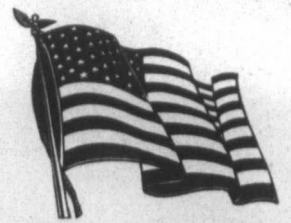




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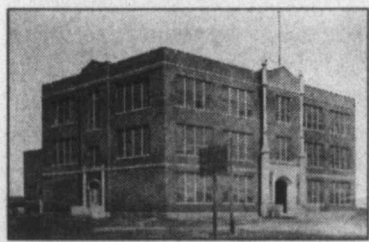
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## Demolition of the Tahoka ISD Middle School building is scheduled to begin July 2nd.

The process is anticipated to take about 8 weeks.

Reminder:

TISD Garage Sale is 7 a.m.-12 noon June 27-28 at THS Football Field with items from the middle school building.

## Did you know?

The Declaration of Independence and Constitution were hidden away during World War II. Both documents were packed up about two weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor, given a military escort and taken to Fort Knox in Kentucky, where they remained for several years.

There really is a message written on the back of the Declaration of Independence. In the movie *National Treasure*, a secret message written on the back of the Declaration is a key plot device. In reality, there is a visible message on the back that reads, "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776." It's not as dramatic as the movie, and experts believe it was a label added at some point when the Declaration was in storage.

## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 19	92	67	
June 20	92	68	
June 21	88	64	
June 22	95	69	
June 23	99	72	
June 24	100	76	
June 25	106	66	

To date: 15 days of triple digits!

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 8 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	0.01"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.03"
Total Precip for Mar:	1.50"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.10"
Total Precip for May:	1.60"
Total Precip for June:	0.83"
Total Precip. for 2018:	4.07"

## Car fails to make curve, strikes landscaping boulder

by JUANELL JONES

One traffic accident was reported in the Lynn County Sheriff's Office call sheets during the past week. A 1992 Oldsmobile 88 Royale traveling southbound on the west access road of US 87 approaching the cemetery overpass in Tahoka reportedly failed to make the curve and struck a large landscaping boulder adjacent to the road last Monday at 4:11 a.m. The driver was Elias Lee King, of Russell, Kansas. No injuries were reported, but the car had to be towed after the accident.

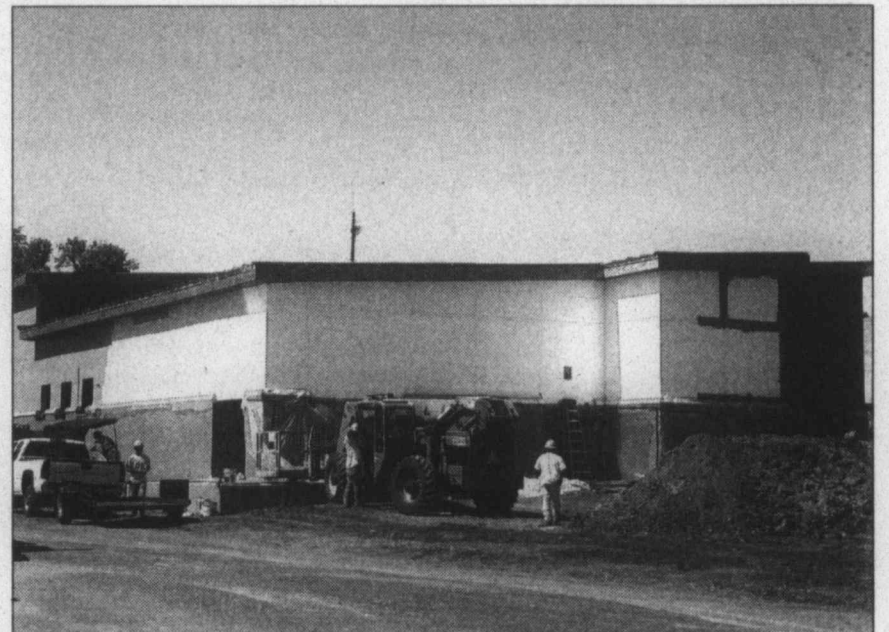
Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to a grass fire just north of Tahoka by the northbound lane of US 87. The fire was reported to have been caused by an 18-wheeler that lost a tire in a blowout. The fire caused damage to an electric fence on property owned by Todd Lockaby.

Sheriff's deputies responded to three domestic disturbance calls, with

one resulting in the arrest of a Tahoka man on charges of assault causing bodily injury to a family member, as well as interfering with an emergency request call.

A Wilson resident reported that someone had stolen a Fed Ex package off their front porch that contained a phone. The report came in at 10:28 p.m. last Wednesday.

Lynn County Jail held 40 inmates, including 26 held for Ector County, 1 for Dawson, 1 for Crosby, and 12 for Lynn County. Local charges included one for FTA-Child Support, one for Assault Causes Bodily Injury to Family Member, two for Possession of drugs, one for DWI 3rd or more; one for Unauthorized Use of Vehicle, one for FTA for Possession of Marijuana, one for Driving While Intoxicated Application to Revoke Community Supervision, and two for Burglary of a Habitation.



