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Three Resign; Five Hired At Tahoka School District

Two teachers and the school's truancy/law enforcement officer resigned their positions at Tahoka Independent School District, and four teachers and a teaching assistant have been hired for the district, Superintendent Jimmy Parker informed trustees at Thursday night's meeting of the school board.

High school science teacher Cathy Box, second grade teacher Jessica Millenbine, and Officer Abraham Vega submitted resignations to the district. New personnel include Steven Butler, high school science teacher and coach; Robert Rasa, computer teacher and coach; Jennifer Gaona, middle school social studies teacher and coach; Vanessa Lee, fourth grade teacher; and Dana McKay, teaching assistant.

In other business, trustees approved milk and bread bids, accepting bids from the local Thriftway store; and renewed employee health insurance with Walker-Solomon Insurance Agency in Tahoka.

The Student Code of Conduct was approved as presented, and a senior math course was approved for state

graduation credit (previously, the course qualified for local credit).

A salary schedule for district bus drivers and day care employees was approved as presented by Supt. Parker. District Counselor Sherri McCord presented a report regarding student TAAS scores, noting improvements in scores overall.

Prior to the regular meeting, trustees met at 6:15 at the elementary school to view the renovation work currently in progress, including new heating/air systems through the elementary classrooms which required lowering the ceilings for ducts and new lights, and new carpeting throughout much of the elementary. The renovation is expected to be completed before classes begin Aug. 13.

A budget workshop was scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, followed by a regular board meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Present at the meeting were six of seven trustees, with Vice President Brad Hammonds presiding in the absence of president Greg Henley.



"YOU CAN'T COME IN!" - Tanya Wells and son Patrick shoo away this persistent pigeon who seemed to want to go inside Tahoka Drug one day last week, perhaps to get out of the hot sun. The bird was unafraid of the human species, and periodically would peer inside the glass door of the pharmacy. (LCN PHOTO)

Four Teachers Hired At Wilson School District

Three resignations were noted and trustees approved contracts for four new teachers at the Wilson Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting held last Thursday, July 12.

Superintendent Mike Jones informed trustees of three resignations

from the Wilson ISD staff, including Phillip Timmons, Ms. Michelle Evitt, and David Pabon-Acosta, and probationary contracts were approved for John Starcher as a secondary teacher/coach, Aaron Greene as a classroom teacher, Ms. Melissa Hayes as an elementary teacher, and Larry Mantle as physical education instructor/coach. Athletic stipends were increased to compensate for additional coaching duties.

In other business, trustees approved a bid of \$28,798 for the purchase of a pickup for the agriculture science department, from Wilson Motors of Snyder. A bid of \$20,000 was accepted from Springlake-Earth CISD for the sale of a 72-passenger bus from Wilson ISD.

Trustees approved Norman Clement, Jr. to conduct the 2000-2001 school financial audit, and agreed to join the Southeast Lubbock County Organization (SELCO) special education cooperative for the 2002-2003 school year.

Local policies regarding local leave and graduation were approved, and trustees discussed and prioritized goals in facilities, technology, staffing and other areas of concern. Estimates for renovations to administrative housing were discussed but no action was taken.

Supt. Jones presented reports to the board, including TAAS gains and the district's accountability rating which he said showed significant gains to exemplary levels in reading and math, and growth in writing. He also gave a preliminary report on hail damage to school district property and buildings.

The board met in closed session to discuss personnel, but took no action upon returning to open session.

THS, TMS Set Registration For Aug. 1-3

Registration for students entering grades 7-12 at Tahoka Independent School District will be Aug. 1-3 in the Tahoka High School LRC. The schedule for registration is as follows:

Seniors: Wednesday, Aug. 1
Last Names A-G: 8:00-10:00 a.m.
H-P: 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Q-Z: 11:00-12:00 noon

Juniors: Wednesday, Aug. 1
Last Names A-G: 1:00-2:00 p.m.
H-P: 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Q-Z: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Sophomores: Thursday, Aug. 2
Last Names A-G: 8:00-10:00 a.m.
H-P: 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Q-Z: 11:00-12:00 noon

Freshmen: Thursday, Aug. 2
Last Names A-G: 1:00-2:00 p.m.
H-P: 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Q-Z: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Eighth Grade: Friday, Aug. 3
Last Names A-G: 8:00-10:00 a.m.
H-P: 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Q-Z: 11:00-12:00 noon

Seventh Grade: Friday, Aug. 3
Last Names A-G: 1:00-2:00 p.m.
H-P: 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Q-Z: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

New Student registration will be from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on August 7.

