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# Did you know?

• Spaghetto, confetto, and graffito are the singular forms of spaghetti, confetti, and graffiti.

# FOOTBALL TIME!

## LAST WEEK'S SCOREBOARD:

Plains 38-18 Tahoka Rule 53-8 Wilson New Home 53-0 Compass Acad. Gordon 66-20 O'Donnell

## **SEPT 3 GAMES:**

Seagraves at Tahoka (H) Wilson at Whiteface Lbk Roosevelt at New Home O'Donnell at Garden City

# Now that's funny!

Sharks are as tough as those football fans who take their shirts off during games in Chicago in January, only more intelligent

DAVE BARRY

People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do.

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# COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Update Lynn County 08-30-2021:

5 New cases confirmed 35 Active, 660 Recovered, 8 Deaths Lynn County total cases: 703

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug 24	95	65	
Aug 25	94	66	
Aug 26	92	68	
Aug 27	93	67	
Aug 28	91	67	
Aug 29	88	66	
Aug 30	91	66	
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			24 hr period
Total P	recip for	Jan:	1.23"
Total Precip for Feb:			0.15"
Total Precip for Mar:			0.10"

n date reported, for the previou	s 24 hr period)
Total Precip for Jan:	1.23"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.15"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.10"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.51"
Total Precip for May:	6.75"
Total Precip for Jun:	2.39"
Total Precip for July:	3.73"
Total Precip for Aug:	2.93"
Total Precip. for 2021:	17.79"

# Tahoka Homecoming activities are this week

Homecoming events have been scheduled for Thursday and Friday, Sept. 2-3, including traditional festivities such as a spirit fire, pep rally, exes assembly and homecoming parade. As is tradition, the parade will end at the Lynn County Courthouse grounds on the Tahoka square for the community pep rally.

Thursday night, the black-out pep rally will start at 9 p.m. at the THS football field (not in the gymnasium as in previous years), followed by the Spirit Fire on the practice field.

Registration for the Exes Assembly will be held Friday from 12:30-1 p.m. in the THS Auditorium, with the Exes program to be held 1:00-2:00 p.m. This year's honored class is the THS Class of

The Homecoming Parade will begin lining up at 2:30 p.m. at the high school gym.

The Homecoming Parade will start at 3:00 p.m. and travel down N. 4th Street to Main Street, traveling through downtown and ending

The 2021 Tahoka High School up at the Lynn County Courthouse for a community pep rally about 3:15 p.m.

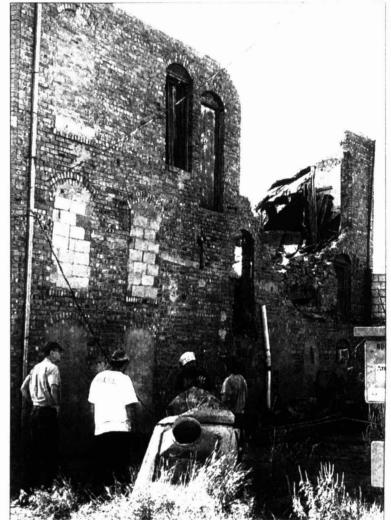
Pre-game Homecoming festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the football field, with kickoff at 7 p.m. for the Bulldogs hosting Seagraves. Tickets will be available at the gate.

The THS Homecoming Queen will be crowned at half-time, according to a schedule provided by school officials.

Various class reunions may be held after the game.

The THS Class of 71 will have their 50th year class reunion, meeting at the exes assembly and riding in the homecoming parade, and then meeting at the Life Enrichment Center for the afternoon. A catered meal is planned on Saturday night at the home of Nathan Morris. For more information, contact Morris at 806-759-1208.

The Lynn County Harvest Festival will not be held in conjunction with the THS Homecoming this year due to the Labor Day weekend. It will be held Saturday, Sept. 25 on the square in Tahoka.



Coming down ... Demolition began Monday morning on the H.M. Larkin building on the southwest corner of the square in Tahoka. The top photo shows the back side of the building in its current state, with the corner already falling in, before the demolition work began. The lower photo shows the demolition in progress. As of early Tuesday afternoon, the front portion of the historical building was still standing, as the demolition progressed from the back.



# County commissioners propose lowering tax rate by 3-cents

are proposing to lower the property tax rate for Lynn County by three cents, from the current rate of 73 cents per \$100 of property value, to 70 cents for the 2021-22 fiscal year. Commissioners took action to approve the proposed rate at their regular session on Monday. Aug. 30.

The proposed tax rate will Lynn County Commissioners provide revenue of \$4,632,827 in the county's General Fund, and will fund a proposed budget of \$4,468,812.

Commissioners have set a public hearing for the proposed tax rate for Sept. 13, at the regular meeting time of 9:30 a.m. in the county courtroom at the Lynn County

# Senior Citizens Center to move into new facilities

by JUANELL JONES

he Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center is finally moving into its new home at 1612 Lockwood, where formerly the City of Tahoka had its offices. After more than a year of renovation, and frustrating delays, it is anticipated that the new center may be operating as early as next week

and having them picked up or delivered from the new center by

"We hope to be cooking meals next week," said Jay Dee House on Monday. House is chairman of the Senior Citizens Board of Directors.

which has been operating at its former location at 1600 South 3rd Street in Tahoka. That location has been deteriorating for many years. and center staff have struggled to keep operating from there as the new location was being renovated.

The renovation is almost complete, with the exception of waiting

It is good news for the center, for the commercial vent hood to be operational, and House expects the company that installed it will have someone come initialize and test the equipment this week

> The renovated space features a new dining hall on the west side of the building, and tables and chairs have already been moved in to accommodate diners. Unfortunately, with Covid-19 cases on the uptick in Lynn County, center officials will keep the dine-in area closed until a later date. However, meals will be available for take-out from the new location, hopefully as soon as next week, and the center's meal deliveries will be loaded from the new location.