**New auditorium ...** Construction work continues on the new Tahoka ISD auditorium, both on the exterior and interior of the building. The new auditorium is located on the high school campus in front of the gym. The old auditorium is going to be demolished, as it is located on the first floor of the three-story middle school building. The project is part of a \$9 million school bond capital improvements project that voters approved in May 2016, that included asbestos abatement and demolition of the existing three-story middle school building and auditorium, building and furnishing a new auditorium and one-story middle school, and for improvements to the elementary campus.

(LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

## ON OUR SIDE

### B-1 Bombers: "We practice and fly above you nearly every day"

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County citizens mostly don't see them, and only a few hear them, but they are there nearly every day. B-1 bombers from Dyess Air Force Base fly training missions over Lynn County, and Major Bob Stinson, Dyess Range Operations Officer, says, "We practice and fly above you nearly every day. Right now, at any given time, there are as many as two to four aircraft above you."

Maj. Stinson and others from Dyess Air Force Base presented information about the training missions to a small, but very interested, group of citizens last Thursday morning. They also presented a program to the Tahoka Rotary Club afterwards.

"My name is Major Bob Stinson, I go by 'Shotgun,' that's my call sign. I'm a weapons systems officer on the B-1. On this aircraft we have two pilots that sit up front behind those small windows, and two weapons officers like myself that sit just behind them. That is the makeup of the B-1. We always fly with four people on-board," he began.

"In our community outreach effort, we wanted to visit with our neighbors and let you know what we are trying to do with the airspace. I am here with Dwight Williams, Chief, Airspace Management at Dyess AFB, and David Garza, he's our Site Manag-

er and operates our electronic warfare complex, and Airman VanSyoc, our Public Affairs officer

"We are just out here to talk to you about what we do in your airspace. And if you want a flyby, just ask ... well no, not really," said Maj. Stinson with a smile.

"Y'all have been flying over us for over 20 years," said Marty Hammonds, who was seated with his wife Dina in the audience. "We live southeast of Tahoka," he explained.

"Well, okay, we do flybys ... so, if you want to go down to his property and sit on his porch, we may show up once in a while," said Williams with a laugh, pointing towards the Hammonds.

"We've literally gone onto our knees and ducked our heads a couple of times - that's how low it seems y'all are flying - and every time we want to

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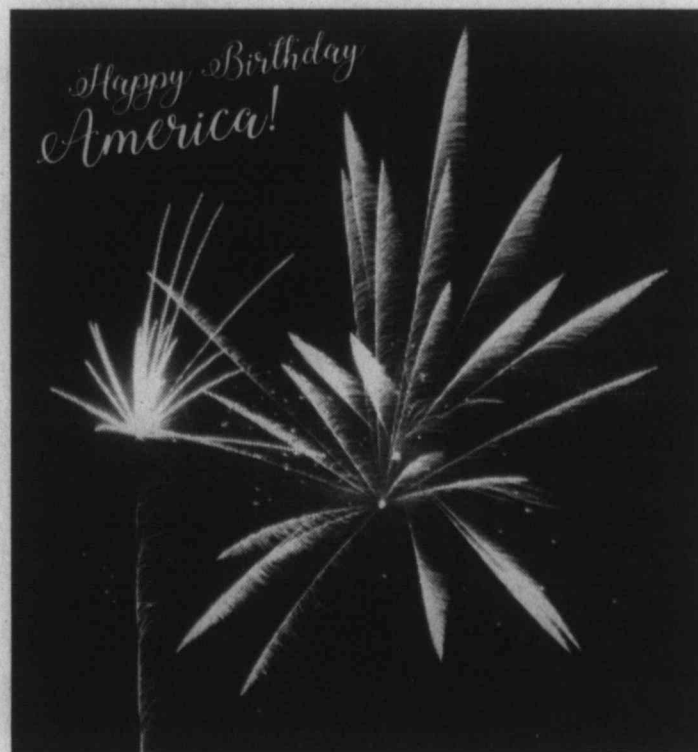
**Tahoka presentation ...** A small but appreciative crowd attended a presentation last Thursday about the Dyess AFB B-1 Bomber training missions over the Lynn County area, with information presented by Major Bob Stinson, Dyess Range Operations Officer (right), David R. Garza, Snyder ESS Range Manager (left), Dwight M. Williams, Chief, Airspace Management, and accompanied by SrA Rebecca VanSyoc, Dyess Public Affairs.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

From: Lynn County Sheriff Abraham Vega and area landowners

To: All individuals who will be setting off fireworks in rural areas of the county:

Enjoy your fireworks, but PLEASE PICK UP ALL FIREWORKS TRASH afterwards. Don't leave a mess that requires others to pick up after you - be good citizens and leave county roads and fields clean.



## Don't miss a great FIREWORKS SHOW IN WILSON, TEXAS SATURDAY, JUNE 30

Come to the Wilson City Park (on FM 211) for the show, which starts after 9:45 p.m. and lasts approximately 45 minutes

It's all FREE, thanks to St. Paul Lutheran Church! Bring lawn chairs for seating.



