

A long time ago ...

Early pioneers gathered during the founding of Tahoka and Lynn County in 1903. Twelve years after the founding, citizens voted to incorporate the City of Tahoka. On June 20, 2015, the City will celebrate its 100th year of incorporation. See story below.



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Father's Day Program for dads & kids at the Tahoka City-County Library on Friday. (See photo, page 3)

Youth Baseball Camp offered here June 4-5

The Tahoka "STF" (Start To Finish) Baseball Camp will be held Thursday and Friday, June 4-5 for youth ages kindergarten through 8th grades, at the Tahoka High School baseball field, under the direction of THS Baseball Coach Stephen Overstreet.

Topics to be covered at the camp include hitting, fielding, pitching and base-running. Cost is \$25, which includes a camp t-shirt. Pre-registration is preferred, but not required, by contacting Coach Overstreet at 806-777-5754, or just come the first day of the camp.

Session 1, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. both days, is for youth in Kindergarten through 3rd grades; Session 2, from 10:15-11:45 a.m., is for youth in 4th-6th grades; and Session 3, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m., is for youth in 7th-8th grades.

"Please do not let money be an issue that would keep your kids from coming to our baseball camp," said Overstreet. "We will work something out - this is for the kids!" he added.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

| Date | High | Low | Precip. |
|--------|------|-----|---------|
| May 26 | 75 | 55 | 0.30" |
| May 27 | 85 | 58 | |
| May 28 | 87 | 66 | |
| May 29 | 78 | 57 | 0.52" |
| May 30 | 81 | 57 | 0.35" |
| May 31 | 73 | 55 | |
| June 1 | 80 | 55 | |

(Precipitation measured as of 8 a.m. that day)

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|-------------------------|--------|
| Total Precip for Jan: | 1.70" |
| Total Precip for Feb: | 0.89" |
| Total Precip for Mar: | 0.53" |
| Total Precip for Apr: | 2.10" |
| Total Precip for May: | 12.83" |
| Total Precip. for 2015: | 18.05" |



Gravel truck overturns... This 2001 Freightliner (in background) driven by an El Paso man and carrying a load of gravel overturned Monday morning at the intersection of U.S. 380 and FM 1328 west of Tahoka. There were no injuries.



Ribbon cutting ... County Judge Mike Braddock did the honors at the ribbon cutting ceremonies Monday, kicking off the City-County Library's Summer Reading Club that began June 1st and continues through Aug. 7 for youth who have completed K-6th grades. Pictured are some of the youth who are participating.

Traffic accidents, thefts reported during week

Law enforcement officers investigated three traffic accidents on highways in Lynn County in the last week, as well as a variety of thefts of items including lawn mowers, cash, lottery tickets and liquor.

There were no injuries in any of the accidents. On Monday, about seven miles west of Tahoka, a 2001 Freightliner hauling a load of gravel in a semitrailer, overturned at the intersection of U.S. 380 and FM 1328. An investigating state trooper said the driver, Eduardo Olivas-Lerma, 45, of El Paso, was headed south on 1328 and was unable to stop at the intersection, losing control and overturning. Unsafe speed was considered a factor.

Around noon Monday, a 2010 Lexus headed north on U.S. 87 north of Tahoka about three miles went off into the muddy median and stuck there, but did not overturn. Driver Jaanki Khandelwal, 21, of Odessa, said she was sleepy and inadvertently drove off the highway.

On Saturday, five miles south of Tahoka on U.S. 87, one vehicle rear-ended another. There were no injuries, but one person involved was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another county.

Two liquor stores in Tahoka reported Tuesday night, May 26, that female suspects had come into their stores and stolen two bottles of liquor from each business. Police talked to two suspects, who admitted the thefts from CDS Liquor Store and Papa Joe's. Police said the cases would be forwarded to the county attorney's office for prosecution.

On Monday, a worker at Stripe's

Convenience Store told police an identified suspect was seen taking \$80 cash and cigarettes from the store. Investigation was continuing.

