gas Prices May Stay High

Atmos Energy Corporation Chairman, President and CEO Robert W. Best praised passage by Congress recently of a natural energy policy, but cautioned that it will not be enough to reduce heating bills this winter.

"A strategic energy plan for America is long overdue, in order to increase supply and reduce demand for natural gas, which eventually should lead to lower prices for residential and commercial customers," said Best, who is past-chairman of American Gas Association. "Passage of the energy bill is like football players arriving for training camp. It's a vital step but a long way to the Superbowl."

"Natural Gas customers should be prepared for winter heating charges that are higher than last year, because supplies are barely keeping up with demand," Best said. "Estimates of future wholesale prices for winter deliveries of natural gas are 15-20 percent higher than last year."

Atmos Energy does not make

any profit from higher natural gas prices." Best noted. Customers only pay a delivery charge to the natural gas utility company, while the fee for the fuel goes to the gas supplier, without any markup by Atmos Energy.

"Our customers want lower prices," Best said. "We hope that the new energy policy will lead to additional exploration, swifter permitting and more gas supply in future years. Natural Gas utilities, like Atmos Energy, are on the side of their customers when it comes to lowering natural gas costs."

Best said. "When President Bush signs this act into law, it will cap a five-year effort by our industry to seek comprehensive energy solutions that can lower costs for American consumers and businesses."

Best noted three key provisions in the legislation that will help natural gas utility customers.

The energy policy provides



Paw Prints

The Bulldog Booster Club will be painting paw prints Saturday, August 20. If you would like one, call Cathy Ross at 998-5363 before Saturday. Also, the 3x5 Bulldog Flags are in.

accelerated depreciation to encourage more investment in natural gas pipelines to increase gas deliveries to customers.

It contains numerous provisions to maintain domestic gas production and to bring new supplies to market although producers are still unable to tap the country's vast gas resources in many onshore and offshore areas.

It increases the authorized funding level from \$2 billion to \$5.1 billion for the federal low-income families, the elderly and the disabled pay their monthly energy bills.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Tahoka Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 29, 2005 in the TISD Administration Building, 2129 N. Main, Tahoka, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.50	\$ -0 *	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.779	\$ 6.720
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.534	\$ -0 *	\$ 1.534	\$ 1.699	\$ 6.800
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.50	\$ -0 *	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.732	\$ 6.635

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 35,480	\$ 35,564
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 20,480	\$ 20,564
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.50/100	\$ 1.50/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 307.20	\$ 308.46
Increase in Taxes	\$	\$ 1.26

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Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.593974. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.593974.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,215,000.
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ -0-

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Applications for emergency farm loan losses caused by excessive rain, flash flooding, hail, high winds, lightning, tornadoes that occurred on June 9, 2005 through June 10, 2005 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Tahoka, FSA Farm Loan Manager Curtis Barlow said today.

Lynn County is one of 9 counties recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the excessive rain, flash flooding, hail, high winds, lightning, tornadoes.

Barlow said farmers may be eligible for loans up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for

an FSA emergency loan," Barlow said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance Program will have to figure in proceeds from this program in determining their loss. "Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until October 3, 2005, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Barlow said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Tahoka is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



TOUGH SCRIMMAGE—O'Donnell and Tahoka varsity football teams scrimmaged Saturday with Tahoka coming out ahead after the two teams slugged it out on even terms for awhile. Here the Eagles' star offensive threat O.J. Hunter runs for a gain, closely followed (in order) by Bulldogs Jeremy Antu, Josh Valdez and Byron Moore. Other OHS players above include Gavin Ramirez (24), Edward Nava (51), Trent Hancock (50) and Tim Motley (63). (LNN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

USDA Unveils Simplified Loan Deficiency Payment Process

James R. Little, administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA), unveiled a new streamlined process that makes it easier for agricultural producers to receive loan deficiency payments (LDPs).

"In the past, some producers have been unable to collect LDPs because they lost beneficial interest in the commodity before completing the required paperwork," said Little. "Today, producers will be able to fill out the new CCC-633 EZ form annually to express their intentions of receiving LDPs for eligible crops. This will help to ensure producers receive benefits and meet all eligibility requirements for LDPs."

