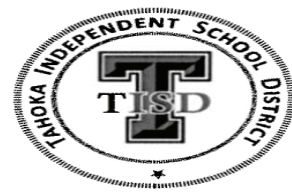




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## WHATS HAPPENING IN TISD

- ◆ Tahoka Elementary School Participated in Academic UIL competition on December 8th in Sundown and they placed 4th overall.
- ◆ Tahoka Middle School participated in Academic UIL competition on December 8th in Sundown and they placed 3rd overall.
- ◆ The Tahoka varsity football team placed the following students on the 2016 All Academic Team: Patrick Herrera, Brit Lockaby, Colbe Perez, Tristen Stice, Braden Stone, Grant Tekell, and Cameron Tekell.
- ◆ The following All-District honors were awarded to Tahoka football players: Michael Farrell (1st team DT), Grant Tekell (1st team OLB), Kevin White (1st Team Utility), Andrew Alvarez (2nd Team FB), Tristen Tipton (2nd Team Punter), Patrick Herrera (2nd Team OL), John Stone (2nd Team OLB), Colbe Perez (Hon Mention WR), Juan Hamilton (Hon Mention RB), and Tristen Stice (Hon Mention DB).
- ◆ Senior Mikaylee Gwin signed a letter of intent to run indoor/outdoor Cross Country and Track at western Texas College in Snyder.
- ◆ Tahoka ISD is currently a member of a Shared Services Cooperative that includes the following districts: Denver City, Loop, New Home, O'Donnell, Plains, Seagraves, and Wellman-Union. The purpose of this cooperative is to allow the member districts to be able to provide special education services to their respective student populations as a group to increase the cost-effectiveness of special education services. Beginning July 1, 2017, that coop will be reconfigured because Denver City will no longer participate in the arrangement. All other districts plan to remain in the reconfigured cooperative.
- ◆ The district held a public hearing over the recently released Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) prior to its December 15, 2016, board meeting. Anyone wishing to obtain a copy of that report can access it on the district's website or request a paper copy from the TISD Main Office.

## Our District Values

These are the 4 “C’s” the district identifies in its vision:

**Community:** A true partnership between TISD and the entire community relying on both sides to advance the district mission

**Character:** Student character development promoting student responsibility, perseverance, school spirit, and respect for self and others

**Civic Involvement:** Promoting student service and involvement in the local community as a means of giving back to society and discovering our place in a global climate

**Continuous Improvement:** Regularly assessing all areas of district operations and adjusting to make improvements which are aimed at accomplishing our district's mission

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## Other Items of Interest

- Jan. 6 Teacher Workday/  
Student Holiday
- Jan. 9 2nd Semester Begins
- Jan. 12 School Board Meeting
- Jan. 13 Student Holiday
- Jan. 13 Students regain /lose  
UIL eligibility
- Jan.16 District of Innovation  
Committee Meeting

- ◆ -- Our student enrollment is currently 588 students
- ◆ -- Visit the TISD website for information about other current happenings in the district at tahokaisd.us
- ◆ -- For local weather, visit the “Tahoka Weather” link on the TISD webpage for Weatherbug information directly from the THS weather station
- ◆ -- TISD attendance so far this school year is 95.89%



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## District Spotlight: Tahoka School Board

January, 2017, is School Board Appreciation Month. In conjunction with the Texas Association of School Boards annual recognition program of school trustees, TISD wants to put the spotlight on the TISD board members:

**Dr. Cathy Box** (Board President)- Graduated from Dalhart High School and attended Texas Tech University. Degrees- B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction. She is an associate professor at Lubbock Christian University and former science teacher at Tahoka ISD. She is married to Ray, and has three married daughters and one grandson. Children: Matt and Sarah Descamps and son Mason, Chad and Kristin Goen, and Logan and Nikki Tekell.

**Jim Bingham**– Graduated from Tahoka High School in 1983 and attended Lubbock County Sheriff's Office Academy where he received his Peace Officer Certification. Began his law enforcement career in 1987 and is employed at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office where he holds the rank of Captain. Jim holds a Master Peace Officer and Master Jailer Certification. Jim is married to Christy, and they have 2 sons (Jacob and Jamie) and 1 daughter (Caley).

**Scott Dimak**– Graduated from Rummel High School in Metairie La. and attended Stephen F. Austin State University where he received a B.A. in Business. He is the Director of Human Resources at Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative. Wife is Rebecca, daughters are McKenzie and Maci.

**Doug Green**- Doug Green graduated from Plains High School in 1988. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1992 and was Honorably Discharged in 1995. Married to Trisha (1994) with two children, Jared and Kaylyn. Doug received his Bachelor's of Information Technology from American Intercontinental University in 2004 and has worked in the Engineering Department of Lyntegar Electric Cooperative since 2006.

**Clay Taylor**– Graduated from Tahoka High School and West Texas A&M University where he earned a B.S. in Ag Business/Economics. He is a farmer and rancher around Lynn and Terry Counties. He is married to his wife Celeste, and they have a son, Warren, and a daughter, Nataly. He is a volunteer fireman and enjoys spending time coaching his kids in little league baseball and softball.

**Jon Luna**– Graduated from Tahoka High School in 2002. He attended Texas Tech University where he studied Business Management and Agricultural Economics. He is a Texas licensed insurance agent and has been for over a decade. Jon is the ambitious owner of two restaurants, Jolly Time in Tahoka and The Spot in New Home. In his spare time, Jon volunteers with Lynn County EMS. Being a lifelong resident of Tahoka, he takes enormous pride in his community.

## Sporting Events

- 1/3 All HS Basketball vs. Lubbock Christian @ Tahoka
- 1/6 JV/V Girls basketball vs. Plains; VB vs. Farwell
- 1/9 JH Basketball vs. Morton
- 1/10 JV/V girls' basketball vs. Morton, JV/V boys' vs. Post
- 1/13 HS basketball @ Sundown
- 1/14 JH Boys @ New Deal Tournament
- 1/16 JH basketball vs. Sundown
- 1/17 HS basketball vs. Seagraves
- 1/20 HS Basketball @ Smyer
- 1/23 JH Basketball @ Seagraves
- 1/24 HS Basketball @ Plains
- 1/27 HS Basketball @ Morton
- 1/28 JH Girls @ Borden County Tournament

### BUSINESS RECOGNITIONS

The following entities were recognized at the December School Board Meeting for their efforts to support TISD as a true educational partner with our district:

Tahoka Donuts

Jolly Time Pizza

### STAFF RECOGNITIONS

The following TISD staff members were recognized at the December Board Meeting:

Elementary: Celeste Taylor, Shelbie Donaldson, Miranda Stice

MS– Kavin Comer (Math)

HS– Klyssa Woodley (Student Council) and Kayla Overstreet (NHS)