Jonathan Luna told police that a self-propelled Craftsman lawnmower valued at \$550 had been stolen from the front porch of his residence on N. 8th St. in Tahoka. And sheriff's officers were advised by Don Maines of Wilson Friday that a Wal-Mart brand push mower had been stolen from his residence.

Police on Monday talked to a man being treated at Lynn County Hospital for chest and arm injuries he said were caused during an altercation with another Tahoka man. Police indicated that charges would be filed. It was noted that both the men involved are disabled.

Sometime last month, unknown suspects stole 25 Texas Lotto scratch off tickets from a safe at Allsup's convenience store in Tahoka, police were advised Friday.

Lynn County Jail was holding 38 persons early this week, including 23 for Ector County and 3 for Dawson County. Recent arrests were for driving while intoxicated, disorderly conduct, assault causing injury to a family member, failure to appear, possession of a controlled substance, and failure to identify to a peace officer.

The communications office at the Sheriff's Dept. handled 311 calls in May, including 163 for the county, 81 for the City of Tahoka, 36 for animal control, 28 for EMS, and 3 for the Tahoka VFD.

Countdown to City Centennial: 16 days to June 20th Celebration

by JUANELL JONES

Don't spit on the sidewalks in Tahoka! One of the first ordinances passed by the council of the newly-incorporated City of Tahoka prohibited spitting on the sidewalks, which apparently was a natural inclination of the early pioneers who inhabited the young town of Tahoka in 1915. The fine for spitting? \$5.

In the 100 years that have passed since then, city officials throughout the years have added many more ordinances designed to better regulate life in the community, and strive to serve its citizens with integrity and wisdom. On June 20, 2015, the City of Tahoka will host a Centennial Celebration marking the 100th year of the incorporation of the City of Tahoka, with a day of fun, food, and fellowship in the city park, and a tour of the historical lake where Tahoka had its beginnings.

Although Tahoka had its beginnings with the organization of the county in 1903 and the original town-site laid out at that time, incorporation

of the city did not come until 12 years later.

Citizens of the town voted 65 to 46 in an election held June 12, 1915 on the incorporation proposition. Principal arguments in favor of incorporation hinged around "deplorable sanitary conditions" (according to historical accounts in *Grassroots Upside Down: A History of Lynn County* by Frank P. Hill and Pat Hill Jacobs).

Two of the first city ordinances prohibited the running of livestock at large in the town, and firing of any kind of fireworks. A dog tax license ordinance was also one of the first, and another made spitting on the side-



walk illegal, with a penalty of \$5.

That first year, city streets were surveyed again and Wilson Edwards was given a contract to grade the streets for \$325. Later, according to historical city council minutes from the early days, every man residing within the city had to take a turn main-

taining a portion of the dirt roads, and if he could not do so he had to hire someone to take his place.

Many changes have taken place throughout the past 100 years, but one thing has remained constant: Tahoka, despite its shortcomings, is still a community that holds the hearts of its citizens who continue to enjoy the small-town life here.

Former and current citizens are invited to attend the June 20th Centennial Celebration. The day begins with a tour of historic Tahoka Lake (starts at 7 a.m., call 806-561-4750 to make reservations) and then moves to the city park at N. 1st and Ave. J, with a hamburger cookout at noon, and a full day of games, music, special presentations, train rides, a hot dog supper, and homemade ice cream planned. Other than the noon hamburger meal, which is prepared and served by the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department as a fundraiser, all other activities are free.



Words of Inspiration:

“ Never lose a chance of saying a kind word. ”

— WILLIAM THACKERAY

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June is **National Adopt a CAT Month**



In memory of Madison ... Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma of Texas Tech donated over 300 books to the Tahoka Elementary Library this week in loving memory of Madison Lockaby. Both sororities had movie night and the admission to the movie was a book. Kendra Hill (center) of Texas Tech presented the books to Madison's mother, Kristi Lockaby (left, a teacher at Tahoka Elementary) and librarian Rhonda McNeely on Monday.



