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Summer Reading Program KICKOFF PARTY

3 p.m. Friday, June 13
at City/County Library
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Stalking, drug possession bring arrests

When a Tahoka policeman was assisting some teenage males with a flat tire on U.S. 87 just after midnight Friday, he discovered the vehicle had been reported as stolen. Checking out the five persons in the vehicle uncovered some small quantities of marijuana, so the five were arrested for unauthorized use of a vehicle, plus possession of marijuana 2 ounces or less. Two of adult age, from Odessa, were jailed, and the other three, all minors, were taken to Garza County juvenile detention center.

During the week police also arrested a 51-year-old Tahoka man after a Tahoka woman complained of stalking and harassment by a former boyfriend. Earlier last week, a 28-year-old Tahoka man was arrested for violating a criminal trespass warning.

With seven more persons jailed for offenses in Lynn County during the last week, the jail was holding 47 inmates early this week, including 20 for Ector County, six for Dawson County and one for Andrews County.

Those recently jailed were charged with driving while license invalid with previous conviction, aggravated assault causing bodily injury, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, public intoxication with two or more previous convictions, possession of marijuana, and criminal trespass.

During May, dispatchers at the sheriff's office processed 283 calls, including 124 for the county, 82 for City of Tahoka, 10 for City of O'Donnell, 23 for ambulances, 39 for animal control and five fire alarms.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 3	92	66	
June 4	102	66	
June 5	100	68	
June 6	92	69	
June 7	88	72	
June 8	75	61	1.24"
June 9	76	56	1.23"
Total Precip for Jan:			0.00"
Total Precip for Feb:			0.48"
Total Precip for Mar:			0.06"
Total Precip for Apr:			0.03"
Total Precip for May:			3.95"
Total Precip for June:			2.47"
Total Precip. for 2014:			6.99"

COMMUNITY RECEPTION SET JUNE 26:

Dr. George McFarland named lone finalist for Superintendent

by JUANELL JONES



Dr. George McFarland, an Abilene middle school principal, was named as the lone finalist for the superintendent's position at Tahoka Independent School District last Thursday night, in action by the TISD Board of Trustees. All seven trustees voted unanimously for the motion made by Michael Duncan to name Dr. McFarland as the finalist.

The TISD Board interviewed five candidates for the job, chosen from among a slate of 14 applicants. The superintendent search process was

guided by Gary Harrell, a former interim superintendent whom the board hired to conduct the search. Trustees interviewed three candidates on Tuesday and another two candidates on Thursday in closed sessions, and then returned to open session Thursday at 8 p.m. to take action.

"We had many strong candidates and it was a very difficult decision to make," said Dr. Cathy Box, President of the Board of Trustees. "We have high regard for our current administration, teachers and staff and know that Dr. McFarland will be a great addition to our team at Tahoka ISD," she told *The News*.

The Board must wait 21 days after naming a finalist to offer a contract to the candidate, which would be Thursday, June 26. Trustees have scheduled a meeting for the 26th with the issue on the agenda, and are also hosting a reception after the meeting, from 6-7 p.m. at the Harvick Building, to introduce Dr. McFarland to the community.

"Community members, faculty, staff, and students are all invited and encouraged to come meet Dr. McFarland at the reception," said Dr. Box.

"I want to thank the Tahoka ISD school board for naming me as the lone finalist," Dr. McFarland told *The News* via email. "I am honored to be considered worthy of serving as superintendent of a district which has had a rich tradition of excellence. My wife and I

look forward to becoming an integral part of the Tahoka community in more than just roles associated with jobs. I want parents and community mem-

bers to know that I have a passion for the success of all students, and I feel blessed to have the opportunity to serve the children and community of Tahoka," he added.

According to biographical information provided by Dr. McFarland, he graduated from Abilene High School in Abilene in 1986, and then attended Texas Tech University before transferring to the University of North Texas. He graduated from the University of North Texas in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education specializing in English and physical education.