> Tables and chairs, and some couches and other furnishings, were donated to the new Senior Citizens Center from the Tahoka Church of Christ when it closed down its church facilities, and a commercial refrigerator and other kitchen equipment was donated from Lynn County Healthcare System after the hospital kitchen was updated recently. New cabinetry, a large center island, a commercial freezer, and new commercial stoves/ovens/grill complete the new

Offices, restroom facilities, a meeting room, and multiple storage (See SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, page 8)



New dining area ... The new Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center features a large dine-in area, but unfortunately due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the dining room is not open for diners at this time.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

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## **Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU**

September 6-10 Monday: CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

Tuesday: Roast beef w/ brown gravy, mashed potabanana pudding

Wednesday: brussels sprouts, pears Thursday: Pork chop, blackeye peas, spinach,

baked apple slices

Friday: Chicken on a bun. Arrest With A Vehicle. potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail

# **Traffic accidents, thefts** in law reports for week

ports of theft were in law en- and a check. forcement reports during the

(LCSO) that he had flipped his utility trailer by the roadside park on US 87, at 4:47 p.m. Aug. 24. A deputy responded to the scene. TxDOT was notified to pick up the debris off the roadway, and the trailer was hauled off by a wrecker.

At 6:11 p.m. Aug. 26, LCSO received several calls reporting that two, or possibly an accident on US 87 and CR 1 County EMS, LCSO, DPS and this week. Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. all responded to the scene. Two of injuries. No driver information was available.

towards Tahoka from Lamesa then abandoned the property. on US 87, about 4:20 p.m. Aug. the Ford Expedition traveling the vehicle reportedly moving slowly and erratically across the traffic lanes. He and Sheriff Mason blocked both lanes of toes, carrots, waldorf salad, traffic behind the Expedition to near Lynn County Hospital at prevent any cars from passing, 4:30 p.m. Aug. 29, and respond-Lasagna, and it took several miles before ed to several other calls during the driver finally pulled over to the week for welfare concerns. the side of the road. Roberto civil matters, loud music, se-Garcia of Lamesa was arrested at the scene, on charges of DWI vehicles. Officers also assisted and felony charges of Evading in searching for a lost wallet

> during the week, including one Street between the hospital and from a woman who said that Stripes convenience store at 4 the address on his ID to match to locate the missing items.

hers so that he could pick up Two traffic accidents, an her mail, and she reported that arrest for DWI, and three re- she was missing food stamps

A John Deere LA-125 riding lawnmower was reported A caller reported to taken from the New Home Lynn County Sheriff's Office Coop Gin sometime between 9-10 p.m. Aug. 25, on FM 211.

In Tahoka, police were called to a residence in the 1200 block of Ave. J for a report of burglary, at 10:45 a.m. Aug. 28. The home owner had apparently been away for a time, and returned home to discover items missing including dishes, toys, clothing, game equipment, and other items. Police three, vehicles were involved in reported they have recovered some of the property, and the in the southbound lanes. Lynn case is still under investigation

Criminal mischief was reported on Aug. 27, with a caller vehicles were towed from the reporting that someone had scene, but there were no reports—shot his mailbox and another resident's mailbox, on property on CR 11. On Aug. 28, a A Lamesa man was arrest- caller reported that someone ed after Tahoka Police Chief living on the property had "de-Jeff Parker and Sheriff Wanda stroyed" a rural residence on Mason both responded to a re- US 87 where she had been the port of a reckless driver heading executor of the estate, and had

In Wilson, a man told 27. According to Chief Parker, LCSO that he had found some both he and the sheriff spotted ammunition at his residence on Aug. 24, and was not sure what northbound on US 87 a few to do with it. A deputy met with miles south of Tahoka, with the caller and collected the

Police assisted an elderly woman who was attempting to change a tire on her vehicle curity alarms, and suspicious and phone which had report-Three thefts were reported edly been lost on Lockwood another person had changed p.m. Aug. 28, but were unable Where in the world is

# The Lynn County News .

In the Garden!



Supersized okra ... Tahoka resident Lenda Wood didn't go far with her Lynn County News - just to her garden in her back yard, where her okra plants tower above her at about nine feet tall. She picks okra from her garden daily, with a little help from her dog, Lucky, who loves to go to the garden too.

# THS Class of 1971 sets 50th class reunion

The Tahoka High School Class of 1971 will have their 50th year class reunion at Tahoka Homecoming, Sept. 3-4. Class members are invited to meet at the high school assembly at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 at

the THS Auditorium, and attend the Exes Assembly at 1 p.m.

The Class of 71 will have a trailer in the Homecoming parade, and should meet near the gym at 2:30 p.m. for the parade lineup. After the parade and pep rally, class members will meet at the Life Enrichment Center for the remainder of the afternoon, and may attend the football game together. Those planning to visit at the Life Enrichment Center are encouraged to bring snacks and drinks.

On Saturday night, Sept. 4, class members are invited to the home of Nathan Morris, located 11 miles north of Tahoka and 1.5 miles west. A head count of those planning to attend is needed for the catered meal, and RSVPs may be sent to Nathan Morris by phone, email, or on facebook. or to Suzanne Baker at 806-577-3059.

For more information on the Class of 71 reunion, contact Nathan Morris at 806-759-1208, or by email at npmorris@poka.com.

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THS Class of 71's 50th Reunion! Sept. 3-4, 2021

Friday, Sept. 3:

12:30 pm - Meet for Exes Assembly, THS Auditorium

1-2 pm - Exes Assembly

2:30 pm - Come ride in the Homecoming

Parade! Class of '71 trailer in lineup on

N. 4th near gym; Parade at 3 pm

3:15 pm - Pep Rally at Courthouse, then meet at the Life Enrichment Center for the afternoon (bring drinks & snacks)

7 pm - Football game

Saturday, Sept. 4: Catered dinner at home of Nathan Morris (please RSVP to Nathan or Suzanne Baker, 806-579-3059)



Don't miss it!

Need more info, call

**Nathan Morris** 

806-759-1208

or email: npmorris@poka.com.