Did you know?

The Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 men from 13 colonies. Only John Hancock actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. All the others signed later.

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**Obituaries**



**Mona Carter**

Mona Carter, 48, passed away Friday, June 15, 2018 in Lubbock. Memorial services for Mona will be held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, June 30, 2018 at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel in Tahoka.

Mona was born June 13, 1970 in Albuquerque, New Mexico to James Boyd and Ida Melissa Reece Carter. She enjoyed playing Skip-Bo, reading, learning, going to school and being active in the feminist groups. Mona later went on to receive her Bachelor of Science in Human Development and in Family Science at Texas Tech on May 10, 2008.

She is preceded in death by her mother Ida Melissa Reece Carter on October 4, 2007.

She is survived by her father James Boyd Carter and stepmother Cherry Carter; two daughters Braxton Tillman and Raven Tillman; one brother, Kent (Misty) Kahl; three sisters, Amber (Donald) Proctor, Cerrice Michelle Minor and Heather Leah Carter; granddaughters Desirae Tillman, Azari Tillman and Zoey Moore; six nephews Evan (Soluna) Carter, Talon Reece (Kayla) Burns, Aaron (Martha) Rodriguez, Justin Rodriguez, Coy Gutierrez and Cash Kahl; great nephews Daniel and Alexander Carter and Josiah Rodriguez; two nieces, Jeslynn Rodriguez and Jenesis Rodriguez. (PAID)



**Margarito G. Chapa**

Margarito G. Chapa, 90, of Tahoka passed away on Wednesday, June 20, 2018. He was born on April 14, 1928 in Hutto, Texas to Manuel and Rosa (Gonzales) Chapa, Sr. He married Carolina Deleon on December 16, 1944 in Tahoka. He worked for the Tahoka Cotton Warehouse as an engineer until his retirement in 1990. He was a member of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church, Tahoka.

He is preceded in death by his parents; son-in-law, Jesse Torres, Sr.; grandson, Michael C. Torres; four brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife Carolina; sons, Adolph Chapa (Teresa) Andrew Chapa (Lisa); daughters, Manuela C. Torres, Frances Saldaña (Nick Jr.) and Christina Rangel (Sotero Jr.); brother, Jerry Chapa (Mary); sister, Carmen Chapa Lopez; 15 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Sunday June 24, 2018 from 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. Rosary was recited at 7:00 p.m. at Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka. Celebration of life services were held on Monday, June 25, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church, Tahoka with interment at Nevels Memorial Cemetery. (PAID)

**VBS set July 9-12 at First Baptist**

"Game On: Gearing Up for Life's Big Game" is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) at First Baptist Church of Tahoka. VBS is open to all children who have completed 1st-5th grades, and will be held July 9-12 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. nightly. A free meal will be offered in the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. each night, with registration and VBS Kickoff slated for Monday, July 9.

The VBS Registration form is printed in this issue of The News.

For more information, call First Baptist Church at 561-4557.

**THS Class of 78 40th reunion is being planned**

Planning for the THS Class of 1978 40th year reunion is underway. THS Homecoming is Sept. 7, 2018. Current plans for the reunion include a chicken fried steak dinner at Jolly Time restaurant on Friday, Sept. 7 from 4:00-6:30 p.m., and all members planning to attend are asked to RSVP for a meal head count by June 30.

After the meal, the class will meet at the football field for the game. After the game, the class will return to Jolly Time from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. for reminiscing, fellowship and dancing. DJ Pete Vallejo (Outlaw Entertainment) will provide music.

Further plans are pending for gathering at the Harvest Festival on Saturday, Sept. 8.

For more information, or to RSVP for the meal, contact Carlos Morales at (806) 577-9248, or email to jcmrlz59@aol.com.

**Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU**

July 4-8

**Monday:** Rigatoni w/ meat sauce, lima beans, salad, mandarin oranges

**Tuesday:** Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, watermelon

**Wednesday:** HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY! CLOSED

**Thursday:** Oven fried chicken breast, bow tie pasta, broccoli raisin salad, fruit cocktail

**Friday:** Cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, melon medley

Mark your calendars...

• **Game Day Tuesdays...** On Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. we will have game days. Dominoes, cards and you can also bring your favorite game!  
• Donations to benefit the Center for the building fund are greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible; we are a 501(c)3 organization. An account has been set up at the First National Bank of Tahoka.



**DONATIONS** to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are always greatly appreciated. LCDR EMS, Box 1310, Tahoka, TX

**Woodwork**

by Dalton (Reprinted from the past) Dalton Wood



I'VE OWNED more cars in my lifetime than anybody I know of, except maybe Jay Leno, who has 85 at last report, or Jerry Seinfeld, who reportedly owns 47 Porsches.

I've owned 60 vehicles, 59 of which I lost money on. I'm still driving the other one, and it now has more miles than any other car I ever bought new. I think I'm getting my money's worth on this one.