Teen Artists... The Teen Art Exhibit was held at the City-County Library in Tahoka on Thursday, May 28. These young artists are students of library assistant, Judith Miller. Pictured from left are Jonah Pledger, Molly Broun, (front) Eula Tomamao, Alicia Broun, Jordan Fowler, Leticia Olveda, and Maribel Garcia. Fall 2015 Art classes start in October, free for youth in 4th-12 grades. Class sizes are limited, register at library.

VBS slated at FBC in Tahoka June 8-12

Vacation Bible School will be held at Tahoka First Baptist Church June 8-12, from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Students that have completed Kindergarten-5th grade are able to attend. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., June 8.

This year's theme is Ever-est: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. For more information or questions, contact the church office at 561-4557.

by Dalton **Woodwork**

Dalton Wood



JUNE is here, the sixth month of the year, named after the ancient Roman goddess Juno, and a month considered to be most favorable for weddings, since Juno was the mythological goddess of marriage and childbirth.

People who make money on weddings and associated things like gowns, tuxedos, gifts, and honeymoon resorts successfully promote June as the time to get married, and Juno gets much of the credit or blame for this tradition, even if she wasn't a real person or deity.

The goddess Juno is supposed to look favorably on those who marry in June. But remember, guys, this is just a myth.

I married in August, two months past June, but we've been blessed, so I don't think we mythed out.

The Internet encyclopedia tells a lot about Juno, and shows a statue of what she supposedly looked like (the statue is in the Vatican museum). It also gives reams of incomprehensible nonsense, such as Juno is the sister and wife (!) of the main god-guy, Jupiter, the mother of Mars and Vulcan, and also went by many other names, including Regina, which means "queen."

I know a nice lady named Regina who grew up at Draw. I never realized her name meant "queen," or I would have shown her more respect. She now is on the staff of the *Lamesa Press-Reporter*.

About half a jillion love songs mention the month of June, rhyming it with words like moon, tune, spoon, noon, soon, croon, bloom and even lagoon. But never baboon, loon, goon or doom.

I always liked June. The weather usually is great, and vacation time often arrives this month. It's a great time to just jump into your vehicle and go zoom.

Obituaries

Gilbert Gonzales, Jr.

Funeral services for Gilbert Gonzales, Jr., 50, of O'Donnell were held on Friday May 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel-Tahoka, with Alan Ehlo officiating. Burial was at Nevels Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home and Chapel. Gil-



GILBERT GONZALES JR.

bert went to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 23.

He was born on November 7, 1964 in Tahoka to the late Gilbert, Sr. and Irene Gonzales. He married Delia Serrato in November of 1988 in San Antonio. He had lived in Alabama for a few years before returning to O'Donnell. He was a Supervisor for Cliff Apartments. Gilbert loved to have cookouts with his family. He enjoyed watching the San Antonio Spurs, the Dallas Cowboys, the Atlanta Braves and Atlanta Falcons. He

was loved by everyone and will be missed.

Survivors include his wife Delia, of Plainview, two sons, Gilbert Gonzales III of O'Donnell and Anthony Vega of Lubbock; eight daughters, Emily Habeck of Nashville, Tennessee, Priscilla Lewis, Ashley Tate, Michelle Gonzales, Basia Gonzales, Julia Gonzales, Sarah Gonzales, all of Huntsville, Alabama and Jennifer Avalos of Shallowater; three brothers Jesse Gonzales and Tony Gonzales both of O'Donnell, Manuel Gonzales of San Antonio; two sisters Sara Nava of O'Donnell and Ester Gonzales of Houston, 20 grandchildren. (PAID)

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

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

Sweet Street Baptist Church
1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-5310
DAVID EARNEST, PASTOR
Sunday School - 9:45 am
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)
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(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)
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Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm
Wed. Youth/Children's Activities 7:00 pm

First Baptist Church
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org
PASTOR: BILL FULLER
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am
SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday
Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule
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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

TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church
South 4th & Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 561-4436
PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TEO
DEACON: PETE PANIAGUA
Mass - 11:00 am Sunday, 8 pm Wed. & Thur.
Rosary - 6 pm Tues.
CCB Class/Confirmation Instruct. - 7 pm Wed.