During registration, students will be given several forms to be filled out at home. These forms must be returned to the High School Office by Thursday, Aug. 9. Any student who has not turned these forms in will not be allowed to stay in class the first day of school, according to school officials.

"If you have any questions, please contact the high school office at 998-4538 on or after July 23," said a school representative.

Minor Traffic Accidents Investigated In County

Three minor traffic incidents on roads in Lynn County were investigated during the last week by Dept. of Public Safety patrolmen, while other law enforcement officers at Tahoka Police Dept. and Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. mostly were busy with domestic disturbances, thefts and liquor law violations.

On County Rd. EE about 6.4 miles northeast of Wilson Sunday a 1986 Honda driven by Dominic Guzman, 16, of Wilson, overturned.

In the west lane of U.S. 87 access road Monday, a vehicle struck barricades in the construction zone. No further details on this accident or a Tuesday mishap in which a vehicle struck a calf southwest of Tahoka on FM 3112 were immediately avail-

able. Police investigated two reports of persons leaving Town and Country store without paying for gasoline, and incidents of domestic violence and problems plus incidents of public intoxication and driving while intoxicated.

In jail during the week were 16 persons, on charges including assault, grand jury indictment for possession of cocaine, driving while license suspended, DWI, applications to revoke probations on convictions for theft, DWI third offense and purchasing alcohol for a minor, domestic violence, no valid drivers license, no valid inspection sticker, minor in possession, public intoxication and speeding.



RENOVATION PROJECT - Desks and other paraphernalia were stacked high inside the hallways at Tahoka Elementary School as work continued on a renovation project this summer, including lowering ceilings to install ducts for the new heating/air system, new ceilings and lights, and new carpeting in much of the campus. Additionally, many rooms received a new coat of paint. The work is expected to be completed before students and teachers return in mid-August. (LCN PHOTO)

Hancock Named All-State By TSWA

Tahoka High School student Blandon Hancock has been named to the Class 2A All-State Baseball Team by the Texas Sports Writers Association. He was named to the first team as a designated hitter.

Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Joe Hancock, finished the season with a .418 average and had 40 runs, 36 RBIs and nine homers. He was successful in 19 of 20 base stealing attempts.

The THS Bulldogs won the district 4-AA championship and advanced to the Class AA regional semifinals.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 11	101	73	
July 12	101	73	
July 13	102	74	.05"
July 14	98	73	
July 15	103	73	
July 16	104	73	
July 17	100	76	
Total Precip. to date this year: 6.07"			
Precip. this time last year: 14.26"			

The heaviest rainfall ever recorded for a 24-hour period occurred on the tropical island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean. The town of Cilaos received 74 inches of rain on March 15-16 in 1952.

THS Track Closed For Resurfacing

The Tahoka High School track will be closed for a couple of weeks while the track is being resurfaced. School officials ask that area residents who are accustomed to using the track for walking and exercising to "bear with us" until the renovation can be completed.

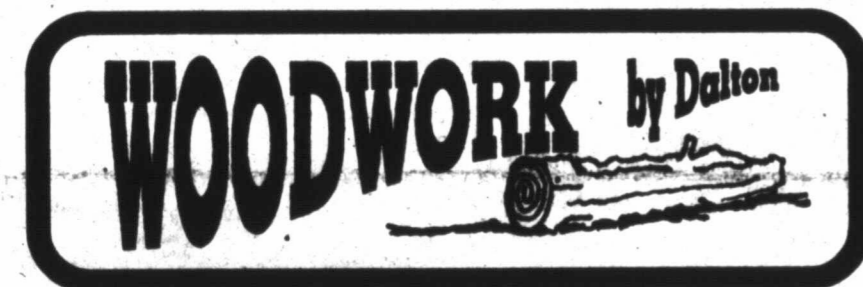
It is expected that the resurfacing project will be completed within a couple of weeks. Signs will be posted at the track while it is closed.

Home Horticulture Problems Answered In "House Calls" Here July 26th

All Lynn County citizens who are having problems with lawns, trees or gardens may have problems solved on July 26. County Extension Agent Bryan Reynolds and Texas Agricultural Extension Service Plant Pathologist Dr. Harold Kaufman will make house calls to help identify and solve those problems.

"We have set the afternoon of July 26 to make house calls to help solve homeowners horticulture problems," said Reynolds.

Any person wishing to have their problem addressed should call the Extension Office at (806) 998-4562 by noon on July 25.