A couple of weeks back, an article in the newspaper supplement *USA Weekend* claims that the kind of vehicle you drive and the color of it tells a lot about you. It was written by Kathleen McCleary, and most of what she says is right on the money. Some of the findings/opinions I would question, and there are some other generalizations which don't apply to many of us, perhaps because we don't march to the same beat as most folks in our age, income or social brackets.

For example, the article says that if you drive a red sports car you are assertive or aggressive and strong; you are a CEO or a wannabe, and it may be saying "I'm young; I'm sexy; I have money."

Well, there's a woman in Tahoka (whose name I won't mention yet because I haven't asked her permission) who surprised most of her acquaintances by going out and buying a new red sporty muscle car of the type usually associated with teenagers. This lady, who has not been a teenager for more than a half century, says simply that "I always wanted a car like this."

I once bought a new red 1969 Chevrolet pickup, and I also once owned a new Honda Civic which was a sort of rose-color, kin to red. Neither of these shouted that I was affluent or aggressive.

When my son was in high school, I bought him a bright orange Dodge Dart with about a million miles on it, but that was not for me. Orange now means you are "on top of the trends," according to the article.

The story said people who drive silver vehicles "ooze class." Yellow screams "Look at me!", which, said the report, is why you don't see it on family sedans. It said yellow shows up on expensive SUVs and sports cars, and also says "I'm so rich I don't care what you think."

White, a longtime favorite, is for people who like to blend in. Black means power and aggression, blue or green means conservative.

The article says women make 52 per cent of new car purchases and that they prize safety and reliability, and are more practical about cost than men.

"When men buy a car, the question is, 'Should I spend \$25,000 or \$45,000?' and when women buy a car they ask 'Should I spend \$25,000 or just spend \$18,000 and put \$7,000 into a new kitchen?'"

Well, I can't totally disagree with that either, except the last part should have been, "Should I just spend \$18,000 and go out and buy 70 more pairs of shoes for my closet?" --April 6, 2001

HALF OF MY daughters stayed here and worked and the other half went to Austin to help her own daughter get situated at UT last week. The half which left was the news editor half, and she left it up to me to handle all the stories just like I used to do.

I guess I did it just like I used to, because I personally made some typographical errors (spelled funeral "funereal" in a caption on page one) and then made at least a couple of just plain dumb mistakes. One was in another caption regarding the dancing show put on by little Cameron Tekell, who was not three, as I guessed, but just about half that age, according to a relative who took the trouble to call me back so I would know, only I forgot to change what I had guessed his age to be. Oh, well. Performing in front of a crowd like the one at the centennial celebration can age a person in a hurry.

I also forgot to find out what happened at the county commissioners meeting, which my daughter had asked me to check on.

I did remember to go to lunch every day. -- June 26, 2003

**Green Memorial Park Cemetery**  
Green Memorial Park Cemetery will have its annual **DONATION DRIVE** during the month of June.  
Funds may be deposited directly to FirstBank & Trust or mailed to Green Memorial Park Cemetery, P.O. Box 102, Wilson, Texas 79381.  
The board of directors ~ Servando Benavidez, Brenda Dunn, Randy Dunn, Lester Gickhorn, Carolyn Klaus and Lester Walker would like to thank each of you for your past contributions and ask for your support to help keep the cemetery neat and attractive.



**Independence Day... A Day Of Celebration**

On June 11, 1776, the Continental Congress appointed a five man committee including Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Roger Sherman, Benjamin Franklin and Robert Livingston, to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

That document would become known as the Declaration of Independence and was officially adopted by Congress on July 4, 1776. Each July 4th, we celebrate this historic event and the birth of our great nation.



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on Saturday, June 30th  
at Wilson City Park • Wilson, Tx  
**EVERYONE IS INVITED!**  
Bring your lawn chairs or blanket and don't forget the bug spray!

## Commissioners rescind ban on certain types of fireworks

by JUANELL JONES

Commissioners met in regular session Monday morning, rescinding a vote taken June 11 that prohibited the sale/use of certain fireworks with sticks or fins. The vote was rescinded to comply with the state governor's office requirements. The rescinded vote means that county officials will not enforce any prohibitions on any types of fireworks during the July 4 holiday. Fireworks may be used in unincorporated rural areas, but not within city limits. Fireworks should not be used within a half mile of pastures, CRP, grassy and cover crop areas, because of the fire hazards in the dry grassy areas.

John Shanklin, an attorney representing Lynn County landowners Math and Linda Bartley, addressed commissioners, to present concerns about the condition of a portion of County Road 18 that is adjacent to Bartley land. Mr. and Mrs.

Bartley also attended the meeting, and spoke briefly after the attorney spoke on their behalf, telling county officials that the road was not being maintained as needed.

In other business, commissioners approved an Interlocal Agreement between Lynn County and South Plains Public Health District to designate the Tahoka Life Enrichment Center as a site to help facilitate operations during a public hazard event to address community needs.

Deputy Pete Vallejo presented the Sheriff's Office report, and monthly bills were approved as presented. No action was taken regarding the burn ban currently enforced in the county, which expires July 23.