Happy Father's Month!

Since May was Mother's Month, then it is only fair for June to be Father's Month". This month we will celebrate Father's Day, and we can honor our fathers all month, instead of just one day (Sunday, June 21st, by the way). In fact, in the bible, we are commanded to "honor" our father and our mother, every day. So, honor your father this month, and for Father's Day (Sunday, June 21st), take him to church, then treat him to lunch after church. If that's not possible, go to church for your father, in his honor, and treat yourself to lunch. You'll be glad you did, and so will your father, and your Heavenly Father!

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.

Curtis Schrader, Pastor
New Home United Methodist Church

Grassland Nazarene Church
2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656, 327-5655
PASTOR: Rev. James Miller
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm
Youth and Adults: Wednesdays - 7 pm

TAHOKA Church of Christ
2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4090 • email: tcoc@poka.com
PULPIT MINISTER: STEVEN BONNER
Sunday School - 10:00 am
Sunday Worship - 11 am
Fellowship & Devotion - Wednesday 6:30 pm

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.
TONDA FREITAG, PLM
Sunday School - 9:30 am • Sunday Worship - 10:45 am

First Methodist of Tahoka
1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503
email: functahoka@poka.com
SUNDAYS: Sunday School - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
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New Home Church of Christ
324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7579
MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON
Bible Class - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 am
Sunday Evening Service - 6:00 pm
Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:00 pm

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

New Home United Methodist Church
320 N. Main
New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7549
PASTOR: CURTIS SCHRADER
Sunday School 10:00 am • Worship 10:45 am
Youth Activities

It's **vacation Bible School** at **O'Donnell First Baptist Church!**
701 Standefer in O'Donnell
Grab your expedition gear and prepare for **Journey off the Map!** Join us as we discover truths about Jesus ~ the Ultimate Guide!
FOR CHILDREN AGES KINDERGARTEN THRU 6TH GRADE
June 8th-12th • 8:30 am til 12 noon
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For more info: Call Kathy Grant, 806-645-8445 or visit fbcdonnell.squarespace.com

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Lynn County Hospital
2600 Lockwood • Tahoka



Dads are Super Heroes ... Scottie Olivan poses with the Super Man display at the City-County Library, which is sponsoring a Father's Day program called "The Real Super Man," on Friday, June 5th, 5:00-6:30 p.m., with activities for kids and dads (come as you can) including Super Hero games, masks and caps for the kids, and photo opportunities. "Kids, bring your dad and watch him become Super Man Dad!" said Library Director Cissy Webster.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies open Summer Reading Club at library

The City-County Library's Summer Reading Club, open to all youth who have completed Kindergarten-6th grades, opened June 1st with ribbon cutting ceremonies. Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock presided over the ceremony, with several youth on hand for the opening. The Summer Reading Club continues through Aug. 7. Any youth who would like to participate should come to the library, located inside the Life Enrichment Center at 1717 Main in Tahoka, to pick up a packet.

"Read and spin our Super Hero Prize Wheel for prizes!" invites Cissy Webster, Library Director. "An awards ceremony will be held on August 13th with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies and awards to be given out, along with a puppet show," she added. The library will offer offer Super Hero Camps for grades K-6th that will begin in July. Camp sizes are limited, so sign up early at the library, or inquire for more information at the library.



We want to read ... County Judge Mike Braddock is pictured with Rogelio, Maribel and Candy Garcia, who came ready to pick out their books for the first day of the City-County Library's Summer Reading Club, following ribbon cutting ceremonies on Monday.

Free camp offered here June 8-11
Children in grades 1-6 in Lynn County are invited to attend a second week of free summer camp Monday through Thursday, June 8-11, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Tahoka Elementary Gym. Children may register on the first day of camp at 12:30 pm., June 8th.