Previously, producers had to complete and submit a CCC-633 LDP or a CCC-709, Field Direct LDP form prior to losing beneficial

interest in the harvested commodity in order to receive LDP benefits. Producers will now fill out the new CCC-633 EZ form each year to receive LDP benefits for eligible crops on all their farms and submit page 2 of the new form when the producer requests LDPs.

A producer must have beneficial interest in the commodity at the time the CCC-633 EZ is completed and submitted to the FSA office. A producer retains beneficial interest in the commodity if all of the following remain with the producer: control of the commodity; risk of loss; and title to the commodity.

Either at the time a producer first submits the CCC-633 EZ, or any time before the final loan availability date, the producer must request a payment for a specific quantity and provide acceptable production evi-

dence. The LDP rate is based on the earlier of the: * Date of request for payment; or * Date beneficial interest is lost.

LDPs are obtained by producers who are eligible to obtain a marketing assistance loan, but who agree to forgo the loans. By filing a CCC-633 EZ, producers do not preclude themselves from obtaining marketing assistance loans on applicable crops. The LDP rate equals the amount by which the applicable loan rate where the commodity is stored exceeds the alternative loan repayment rate for the respective commodity.

FSA developed the new form to help ensure that agricultural producers obtain LDPs when they are requested and when producers still have beneficial interest. In the past, some farmers inadvertently lost beneficial interest in their commodities before requesting LDPs, making

them ineligible to receive benefits. The form will be effective for the 2005 and subsequent crop years.

The CCC-633 EZ is available online at www.fsa.usda.gov/dafnp/psd and <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainervlet>

Texas Joins National Crackdown On Impaired Driving

August 19 until September 5, Texas will join the "You Drink & Drive. You Lose" national crackdown on the criminal offense of alcohol impaired driving, according to Regional Administrator Georgia S. Chakiris of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

"During the Labor Day Weekend, there will be thousands of law enforcement officers out taking care of business, getting drunk drivers off the road and into jail. Don't be one of them," she said.

According to NHTSA records, 47 percent of Texas' crash fatalities in 2003 were alcohol related.

Traffic Safety Director of the Texas Department of Transportation Terry Pence said, "Every year too many fathers, sons, mothers, and daughters do not come home because of impaired drivers. That's the reason we will be strictly enforcing the state's impaired driving laws."

Impaired driving is one of America's deadliest crimes. Nationally in 2003, more than 13,000 people died in impaired driving related traffic crashes involving a driver with an alcohol level at or above the legal limit of 0.08. Every 31 minutes, or about 46 times a day, someone in America dies in an alcohol related crash. Hundreds of thousands more are injured each year. According to NHTSA, nearly one in every three Americans will be involved in an alcohol related crash at some point in their lives.

Ms. Chakiris said, "Our message around this Labor Day weekend is simple. If you get caught driving impaired, there will be no warnings—no excuses. Law enforcement will arrest you. *You Drink & Drive. You Lose.*"

For more information on impaired driving prevention and resources communities can use to reduce deaths and injuries, visit www.stopimpaireddriving.org/.

Early Detection Is Key To Saving Life From Prostate Cancer

According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 232,090 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed this year and approximately 30,350 men will die from this disease. Early detection of prostate cancer is a critical part of reducing the number of deaths that are caused by prostate cancer, the second most common type of cancer found in American men.

Timothy Wilson, M.D., director of Urology and Urologic Oncology at City of Hope Cancer Center in Los Angeles, emphasizes that prevention and early detection can reduce the risk of prostate cancer and improve treatment outcomes for those who are diagnosed with the disease. "The exact cause of prostate cancer is unknown but risk of its development is associated with age, family, history, race, environmental exposure and certain nutritional deficiencies," says Dr. Wilson. "Prostate cancer is often called a 'silent disease' because it frequently develops without obvious symptoms."

When symptoms are present, they may include some of the following: * Weak flow of urine * Frequent or painful urination * Blood in the urine or semen * Pain in the lower back, pelvis or upper thighs.