Judge Braddock led the meeting, with commissioners Larry Durham, Don Blair, John Hawthorne and Matt Woodley present, as well as other county officials and guests.



**VBS in Wilson ...** First Baptist Church in Wilson held Vacation Bible School, with these helpers: Back row, Vanita Hobbs (teacher), Preston Chancy (leader), Zoey Bartley (leader), Trudy Burke (helper), David Burke (helper), Amber Rogers (teacher), Jenna Autry (teacher), Helen Stephens (teacher), Terri Covington (teacher), Tammy Bolyard (teacher), Carla Schmidt (leader), Lynn Schmidt (music), Billy Parmer (pastor). Front row: Tracy Kendrick (VBS director), Randee Autry (teacher).

## Texas Anti-Gang Center website seeks anonymous public reports

LUBBOCK — The Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Center in Lubbock launched a new website to assist the public with reporting gang related criminal activities in the Panhandle and South Plains.

To visit the website go to <https://stoplubbockgangs.org>.

The primary goals of this website is to: report criminal activity anonymously, educate the public regarding the threat of illegal gangs, inform young people of the dangers of joining a gang, assist parents with identifying children's behavior that may indicate gang interest and how to respond if they suspect gang involvement.

This is a multijurisdictional website supported by local, state and federal agencies which allows the public to submit anonymous gang related crime tips and wanted gang fugitive tips within the counties of Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Kent, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry and Yoakum.

"This website creates a partnership between the public and law enforcement by allowing the public to assist in deterring gang activity. We must remember gangs are involved in thefts, burglaries, assaults, sexual assaults, homicides, human trafficking, illegal drug activity and the list goes on. We can only stop this malice if we work together," stated a spokesperson.

## 'Did you know'?

The original capital of the United States was Philadelphia. Other than Philadelphia, Congress met in a number of locations from 1774 to 1790, meaning that each of the following cities were considered US Capitals at one time: Baltimore, Lancaster, PA, York, PA, Princeton, NJ, Annapolis, MD, Trenton, NJ, and of course Hawaii and Texas were each independent nations at one time and therefore had a variety of capitals of their own. Washington D.C. became the capital in 1790.



**Superheroes...** City-County Library superheroes Evelyn Hardt, Dalton Chapman and Priscilla Castillo have been working with children this summer at the Library. Story time is every Wednesday during the summer at 10:30 a.m. for infants thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

**"Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You."**

-- Dr. Seuss

## 'Did you know'?

Alaska has a longer coastline than all of the other 49 U.S. states put together. True story. Alaska is the largest state in the United States by area (more than twice the size of Texas, the next largest state) the 4th least populous and the least densely populated of the 50 states. About half of their population resides within the Anchorage metropolitan area. The US actually purchased Alaska from Russia in 1867 for \$7.2 million (equivalent to \$120 million in today's dollars). But Alaska actually wasn't admitted as the 49th state of the US until 1959. Only 20 percent of Alaska is accessible by road. Last but not least, Alaska actually has the lowest individual tax burden in the US, collecting neither state sales tax nor personal income tax.



**WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS**  
By Bonnie S. Schwetmer  
b.schwetmer@yahoo.com

The Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church was a blessing to many children this year! This church is active in its support of our community, but I think VBS is one of the most beloved activities of the year. Thanks to members of the church for making a difference in young lives.

The community fireworks, sponsored by members of St. Paul Lutheran Church, will be this Saturday, June 30, at dark. Bring your family and friends for some "Oohs and Aahs!"

## Please visit these Lynn County Churches

### Sweet Street Baptist Church

1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-5310  
DAVID EARNEST, PASTOR • (806) 438-5105  
Sunday School - 9:45 am  
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)  
Morning Worship - 10:50 am  
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)  
Wednesday Night - 6 pm  
(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

### New Home Church of Christ

324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7579  
MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON  
Bible Class - 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship Service - 10:45 am  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00 pm

### Tahoka Trinity Church

1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317  
PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD  
Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am  
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm  
Youth - Sundays at 7 pm  
For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317

### Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church

16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381  
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com  
PASTOR: DAVID W. ROLHE  
Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am  
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### Wilson St. John Lutheran Church

13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573  
Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation to our community and beyond.  
TONDA FREITAG, PLM  
Sunday School - 9:30 am • Sunday Worship - 10:45 am

### New Home United Methodist Church

Pastor Madoc Thomas  
(806) 470-2939  
emt@madocthomas.com  
350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383  
(806) 924-7549  
Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

### The Key to Enduring Hardship

God has given us many amazing promises in His Word. Yet, though we are assured of His steadfast love (Rom. 8:38-39), provision (2 Corinthians 9:8), and guidance (Prov. 16:9), He has not promised us an easy, trouble-free life. What we can count on, however, is that the Lord will work everything—including adversity—for our good (Rom. 8:28). Long before Paul wrote this word of encouragement to the church at Rome, Joseph learned the same principle by experiencing its truth. His affirmation of it, however, came several years after his unfair suffering had ended. In the midst of his difficulties, it's doubtful that he understood what God was doing in his life. The same is true for us. When our hearts and minds are agitated because of turbulent events, it's hard not to stare at circumstances in horror or confusion. But we must decide to believe what the Bible says about God's character, activity, and purposes. That choice forces our attention off the storm and onto the One responsible for ushering us safely through. In His presence, fears dwindle and doubts dissolve; peace and a sense of oneness with the Lord will take their place. Our responsibility is to keep our eyes on God and trust His Holy Spirit to provide strength, wisdom, and courage. Turning to the Lord will not necessarily bring an end to the hardship, but He will help us see that we are exactly where He wants us. He has a reason for the discomfort and desires that we grow in Christ through it. Whatever the situation, the safest place in the world is the center of His will.