The Lynn County Hospital District Specialty Clinic
Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 5:30 pm *is now Open!*
561-4048
CHERYL BROWN, FNP-BC will be seeing patients for:
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E-mail: specialtyclinic@LCHDhealthcare.org

Call FEMA for disaster assistance

Residents in Lynn County who sustained losses due to flooding during the month of May may be eligible for assistance from FEMA, according to County Judge Mike Braddock this week. "Homeowners or business owners can call FEMA disaster assistance at 1-800-621-3362, and they will take your information and set up a process to determine if you qualify for some type of assistance," Judge Braddock told *The News*. Residents and business owners who sustained losses due to flooding in Lynn County can apply for assistance by registering online at <http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov> or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA(3362).

FBC O'Donnell VBS to be held June 8-12

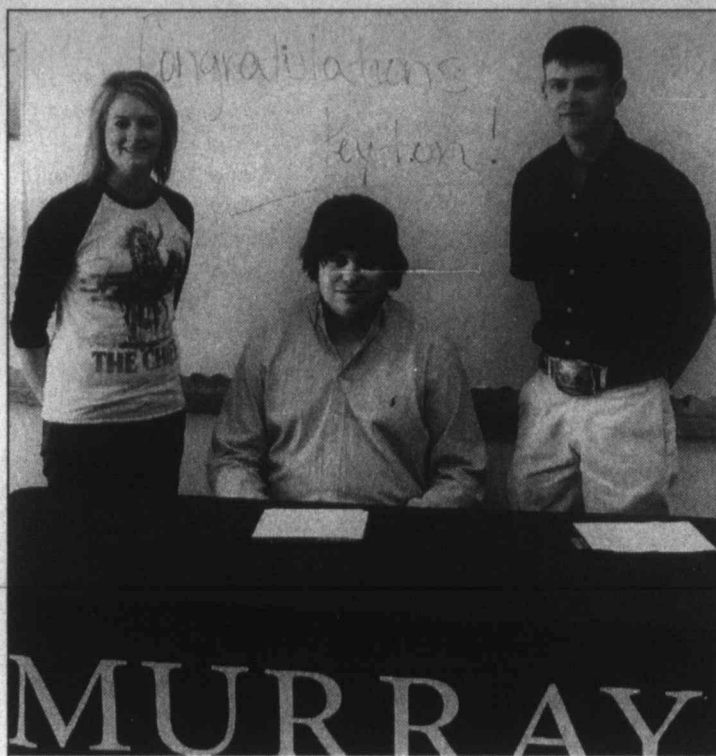
"Journey Off The Map" is the theme for the 2015 VBS for children ages Kindergarten thru 6th grade to be held at the First Baptist Church, 701 Standefer, in O'Donnell June 8-12, from 8:30-12 noon. For more information contact Kathy Grant at 806-645-8445.

Softball All-District team members named

Eight members of the 2015 Tahoka Lady Softball team have been named to the all-district team this year, according to information from Coach Sabrina Gonzalez. Laura Henderson was named Most Valuable Pitcher, and Kara Larpenner and Amanda Hill were named to the 1st Team All-District. Taylor Morin, Caley Bingham and Miranda DeLeon were named to the 2nd Team, and Honorable Mention honors went to M'Lin Hill and Serena Ayala.

MUSTANG NEWS FROM Wilson ISD

Bill Gonzales-District Coordinator of School Improvement/Home Liaison
Reminder to all students that as the school year ends, summer meals begin. With the Summer Food Service Program(SFSP), children and teens 18 and under can continue to eat healthy throughout the summer at no cost. No form of identification is required, kids simply show up at 12:00 noon everyday. The SFSP is administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Summer school classes will be June 8-July 3, from 7:30 to 12:30 with breakfast and lunch included. Wilson ISD will have the ACE program during the summer as well.



Letter of Intent ... Peyton Curry (center), a recent graduate of Tahoka High School, signed a letter of intent to Murray State College on Friday, May 29. Peyton is receiving a full ride scholarship to livestock judge at the at Murray State College, located in Tishomingo, OK. Pictured with Curry is Shelbie Hannum (left), Ag Science teacher at THS, and at right, Murray State Livestock Judging Coach, Blaine Red.

