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Questions/comments on city issues welcome

THS students' class schedules, packets available

Tahoka High School students may pick up their information packets and class schedules at the high school on Aug. 11-12. Students in grades 9-12 may come at any time those two days during regular hours, 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. to pick up packets at the front office.

The packets are filled with forms and information that must be signed and returned to the school office before the first day of school, according to THS Principal Troy Hinds.

"Students absolutely must complete and return these forms before the first day of school, and may bring them to the high school office anytime during regular business hours before Aug. 24," said Hinds.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 22	69	68	1.41"
July 23	75	63	
July 24	87	63	0.01"
July 25	94	64	
July 26	89	69	
July 27	88	72	0.21"
July 28	88	70	
July 29			a.m. 0.58"
Precipitation for July:			2.70"
Precipitation for June:			2.03"
Precipitation for May:			1.39"
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Total Precipitation Mar:			0.35"
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Air Force to conduct training exercises over Tahoka



by JUANELL JONES

The U.S. Air Force will soon begin conducting training missions in the skies over Tahoka, in AC-130H Spectre gunships like the one pictured above. Unfortunately, the training missions will take place during the night time hours, and the planes won't be close enough for folks to get an up-close look at the gunships - but local residents may hear the gunships flying overhead.

Representatives from Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico came to

aircraft traffic, particularly during the hours of darkness," Capt. Baker explained to the group. "However, we won't be doing any landings or touch-and-go's at the airfield at Tahoka because the runway capabilities won't hold up to the weight of this aircraft," he explained.

Capt. Baker is a member of the 16th Special Operations Squadron (SOS), which will be flying the AC-130H Spectre gunships in the training missions. "Basically, we will be orbiting overhead at night, probably for

"Much of what we'll be doing is adjusting our sensors as we conduct training operations, and that will require us to fly in circles over the city. The communities we're flying over will hear us, but we will do our best to fly at altitudes that will limit the amount of noise."

16th Special Operations Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Sean Farrell

Tahoka Friday afternoon to visit with residents about the base's mission and training, and how these will affect the local community. Captain Jacoby Baker, USAF pilot and son of Tahoka Mayor John and Suzanne Baker, and Airman 1st Class Elliott Sprehe met with local officials and interested citizens at Tahoka City Hall at 2 p.m. to give the public an idea about the types of training missions Cannon will fly over the community.

"The public will notice additional

about an hour at a time, flying at an altitude of 8,000 ft. or more," said Capt. Baker.

He explained that the training missions involve targeting vehicles or personnel through sensors and tracking devices. "We will not emit any laser that would be harmful to anyone on the ground, and in fact you probably won't see the planes," he added. There may be more than a dozen military personnel on board the aircraft during the missions, he said.

2009 Cotton Crop - Good, bad and nonexistent

by BRYAN REYNOLDS
Texas Agrilife Extension Service Agent,
Lynn County

As the 2009 cotton crop makes a push towards the halfway point, it continues to give Lynn County growers a mixed bag: from really good to blank ground and everything in between. There is no doubt that this crop has been a struggle all year and it continues to follow that pattern.

With 300,000 acres planted in the county back in May and June, a large number of those acres never emerged while others that were planted under irrigation and some dryland fields got off to a good start and continue to keep that path. For the most part there will be a very large portion of the 230,000 acres of dryland cotton that were failed acres at the end of June through the first of July by insurance adjusters. Certainly, the hardest hit part of the county with the dry weather and failed acres were in the eastern half of the county. But a number of farms in the western half never received enough moisture to germinate seeds and get a crop growing. Final numbers of acres will not be known until sometime in August, but no doubt this crop will not be one of the brighter ones in recent years.

Some of the cotton looks very good and is progressing very well as it heads towards peak bloom. However, the irrigated crop has already incurred a great deal of expense due to pre-watering and watering up to this point with irrigation systems. Other fields, including irrigated and dryland, are just starting to bloom. We can say that the last ef-

fective date for a bloom to contribute significantly to yield is around August 25th to the 30th for Lynn County, so as we approach August, a critical period for the production of lint is upon us.

Heat unit accumulation is at 1402 through July 27, which is about 170 units above normal. Obviously the 100 plus degree-days we saw a few weeks ago contributed to the above average heat unit accumulation.

Rainfall has been very deceiving this year. If you look at the official recording for the West Texas Mesonet sites they show 8.89" of rain at O'Donnell, 7.29" at Tahoka and the National Weather Service site in Tahoka has recorded 6.05". But the rains have been very spotty all season so it has been somewhat of a skewed picture when you drive across the county and see so many blank acres where little rainfall has been received.

Just last week, around Hwy. 87 and FM 211, 3-5 inches of rain fell along with hail that destroyed the cotton in its path. Although the storm was isolated in terms of coverage, where it did hit there was a significant amount of damage to the crop. Another storm on July 27 did significant damage around the O'Donnell area with rain, hail and high winds. As the '09 crop continues, most producers are waiting to see what mother nature brings next.

A cotton turn-row meeting will be held on Friday, July 31 at 8:30 a.m. one mile north of New Home on FM 1730 (Slide Road) at Jody Clem's farm. Producers will receive updates on cotton agronomy, water needs and insects, and will earn two CEUs.