**Do you need a church home?**  
Please visit one of the churches listed on this page. May the peace and love of God, in Christ, be with you.

### First Methodist of Tahoka

1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503  
email: fmoftahoka@poka.com  
SUNDAYS: Sunday School - 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)  
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### Let the Children Come

LICENSED CHILD CARE 7 am - 6 pm M-F  
561-4529

### Wilson First Baptist Church

1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333  
PASTOR: BILLY PARMER  
Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm  
Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday  
6:30 pm Wednesdays  
Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages  
• Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth

### Grassland Nazarene Church

2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656  
Pastor Genell Knisley  
(806) 201-0792  
Sunday School - 10:00 am  
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am  
Wednesday Prayer Service - 7:00 pm

### Draw First United Methodist Church

(established 1907)  
P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351  
Phone (806) 428-3357  
PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS  
Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

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**Scholarship winners ...** Patrick Herrera (top) and Kevin White (bottom), both 2018 Tahoka High School graduates, each received a \$1,000 Scholarship through the Lynn County Farm Bureau Scholarship program. Presenting the scholarships are from left Valton Stephens, Walt Hagood, and Tye Mason, board members of Farm Bureau.



**All-Star winners...** Congratulations to the New Home Majors baseball team who won the Little League District 38 All-Star tournament and advance to play in the sectional tournament starting June 30. Pictured front row from left are Graham Stanford, Brazos Beck, Dillon Carrillo; Middle row: Jake Fogerson, Jacob Meunier, Owen Morris, Dane Armes, Mason Turnbow, Jaxon Turnbow, and Nevin Mojica. Back row, Coaches Raymond Stanford, Mark Morris, and Chad Turnbow.



**Shooting fireworks? Pick up debris afterwards**

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**Local youth receive Farm Bureau scholarships**

With graduation comes a new journey, but it can be costly. That's why Lynn County Farm Bureau awarded \$2,000 scholarships to local youth. "We offer these scholarships to help our local youth," Farm Bureau President Walt Hagood said. "Trade School, college, and university educations can be expensive. Scholarships are our way to provide assistance. It's also our way to invest in the future of Texas." Patrick Herrera and Kevin White, both 2018 Tahoka High School graduates, received scholarships through the Lynn County Farm Bureau Scholarship program.

"These young men were selected based on their academic, scholastic and agricultural involvement," Hagood said. "We are proud of their commitment to their education and to agriculture." Herrera will attend Texas Tech and major in Chemical Engineering. White will be attending Wayland Baptist University and earn a degree to become a coach. "We are confident these students will continue to excel in their future endeavors," Hagood said.

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By Pam Elrod  
Excerpts taken from past issues of THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS.

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**Friendly Town project launched**

By Karl Prohl  
"Welcome to Tahoka. The Friendliest Town in the World." This is how four 30-foot signs will read on the highways leading into our city. The local merchants, backed by the Tahoka Rotary Club, began Wednesday with their project of making Tahoka the friendliest city in the world. Each stranger or visitor that stops in Tahoka will be given a "Welcome Badge" that will entitle him to a free cup of coffee at any of the cafes or drug stores. The guest badge will consist of a book of matches that can be placed on a shirt or coat pocket in the form of a badge. On the match cover will be inscribed: "This badge entitles you to honorary citizenship in our city and to a free cup of coffee at any of our coffee shops." Merchants and service station operators will have these badges to give to their visiting customers. The cafes and drug stores will have table placards that will be placed at the table of visitors so the local people will be able to recognize that the people are from out of town.

Whenever a person is seen wearing a yellow badge, it is the civic duty of all local citizens to get acquainted with that individual and invite him for a cup of coffee. The guest will present his badge to the cashier of the coffee shop he is patronizing. The idea of such a project originated with Calloway Huffaker, local Rotary President. Calloway was looking for something that would let people know about our town. The Rotary Club has taken the responsibility of having placards and badges made for the stores and will take care of the coffee tab. ~ August 24, 1962