Dr. Wilson recommends that all men over the age of 50 visit their physician for a yearly exam. This exam should include: * Discussion about risk factors and possible symptoms * Digital rectal examination (DRE) to detect irregularities of the prostate * Prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test.

Men who are at high risk for prostate cancer - especially African Americans or men who have close family members with prostate cancer - should consider beginning these tests at an earlier age.

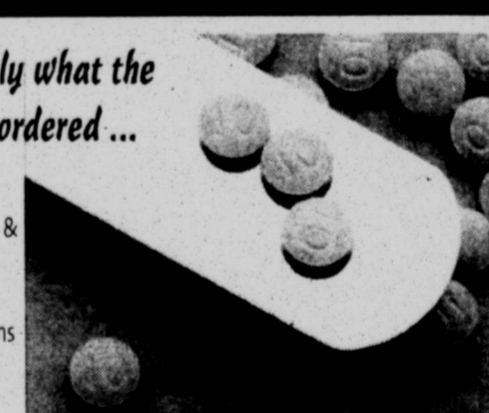
Prevention is the best way to reduce the risk of prostate cancer. Men should take proactive measures to live free of the disease.

Dr. Wilson suggests the following: * Eat a balanced diet, high in fruits and vegetables and low in fat * Watch your weight, and exercise daily * Limit alcohol consumption * Know the risk factors and be aware of changes in your body * See a physician for a yearly exam.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The WILSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6:30 a.m., Monday, August 29, 2006 in the Wilson ISD Library, Wilson, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.50	\$.09760 *	\$ 1.59760	\$ 2.919	\$ 4.918
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.6243	\$.09770 *	\$ 1.72200	\$ 3.032	\$ 4.791
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.50	\$.09187 *	\$ 1.59187	\$ 3.086	\$ 4.520

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 30,912	\$ 34,728
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 15,912	\$ 19,728
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.5976/100	\$ 1.59187/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 254.21	\$ 314.04
Increase in Taxes	\$	\$ 59.83

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.68332. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.68332.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 296,000.
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 208,000.

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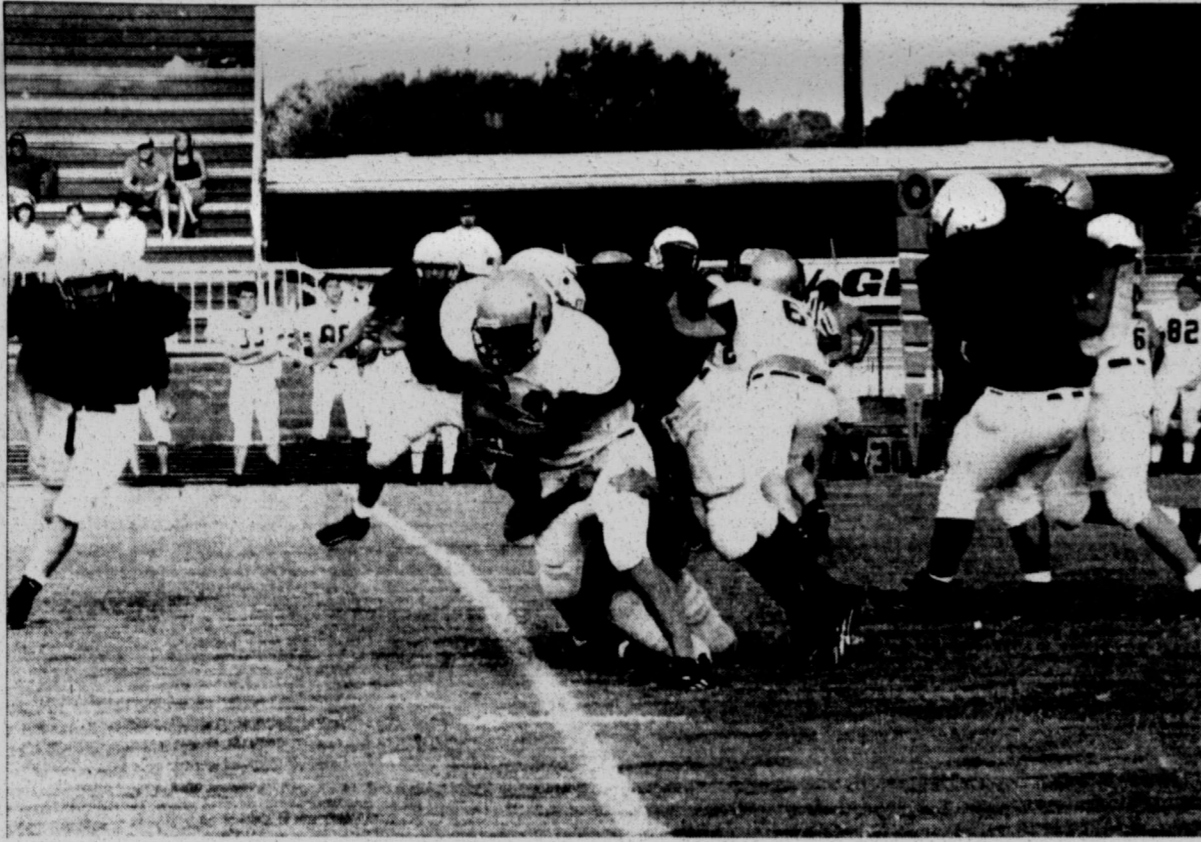
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IN THE MIDDLE - Ja-Vaen Tillman, who led Tahoka in rushing last season, carries the ball here, but he's hung up in the middle of the O'Donnell defense in Saturday's first scrimmage for both teams. The Tahoka player in the dark jersey at right is Nathan Garcia, and the man at left is Kyle Preston. No. 24 for O'Donnell is Gavin Ramirez. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