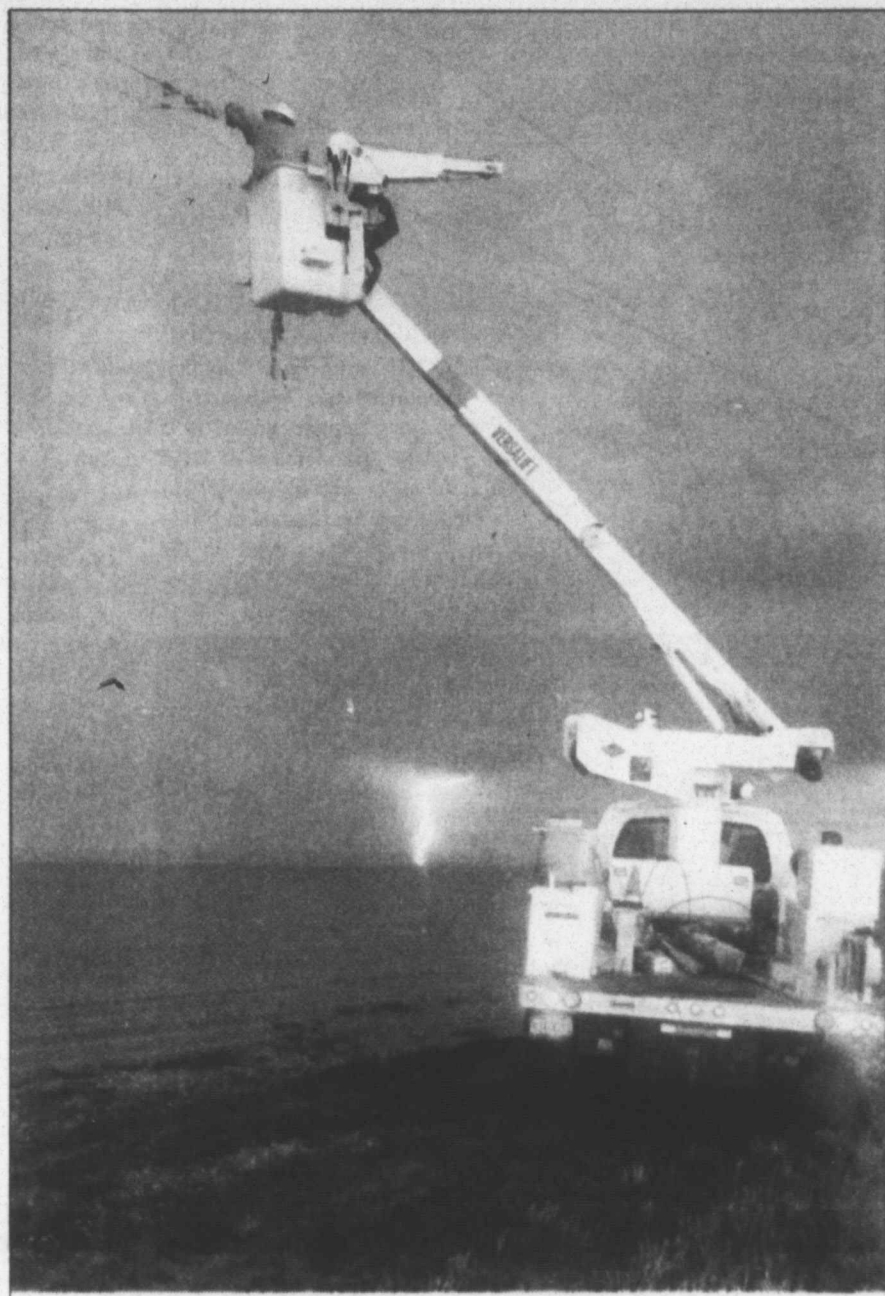
He began teaching and coaching in 1991 in LaMarque, Texas, and worked in various teaching and coaching roles prior to entering administrative roles. He enrolled in the Master of Educational Leadership program at the University of Texas at Arlington in January of 2008 and completed the entire 39-hour program by December 2008. In 2010, he enrolled in the Superintendent Certification program at the University of Texas at Permian Basin and received his superintendent certification in 2011. In the fall of 2012, he enrolled in the Doctoral program of Educational Leadership at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. He completed all requirements for his doctoral degree in the spring of 2014.

During his educational career, he

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Dr. George McFarland and wife Angela



Risky business ...

Lyntegar Electric Cooperative employee Jim Bray is in the bucket truck making repairs to electrical lines, as lightning flashes in the distance during the weekend thunderstorms that pounded the area, dumping another 2-3.5 inches of rain along with some hail, and high winds.

In Lynn County, the Lakeview and New Home areas were hardest hit on Saturday night, taking out power lines and overturning more than a dozen pivot systems. Young cotton was hailed out in a swath from Lakeview to near U.S. 87, according to Lynn County Commissioner Danny Martin, and Lubbock TV stations reported wind gusts up to 96 mph in the Wolfforth area.

This photo, taken by Lyntegar employee Slate May, was taken at daybreak Sunday, south of County Road 3 on FM 212 (east of Wilson, south of Slaton), as crews were making repairs.