**DPS Launches iWatchTexas Mobile App for citizens to report suspicious activities**

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) today announced the launch of the new iWatchTexas mobile application (app), which the public can use to report suspicious activities or behaviors that may indicate ongoing or future criminal or terrorist activity. The iWatch Texas program was created as a partnership between communities and law enforcement, and utilizes citizen-sourced tips related to criminal activity. DPS developed the new iWatchTexas mobile app at the direction of Governor Greg Abbott to make it easier for the public to report suspicious activity in Texas, including criminal, terrorist or school safety-related threats. "The new iWatchTexas mobile app is one of several solutions that Texas is implementing immediately to identify and report those who may pose a threat to

our schools and to our communities," said Governor Abbott. "Our law enforcement officers often rely on vigilant Texans to help keep communities safe, and this new tool will give everyone the ability to quickly and easily communicate with authorities and help prevent future tragedies." The app is now available for iPhone users on the Apple App Store (iWatchTexas) and for Android users on Google Play (iWatchTexas). "Amid the growing threats to public safety by malicious actors, we want to remind the public that they can be law enforcement's greatest resource to combat those intent on harming others, including innocent schoolchildren and administrators," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "By launching this new mobile app at the direction of Gov. Abbott, we are providing

an additional and easy way for the public to report any illegal or suspicious behavior, which may ultimately help save lives." The public can report suspicious behaviors through the iWatch Texas program via the new mobile app, online at [www.iwatchtx.org](http://www.iwatchtx.org) or by calling 1-844-643-2251. A report usually takes fewer than five minutes to complete, and once submitted, each report is reviewed by law enforcement analysts. All reports are confidential (providing contact information, which is optional, will allow for follow-up questions). Preparations for crime, terrorist attacks and threats to school safety may often be seen but not reported. When in doubt, speak up. Here are some examples of behaviors and activities to report:

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# On Our Side: B-1 Bombers ...

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jump up and wave our American Flag. That is the coolest thing!" said Mrs. Hammonds.

"Shhh. Our airspace manager is here," said Maj. Stinson with a grin, making the audience laugh. He added, "But it's a great incredible ride."

Williams, the airspace manager, chuckled with the audience, and then commented, "Where else could you see a \$300-\$400 million airplane going low and fast like that? Sell tickets!" he told the Hammonds.

"The best story I have about all this," said Hammonds, "is when we were just married. So Dina and I rented this farm,

and ya'll were doing the training missions. Back then it was a B-52, and we were in the living room, it was about midnight. There was a small window in the back of the house and big window in the front. I just saw this flash go through the house, and I was like, what is that? And all of a sudden the whole house went to shaking, and I look out the front window and all I can see are eight afterburners going up!" he said laughing. "It wasn't long after that we were at an air show and we were talking to the crew, and they said, yeah, they knew exactly where we lived!" he added with a smile.

"Lately there has been a lot of training activity, and there have been a couple of times that for whatever reason we don't hear ya'll until you are just about on top of us, and we've all got caught at times, because its crazy but it's natural instinct, you throw your arms up over your head and go to your knees, and at that second you're over, and it is so cool. It makes you really think about it, and gives you a renewed respect for what ya'll do. We welcome it, because if ya'll are not trained well, we won't get the protection and security that you provide. It makes us glad you're on our side!" commented Mrs. Hammonds.

Maj. Stinson explained that Dyess is a two-wing base.

"We have the B-1 which is the primary aircraft for the base, and the C130 cargo airplanes. They use the airspace as well, and they move a lot of equipment around this earth. I have some friends that have been to some remote places that I cannot even point to on a map, and I'm a navigator. We also have some test units on base that help us develop new things," said Maj. Stinson.

"Also on base we have the US Army and the Marine Corp as well. We are kind of a joint

ground. For my entire career, plus, starting in the late 1990s and definitely after 2001, close air support has become our bread and butter. That's what we do for the men and women that are out there fighting on the ground, and I can't tell you how many folks I've been talking with on the radio that I can hear machine gun rounds in the background as they're calling in for air support. So we go out there as air power, to defend the sons and daughters of our nation that are on the ground in closeup action."

the major explained.

The crews also train for bigger engagements, such

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— Major Bob Stinson, Dyess Range Operations Officer

base, and we do play with the Navy as well. We're a pretty complex base, with roughly about 5500 people that work on the base, but when you add in their families we are right about at 10,000 people. We have our own little city in some aspects. Abilene is a very good community and extremely supportive of us. As are others," he added. "When we go around and do these community visits, we get a lot of positive support. Every stop we've had, we see proud Americans and we love it," he said.

The training never ends at Dyess, said Maj. Stinson.

"We train constantly. We are there to provide combat ready forces to be ready at a moment's notice. When the hammer drops and the call is made, we're there. So we have to train a lot.

"We train for a whole bunch of different things, like air to air fights. In training, everything is simulated, there are no live missiles or live bombs. We will work with our other partners, like the Navy and others, and so we try to make it to our targets while they try to shoot us out of the air (simulated). That's part of what we do.

"Our bread and butter, though, is air to ground missions, dropping bombs off a jet, picking targets off on the

traditional warfare in hostile areas. Additionally, the crews practice air refueling, training on how to hook up and take on fuel in the air. "I've got lots of hours in the air. I've been in the air so long that when I finally got back on the ground I hardly felt like I was even human anymore," said Maj. Stinson with a grin. "That's all thanks to the tanker support that allowed us to stay airborne for that long. There are nights when I go to bed and realize it's been 28 hours since I woke up. We can extend out there for quite a bit.