Flying over Tahoka ... Tahoka folks who can see well in the dark may get a glimpse of this AC-130H Spectre AC-130H gunship conducting training missions over the Tahoka area at night, but most likely local citizens will only hear the aircraft. The 16th Special Operations Squadron out of Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico will soon begin conducting training missions in the aircraft, orbiting over the Tahoka area during the nighttime hours.

(U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class James Bell)

According to 16th Special Operations Squadron commander Lt. Col. Sean Farrell, the nature of the gunship mission calls for much of the training to be conducted in urban areas.

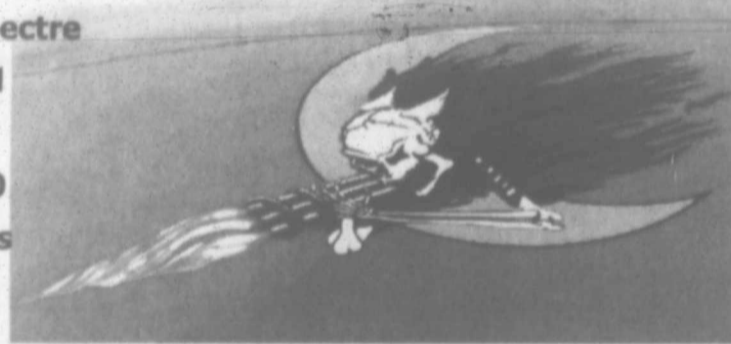
"When we deploy, we will often be flying over cities and tracking targets within those cities under the cover of night," said Colonel Farrell in a media release. "So when we train at Cannon, it is imperative that some of our operations be done over cities at night as well. Much of what we'll be doing is adjusting our sensors as we conduct training operations, and that will require us to fly in circles over the city.

The communities we're flying over will hear us, but we will do our best to fly at altitudes that will limit the amount of noise. We want to be good neighbors, too," he added.

Capt. Baker told the Tahoka group that most likely the training missions would "target" a specific vehicle or personnel on the ground and that the Air Force personnel on board the AC-130H Spectre would create a hypothetical scenario to conduct their mission. "If your vehicle is the target, you will not know it, but you would be helping us to conduct our mission. These

(See Air Force, page 6)

The Spectre
symbol
on the
AC-130
is unit's
motto



The AC-130H Spectre gunships assigned to Cannon will sport a unique symbol. The Spectre has been the symbol of the 16th Special Operations Squadron and the AC-130 gunship since inception in the late 1960s. The Spectre represents the unit's special operations mission, usually carried out at night, where they attack quickly and precisely and then vanish, much like the phantoms of folklore do. The unit's motto, "Spectre," represents the nickname of the aircraft the squadron has flown since the Vietnam era.

(U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class James Bell)

woodwork

by dalton



ONE MEMBER of our family is an avid golfer, and no, it's not me. I do play golf sometimes, but a better adjective for describing me in that category would be "putrid," not avid.

Anyway, if this family member happened to read, as I did, about a new golf course which recently opened up in Australia, he may already be packing his bags, including his golf bag, for the trip.

If he plans to ship his golf cart over for the event, he'd better buy some new batteries for it first. Some really good ones, because the course is 842 miles long, and (for example), after-you-play the par 3 first hole, it is 42 miles to the number 2 tee box.

Obviously you don't go from hole to hole in a golf cart. The course was built with each hole at a different hotel, motel or resort along a vacation route, and if you finish the course, for which you get some kind of certificate ("here you go, mate; you are now an officially Certified Golf Nut"), you will have spent a lot on lodging, food and fuel. However, the green fee for the entire course is only \$40.

I would think that you could play the entire 18 holes in about a week, if you didn't dawdle between holes, and if the roads are in good shape for speedy travel.

Of course, if you walked the entire course, it would take longer, especially if you got to hole 4 and realized you left your putter on hole 3, about 40 miles back.

But only the walkers in really good shape would want to consider going on foot for the entire 842 miles. (That would take me about 12 years).

FOR A FINAL exam in a philosophy course, the professor placed a chair on his desk and told the class: "Now, using everything you've learned in this course this semester, prove that this chair does not exist."

After three hours the students all turned in their papers, but only one of them got an A. It went to the woman who wrote, "What chair?"



DONALD and TONDA FREITAG

Couple to celebrate 25th Anniversary

Donald and Tonda Freitag, of Tahoka, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on August 1, 2009 at the Saint John Lutheran Church in Wilson.

Freitag and the former Tonda Klaus were married on July 21, 1984 at the St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson. They have three children, Joshua, Benjamin and Sarah.

A reception will be given by the couple's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Freitag, of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Klags of Wilson, and children of the couple. (PAID)



STORK REPORT

William Landon Lopez
Adrian and Mary Lopez of Leander announce the birth of their son William Landon Lopez, born June 18, 2009. He weighed 8 lbs and 1-1/2 oz and he was 21-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are David and Cindi Pressler, and Richard and Elaine Lopez of Tahoka. Great-grandparents are Mike and Sara DeLeon, Lillian J. Pressler and Larry Lopez.

Tahoka Middle School student information to be mailed soon

Class schedule information for students in grades 6-8 at Tahoka Middle School will be mailed to students during the week of Aug. 17, according to school officials.

Additionally, students will get their informational packets at school on the first day of classes on Aug. 24.

For more information, contact Principal Tom Thomas.

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Dedicated Volunteers Needed!