Commissioners have routine meeting

Lynn County Commissioners met in their second regular session of the month, on Tuesday, May 26, at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom basement at Lynn County Courthouse. Commissioners Keith Wied, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham were present with County Judge Mike Braddock presiding. Commissioners approved a "Resolution and Application for the National Flood Insurance Program" and will consider a possible declaration of disaster at their next meeting. District Clerk Sandra Laws gave the court an update on a workshop she attended for the Lynn County Historical Commission. Budget amendments and monthly bills were approved, and commissioners entered into executive session at 9:50 a.m. to consult with County Attorney Rebekah Filley regarding contemplated litigation, but took no action upon returning to open session at 10:15 a.m.

VBS is coming to FBC!
9:30 am to 12 noon • June 8-12 Come Register June 8th at 9 am
For ALL children who have completed Kindergarten thru 5th grade! *6th GRADERS ARE WELCOME TO COME HELP OUT!
DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN!
Please complete the REGISTRATION FORM and drop it in the VBS box inside the east door OR bring it with you to VBS.
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First Baptist Church of Tahoka 1701 AVENUE K
VBS 2015 Registration Form June 8-12 • 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Grade Completed _____ Age _____
Siblings Attending? Please include their names and ages on the line below: _____
Parent/Guardian _____
Address _____
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Email Address _____
Emergency Contact Name & Number _____
Special Needs/Allergies/Other Concerns _____

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Back in the day ... Tom Hoskins attended school at the New Moore School, pictured here in the middle row, far right next to his teacher, Mrs. Bird, in 1951. "My room housed grades one through four. Each row was a grade. There were five kids in my grade/row," Hoskins recalls.

The New Moore School ...

Fun with Dick and Jane and Baby Sally

by TOM HOSKINS
New Moore Literary Society

(Author's Note: There were 22 small community schools in Lynn County that closed and consolidated with Tahoka and O'Donnell in the 40's and 50's. New Moore was the last to do so, in 1953.)

My first stab at education was the New Moore School. We didn't have kindergarten in those days. So my first three years were at New Moore, where I shared experiences with Dick and Jane and Baby Sally. This was our primer. Also Spot and Puff. Those were exciting days.

The school had been built in 1928, and opened in January 1929. It cost \$15,000 then to build, which would be about \$180,000 in today's dollars. It was a "modern" brick building with windows on all sides for light and ventilation. I entered my first grade in 1950. The school had four rooms. Two were used for classes. My room housed grades one through four. Each row was a grade. There were five kids in my grade/row. The other room had grades four

through seven. Then there was an auditorium and a separate cafeteria where we took our meals and had our programs.

My first teacher was a Mrs. Cox. She taught grades one through four. She was also the secretary for the school. Her husband, Mr. Cox taught the other room, grades five through seven. He also was the principal and drove the bus. The grades stopped at seven. If you went on to the eighth, you had to transfer to the giant schools of Union or O'Donnell.

If you caught up on your assignments, you could listen to the teacher teach the next row/class, as we were shoulder-to-shoulder to them. It allowed a student to learn a lot more than being just with his class. I could do some second and third grade work while in my first year of school there. A big treat was to get out of class and go outside. I spent a good portion of my time polishing the old apple, to get to take the erasers out for a dusting. Also I got to sweep the dirt and sand in the hallways when we had sand-

storms. I made these tasks last as long as I could get away with.

My first girlfriend was Linda Webb, Herman and Erma Webb's daughter. She was in my class and was so smart. She was also very pretty and could outrun and outclimb any of the boys. She had all the qualities. So I "claimed" her secretly, and somewhere on a tree stump is... TOM + LINDA.

My favorite class was recess. One in the morning, and one in the afternoon. We played softball, made bows and arrows, played red rover, dug caves, and had great clod fights. We built campfires in the winter. There was not much supervision. The school came with two wooden outdoor outhouses, one for the boys and one for the girls. They sat about sixty yards north of the school. (The prevailing winds were out of the southwest). Good thinking on someone's part. Both were three-holders as I remember. You held up your fingers for permission to "go". It was either a number one or a number two.