Lyntegar reported a total of 2,957 meters off over their entire service area due to the storms, as well as two Draw and Hackberry Substations off due to an Xcel transmission outage. More than 30 poles were down, and crews worked throughout the weekend to replace lines as quickly as possible. Many New Home/Lakewview area residents were without power Saturday night, but most had been restored by Sunday evening.



Where in the world is The Lynn County News?

It's in New Zealand!

Cynthia and Ron Steele, *Lynn County News* readers in Lubbock, brought their newspaper with them on a trip to Queenstown, New Zealand on May 18. They are standing in front of a giant Kiwi at the wharf, which they said is the symbol for New Zealand. Cynthia is the daughter of Catherine Barham of Tahoka. *The News* is a long way from home - a flight distance of 7,763 miles!

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Words of inspiration:

I didn't fail the test. I just found 100 ways to do it wrong.

— BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



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Obituaries



James Thomas Aten

Services for James Thomas Aten, 85, of Grassland were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 2014 at the Grassland Nazarene Church with Charlie Stice and James Miller, officiating. Burial was at Grassland Cemetery. He died Tuesday, June 3. Services were under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home, Post.

James was born August 19, 1928 in Lynn County to Henry and Era (Thomas) Aten. He married LaVerne Furr, daughter of Woodrow and Velma (McCarty) Furr, September 15, 1955 in Post. He graduated Post High School at the age of 16. He was a member of the Grassland Nazarene Church, and served on the Church Board and played the vio-

lin and guitar for the song service and also sang in the choir. He served as president of Grassland Water Supply for several years and also on the Grassland Butane Inc. board. James was a very talented musician and knife maker. He farmed in the Close City Community and Grassland Community.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Ted Aten and his parents.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years: LaVerne Aten; one son Mike Aten and his wife Julie; one daughter, Terri Aten; one grandson, Larry Don Lee and wife Virginia; and two great-grandchildren, Seth and Samantha, all of Grassland.

Pallbearers were Terry Laws, Joby Long, G.B. Wilke, Robbie Wilke, Delbert McCleskey and Bill Aten. (PAID)



Elvira F. Sanchez

Services for Elvira Fuerte Sanchez, 84, of O'Donnell, were held at 10:00 am Monday, June 9, at St. Pius X Catholic Church in O'Donnell. Burial was at O'Donnell Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home. She died Sunday, June 1, 2014, in Sanford Medical Center, Fargo, ND.

Elvira was born December 23, 1929, in Wharton, where she grew up and attended school. On June 29, 1954, she married Lee Sanchez Sr., in Houston. They lived in O'Donnell for several years. Elvira had enjoyed traveling over the past several years to visit her children and many grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Sanchez Sr. (April 1998); sons, Joe and Fred-

dy; daughter, Janie; and grandsons, Ricky Serrato, Martin Sanchez Jr., Henry Trevino Jr, and Daniel Trevino.

Survivors include her children, Steve Serrato of Baird, NE, George (Rebecca) Jimenez of Seagraves, Fanny Nitchman of Houston, Anna Wondur of Torington, WY, Lilly Trevino of Dilworth, MN, Lee Sanchez III of O'Donnell, Martin Sanchez of Lubbock, Celestina (Ruben) Salinas of Glyndon, MN, Nora (Larry) Sanchez of Katy, Bobby Sanchez of O'Donnell, Charles (Priscilla) Sanchez of Rio Grande City, and Tina (Aaron) Coggins of Dilworth, MN; and 50 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

by Dalton Woodwork



I AM HALF of a couple who almost never go to the movies, although I do view many movies on television. Our now-adult children think the last time I went to the theater to see a movie was for a silent film starring Charlie Chaplin, or perhaps a black and white movie, *No Time for Sergeants*, starring a young Andy Griffith (and that was a pretty humorous show, by cracky).

We broke the trend last week by attending a movie showing at one of the Lubbock multi-screen theaters, and let me say that going to a movie in Lubbock is not for senior citizens or anyone with sensitive eardrums.

The movie itself was great, when they finally got around to showing it. But for about 20 minutes before they start the featured film, they show what they call Previews of Coming Attractions, when they turn up the sound to incredible levels that made me want to go off and hide under a pillow someplace until they finished. Not only is the sound so loud it makes your eardrums bleed, but also the content of the coming movies is so awful that nobody (over age 50) in his right mind would want to see any of them. It's all special effects, blowing up cars and buildings and people and violence accompanied by booming, smashing and screaming.

One of the other movies being shown at the same time in that theater that day was *Godzilla*. We didn't see that one, but I'll bet the monster was so frightened by the loud noises of the previews that he was tame as a puppy dog during the regular feature.