Did you know that Lynn County EMS has had 320 calls since January 1st, 2009? Last year (2008) the total for the whole year was 400. Our Emergency Medical Services is almost a complete Volunteer Service staff. Have you ever thought of who is making all these emergency runs? The Lynn County EMS has 12 members. Yes, only 12. Those 12 people volunteer their time to help keep us healthy. On an average month these volunteers work approximately 13 shifts per month. A shift consists of 12 hrs per day. That is approximately 156 hours donated to the citizens of Lynn County and others.

Think, 156 hours out of their month they are waiting for a call to come to the aid of one of us. Some of these members have been giving back to this county for more than 15 years. 15 years of giving up their weekends, nights and holidays. And all of these members have other full time jobs. These 12 members only get paid if the ambulance has a call. The volunteers work in crews. Each crew consists of 3 members: a driver and 2 certified EMT's on each 12 hour shift.

Of these 12 members 9 are certified. Certified means they are an Emergency Medical Technician. They have gone to school and have learned everything from how to take vitals, bandaging and splinting, to advanced airway management and IV administration. EMT's are also trained to administer Nitroglycerin to heart attack patients and oral glucose, and higher level EMT's can administer other medications such as Narcan, Epi and cardiac medi-

cations. Training is ongoing for an EMT. The state of Texas requires them to log 40-160 hours of continuing education every 4 years depending on their level of certification. Here in Lynn County our emergency crews have training every month to keep up with all the current changes and to practice skills.

Have you ever thought of giving back to your community? Doing a job that pays little but with great rewards in the eyes of the people you help? Do you have your EMT training? Then the Lynn County EMS is looking for you. If you feel like you have the dependability and commitment these 12 people have shown then please contact EMS Director Jeanie Stone 998-4533, extension 307. And when you see one of those people wearing EMS shirts out there tell them thank you for all they give to us.



VERONICA AGUILAR and CHRIS MONTEMAYOR

Couple announces engagement

Frank Aguilar and Teresa Barbosa, both of Lubbock, announce the engagement of their daughter, Veronica Aguilar, to Chris Montemayor of Lubbock. He is the son of Dora and the late Mike Montemayor, of Tahoka.

The bride-elect is manager of the Chik-fil-a restaurant in Lubbock. The future groom is the owner of Lawn Masters of Lubbock.

The couple plans to marry August 7, 2009 on Mustang Island in Corpus Christi.

Grandson of Dr. Durham, longtime Tahoka resident, writes novel titled "Saint's Treasure"

What happens when we die? Oklahoma author Mark H. Durham investigates this question in his new novel releasing nationwide this week, titled "Saint's Treasure."

Durham is the youngest grandchild of the late Kenneth R. Durham, DDS (1900-1999) who was a dentist and a 70-year resident of Tahoka. He earned a degree in psychology from John Brown University and a MSSW in Social Work from the University of Texas at Arlington. He is stationed at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City. He serves in the United States Air Force as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Though Durham says he didn't experience a near-death experience or sudden revelation, the book is a product of his

curiosity based on various sermons and biblical teachings on the subject. He says his hope is to inspire believers into greater service. (Titus 3:8)

"Saint's Treasure" follows Christian believers after their earthly death to the new life that awaits them in the presence of the Lord. The various characters and other souls have specific duties planned for them once they arrive in eternity, where they glorify the Lord and witness one another's treasures as they are stored in heaven.

Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, the book is available at any bookstore nationwide or can be ordered through the publisher at www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore or by visiting barnesandnoble.com, amazon.com or target.com.



Councilman sings for Lynnwood ... Lubbock City Councilman Floyd Price entertained residents of Lynnwood Independent and Assisted Living Center in Tahoka last Thursday afternoon, singing several songs for the group.

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Obituaries



PAULINE STEPHENS

Pauline Stephens

Pauline Stephens, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend of Tahoka, departed this life on July 21, 2009, at the age of 84 years. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka with Rev. George Ray and Rev. Richard Harbison officiating. Interment followed at Nevels Memorial Park in Tahoka.

She was born on March 14, 1925, in Tahoka to Tom Nevels and Sarah Eula Ruth (Yates) Hale. She graduated from Tahoka High School in 1941. She attended Draughan's Business School, worked for the draft board from 1942-1945 and then as bookkeeper for Dr. J.W. Sinclair and later for the West Point Gin. She also worked for the Lynn County Tax Collector, Frank McGlaun and Odesa Tax Collector Bob Bates. She married Roy Valton Stephens on November 2, 1946, in O'Donnell. He preceded her in death on May 1, 2000.

She was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Tahoka. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Eastern Star. As a wife of an ex-prisoner of war, she was active with the Survivors of Wake, Guam, and Cavite.

Those left to cherish her memory are two children, Arlene Spearman of Tahoka, and Valton and wife Dianna Stephens of Lubbock; three grandchildren, Justin Spearman of Dallas, Jessica D'Cruz of Lubbock, and six step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one brother, T.W. Hale, and one sister, Ruth Wells.

The family would like memorials donated to Sherilyn Stephens Library of Hope Lodge in Lubbock or the Lynn County Pioneers in Tahoka.