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Where in the world is The Lynn County News Vancouver, Washington MOUNT ST. HELENS

At the volcano ... Rachel Corona went to visit family in Vancouver, Washington and took The News with her on a side trip to visit the Mount St. Helens volcano. The News is 1724 miles from home! On May 18, 1980, Mount St. Helens suffered a massive eruption, killing 57 people and devastating some 210 square miles of wilderness. The volcanic cone was completely blasted away and replaced by a horseshoe-shaped crater - the mountain lost 1,700 feet from the eruption.

> • Saint Patrick never banished snakes from Ireland. Scientist

believe the island has been

snake-free since the Ice Age.

in the Twilight film series.

from the ocean

every winter.

There is no spot in Central

America more than 125 miles

• There's a village in Norway

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it is a simple, unmistakable

message when sent via Morse

anything. It was created as a universal distress signal because

called Hell, and it freezes over

· When spliced together, there are 26 minutes of quiet staring



# **Tahoka ISD Board approves** \$1.33 tax rate, adopts budget by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka School District Board of annually, to pay for the Trustees approved a 2021- district's bonded indebted-22 tax rate of \$1.33 and ness. The current outstandalso took action to adopt ing bonded indebtedness is the 2021-22 budget, in a \$13,040,000, including the special session held Mon- \$7.5 million bond for the day night, Aug. 30, follow- construction that is nearing public hearings that ing completion, of a new were held on Aug. 18.

Trustees approved a total tax rate of \$1.33640, tenance and Operating (M&O) tax rate of \$1.04260 and an Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate of \$0.29380, M&O side is \$7,592,473. per \$100 of property value. The new rate is approxi- were present at the special mately 3-cents lower than session, with Clay Taylor, last year's total tax rate of \$1.3638.

I&S rate is 29.380-cents. Independent The I&S rate is figured gym, field house and other athletic facilities.

According to figures which includes a Main- provided by the school district, total revenue for M&O is \$8,241,067, and total expenditures on the

Five of seven trustees Drew Stone, Tamesha Mc-Clendon, Lea Swinford, The M&O rate is \$1.04, and Slate May all voting which is the same rate as in favor of the motions for last year. The decrease adopting the budget and is in the I&S tax rate. tax rate. Trustees Jon Luna Last year's I&S rate was and Blanda Watt were ab-31.4-cents, and this year's sent from the meeting.

# THS 2021 HOMECOMING EVENTS

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2** 

9:00 p.m.

Black Out Pep Rally at the Tahoka High School Football Field & Spirit Fire on the Practice Field.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

12:30 - 1:00

**Exes registration in the Auditorium** 

1:00 -2:00

**Exes Assembly - THS Auditorium** Class of 2001 Honored Class

2:30

Homecoming Parade Line-up

**Homecoming Parade** 

3:00 3:15

Pep Rally at the Lynn County Courthouse

6:30

**Homecoming Festivitities begin** 

7:00

**THS Bulldogs vs. Seagraves** Radio broadcast of the game available through Tahoka Sports Radio, (Tahoka Sports Radio App)

The Tahoka Athletic Booster Club is hoping to provide live video coverage.

HALF-TIME

Homecoming Queen will be crowned.

After game - various class reunions.

NOTE:

The Lynn County Harvest Festival will not be held during Homecoming due to the Labor Day Weekend. The Harvest Festival will be held SATURDAY,

SEPTEMBER 25.

Area News News Items from area newspapers

# Lamesa hospital seeing increase in Covid patients

LAMESA - Medical Arts Hospital (MAH) physician Dr. Anthony Gipson said combatting Covid-19 is not like it was last year, but the problems associated with the virus are still around.

With cases of Covid-19 increasing in Dawson County, medical staff at Medical Arts Hospital are facing long hours with little hope of the state providing additional nurses in the future.

The hospital relied on federal relief funds and state supplied medical personnel during the first year of the pandemic.

MAH is not alone. Other West Texas medical facilities, along with out-of-state hospitals that once accepted transfer patients, are shutting their doors after hitting patient capacity.

"These days, I'm staying almost non-stop busy," said Dr. Gipson. "It's everywhere like that. It's not just our facilities. It's at other facilities.

Though vaccines became available to Dawson County residents since early this year, Dr. Gipson said it seems those who did not get vaccinated are the ones being hospitalized here with Covid.

"I don't believe we've had any hospitalized patients that were vaccinated," said Dr. Gipson. "For the most part, it tends to be unvaccinated. The severe illness tends to be the unvaccinated."

That doesn't mean those who get vaccinated against coronavirus are immune to it, Gipson said. But a vaccinated patient normally experiences fewer severe symptoms and a higher survival rate, he

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# LYNN COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.700000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of LYNN COUNTY OF TEXAS.

PROPOSED TAX RATE

\$0.700000 per \$100

**NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE** 

**VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE** 

\$0.687973 per \$100 \$0.764334 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for LYNN COUNTY OF TEXAS from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that LYNN COUNTY OF TEXAS may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that LYNN COUNTY OF TEXAS is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 13, 2021 AT 9:30 AM AT 1501 S. 1st

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, LYNN COUNTY OF TEXAS is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the of LYNN COUNTY OF TEXAS at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal: Matt Woodley Don Blair

Street Tahoka, TX 79373.

Larry Durham John Hawthorne

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting: Mike Braddock

ABSENT:

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by LYNN COUNTY OF TEXAS last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by LYNN COUNTY OF TEXAS this year.

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.730000	\$0.700000	decrease of -0.030000, or -4.11%
Average homestead taxable value	\$79,194	\$105,741	increase of 11,919, or 15.05%
Tax on average homestead	\$578.12	\$740.19	increase of 59.67, or 10.32%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$3,547,557	\$3,702,794	increase of 155,237, or 4.38%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for LYNN COUNTY at 806-561-5477 or lynncad@poka.com, or visit co.lynn.tx.us for more information.

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Scholarships ... The Lynn/Garza Farm Bureau Scholarship 2021 recipients were Warren Taylor and Ragan Whitley, both 2021 graduates of Tahoka High School and Trent Lewis, a graduate of Borden County. Pictured from left are, Farm Bureau President, Ryan Gill, board member Stephen Norman, Warren Taylor, Ragan Whitley, board members Shelble Hannum and Michael White. (Not pictured student Trent Lewis).