ONCE I WAS a teenager, although the memory of those days is fading fast, But I do remember that after noting that every imminent situation in a movie was accompanied by some kind of mood music (scary, happy, exciting or whatever fit the plot), that me and a kid named Donnie Walker decided we'd like to make a movie which made fun of the music.

We thought it would be neat to make a western, and when the hero was facing all those murderous Indians and the music got loud and menacing, we'd pan to a nearby boulder where you could see the trombone coming out from behind the rock, and maybe even get a glimpse of the violin and clarinet sections.

Of course, we never made any movies, and years later, I seem to recall watching a movie where they actually did show the orchestra sitting out the middle of nowhere playing mood music for the show. (It was a really forgettable movie, and I don't remember what it was).

Anyway, mood music is still a big part of every movie, and while I think I could enjoy the shows without it, it still is better than those stupid laugh tracks in sitcoms, where people appear to be laughing loud and long, often about things I don't think are funny at all.

You can tell by the music every time something meaningful is about to take place in a movie. If the boy and girl are about to meet, or about to make up, the music is happy, full of love and sweetness. If a young person is about to die of Chinese jungle rot or something unexpectedly, you hear sad violin music. If something violent is going to happen to a good person, though, the music is low and threatening, coming to a loud crescendo or crash just as she pulls back the curtain to find Godzilla standing there with a knife.

Or when the good guy is about to face some terrible force he can't possibly deal with. I wonder sometimes why the good guy doesn't hear that menacing music and know it's time to get the heck out of there.

I once knew a blind man who said he often listens to television and he claims he can pretty well tell what is happening, partly by the music.

I would be nice if every time someone comes into the office in a pleasant mood, good music would fill the air. And it would help if threatening music filled your car just before you blew out a tire or threw a rod or a highway patrolman came up behind you.

Around the house, it also would help if you suddenly heard "Old Man River" as you start to turn on your washing machine, warning that it's about to go crazy and spray water all over the utility room. And, if just before a light bulb burns out, you would hear "Darkness on the Delta."

And, when you open the refrigerator during commercials, it plays the "Baby Elephant Walk."

The first hole-in-one scored by both a father and son in the same game of golf were shot by Charles H. Calhoun Sr. and Jr. on August 24, 1932.

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Pages From The Past ...

by Vondell Elliott

The following excerpts were taken from past issues of The Lynn County News.

16 "Courteous Drivers" Nominated By Citizens

Sixteen names already have been entered for a part of the 34 cash prizes totalling \$100.00 being offered by Rollin McCord in the "Courteous Driver" contest which will end April 10.

One citizen writes: "On Wednesday, during the terrible sandstorm Red Brown took his car and carried a number of school children to their homes. Such courtesy and protection to our children is deserving of recognition."

Another states: "I would like to recommend Mack Noble of O'Donnell as a safe and courteous driver."

"I have ridden with Mrs. Condy Carmack a number of times, and have noted that she always stops at the stop signs, and otherwise drives very carefully and observes all rules of safe driving," one citizen states.

Two high school boys write: "We would like to nominate Coach Jake Jacobs, who not only drives his own car safely, but who also drives a school bus and certainly looks after the school children's safety. We never saw him violate a safe driving rule."

Two high school teachers have nominated two of their girl students, Miss Edith Aldridge and Miss Joy Tomlinson, for their safe and courteous driving practices.

Wayne Martin, a high school boy, has also been nominated. Among the others nominated: Mrs. Truett Smith, Tahoka; Joe Schooler, O'Donnell; Fred McGinty, Tahoka farmer; Mrs. "Bob" Applewhite, Tahoka; County Judge Walter Mathis; C.T. Tankersley of West Point; Mrs. Carlice Edwards of Wilson, route 1; Leroy Davis of Grassland; Mrs. Oscar Roberts.

McCord, who is the local Chrysler-Plymouth and Massey Harris dealer, is offering 34 cash prizes ranging from \$25.00 for first place on down for the safest and most courteous drivers. Citizens are asked to write their names to The News. Impartial judges have been secured for the contest. The contest is designed to make our people more safety conscious with the hopes of preventing accidents. - March 14, 1952

12 More Drivers Are Entered In Contest

A number of new nominees for some of the 34 "Courteous Driver" awards being sponsored by Rollin McCord have come in during the past week. The event will end on April 10.

Following are nominations received this week: One person writes, "Lowell Montgomery, a deaf boy of this city, should be on your list for his courteous and safe driving. He is always careful and considerate of other drivers and always observes traffic regulations."