Arrangements are under the personal care of White Funeral Home in Tahoka. Send condolences online at www.whitefuneralhome.com. (PAID)

Herman (H.E.) Reid

Graveside services for Herman (H.E.) Reid, 88, of Opelika, AL were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 20, 2009, at the Garden Hills Cemetery. Reverend Tim Steffey and Reverend Lorene Sutton officiated.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Tahoka, and a member of Airview Church of God in Opelika, Masonic Lodge #1041 of Tahoka, and an Air Force Veteran of World War II. After the war he ran for and was elected County Treasurer of Lynn County. In 1949, after serving two terms as County Treasurer, he resigned and moved to Opelika, AL. He owned and operated Reid's Grocery for 45 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ola and Tom Reid, his wife Florinda Thompson Reid, his first wife, Helton Golden Reid, one brother, Charles Reid, nephew Mike Reid of Tahoka, and one grandson.

Survivors include his daughter, Sandra Reid Cato and husband Bill of Illinois; one grandson and several nieces and nephews, including great-nieces, Alecia Hancock of Tahoka and Rochelle Ford of Lubbock.

Tickets available for Barham Fundraiser

Tickets are now available for the Douglas G. Barham Fund benefit dinner that will be held Aug. 22 at T-Bar Country Club. The dinner is a come-and-go affair, from 3-7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person.

Tickets may be purchased from Cowlick's Barber Salon, Sam Ashcraft Insurance, W. Caloway Huffaker Law Office, City/County Library, T-Bar Country Club and from Bam Bam Tomlinson.

A golf tournament, Texas Hold'em poker tournament, and silent auction will also be held in conjunction with the dinner.

Senior Citizens MENU

August 3-7

Monday: Hamburger on a bun, all the trimmings, macaroni salad, chips, fruit cocktail

Tuesday: Beef stew, tossed salad, cornbread, crackers, peaches

Wednesday: Chicken strips, white gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits, yellow cake

Thursday: Roast & gravy w/ potatoes, carrots, onions, cucumber salad, rolls, lemon pie

Friday: Chicken patty on a bun, trimmings, tater tots, corn pudding, cherry cobbler

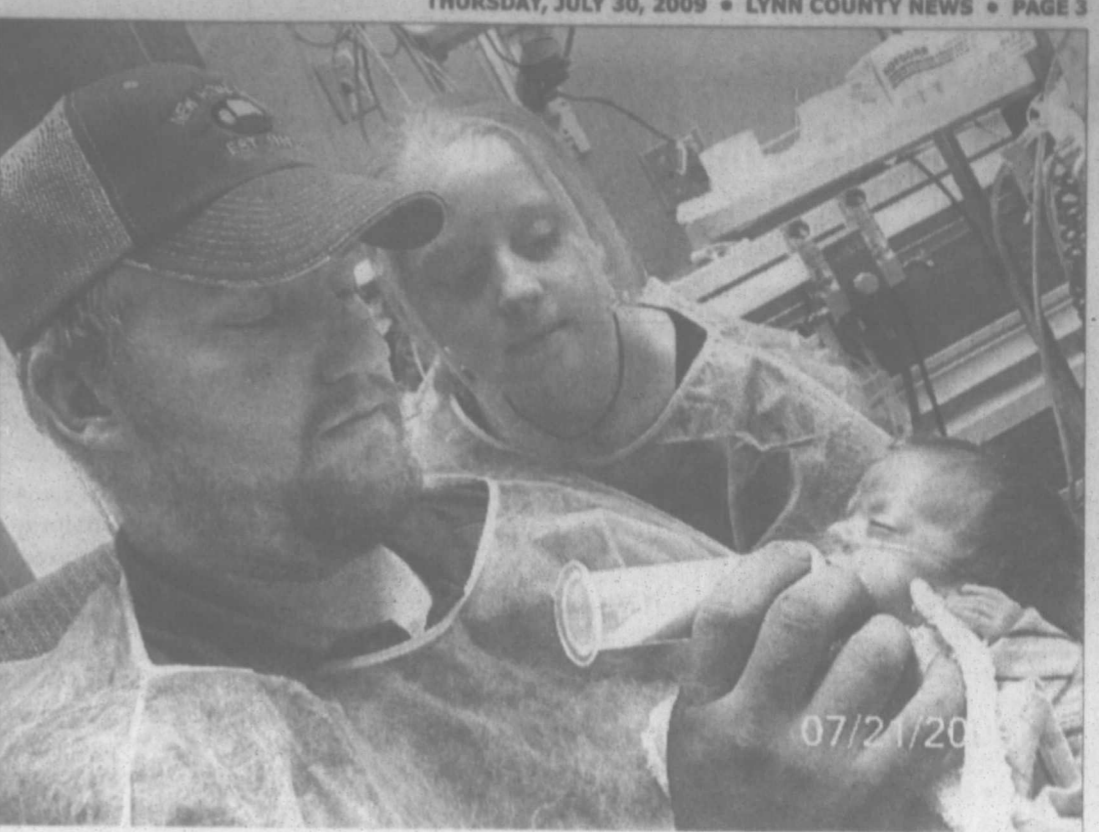
• July Birthdays! On Wednesday, July 29, Maureen, courtesy of Covenant Health Care, will be performing over the dinner hour. Birthday people eat for free. Happy Birthday to: Virginia Castro, Larry Hagood, Pat Hogg, Ruth Silvas, and Richard Whitley.

• Weekly domino night on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join!

• Do not forget to buy your copy of our cookbook- Timeless Treasures. Keep one or give as a gift. They are available for \$12 each at the Center, Lynn County News and the City/County Library.