The bus picked us up every day. We lived about five miles northwest of the school. You either brought your lunch in a cleaned out syrup bucket or lard bucket. Or you could eat in the cafeteria for about fifteen cents. Our cook was Omy Blair. She could really cook. I can close my eyes and still smell the vegetable soup and corn bread, everything from scratch, she fixed a lot of days. The sixth and seventh grade girls got to leave class early and help Mrs. Omy get ready for the rush. Omy was one of the very many Rogers girls of New Moore before she married.

The school board members were all in charge of their own areas. It was a working school board. I think my dad was in charge of the windmill and the overhead wooden water tank. Someone else was responsible for the roof. Then someone else had the furnace. The furnace had been converted in the forties

from burning coal or mesquite to propane. There was no air conditioning, but we had windows all around that pulled a good breeze on most days. There was no hired or contracted work. All work was done by the dads.

The churches of the area could use the school on Sundays. Usually, five-day revivals were about it, as there were no permanent churches at New Moore.

There was a big rift in the community at the end of 1953 when the school was shut down and consolidated with O'Donnell about fifteen miles to the east. Many wanted to keep it, and many wanted to consolidate. I remember my parents were strongly on the side of keeping the school. Many hard feelings ensued and lingered for a long time. Some thought the quality of the education would be much greater at O'Donnell.

Looking back, the small rural schools were much like small private schools today. Most all the parents were very involved. Every parent knew exactly how his child was doing. The parents took an interest. There was much mischief, but no crime in the schools. The teachers carried a switch and were quick to use it. When your parents found out you got in trouble at school, and they always did, you were in worse trouble when you got home. This local flavor is lost today in the giant school systems we see. And many an education is lost as a result. I am glad that I matriculated through the New Moore School. And how is that for a five dollar word?



TOM HOSKINS is a retired department stores executive and resides in Arlington, Texas. He grew up on a cotton farm in the New Moore area (1944 to 1962). He attended the New Moore school and later the O'Donnell school. He still owns the old Hoskins homestead about halfway between New Moore and West Point.

The New Moore Literary Society Lynn County has produced more than its share of writers. The New Moore Literary Society recognizes those literary types from Lynn County who have published and are still living. From time to time one of these writers will submit an article to the Lynn County News.



Monsanto scholarship ... Tahoka High School graduate Dane Rivas has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders, a new program sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. Dane, son of Mike and Paige Rivas, will attend West Texas A&M University to study agriculture communications this fall. He is pictured here with his high school FFA advisor, Shelbie Hannum.

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Tahoka High School students honored at annual FFA Banquet

The annual Tahoka FFA banquet was held Tuesday, May 26 at the Tahoka Housing Authority. The 2014-15 FFA Officers began the banquet with the traditional FFA opening ceremony and a meal was provided for the 75 guests present. Students were awarded for their achievements throughout the school year.

All FFA members were recognized, along with junior FFA members. Special recognition went to the following students: State Qualifying Livestock Judging Team: Coy Mercer, Peyton Curry, Braden Cook, Jared Green and Brit Lockaby; Proficiencies in project areas: Olivia Hammonds, Entrepreneurship in Animal Systems: Coy Mercer, Placement in Animal Systems: Peyton Curry, Outstanding Cattle Project: Maci Dimak, Outstanding



Outstanding FFA members ... Pictured here are the Tahoka High School award-winning junior and chapter FFA members at this year's FFA banquet.

Swine Project; Justyn McCarty, Outstanding sheep/goat project;

and Trace Cook, Outstanding Ag Mechanics Project. MVP Awards were presented to: Kash Kahl, Junior FFA MVP; Grace Darnell, Greenhand MVP; Dane Rivas, Chapter MVP; and Braden Cook, Top Hand.