I thought it was pretty ironic that during the previews they inserted a plea for people in the theater to "Please turn off your cell phones, so others in the theater can enjoy the show." You could have landed a jet plane behind row 15 and had Roseanne Barr standing back there butchering the Star-Spangled Banner at the top of her voice and nobody would have heard them over the stupid previews.

The movie, *Heaven Is For Real*, was very good, although the previews had damaged my hearing so badly I couldn't understand every word. Anyway, if we go to another movie theater, I plan to wait until about 15 minutes after the announced starting time, so I can miss the obnoxious previews. My ears still hurt from the last time.

Blood Drive to be held June 23

A community blood drive will be held from 2:00 to 5:30, Monday, June 23, at the Lynn County Hospital District parking lot.

Please sign up and register for a time to donate before the event to by going online at www.bloodhero.com (use sponsor code: Lynn).

"Dairy Max has graciously provided United Blood Services with awesome grey t-shirts, squeeze cows, pamphlets, and other items to give to donors during the month of June," stated a United Blood Services representative. Also, according to United Blood Services, all donors will be entered into the June "Arlington Getaway" for a chance to win a 4 pack to Six Flags, hotel, and gas.

Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Additional height/weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and donors who are 16 must have signed permission from a parent or guardian. Please bring photo ID and donor card.

Citywide cleanup begins here Friday

The City of Tahoka is initiating a citywide cleanup by providing extra-large containers in several locations for citizens to dump furniture, mattresses, tree limbs and other debris. The large bin will first be available on Friday, June 13, in the northeast section at 1101 N. 7th (near Pleasant Grove Baptist Church). The bin will be in this location for two weeks, and then moved to another location to be announced. Residents of Tahoka are encouraged to place unwanted items in the bins, excluding metal, batteries, tires, hazardous materials, and paint.

Frances Truehart, Code Enforcement for the City of Tahoka, reminds citizens that they are responsible for any items that they may place in their alleys.

"If you have piled/collected items in the alley for pickup, you may place these items in the cleanup bins, otherwise, you are responsible to haul the items to the landfill as the City does not remove items any longer," she added. To have metal items picked up please call the Code Enforcement Office at City Hall, 561-4211.

She also asks local residents to keep weeds and grasses mowed to help keep the mosquito population under control.

"Hooray for the rain! But with rain the weeds are growing - weeds/grasses over 12" are in violation of City Ordinances and invite mosquitoes, mice, and general unwanted varmints," said Truehart. "Please remove weeds/grasses around items (trees, trash bins, etc), along fence lines, in alleys, and along roadways. Please help keep Tahoka beautiful!" she added.

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New wastewater treatment plant completed for Wilson community

by JUANELL JONES

Wilson city officials celebrated the completion of their new wastewater treatment plant and lift station last Thursday afternoon, hosting ribbon cutting ceremonies at the new facility at 2 p.m. The \$1.7 million project took five years to complete, from the application process for funding and through the design and construction phase, and replaces a system that was 50 years old.

"We are pleased to celebrate the completion of this project for the City of Wilson," said Mayor Donald Klaus. "We've had many meetings throughout this project, and have had lots of help from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), and everyone involved in the design and construction aspects of the project," he added.

Butch Davis, representing Parkhill Smith & Cooper, Inc., engineering firm for the project, spoke briefly to the city officials and residents gathered at Wilson City Hall for opening ceremonies, commending the city officials for their dedication and commitment in seeing the project through to completion. Jeff Dunsworth, representing

TWDB, through which the city was awarded a low-interest loan for the facility's construction, commended city officials for the project.

"I would venture to guess that this project is the largest project undertaken by this city in many years, or maybe ever," Dunsworth told the crowd. "And I can honestly say this is the first ribbon cutting I have been to for a wastewater treatment plant," he said with a smile, bringing laughter from the 20+ gathered for the ceremony.

Wilson residents and city officials, however, are justifiably pleased that the community has a modern, reliable wastewater treatment facility that will serve the citizens of Wilson well into

the future. While the project may not be a glamorous addition to the city, it is absolutely essential for the infrastructure of the community.

The city also has a new lift station, built with a \$250,000 grant from the Texas Dept. of Agriculture. The lift station will provide service to the entire city of Wilson by pumping all wastewater collected in town to the new wastewater treatment plant. The lift station is located west of the Texas Coop Gin in Wilson and is equipped with two new sewage pumps and pipeline to efficiently pump the city's wastewater.