• Good news! Our van bin has been secured with locks. The bin will be open during the week 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for your can donations. After 1:00 p.m. and on weekends, please call Bianca at 201-9169 and she will arrange to meet you at the bin to accept your can donations. Thank you for your continued support with our community cans collection.

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Baby Danae doing great ... Casey Donald of Wilson gives his daughter, baby Danae, a bottle as her big sister, Brook, looks on at the hospital. Born 16-weeks premature, Danae has now been in a Lubbock hospital for 18-1/2 weeks. Her mother, Nikki Donald, emailed the following update to The Lynn County News:

"Just wanted to give a quick heads up on our little miracle. She is doing great. She is now up to 4 lbs 6.6 oz and growing. She has taken her bottle for every feeding for seven days now. They have completely removed her feeding tube. She is supposed to take at least 40 cc each feeding from the bottle. If she doesn't take that much, they tube feed her the rest but she has been taking as much as 60-65 cc most of her feedings. She is down to 26% oxygen which is an improvement. Dr. Sutter told us tonight that when she gets down to 25% and

stable, she would allow us to take her home on oxygen or we can wait until she is completely off. I think after discussing it, we have decided we will probably wait a few extra days rather than bringing her home with an oxygen tank plus her apnea monitor she will be on for a year. We just don't want to have problems and end up back at the hospital with her. We are definitely ready to get her home but would rather be safe than sorry. Thank you for the prayers," from Casey, Nikki, Brook and Danae.

Princess, Prince contests offered at Harvest Festival

The Lynn County Harvest Festival will be held Sept. 26, 2009, and this year's event will offer a new opportunity to boys in grades 2-5 to participate and win savings bonds in a contest similar to what the girls have been competing in for many years.

This year's festival will offer a Harvest Festival Prince and Princess contest for boys and girls, grades 2-5, in Lynn County. Students will sell chances to win prizes at the festival, with the

winners of each contest determined solely by the number of tickets sold. First place winners in the Prince contest and Princess contest will each receive a \$750 savings bond from the Harvest Festival, second place winners will receive \$500 savings bonds, and third place winners will earn \$200 savings bonds.

Children participating in these contests support the community event with ticket sales, while having a chance to earn

savings bonds for themselves.

Children interested in participating are invited to attend a Prince/Princess contest meeting at the home of Tammy Angeley, 2101 Ave. J in Tahoka, on Thursday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. A parent or guardian should accompany the child to get contest rules.

For more information, call Mrs. Angeley at 561-6507 (PJ's Restaurant) or 806-438-7995 (cell phone).

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<p>Tahoka Trinity Church 1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka, TX 79373 Phone (806) 561-5317 PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship – 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship – 6 p.m. Youth – Sundays at 7 p.m. For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317</p>	<p>Good News Read <i>Philippians 4:4-9</i> <i>Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. -- Philippians 4:8 (NRSV)</i> On Friday mornings, I usually meet a few of my close friends for breakfast. I enjoy spending time with these people who share my interests. Lately, however, I have not looked forward to our get-togethers with the same enthusiasm. As we talk about current events, my friends mention all the negative news, and I get caught up in the conversation like a fish caught in a net. Bad news seems to draw my attention no matter where I go. I am surrounded by magazines and newspapers with headlines announcing terrible events. Where is the good news these days? I rely on the Bible to find answers. Even though it was written thousands of years ago, its good news is timeless. Reading God's news always helps me to become a better person. I begin to see the world through God's eyes. How I approach the daily news is up to me. The more I study the Bible, the stronger I become in the face of fear and frustration. I begin to fill my mind with God's words, where I find the truth that even in the midst of bad news, God is at work in the world. <i>Prayer: Dear God, speak good news to our hearts and make us better people. Amen.</i> Terri Meehan ... from <i>The Upper Room</i></p>		<p>Wilson St. John Lutheran Church 13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6573 Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond. LEADERS: REV. YVONNE NIEBLEM TONDA FREITAG, PLM Sunday School – 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship – 11:15 a.m.</p>
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Tahoka business leaders invited to Town Hall meeting August 4th

An initial meeting of the Steering Committee for the proposed Type 4B Sales Tax for Community/Economic Development for Tahoka was held on Tuesday evening, from which a series of Town Hall type meetings have been scheduled for the community.

The committee, comprised of Julia Allen, Vernon Baker, Tommy Botkin, Gloria DeLeon, Roger Locke Jr., Roosevelt Moore, and Dee Dee Pridmore, met with Tahoka Mayor John Baker and City Manager Jerry Webster. This organizational meeting provided an overview of the Texas Community/Economic Development Type 4B Sales Tax, to establish the goals for the committee and develop an action plan and timeline in preparation for the November election, when the city will place the issue on the ballot as a proposition for voters to consider. Committee members were briefed on the history and use of this development tax and then encouraged and challenged by the Mayor and City Manager to lead the community in the positive directions this initiative can provide.

"The newly formed initiative undertook the challenge of communicating with our community the opportunities this half-cent sales tax can create for Tahoka," said Vernon Baker. "The Steering Committee has scheduled five Town Hall meetings to share the benefits the development dollars can provide and to listen to ideas people have for the use of these funds. Busi-

ness owners and managers are invited to our first Town Hall, which will be held on Tuesday, August 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Building," he explained.