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PROPOSED TAXRATE

proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE

**VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE** 

District at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.



**Gold Star Winners** Kaylee Walker and Lainee Cook were awarded the Gold Star Award at the Lynn County 4-H banquet that was held at Cook's Garage on August 24.



\$0.258253 per \$100

\$0.252753 per \$100

\$0.273456 per \$100

"I Dare You" award Beck Braxton was the winner of the "I Dare You" award at the Lynn County 4-H Banquet that was held on Aug. 24 at Cook's Garage.

## same tax rate of 25-cents by JUANELL JONES Lynn County Hospital because the same tax rate District Board of Directors will bring in more revenue

**LCHD** proposes keeping

for the 2021-22 fiscal property appraisal values. year. Directors have set a hear public input.

considered a tax increase are proposing to keep the than the previous year, due property tax rate of 25-cents, to an overall increase in

The proposed tax rate proposed rate of \$0.258253, was approved unanimously and have scheduled a public by all seven members of hearing at noon Wednesday, the Board of Directors, Sept. 15, at the LCHD including Edward Smith, Hospital Meeting Room to Calloway Huffaker, Sharon Isham, Manuel DeLeon, Although the proposed Mary Gayle Raindl, Jana tax rate is the same, it is Bishop, and Connie Donald.



Silver Star ... The Lynn County 4-H Banquet was held on Aug. 24 at Cook's Garage. Reese Moore received the Silver Star award.



**Bronze Star Winner** ... The Lynn County 4-H Banquet was held on Aug. 24 at Cook's Garage. Waylon **Epley received the Bronze** Star award.



Bronze/Silver Star Winners ... The Lynn County 4-H Banquet was held on Aug. 24 at Cook's Garage. Kaden McDonald won the Silver Star award and Leland McDonald received the Bronze Star award.

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LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

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your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the of Lynn County Hospital

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FOR the proposal: **Edward Smith** Calloway Huffaker Sharon Isham Manuel Deleon Mary Gayle Raindl Jana Bishop Connie Donald

to seek voter approval of the rate.

Hospital Meeting Room.

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Lynn County Hospital District last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Lynn County Hospital District this year.

2020 Change Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) \$0.258253 \$0.258253 increase of 0.000000, or 0.00% increase of 25,917, or 32.47% Average homestead taxable value \$79,824 \$105,741 Tax on average homestead \$206.15 \$273.08 increase of 66.93, or 32.47% Total tax levy on all properties \$1,445,426 \$1,511,624 increase of 66,198, or 4.58%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact Lynn County Hospital District at 806-998-4533 or Anthony Brocato at arbrocato@lchdhealthcare.org.

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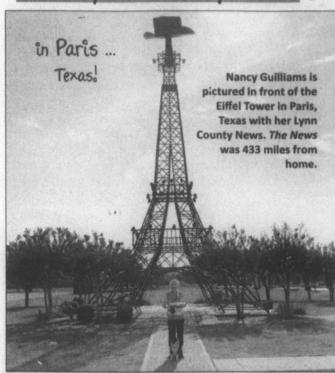
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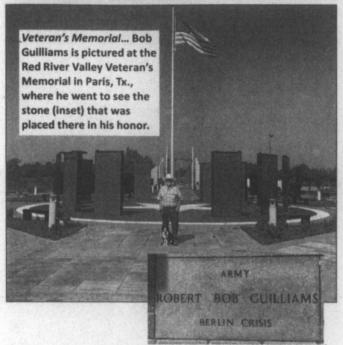
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# City of Wilson proposes 2-cent tax increase

Wilson City Council is considering raising the City of Wilson property tax rate by two cents per \$100 of property value, according to information in a notice printed in this issue of The News by the City of Wilson. The proposed rate is \$0.88, which is two-cents higher than last year's tax rate of \$0.86.

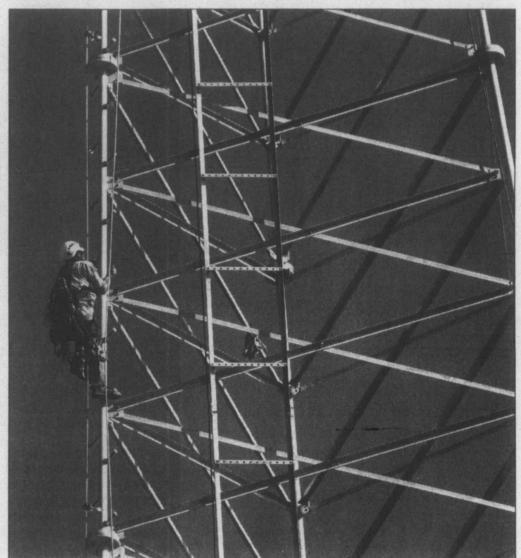
The proposed tax rate is below the voter-approval tax rate of \$0.91, which is the highest rate the City of Wilson may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

Wilson City Council has scheduled a public hearing on the tax increase for 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13 in the coun-

# Did you know?

· Shakespeare wrote some of the most beloved and revered pieces of literature the world has ever known, but in order to craft his plays and poems, he sometimes resorted to making up his own words. In fact, The Bard is said to have come up with more than 1,700 words including moonbeam, laughable, eyeball, bump, puking, champion, bedroom, excitement, and zany.

· Grapes light on fire in the microwave. (Don't try it!)



# Way up there! ...

A new tower is being built on FM 400 just north of Tahoka, with LCN photographer Gary Jones getting these photos as three fearless workers climbed the massive 250-ft tower to complete their work. The crew said their job was to build the tower, but were not installing the equipment for the new cell tower. (LCN PHOTOS by Gary Jones)

# **CITY OF WILSON** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0,880000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Wilson.

PROPOSED TAX RATE **NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE** 

\$0.880000 per \$100 \$0.843839 per \$100 \$0.914770 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Wilson from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of Wilson may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Wilson is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m..