"Then there's electronic warfare. So we train for a lot of different platforms, to train for how to go in and kick the door down on night one and go in there and basically, open the fight if you will.

"What we do to serve you is to take care of what needs to be taken care of when our nation calls," said Maj. Stinson, who told the group that he has served about 1500 hours in combat. He is a flight navigator and weapons systems officer, as well as the Range Operations Officer at Dyess.

"In the future, Dyess AFB is planning to have bigger quarterly training missions, having 10-12 aircraft in the air for one mission. That's really what we're trying to get to. To support



Combat ready ... This slide, part of a presentation in Tahoka last week, shows a diverse range of aircraft that can be found at Dyess Air Force Base, where men and women are training to serve our country.

that, we need additional sites for the electronic target simulations in 15-acre plots, so if there are any landowners in the area that would be interested in working with us we would be happy to sit down and talk with you about that process," he added.

He explained that on training missions, typically the B-1 bomber will be low (about 500 feet above ground level) for only about 15-20 minutes and moving at 600 mph, so it's very fast over any particular point. They generally do four sorties a day, with multiple planes, with a mix of daytime and night time training.

"We want to be good neighbors to you, but yet continue to do the training that we need to do. We want to be good custodians of the resources that we are given," stated the major.

He also explained that cooperative landowners in the Snyder area are needed for training missions for the C-130s.

"Our C-130 brethren are looking more land in the Snyder area. They need to train for dropping cargo in a target area. A big portion of what they do is resupply the troops on the ground. And if you're on the ground and you've got people shooting at you, you want those cargo pilots to be able to drop those cargos right next to you, instead of further away where somebody might get a chance to shoot at you. So these guys train for that, and they are really good at it. But they are looking to establish new drop zones - about 600 acres is what they are looking for to lease out. Essentially they fly by, and push the cargo out of the back, and they have a catch team at the site to pick it up and then drive away with it. So if you know any landowners down towards the Snyder area that would be interested, please reach out to us. We would appreciate it," he said.

To contact Maj. Bob Stinson at Dyess AFB, call (325) 696-8090, or contact Dyess Airspace Manager Dwight Williams at (325) 696-3666, or David Garza, Snyder WEC, at (325) 696-8910/8911.

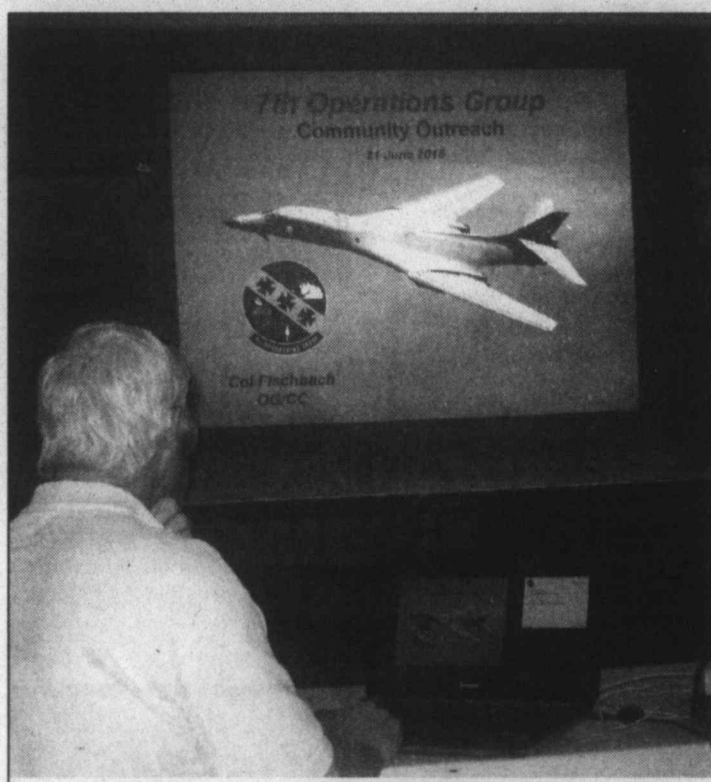
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B-1 Bomber ... Dwight M. Williams, Chief, Airspace Management, presented slides while Major Bob Stinson, Dyess Range Operations Officer, presented information to interested county citizens. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Electronic warfare sites ... Major Bob Stinson spoke about the electronic warfare locations in the Snyder area, as well as off-site locations near Post, Union, Hermligh and Lake Thomas where Dyess AFB has set up electronic targets for B-1 bomber training missions. An electronic site is located in southern Lynn County as well, which Dyess does not currently use, but has plans to use in the future. All targets and bombings are electronic simulations only, with no live weapons being used. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

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 Siblings Attending? Please include their names and ages on the line below: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Needs/Allergies/Other Concerns \_\_\_\_\_  
 T-Shirt Size (PLEASE SPECIFY YOUTH OR ADULT SIZE) \_\_\_\_\_