Town Hall meetings for everyone else will be held at 7:00 p.m. in each quadrant of the city, starting on Thursday August 6 at the Greater Antioch Baptist Church of Tahoka, then Tuesday, August 11 in the SE, Thursday, August 13 in the SW, then Thursday, August 20 in the NW at the Church of Christ. Some locations were not confirmed before this publication but information will be made available as soon as possible.

"These meetings are located in each area of our community but persons are invited to attend any of the gatherings if better for your schedule," said Baker. Question about this process can be directed to Vernon Baker at 561-450, revvern@poka.com, or contact Jerry Webster at City Hall.

Jamaica event set in Wilson

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Wilson will host their annual Jamaica celebration on Sunday, Aug. 2. Church members are offering tickets for a \$1 donation for a chance to win several prizes, including a 37-inch flat screen TV, a \$300 gift card, \$200 gift card, combo stereo, microwave oven, two twin size comforter/quilts, and \$25 worth of lottery scratch off tickets.



Good and bad ... As the 2009 cotton crop makes a push towards the halfway point, it continues to give Lynn County growers a mixed bag: from really good to blank ground and everything in between. With 300,000 acres planted in the county back in May and June, a large number of those acres never emerged while others that were planted under irrigation and some dryland fields got off to a good start and continue to keep that path. Just last week, around Hwy. 87 and FM 211, 3-5 inches of rain fell along with hail that destroyed the cotton in its path. As the '09 crop continues, most producers are waiting to see what mother nature brings next. A cotton turn-row meeting will be held on Friday, July 31 at 8:30 a.m. one mile north of New Home on FM 1730 (Slide Road) at Jody Clem's farm.



State and federal agencies offer help during drought

As the growing season progresses, hot, dry conditions prevail over much of Texas causing crops, pastures and rangeland to wither, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

"We're actually experiencing quite a reversal in rainfall patterns in some areas with some rain falling on the normally dry western parts of the state while the traditionally wetter eastern portions are suffering severe drought conditions and prolonged 100-degree heat," said Dr. Travis Miller, AgriLife Extension agronomy leader at College Station. "More than 70 percent of the state is in one stage or the other of drought."

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said current dry conditions are adding more headaches to the state's already overburdened agricultural producers.

"Texas farmers and ranchers are some of the most resilient people I have ever known," Staples said. "Our producers have been hit hard with a triple threat starting with Hurricane Ike, then with our nation's current economic calamity, and now one of the worst droughts our state has seen in years."

"We hope God will bless us with moisture to relieve some of the pressure facing our producers," he said. "While we wait, state and federal agencies are working together to offer assistance and I urge producers to take advantage of these critical resources."

Those sources include:

- The Agricultural Drought Task Force web site, <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/> provides a clearing-house of drought-related information from a number of state and federal agencies. The site is divided into two distinct areas. The 'Resources on Drought' section provides static and chang-

ing information on drought ranging from stream-flow data and weather information to links provided by the participating agencies. The 'News Updates/Situational Reports' section features the latest items submitted by the participating agencies.

• Texas Department of Agriculture's Hay Hotline at 1-877-429-1998 connects ranchers with hay suppliers. The resource is meant to connect those with extra hay to sell or pasture to lease with those needing it. The agency's 'Disaster Resource Information Packet' is also available and provides pertinent contact information for state, federal and private agricultural disaster assistance programs. See www.TexasAgriculture.gov for more information on both Texas Department of Agriculture resources.

U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency provides low-interest (3.75 percent interest on July 9, 2009) emergency loans to help eligible producers recover from natural disasters. Loans can cover restoring or replacing essential property; essential family living expenses; production costs associated with the disaster year; reorganizing the farming operation and refinancing of certain debts. Interested producers should contact the office that serves the county in which their operation is located for options available in their specific location.

County to buy motor grader

Lynn County Commissioners met in routine session Monday morning at the Lynn County Courthouse, approving the purchase of a new motor grader for Pct. 1. Commissioners unanimously approved allowing Pct. 1 Commissioner Kieth Wied to trade in two older model motor graders and paying the difference for a trade-in.

In other business, commissioners met with Justice of Peace Dana McKay to discuss part-time help in her office, but took no action. Bryan Callahan, representing Granite Construction, informed the court of road base materials for sale, and Tax Assessor-Collector Sherry Pearce informed commissioners of optional fees that may

be imposed in her office for the 2010 calendar year. Commissioners had placed discussion of a county-wide burn ban on the agenda, but took no action due to recent rains.

District Clerk Sandra Laws informed the court of a new archival fee for the district clerk's office, of \$5 to be assessed for all motions and civil cases filed. Commissioners moved to approve the new fee, and an additional filing fee of \$5 for each civil suit filed in the county and district courts to help create an appellate judicial system for the Seventh Court of Appeals District in Amarillo. The fee will be effective Jan. 1, 2010.

Monthly bills were paid, and Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on his department's activities.

County Judge H.G. Franklin presided, with all four commissioners present including Keith Wied, Mike Braddock, Don Blair and Brad Hammonds, and other county officials.

Smith, Breeden named T-Bar Club Champions

The T-Bar Club Championship Tournament was held July 11-12.

Winners of the Men's Championship Flight were: Brad Smith 1st, Monte Jolly 2nd and Curtis Erickson and Eddie Joe Hancock tying for 3rd.