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Wilson is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the of City of Wilson at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal:

Mayor Pro-Tem Helen Stephenson, Pat Cates, Fred Hendricks, Clyde Wilke, David Maldonado

AGAINST the proposal: none

PRESENT and not voting: Mayor, Randy Dunn

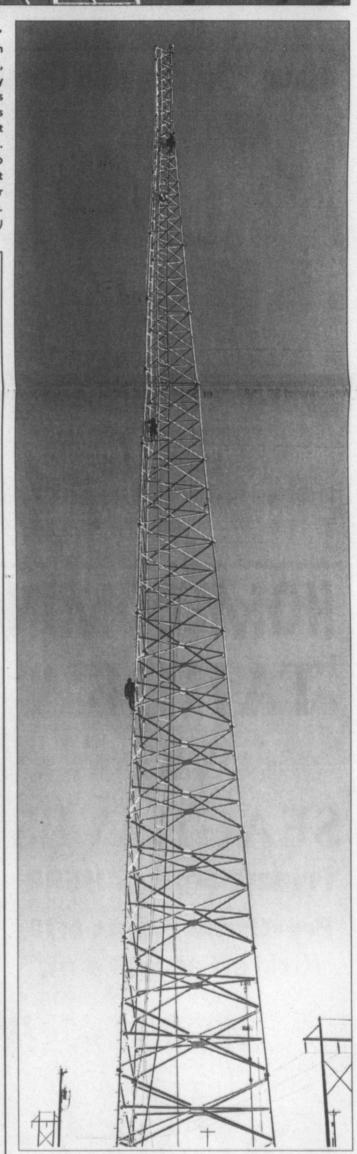
**ABSENT:** none

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Wilson last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Wilson this year.

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.860000	\$0.880000	increase of \$0.020000, or 2.33%
Average homestead taxable value	\$49,200	\$55,780	Increase of 13.374%
Tax on average homestead	\$423	\$491	Increase of \$68 or 16.07%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$143,892	\$145,864	Increase of \$1,972, or 1.37%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Wilson at or 806-628-6221 or cityofwilson@nts.online.net, or visit wilsontexas.com for more information.



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# Bulldogs start fast, but fall short in season opener

The Tahoka High School Stephen Overstreet. Bulldogs opened their football season at home Friday by taking an early lead, but back and took the win for the up to us in the end. I felt like first game, 38-18.

This Friday, the Bulldogs will host Seagraves in of the ball. Plains was a very a Homecoming match, with pregame festivities starting at 6:30 and kickoff at 7 p.m. hard. The Tahoka Homecoming Queen will be crowned during halftime ceremonies.

TD on a 1-yard run.

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allowed some penalties and our kids came out and played hard early on, on both sides

"I felt like the overall difference in the ballgame was turnovers and penalties. We In their opening match, had way too many turnovers Tahoka took the lead with and the penalties killed us. I he's going to be a weapon we three touchdowns, and were expect some penalties in the can use in many different ar-18-0 before Plains took the first game of the year be- eas moving forward. What's reins and charged back into cause scrimmages are conthe game. Adiryn Herevia trolled and most penalties he's a Junior and we get him had a 3-yard TD run, and aren't called or enforced, but back for another year," said Hunter Garrison scored a some of them I didn't neces- the coach. TD on a 48-yard run. Brogan sarily agree with. However "The group that showed up Stone scored Tahoka's final those didn't cost us the ball- to play Friday wasn't the "I was really happy with the lack of execution down point. I still feel like overall the energy and juice that we the stretch hurt," said Over- this group has a huge up-

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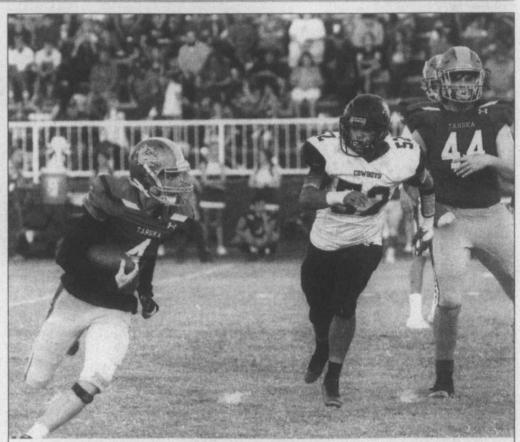
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out and played in that first "We came out and executed varsity game. We have some the game plan early on but experienced guys back, but we are very heavy on freshthe Plains Cowboys rallied other small things to catch men and sophomores, all of whom are playing a lot. The guy who stuck out the most to me Friday and had a really good night on both sides much improved team from of the ball was Hunter Garlast year and played really rison. Due to an injury we asked him to play a different position and moved him into that tailback spot. He did a really good job. Hunter has a huge upside and we feel like even better is the fact that

game but the turnovers and team we have been up to this side and our better days are came out really hot and got a "This is still a young group ahead. We're going to take quick turnover that set us up and everything we saw on some growing pains along in really good shape for that film is fixable. I was proud the way, but I feel like the first score," said head coach of them and how they came grit and determination this



Moving the pig skin ... Tahoka's Hunter Garrison (#4) breaks free for a long gain against Plains in the season opener at home. #44 Stetson Reimer helps out. Plains won (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

group has will pay off when we get to October and November," he added.

Looking forward to this week's game, Coach Overstreet said that Seagraves is another much-improved team from last year.

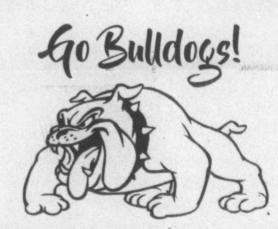
"This should be the world's shortest football game as they love to run the ball just like we do," he said.

"This is going to be a battle of who has the better offensive and defensive front. For those who enjoy watching passes thrown all over the yard this isn't a game for you. This game will be played from the A to D gap and will be a testament of wills. Coach Minjarez has done a great job and we look forward to the task at hand. "Also, with it being homecoming, we hope to see the

stands packed and loud and crazy come Friday night. Just like always we want to welcome back former Bulldogs and most importantly send them back home with a win. Should be a fun night at Kelley Field on Friday night," added Overstreet.