BACK TO SCHOOL FOR STAFF - Tahoka ISD staff returned to school last Wednesday morning for a staff meeting and training, shown here gathered in the hall of the high school building. Classes began Monday for Tahoka students. (LCN PHOTO)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The NEW HOME IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 29, 2005 in the School Library, New Home ISD, New Home, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.50	\$.1076*	\$ 1.6076	\$ 2,583	\$ 5,480
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.6937	\$.0422*	\$ 1.7359	\$ 3,041	\$ 5,481
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.5000	\$ 0.190*	\$ 1.6900	\$ 2,657	\$ 4,488

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 48,492	\$ 55,901
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 33,492	\$ 40,901
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.6076/100	\$ 1.6900/100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 538.42	\$ 691.23
Increase in Taxes	\$	\$ 152.81

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$2.042343. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$2.042343.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 730,857.
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$

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New Home Schools Open House Aug.23

New Home Schools will have Open House August 23, at 7:00 p.m., with a General Assembly in the school cafeteria.

We are once again working on the Red Ribbon Week activities and projects for the New Home school students.

We will be studying positive lifestyles and drug free education during Red Ribbon Week October 24-28 in grades Kindergarten thru 12.

We are hoping that you will once again support this school wide project. Your donation of cash or prizes will benefit our 200 students. They will be having various contests to enter and prizes are needed. Funds are also needed to bring programs in for our students. New Home School students depend on your donation each year to make their Red Ribbon Week a success and a program that the students look forward to each year. Red Ribbon Week is supported strictly through donations.

School pictures will be taken on Tuesday, August 23, and all students will be photographed. Proof portraits, price list and instructions will be sent home later.



O'Donnell Cheerleaders ...

The 2005-06 O'Donnell High School varsity cheerleading squad includes (top to bottom, left to right) Mandy Forbis, Krista Hernandez (head), Bianca Calzada, Korie Wilson, Macy Mires, and Bonnie Brewer.

New Home ISD Awarded \$1000 For Outstanding Community Project

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August 22-26
Breakfast
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Tuesday: Breakfast Burrito
Wednesday: Breakfast Pocket
Thursday: Egg, Sausage, Biscuit
Friday: Donut

Lunch
Monday: Chili Cheese Dog, Baked Chips, Carrot Sticks, Fruit
Tuesday: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit
Wednesday: Pizza, Salad, Carrot Sticks, Fruit
Thursday: Fish Shapes, Corn, Beans, Tartar Sauce, Fruit
Friday: Cheese Burger, Seasoned Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onion, Fruit

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