The new wastewater treatment plant consists of a 135'x330' facultative lagoon and storage pond system. Wastewater pumped from the lift station travels slowly through the facultative lagoon, allowing solids to settle to the bottom, and the treatment process begins.

Following initial treatment in the lagoon, the wastewater moves to the 140'x320' storage pond. The treated wastewater in the storage pond is used to



Ribbon cutting ... Wilson city officials and others involved in building the new wastewater treatment plant for Wilson are pictured in front of the storage pond at the plant, for ribbon cutting ceremonies last Thursday. Mayor Donald Klaus (fourth from right) is cutting the ribbon. From left are Butch Davis, engineer from Parkhill Smith & Cooper, Inc.; Luis Farias and Jeff Dunsworth, Texas Water Development Board (funding agency for the project); Sean Appleton, City of Wilson Water Dept.; Helen Stephenson and Pat Cates, Wilson City Council; Mayor Klaus; Susann Follis, City Secretary; David Maldonado, Wilson City Council, and Kori Welch, engineer from Parkhill Smith & Cooper, Inc. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Wilson ceremonies ... Wilson Mayor Donald Klaus welcomed citizens and representatives from the Texas Water Development Board and Parkhill Smith & Cooper, Inc. engineering firm, at ceremonies at City Hall last Thursday, prior to a ribbon cutting at the new wastewater treatment plant in Wilson. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



New wastewater plant ... Kori Welch, an engineer from Parkhill Smith & Cooper, Inc., is pictured in front of the facultative lagoon at the new wastewater treatment plant in Wilson, as she explains the treatment process. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

irrigate 25 acres of agricultural land. Both the facultative lagoon and the storage pond are lined with a 60-mil plastic liner to prevent groundwater contamination.

"Yearly operation and maintenance costs should be very minimal as the wastewater treatment plant has no moving parts, except for two irrigation pumps," explained Kori Welch, an engineer for the project, with Parkhill Smith & Cooper, Inc.

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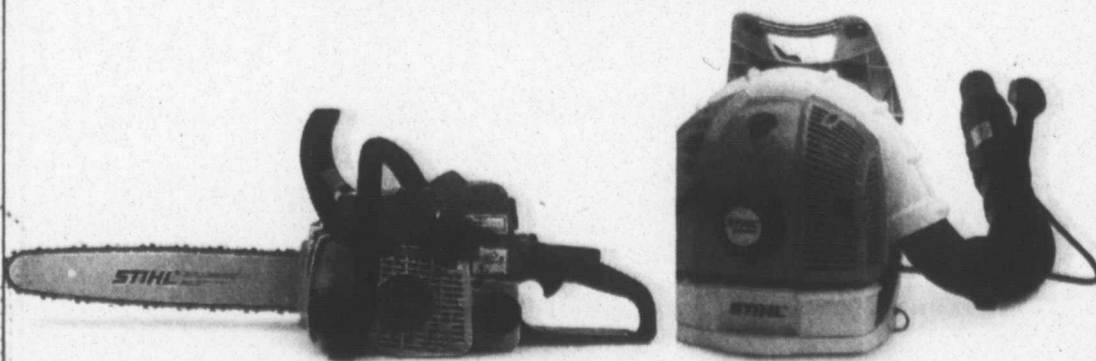
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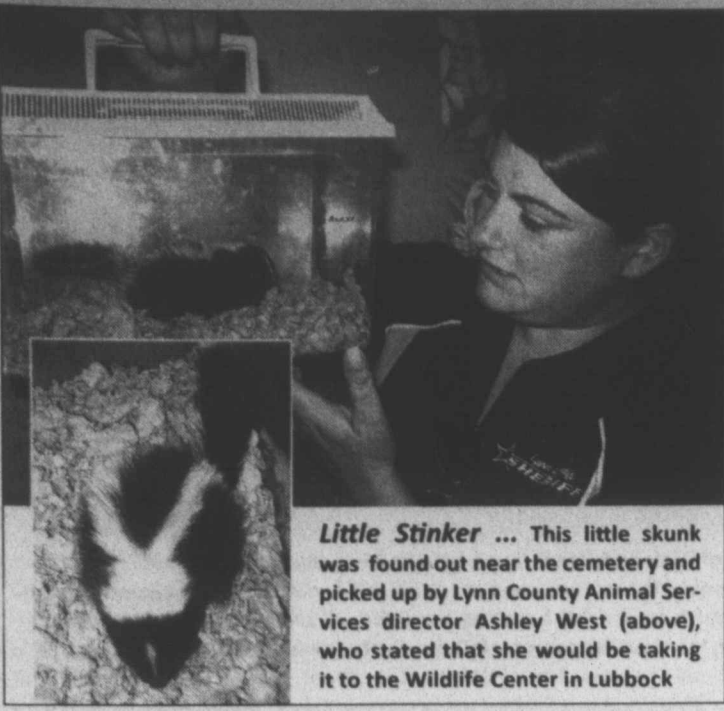
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Little Stinker ... This little skunk was found out near the cemetery and picked up by Lynn County Animal Services director Ashley West (above), who stated that she would be taking it to the Wildlife Center in Lubbock