Sweep ... Tahoka's Derrick Scott (22) tries to turn the corner on a host of Plains Cowboys, in Friday night's season opener (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



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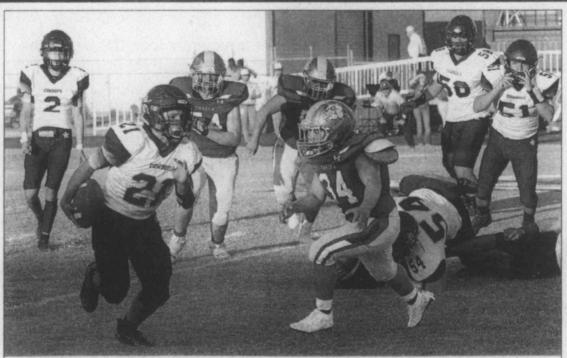
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**SEAGRAVES** 

Friday, Sept. 3 HERE

Pre-Game Events 6:30 Kick-off at 7:00 p.m.



Roundup ... Sophomore Adiryn Herevia puts a stop on a Plains Cowboy, last Friday night in Tahoka. The Bulldogs dropped their first game of the season, with Plains winning 38-18. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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# **LEGAL NOTICES**

Purchasing Cooperative of America will receive proposals until 11:00am CT on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. RFPs are located through the PCA Website Portal for City of O'Donnell, TX, for the following national RFP contracts: (1) RFP OD-351-21 Promotional Items for Public Sector; (2) RFP OD-352-21 Medical Supplies, Equipment & Related Items (No PPE); (3) RFP OD-353-21 Specialty Trades, Repair & Maintenance and Related Items; (4) RFP OD-354-21 Elevator Inspection, Testing, Certification, Licensing, & Consultation (CM); (5) RFP-OD-355-21 HVAC/MEP For Installs, Repair & Maintenance. Go to www. pcamerica.org/solicitations for more information. Call 844-722-6374 for issues not resolved in 24 hours.

### **CITY OF TAHOKA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of Tahoka will hold a Public Hearing to discuss the following proposed variance of a residential property:

City Council will hear testimony on a request for a variance to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 Zoning, Sec. 14.05.01, which states in the "B" district there shall be a front yard having a depth of not less than twenty-five (25) feet from the property line to the front of the building, covered porch, covered terrace, or attached accessory building. The property violates the front yard setback and is located at 2015 N 5th Street Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas: North Town of Tahoka Lot 3-4 Block 46. The property is generally located on North 5th Street in the middle of Ave N And Ave O on the South side of the street.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING Date: September 13, 2021 Time: 6:00 p.m. **Location: Community Building** Tahoka City Hall (back entrance) 1807 N. Main St Tahoka, TX 79373

Residents will be given an opportunity to be heard in connection with said proposed variance. Information on this variance is available for review at City Hall.

If you are unable to attend the hearing, you are allowed to forward a letter voicing your opinion for or against this variance to the attention of Dale Summers at City of Tahoka P.O. Box 300, Tahoka, Texas 79373. Your comments and concerns may be read aloud during the Public Hearing. Prepared and posted this 23rd day of April 2021, in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 211.

## **CAUSE NO. 2021PR0023**

IN THE ESTATE OF CLARENCE NIEMAN DECEASED

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IN THE COUNTY COURT LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Clarence Nieman, Deceased, were issued on August 2, 2021, in Cause No. 2021PR0023, pending in the County Court of Lynn County, Texas, to: Debra Nieman.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manne prescribed by law.

> c/o: P. Howard Bailey, Jr Attorney at Law 1005 Broadway Lubbock, TX 79401

DATED the 30 day of August, 2021.

(806) 744-3878 (Telecopier) E-mail: howard@howardbaileylaw.com

# LYNN COUNTY NOTICE

In Accordance with section 111.00075 (a) of the Texas Local Government Code, the Lynn County Commissioners Court will hold a Public Hearing on Monday September 13, 2021 at 9:30 am in the Commissioners' Courtroom at which time the Court will consider for approval the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget

THE STATE OF TEXAS **COUNTY OF LYNN** 

**106th JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS** 

### ORDER SETTING HEARING ON COMPENSATION **OF COUNTY AUDITOR**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Section 152.905, Texas Local Government Code, that a public hearing shall be held at 8:30 o'clock a.m. on September 15, 2021, in the Temporary District Courtroom, 1400 Avenue K, Tahoka, Texas, for the purpose of setting the amount of annual compensation for a County Auditor for the fiscal year 2022.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the District Clerk shall deliver a certified copy of this order to a newspaper of general circulation in the county for publication not earlier than the 30th or later than the 10th day before the date of hearing.

Signed August 25, 2021.

Reed A. Filley Judge of the 106th District Court Lynn County, Texas

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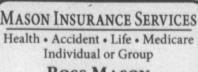
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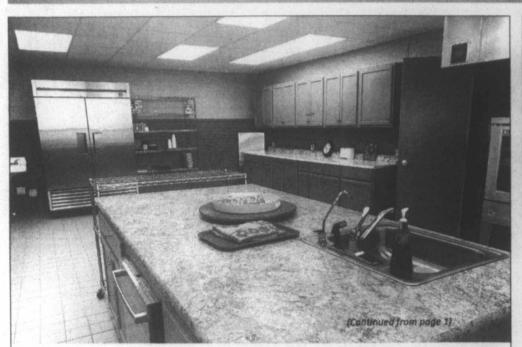
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Lots of room ... This view of the commercial kitchen in the new Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center shows a spacious area, with a large island for prep work. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

# **LEGAL NOTICES**

AVISO DE CONSTATACIÓN DE QUE NO HAY IMPACTO SIGNIFICATIVO Y AVISO DE INTENCIÓN DE SOLICITAR LA LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS

septiembre 2, 2020

Ciudad de Tahoka 1802 Main Street Tahoka, TX 79373

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Estos avisos deberán cumplir dos requisitos de procedimiento separados pero relacionados para las actividades que llevará a cabo la Ciudad de Tahoka.