Two members were presented the Greenhand FFA degree, 12 members were presented the Chapter FFA degree and three members were recognized for meeting the requirements for the State Lonestar FFA Degree. One member at the greenhand level and one at the chapter level were recognized as Star Degree Recipients: Star Greenhand, Traven Rodriguez, and Star Chapter, Brit Lockaby.

2015 Seniors were recognized by Ag teacher, Shelbie Hannum and presented with a FFA graduation cord to distinguish them at THS graduation.

Dane Rivas and Coy Mercer were recognized as the recipients of the 2015 Tahoka FFA Ag Booster Club Scholarships as well as recipients of National FFA Scholarships. Dane received the Monsanto Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. Coy received the National FFA Ford Scholarship sponsored by Spyke Dykes Ford in the amount of \$1,000.

New Chapter Officers were inducted to office by retiring president Dane Rivas. The 2015-16 Tahoka FFA Officers are: President, Brit Lockaby; Vice President, Braden Cook; Secretary, Olivia Hammonds; Treasurer, Maci Dimak; Reporter, Colton Stice; Sentinel, Justyn McCarty; Student Advisor, Jared Green; and Historian, Grace Darnell.

The traditional closing ceremony was performed by the newly inducted officers.



Wheels up... Upside down is not a good thing when it comes to pivot systems. Damages to this pivot happened on land just north of 8th St., in Tahoka, after last Thursday's storm.

Public hearing set June 18 in Lubbock for Llano Estacado regional water plan

The Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group ("Region O") is conducting a public hearing, Thursday, June 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the Texas Tech University International Cultural Center, 601 Indiana Avenue, in Lubbock.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments on the 2016 Initially Prepared Llano Estacado Regional Water Plan, which includes the counties of Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Parmer, Swisher, Terry, and Yoakum.

Print copies of the Initially Prepared LERWPG plan are available for inspection at the County Clerk offices and public libraries in each county listed above as well as the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) office in

Lubbock. The Initially Prepared LERWPG plan is also available online on the home page of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group's website at www.llanoplan.org

Anyone wishing to speak at the public hearing must pre-register prior to the start of the meeting. Each speaker will be limited to a period not to exceed five minutes.

Written comments will also be accepted at the public hearing or may be mailed through August 17, 2015 to the attention of Jason Coleman, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock TX 79411-2499. HPWD is the political subdivision administering the LERWPG.

Additional information about the Initially Prepared Plan and/or the public hearing is available by contacting the High Plains Water District at (806) 762-0181.

USDA Wildlife Habitat Conservation Program Reaches 1 Million Acres

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini recently announced that a major national conservation program that restores high-priority wildlife habitat has now surpassed 1 million acres with the recent enrollment of land in La Moure County, North Dakota.

The initiative, known as State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE), is a part of the USDA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), a federally-funded voluntary program that contracts with agricultural producers so that environmentally-sensitive land is not farmed or ranched, but instead used for conservation benefits. With SAFE, wildlife that may be endangered, suffering population declines, or that provide value to the local community, is identified by nonfederal partners. Agricultural producers within an approved SAFE area then can submit offers to voluntarily enroll acres in CRP contracts for 10-15 years. In exchange, these producers receive annual CRP rental payments, incentives and cost-share assistance focused on establishing, improving, or creating higher-quality wildlife habitat.

Four of the 98 SAFE projects nationwide can be found in North Dakota, covering more than 122,000 acres. The one-millionth national SAFE acre was enrolled as part of the Coteau-Drift project, which creates waterfowl, shorebird and terrestrial bird habitat the Missouri Plateau and Drift Prairie region.

Producers can offer land for enrollment in SAFE and other CRP programs by contacting their local FSA county office at <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Senior Citizen's Menu

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Tuesday: Swedish meatballs, parsley noodles, mixed veggies, angel food cake w/ strawberries
Wednesday: Beef enchiladas, Borracho beans, Spanish rice, coleslaw, apricots
Thursday: Breaded chicken tenders, baked potato w/ sour cream, peas & carrots, strawberries w/ whipped topping
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