Working overtime ... Lyntegar employees worked throughout the weekend to repair electrical lines in many areas after thunderstorms caused power outages. This photo, taken June 5, was after a thunderstorm collapse with high winds near Pleasant Hill (6 miles west of Wellman) that took out poles and power lines and shut off power to 542 meters at Pleasant Hill and Jess Smith Substations (Seagraves). There were 20 linemen working diligently Saturday and Sunday to replace lines or backfeed from other substations to get the electricity back on as quickly as possible in the Lyntegar service area. The crews worked 350 hours between the 20 linemen, and there were 11 trucks out working. Lyntegar reported between 30-40 poles down from the storm.

(Lyntegar Photo by Slate May)

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Fireworks not banned this year

by JUANELL JONES
 Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday morning at the courthouse to consider several routine agenda items, one of which was whether to act upon a fireworks ban for the upcoming July 4th Independence Day holiday. After some discussion, commissioners decided not to issue a ban on fireworks this year for the rural unincorporated areas, since recent rains have alleviated much of the fire hazards.

City residents, however, should be aware that most cities (including Tahoka) have city ordinances banning the shooting off of fireworks within the city limits.

In other business, commissioners approved bids from Guardian for security camera systems at the county's weigh station and annex building, and approved a resolution requested by Texas Farm Bureau supporting opposition to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rules defining "waters of the United States" in the Clean Water Act. The resolution

suggests that the proposed rules would infringe upon the sovereignty of states to appropriately regulate waters of the state, and infringes upon private property rights.

Commissioners approved a funding agreement with the Texas Historical Commission (THC) for the grant funding for electrical repairs at the courthouse. The THC awarded Lynn County a \$179,204 emergency grant through its Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. The grant funds will be used to upgrade electrical wiring throughout the courthouse offices, as well as some masonry repair to the terra cotta above some exterior doorway entries of the courthouse.

County Judge Mike Bradlock led the meeting with all commissioners present, as well as other county officials.

Letters to the Editor

Wilson ISD concludes another successful year for students

As we bid goodbye to another successful school year, we at Wilson ISD would like to extend a very big thank you to all that have supported the educational efforts of our administration, our teachers, and especially our students!

The partnerships developed with the various agencies and businesses, the different universities, and the community, have allowed our students wonderful opportunities to prepare for the world of work and for career/college readiness.

All students are finishing the school year on a very positive note as all have been engaged in exciting and fun activities such as the Fantastic Science Fair headed by Mrs. Valdez. Several students from different grade levels participated in the event and demonstrated their science skills to parents, teachers, and fellow students. What a learning experience and exciting day it was for all!

Other students have been involved in fun and exciting activities such as "The Amazing Race," "Field Day/Playday," "The Talent Show," "Bring Your Own Board Game Day," "GT Fieldtrip," and "College Signing Assembly." All students were looking forward to our Awards Assemblies and of course our Seniors were anxious for their graduation night!

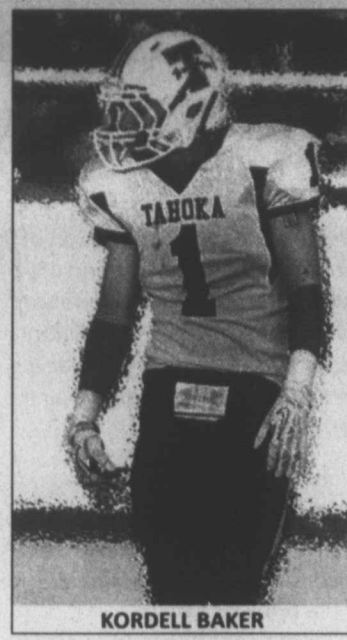
As summer vacation days approach and we are thinking of vacation trips and relaxing days, let us not forget that Wilson ISD will offer summer school classes from Monday, June 9 through Thursday, June 26, 2014. Classes will start at 8:30 a.m. and finish at 11:30. Students will have breakfast 8:00-8:30 and lunch 11:30-2:00 noon. Both meals are free of charge. Classes will be offered Monday through Thursday for each of the three weeks of summer school.