### SOLICITUD DE LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS

Alrededor del 21 de septiembre de 2021, la Ciudad de Tahoka presentará una solicitud al Departamento de Agricultura de Texas (TDA) para la liberación de los fondos de la Subvención en Bloque de Desarrollo Comunitario de Texas (TxCDBG) bajo la Sección 104 (f) del Título I de la Ley de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de 1974, según enmendada, parallevar a cabo un proyecto conocido como Fondo de Desarrollo Comunitario (CD) de la Ciudad de Tahoka #7220451 con el propósito de mejoras de infraestructura de agua ubicadas en la Ciudad de Tahoka y sus alrededores utilizando un estimado de \$ 275,000 en fondos de Subvención en Bloque de Desarrollo Comunitario del Departamento de Agricultura de Texas texas y aproximadamente \$ 55,000 en fondos generales de la Ciudad de Tahoka, para incluir tarifas y servicios administrativos y de ingeniería. Las mejoras en la infraestructura de agua se llevarán a cabo dentro y fuera de los límites de la ciudad de Tahoka, Texas en el Condado de Lynn e incluirán la construcción de un (1) pozo de agua y todos los appurtenances asociados en el sitio del antiguo pozo No.14 ubicado en North 8th Street entre Avenue O y Avenue N, demolición y taponamiento de dos (2) pozos existentes (pozos No. 1 y No. 6) y todos los appurtenances asociados en un sitio ubicado a 2.5 millas al noreste de los límites de la ciudad entre FM 400 y U.S. Highway 87, e instalación de un (1) sistema de sulfato de amonio líquido (LAS) y todos los appurtenances asociados en la estación de bombeo de refuerzo de la Ciudad, ubicada al oeste de la U.S. Highway 87 y al este de Avenue H en la cuadra entre el nortede<sup>6th</sup> Street y el norte de 5th Street. Las mejoras de agua también incluirán el reemplazo de aproximadamente mil trescientos ochenta pies lineales (1,380 l.f.) de línea de agua de ocho pulgadas (8"), válvulas de compuerta, boca de incendio, reconexiones de servicio, reparación de pavimento y todos los appurtenances asociados en Avenue J desde North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street hasta North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, redireccionamiento e instalación de aproximadamente doscientos veinte pies lineales (220 l.f.) de línea de agua de cuatro pulgadas (4"), incluidas válvulas de compuerta, reconexiones de servicio de medidores, reparación de pavimento y todos los appurtenances asociadosa lo largo de Avenue K desde South 3rd Street hasta South 8th Street, y redireccionamiento e instalación de aproximadamente ciento veinte pies lineales (120 l.f.) de línea de agua de cuatro pulgadas (4") incluyendo válvulas de compuerta, reconexiones de servicio de medidores, reparación de pavimentos y todos los appurtenances asociados a lo largo de Avenue N desde South 6th Street hasta South 1st Street.

Si los fondos lo permiten, se llevarán a cabo mejoras adicionales de agua, incluida la adición de una estructura de construcción las LAS separada en la estación de bombeo de refuerzo existente de la Ciudad ubicada al oeste de la Autopista 87 de los Estados Unidos y al este de la Avenida H en la cuadra entre el nortede la Calle 6 y la Calle 5 del Norte, el taponamiento de dos pozos de riego abandonados adicionales ubicados en S. 9th y Ave M y un pozo de suministro público abandonado justo al norte de la intersección de N. 2nd y Ave D, y el reemplazode cualquier válvula o medidor de cierre inoperativo ubicado donde el trabajo de línea de flotación ya está ocurriendoa lo largo de avenue J desde North 2nd Street hasta North 6th Street, desvío e instalación de línea de flotación a lo largo de Avenue K desde South 3rd Street hasta South 8th Street y redireccionamiento e instalación de línea de flotación a lo largo de Avenue N desde South 6th Street hasta South 1st Street.

# HALLAZGO DE NO IMPACTO SIGNIFICATIVO

La ciudad de Tahoka ha determinado que el proyecto no tendrá un impacto significativo en el medio ambiente humano. Por lo tanto, no se requiere una Declaración de Impacto Ambiental bajo la Ley de Política Ambiental Nacional de 1969 (NEPA). La información adicional del proyecto figura en el Registro de Revisión Ambiental (ERR). El ERR se pondrá a disposición del público para su revisión, ya sea electrónicamente o por correo postal de los Estados Unidos. Envíe su solicitud a Julie Arrington, administradora de la ciudad, por correo postal a 1802 Main Street, Tahoka, Texas 79373 o por correo electrónico a jarrington@poka.com.

# **COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS**

Cualquier individuo, grupo o agencia puede enviar comentarios por escrito sobre el ERR al Alcalde de la Ciudad de Tahoka. Todos los comentarios recibidos antes del 20 de septiembre de 2020 serán considerados por la Ciudad de Tahoka antes de autorizar la presentación de una solicitud de liberación de fondos. Los comentarios deben especificar a qué Aviso se dirigen. Las objeciones deben prepararse y enviarse por correo electrónico de acuerdo con los procedimientos requeridos (24CFR Parte 58, Sec. 58.76) y deben dirigirse a la Ciudad de Tahoka, Julie Arrington, Administradora de la Ciudad, al 806-561-4211 o al jarrington@poka.com. Los posibles objetores deben comunicarse con la Ciudad de Tahoka por correo electrónico o por teléfono para verificar el último día real del período de objeción.