Winners of the first flight were: Jeff Martin 1st, Bryan Reynolds 2nd, with Pat Dotson and Pat Green tying for 3rd.

Second flight winners were: Toby Taylor 1st, Mickey Kieth 2nd, and Jim Wells 3rd.

Winners in the Ladies Flight were: Shirley Breeden 1st, Shayla Erickson and Nicole Taylor tied for 2nd and 3rd.

Club Champions were Brad Smith and Shirley Breeden.

Winners listed in T-Bar Open Scramble event

The T-Bar 2-person open scramble was held July 18-19 at T-Bar Country Club. Results were as follows: Championship Flight winners were Mickey Kieth and Jay Johnston, 1st Place; Ricky Moore and Stephen Brown, 2nd Place; and Curtis Erickson and Taylor Read, 3rd Place.

First Flight winners were Brady Askew and Billy Miller, 1st Place; Pat Green and Alan Taylor, 2nd Place; Rhett Richardson and Phillip Kahlich, 3rd Place.

Winners of the 2nd Flight were: Robert and Casey Baldwin, 1st Place; Hunter Shofer and Trent Palmer, 2nd Place; Alan Curry and Mike Harrison, 3rd Place.



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Good time at the music festival and chili cook-off ... Lots of RVs were parked at the site of the annual Chili Cook-off and Music Festival held last weekend in Tahoka. Shown here, some of the crowd gathers in front of the stage to listen to one of several bands who entertained during the two-day event.

Air Force...

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gunships are the planes we use to support ground troops in Afghanistan and other deployments, and they are designed to select very specific targets," he said.

At times, the Air Force may also send in military personnel on the ground to help conduct the training missions, as "targets" for "good guys and bad guys" in the training. Capt. Baker said if that type of mission is planned, that homeowners in the neighborhood where the mission would be conducted would be notified, as well as local law enforcement personnel.

Capt. Baker emphasized, however, that at no time would live ammunition be used as part of training missions over civilian areas. He also noted that because of the distance from Cannon Air Force Base that the Tahoka training missions would most likely occur only once or twice a month.

There is a possibility also that the new Osprey planes could potentially be used in training over Tahoka as well, and if that occurs there is a possibility that the airfield in Tahoka could be used.

One local resident who was present for the public meeting asked if local emergency service personnel would be briefed on how to handle situations/scene control if a disaster should potentially occur. Capt. Baker and Sprehe said that at this time no briefings were scheduled, but that it was a good point that they would bring to their commander's attention.

"We are very pleased to work with the Air Force in any capability we can offer," said Mayor Baker to the Air Force personnel. "It is a privilege for Tahoka to support our military in such a manner, and we thank you for visiting with us about how the training missions will be conducted here," he added.

Local law enforcement officials and city/county officials were present at the hour-long meeting, as well as the newspaper editor and a few local residents.

Anyone concerned about the Air Force training missions over Tahoka may contact the Cannon Public Affairs office at (575) 784-4131, or contact Tahoka Mayor John Baker at 561-5566 or write to him by email at TahokaMayor@poka.com.

Tahoka Elementary releases school supply lists for 2009

Following is a list of school supplies required for pre-K through 5th grade at Tahoka Elementary. Please purchase the brands indicated. Teachers believe they will last longer. Please mark all school supplies with student's names with a permanent marker. Replenish items as needed.

Pre-K Supply List

- 1-Large backpack
- 1-Change of clothes in plastic sack with name (shirt, shorts or pants, underwear, socks)
- 2-Blue folders with pockets
- 2-Large boxes of Kleenex
- 3-Boxes of 8 count Crayola crayons (no fat or fluorescent)
- 4-Regular #2 pencils (no fat pencils)
- 2-8 oz. Elmer's school glue (NOT PASTE)
- 2-Rolls of paper towels
- 1-Box of Crayola watercolors (8 count only)
- 2-Boxes of 100 Ziplock sandwich bags
- 1-Box of Ziplock Gallon size bags
- 1-Blunt Fiskar scissors
- 1-Package of cookies/crackers (no chocolate)
- 1-Towel with name on it
- 1-Spiral notebook
- 2-Wet Wipes (baby wipes)
- 1-Box of Crayola markers (8 count)
- 6-Glue sticks
- 4-Expo markers (for student use)

Kindergarten List

- 1-Child's backpack (no wheels or pull-out handle. These types not fit in the lockers)
- 1-School box (8 1/2 x 5)
- 2-Large boxes of Kleenex (100 ct.)
- 2-Boxes of 8 count CRAYOLA crayons (no fat or fluorescent)
- 1-Package of regular #2 pencils
- 2-4 oz. Elmer's school glue (NOT PASTE OR GEL)
- 1-Big pink eraser
- 2-Boxes of Ziplock sandwich bags (Boys - sandwich size-Girls - gallon size)
- 1-Pair of metal Fiskar scissors (small for left/right handed)
- 1-Composition notebook - Mead brand Primary Journal (drawing space at top, writing lines at bottom of page)
- 1-Package of wet wipes (baby wipes)