To those staff members that are not returning, we want to say thank you for the support and motivation that you have given our students at Wilson ISD! We wish you well in your new and challenging endeavors!

We want to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. See you next year!

-- Bill Gonzales

Wilson ISD District Coordinator of School Improvement/Home Liaison

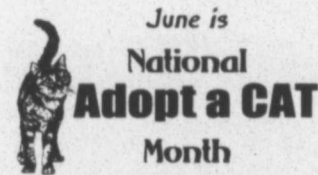


KORDELL BAKER

Baker selected to play in Greenbelt Bowl

Kordell Baker, a 2014 graduate of Tahoka High School, was selected to play in the 65th Greenbelt Bowl to be held Saturday, June 14 in Childress. He is the son of Bianca Baker.

Baker was nominated by a coach and was chosen by the Childress Rotary Greenbelt Bowl Committee to participate in this event. He was chosen among a select few who will be playing football in June perhaps with a scholarship opportunity on the line. Baker is sponsored by the Tahoka Rotary Club and the Tahoka Athletic Booster Club. For more information visit www.greenbeltbowl.com.



June is National Adopt a CAT Month

OHS students selected to State OAP Honor Crew

O'Donnell high school juniors, M'Kayla Motley and Izia Rios, were selected to participate in the State UIL One-Act Play Honor Crew during the recent state contest held in Austin, May 19-21, 2014.

The OAP Honor Crew was initiated in 1977 when the State Office invited high school theatre arts students to serve on the State Meet One-Act Play Contest production staff. This highly successful program is available to students from all UIL member high schools. Students are nominated by their school and 40 are selected by the UIL committee. This experience for outstanding theatre arts students has provided enrichment for the entire school program for those participating. This recognition is a deserving addition to the Texas secondary theatre arts program. Honor Crew Members of the State Meet OAP staff are involved in a learning experience otherwise available only to State Meet participants.

Duties for Motley and Rios included working the set and props and opening the curtain for performances and rehearsals.

The State UIL Academic Meet also had an Honor Crew for the speech tournament. Juniors, Kristyn Edwards and Jerrod Jaquess, applied and were selected among 50 students from throughout the state for the recognition. They served as room monitors and timers for speaking events including Prose, Poetry, Informative Speaking and Persuasive Speaking.

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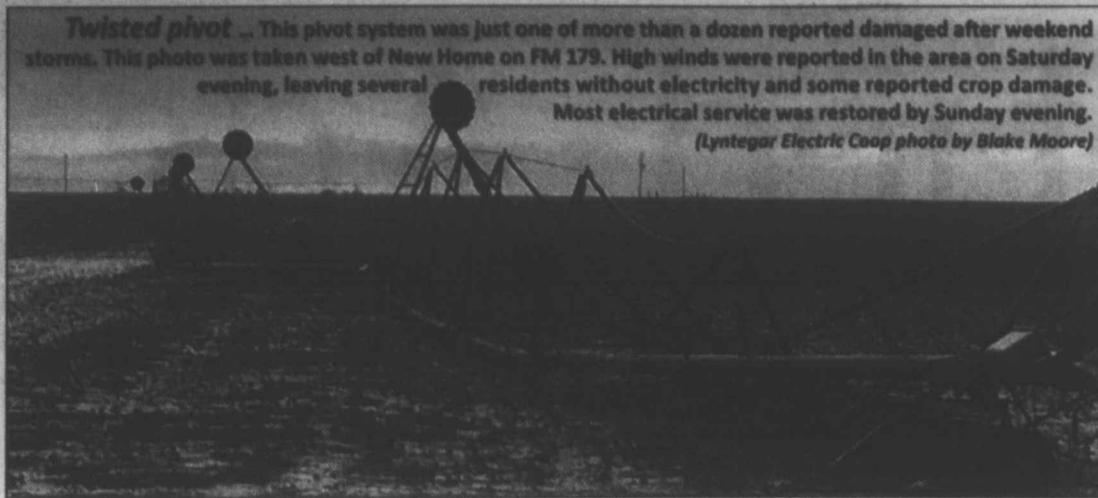
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has been a teacher of English, biology, chemistry, and physical education. As a coach, he coached in all levels of junior high and high school, eventually occupying the role of head football coach and athletic coordinator for a 5A high school. As an administrator, he has held the role of assistant principal, high school principal, and currently is a middle school principal in Abilene ISD for a campus of over 900 students.