# CERTIFICACIÓN AMBIENTAL

La Ciudad de Tahoka certifica al Departamento de Agricultura de Texas que John Baker en su calidad de Alcalde consiente en aceptar la jurisdicción de los Tribunales Federales si se interpone una acción para hacer cumplir las responsabilidades en relación con el proceso de revisión ambiental y que estas responsabilidades han sido satisfechas. La aprobación de la certificación por parte del Departamento de Agricultura de Texas satisface sus responsabilidades bajo NEPA y las leyes y autoridades relacionadas y permite a la Ciudad de Tahoka utilizar los fondos del Programa

# **OBJECIONES A LA LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS**

TDA aceptará objeciones a su liberación de fondos y a la certificación de la Ciudad de Tahoka por un período de quince días a partir de la fecha de presentación anticipada o su recepción real de la solicitud (lo que ocurra más tarde) solo si se basan en una de las siguientes bases: (a) la certificación no fue ejecutada por el Oficial Certificador de la Ciudad de Tahoka; (b) la Ciudad de Tahoka ha omitido un paso o no ha podido tomar una decisión o hallazgo requerido por las regulaciones de HUD en 24 CFR parte 58; (c) el beneficiario de la subvención u otros participantes en el proceso de desarrollo han comprometido fondos, incurrido en costos o emprendido actividades no autorizadas por 24 CFR Parte 58 antes de la aprobación de una liberación de fondos por parte del Departamento de Agricultura de Texas;o(d) otra agencia federal que actúa de conformidad con 40 CFR Parte 1504 ha presentado un hallazgo por escrito de que el proyecto no es satisfactorio desde el punto de vista de la calidad ambiental. Las objeciones deben prepararse y presentarse de acuerdo con los procedimientos requeridos (24 CFR Parte 58, Sec. 58.76) y deben dirigirse al Departamento de Agricultura de Texas, ATTN: Especialista en Revisión Ambiental, CDBG\_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov. Los posibles objetores deben comunicarse con el Departamento de Agricultura de Texas para verificar el último día real del período de objeción.



Ready for cooking ... New commercial convection ovens, and large gas stove/ovens/grill, are ready for staff to prepare meals at the newly-renovated Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

# Senior Citizens Center ...

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A grand opening may be "We will be moving ev- held at a later date, according erything over as we can, and to House, with the public inthen get everything organized vited for a meal and to see the as soon as possible," said newly-renovated center.

**New Home** SCHOOL MENU

September 6-10 Monday: NO SCHOOL Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache/Yogurt/Cereal; Lunch: Chili Cheese Totchos/ Chicken & Waffles Wednesday: Breakfast: Taquito/Strudel; Lunch: Chicken nuggets/Asian Bowl Thursday: Breakfast: Pizza/ Crackers; Lunch: HB/Cheese burger/Breaded Mozzarella sticks Friday: Breakfast: Dutch waffle/Breakfast round:

X-Treme Burrito

Lunch: Roast Beef Sandwich/

Did you know?

After he retired, Dwight D. Eisenhower's secret service code name became "Scorecard" because of his affinity for golf.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

September 2, 2020

City of Tahoka 1802 Main Street Tahoka, TX 79373

806-561-4211

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Tahoka.

## **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about September 21, 2021 the City of Tahoka will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) funds under Section 104 (f) of the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as City of Tahoka Community Development (CD) Fund #7220451 for the purpose of water infrastructure improvements located in the City of Tahoka and surrounding area using an estimated \$275,000 in Texas Department of Agriculture Texas Community Development Block Grant funds and approximately \$55,000 in City of Tahoka general funds, to include Administrative and Engineering fees and services. The water infrastructure improvements shall take place within and outside of the city limits of Tahoka, Texas in Lynn County and shall include construction of one (1) water well and all associated appurtenances at the site of former well No.14 located on North 8th Street between Avenue O and Avenue N, demolition and plugging of two (2) existing wells (wells No. 1 and No. 6) and all associated appurtenances at a site locate between FM 400 and U.S. Highway 87, and installation of one (1) Liquid Ammonium Sulfate (LAS) system and all associated appurtenances at the City's booster pump station, located to the west of U.S. Highway 87 and east of Avenue H on the block between north 6th Street and north 5th Street. The water improvements shall also include replacement of approximately one thousand three hundred eighty linear feet (1,380 l.f.) of eight-inch (8") water line, gate valves, fire hydrant, service reconnections, pavement repair and all associated appurtenances on Avenue J from North 2nd Street to North 6th Street, rerouting and installation of approximately two hundred twenty linear feet (220 l.f.) of four-inch (4") water line, including gate valves, meter service reconnections, pavement repair and all associated appurtenances along Avenue K from South 3rd Street to South 8th Street, and rerouting and installation of approximately one hundred twenty linear feet (120 I.f.) of four-inch (4") water line including gate valves, meter service reconnections, pavement repair and all associated appurtenances along Avenue N from South 6th Street to South 1st Street.

If funds allow, additional water improves will take place including the addition of a separate LAS building structure at City's existing booster pump station located to the west of U.S. Highway 87 and east of Avenue H on the block between north 6th Street and north 5th Street, the plugging of two additional abandoned irrigation well located at S. 9th & Ave M and an abandoned public supply well just north of the intersection of N. 2nd & Ave D, and replacement of any inoperative shut off valves or meters located where waterline work is already occurring along Avenue J from North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to North 6th Street, rerouting and installation of waterline along Avenue K from South 3rd Street to South 8th Street and rerouting and installation of waterline along Avenue N from South 6th Street to South 1st

# FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Tahoka has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request to Julie Arrington, City Manager, by U.S. mail to 1802 Main Street, Tahoka, Texas 79373 or by email to jarrington@poka.com.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Tahoka Mayor. All comments received by September 20, 2020 will be considered by the City of Tahoka prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to City of Tahoka, Julie Arrington, City Manager, at 806-561-4211 or at <a href="mailto:izrington@poka.com">izrington@poka.com</a>. Potential objectors should contact the City of Tahoka via email or phone to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Tahoka certifies to Texas Department of Agriculture that John Baker in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Texas Department of Agriculture's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Tahoka to use Program funds.

# **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

TDA will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Tahoka's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Tahoka; (b) the City of Tahoka has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by Texas Department of Agriculture; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Texas Department of Agriculture, ATTN: Environmental Review Specialist, CDBG EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov . Potential objectors should contact Texas Department of Agriculture to verify the actual last day of the objection period.