First Grade Supply List

- 1-Box Pencil Top Eraser
- 2-Large boxes of Kleenex
- 6-Boxes of 24 count Crayola crayons (no fat or fluorescent)
- 1-Crayola watercolors (8 count only)
- 20-Regular #2 pencils
- 1-4 oz. Elmer's school glue (NOT PASTE OR GEL)
- 1-Big green or pink eraser
- 10-Dry Erase markers (Large with chisel tip)
- 1-Box of Ziplock bags (Boys - gallon size-Girls - sandwich size)
- 1-Pair of metal Fiskar scissors (small for left/right handed)
- 4-Composition notebooks (NOT a regular spiral)
- 1-Roll of paper towels
- 1-Disinfecting Wipes
- 2-12 ct. Crayola map colors
- 2-Blue Pocket Folders (without brads)
- 2-Red Blue Pocket Folders (without brads)
- 1-Hand Sanitizer

Second Grade Supply List

- 1-1-Subject Spiral
- 3-Large boxes of Kleenex
- 1-Box of 24 count Crayola crayons
- 1-Box of 8 count Crayola crayons
- 1-Set of thick markers (8 count only)
- 20-Regular #2 pencils
- 1-Clipboard (9 x 12)
- 4-Elmer's glue sticks
- 1-Package of Pencil Top Erasers
- 1-Whiteboard eraser
- 1-4 pack Expo Thick Marker (for student use)
- 1-Crayola watercolors (8 count only)

Altercation, dog attack reported to officers

A 34-year-old Tahoka man was treated at Lynn County Hospital emergency room for injuries after he said he was assaulted by two persons Saturday at the Tahoka swimming pool.

On July 21 a Tahoka woman advised police that a dog had bitten her 13-year-old grandson

as he was walking home on S. 1st Street. Police located the dog and the owner, and the dog was taken to a veterinarian in Lamesa, where it was later determined the dog did not have rabies.

Arrests of six persons during the last week brought the total Lynn County jail population to 38, with nine held for Lubbock and three for Gaines County. Latest arrests were for application to revoke probation on conviction of possession of marijuana, driving while license invalid (enhanced) plus speeding, no seatbelt, driving while intoxicated and aggravated assault in Lubbock.

- 1-Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- 1-Box of Ziplock gallon bags
- 1-Pair of metal Fiskar scissors (small for left/right handed)
- 3-Packages of paper towel rolls
- 2-Packages of notebook paper

Third Grade Supply List

- 1-Clipboard (9 x 12 - absolutely NO binders or notebooks)
- 1-Box of crayons (16 count only)
- 24-#2 Pencils
- 1-Pair of sharp Fiskar scissors (small for left/right handed)
- 2-Large boxes of Kleenex
- 1-Small size Elmer's school glue (NOT paste)
- 2-Packages of notebook paper (wide-ruled only/200 count)
- 1-Wide-ruled Spiral notebook (NOT college-ruled)
- 1-Backpack or book bag (that will fit in locker)
- 2-Red grading pens
- 1-Zippered bag for supplies
- 1-Roll of paper towels
- 8-Expo Markers
- 3-Composition notebooks
- 1-Folder with brads and pockets
- 1-Box of Ziploc bags (Gallon size)

Fourth Grade Supply List

- 2-Large boxes of Kleenex
- 1-Box of crayons (24 count)
- 2-Packages of #2 Pencils
- 1-Pair of sharp Fiskar scissors (small for right/left handed)
- 4-Glue sticks
- 2-Packages of Red pens
- 2-Highlighters
- 1-Set of thick markers (8 count basic colors)
- 1-Set of map colors (8 count basic colors)
- 2-Blue folders with brads & pockets
- 1-Wide-ruled spiral notebooks (not college-ruled)
- 1-Packages of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1-Large zipper bag for pencils/crayons
- 1-3-ring Binder or Zippered notebook
- 1-Package subject dividers with pockets

- 1-Set of 4 Expo markers (for student use)
- 2-Composition notebooks (stitched binding)
- 1-Ruler with inches & centimeters
- 1-Box of sandwich size Ziplock bags
- 1-XL Stretchy book cover

Fifth Grade Supply List

- *These items will be community property. Please do NOT label.
- 1-Pkg of EXPO markers (for student use)
- 1-Large Fiskar scissors (for left/right handed)
- 3-Folders with brads & pockets
- 1-*Package of map colors
- 1-*Set of thick markers (8 count)
- 1-*Package of 4-color highlighters
- 1-*Box of Crayons (24 count)
- 1-Package of Pencils
- 3-*Large glue sticks
- 1-1 1/2" Binder with clear plastic front
- 1-3" Binder with clear plastic front
- 3-Large boxes of Kleenex
- 2-Zipper bag (large) for supplies
- 1-Spirals (70 count wide-ruled only)
- 1-Back pack
- 1-Composition book
- 2-Sets of Divider inserts (5 tabs)
- 2-Notebook paper (wide-ruled only)
- 1-Box of Ziplock Gallon-size bags
- 1-Package of paper lunch sack (white preferred) Girls (Walmart)
- 1-Package of 4 x 6 White index cards (Boys)
- 2-XL Stretchy book covers
- 1-Personal pencil sharpener

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2010 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on **Monday, August 10, 2009** at 8:00 a.m. at the Lynn County Appraisal District Office, 1615 Main Street, Tahoka, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed appraisal budget. **\$ 159,278.00**

The total amount of increase from the current year's budget. **\$ 2,109.00**

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget. **3**
(full-time equivalent)

The number of employees compensated under the current budget. **3**
(full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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