Dr. McFarland and his wife Angela have three children - Blake is a police officer in Lubbock, Brock is currently attending Harding University, and Kayla will attend Texas Tech University in the Fall of 2014.



Twisted pivot ... This pivot system was just one of more than a dozen reported damaged after weekend storms. This photo was taken west of New Home on FM 179. High winds were reported in the area on Saturday evening, leaving several residents without electricity and some reported crop damage. Most electrical service was restored by Sunday evening. (Lynntegor Electric Coop photo by Blake Moore)

News from... **Tahoka Rotary Club**

Tahoka Rotary Club meeting was held June 5, and was called to order by Club President Jana Bishop. Twenty-four members and a guest were present this week.

The program was given by Steve Sanders, Chief of the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department. He shared many stories about his experiences on the VFD and had the club laughing during most of his presentation. He also shared some of the sad stories from his experiences with the VFD; but also told how he had seen Jesus in those times. He informed the club that wildfires are still a major concern for the area and also that the New Home VFD needs help. They are getting organized again and there is very little protection in the New Home area. Steve also said that the Tahoka VFD is need of a truck that will "flow some water." He shared that the Tahoka VFD will be having a raffle and a fish fry this fall and the money will go towards the purchase of a new pumper truck.

The club meets Thursdays at 12:05 p.m. in the Life Enrichment Center. Anyone interested may come to a meeting.

TDCJ Recruiter screening applicants in Lamesa

The TDCJ Recruiter will be screening Correctional Officer applicants in Lamesa at the Smith Unit on Tuesday, June 17 at 7:30 a.m. The Smith Unit is now offering a \$4000 Recruiting bonus.

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Let's pet the lizard ... Alana Baliga, from the Lubbock Science Spectrum, presented a wildlife program to youth at the free summer camp held the first two weeks of June at the school in Tahoka, sponsored by the Lynn County Juvenile Probation Office. Youth could pet a large lizard (bottom left photo) while they learned about the life and habits of a lizard, and Ms. Baliga also brought a tarantula (middle photo), a python and a tortoise to show the kids. Approximately 80 youth attended the camp that ended this week with pool parties at the city pool. (Photos provided by Lynn Co. Probation Office)

Farm Service Agency county committee nomination period begins June 15

The nomination period for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees begins Sunday, June 15, 2014.

"County committees are a vital link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture," said Ag Secretary

Tom Vilsack. "I hope that every eligible farmer and rancher will participate in this year's county committee elections. Through the county committees, farmers and ranchers have a voice; their opinions and ideas get to be heard on federal farm programs."

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area where the person is nominated.

Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others. Organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign the nomination form, FSA-669A. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. Nomination forms for the 2014 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2014. Elections will take place this fall.

While FSA county committees do not approve or deny farm ownership or operating loans, they make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees.

FSA will mail ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 3. Ballots are due back to the local county office by Dec. 1, 2014. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office on Jan. 1, 2015.

City waterline project enters design phase

by JUANELL JONES

The city waterline project, to replace underground waterlines throughout the city, has finally been approved for the planning portion of the project, and is now entering the design phase, Mayor John Baker informed Tahoka City Council members at Monday night's city council meeting.

City Administrator Jerry Webster told *The News* that the final category D in the planning phase has been approved, and it is anticipated that the design phase of the project should be completed by the end of August. When the finalized design plans are submitted to the state, Webster said, state officials must review and approve the plans before the construction phase can get underway. "It is supposed to take up

to 60 days to get approval from the state, but sometimes it can take longer. We hope to be ready to move on to the construction phase before the end of this year," said Webster.

Mayor Baker told *The News* that he hopes to have more news on a timeline for the project soon, and a more in-depth story will be printed when the information becomes available.

In other business, council members heard a presentation from Julia Allen regarding a contract between the A.C.T. Board (Advancing the Community of Tahoka) and The Retail Coach Company for an economic development project. The council approved a contract of up to \$3,000 with The Retail Coach Co. to conduct a survey of the community to determine what types of businesses could realistically be sought, and to follow up with training the A.C.T. Board on how to go about bringing these new businesses to Tahoka. The A.C.T. Board uses funds, upon city council approval, collected from a half-cent sales tax for such projects.

The council approved the appointment of a new member to the A.C.T. Board, naming someone from a list of choices presented by the A.C.T. Board, but declined to name the person until he could be contacted to give his consent to serve on the board.

The City Administrator was instructed to seek proposals for a CPA firm to conduct the city's annual audit, and to bring the proposals for consideration at a future council meeting. Monthly bills were approved, and the council named councilwoman Amy Preston as Mayor Pro-Tem.

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