"Jettie Lee, Proctor should be on your list," writes another. "She is a very careful driver and she always observes all the traffic regulations."

A lady phoned to say: "Mrs. E.B. Gaither is a very courteous and cautious driver. She is never too busy to take old folks places, or to furnish transportation to the Cub Scouts."

Another telephoned: "Mrs. Nina (Oran) Short is one of the safest and most alert drivers I know."

A business man states: "George Nixon is a safe, courteous driver. I have noted that he drives slowly in town, keeps both eyes open, and is a gentleman at the wheel."

"Mrs. T.B. Burrough has been driving since 1924, has never had an accident or trouble, and drives safely and courteously," one of her friends states in nominating her.

"J.B. Oliver does lots of driving, pulls trailers and other equipment around, and I have noted he always exercises unusual care and caution. He is a courteous driver."

Others nominated include: Irvin Stewart, L.N. Bartley, Mrs. Guion Cobb, Mary Louise Fenton, Mrs. John Witt, Bill Balch. - April 4, 1952

Courteous Driving Contest Ends; 34 Cash Awards Will Be Announced

With a number of last-minute nominees coming in, the Courtesy Driving contest conducted the past month ... came to a close Thursday noon.

The names of 57 Lynn County automobile drivers were entered in the contest, and the judges may even have some of their own.

... Following are some of the nominations received the past week: "Please enter Mrs. H.B. Howell as a careful and courteous driver. She has never had an accident, observes traffic regulations, and is especially courteous to old folks and pedestrians."

"Mrs. Maxine Bonham should be on your list as a very courteous, alert, careful, and considerate driver, as she drives lots and has never had an accident."

"I want to nominate an ex-driver, one of the most beloved citizens of the Plains, Rev. Ben Hardy. Brother Hardy has not been able to drive a car in a long, long time, but when he did drive he was a model courteous driver. Possibly he should not be eligible for this award, but I just want to pay tribute to him and set him up as an example."

Others nominated include: H.O. Hargett, Mrs. Frieda Lichey, Mrs. W.M. Harris, Mrs. Clay Bennett, Rev. C.C. Ehler of Wilson, Ira Carter, Roy Poer, Wiley Lee Curry, Floyd Tubbs, Echo Milliken. - April 11, 1952

Winners in "Courteous Driver" Contest Named...

... Following is the decision of a board of judges consisting of 20 people, including four peace officers and 16 other prominent citizens, who were given a list of the 62 nominees. Ranking was determined by the number of votes received by each nominee from the 20 judges.

- First place: Mrs. Truett Smith, \$25.00 cash.
- Second place: Fred McGinty, \$15.00 cash.
- Third place: "Jake" Jacobs, \$10.00 cash.
- Fourth place: "Red" Brown, \$5.00 cash.

The next 15 citizens, listed below, will receive a \$2.00 award: S.A. Cummings, Wilson; Mrs. O.C. Roberts, West Point; Mrs. Nina Short; Mrs. O'Dell King; Mrs. Frieda Lichey, Wilson; J. Mack Noble, O'Donnell; Mrs. Condy Carmack; Lowell Montgomery; Mrs. "Bob" Applewhite; J.B. Oliver; Mrs. Lois Smelser; Walter M. Mathis; Bill Balch, New Home; Rev. C.C. Ehler, Wilson; Mrs. Jim Clinton.

The next 15 in the judging will receive \$1.00 cash award each: Wayman Smith, New Home; H.O. Hargett; Mrs. Carlice Edwards; Wayne Martin; Mary Louise Fenton; Joy Tomlinson; Echo Milliken; Mrs. Rebel Thomas; James Brookshire; Mrs. Clay Bennett; Clyde Allen; Mrs. John Berry, Draw; Wiley Lee Curry; Mr. E.B. Gaither; Leroy Davis, Grassland... - April 18, 1952



SWEET STREET YOUTH - These members of Tahoka's Sweet Street Baptist Church youth group attended Youth Congress in Brownwood July 8-13. Summer Fun photos are printed at no charge on a space available during summer months (one photo per family please).

Sales Tax Holiday Slated Aug. 3-5

Just in time for back-to-school shopping, many clothes and shoes can be purchased tax-free August 3-5, during Texas' third annual Sales Tax Holiday, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has announced.

"On the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August, no state or local sales tax will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100," Comptroller Rylander said. "The Sales Tax Holiday provides much-needed tax relief for hard-working Texas families and lets them stretch their budgets a little farther as they shop for school clothes for the kids and work clothes for mom and dad."

This year, the Sales Tax Holiday is expected to save Texans \$31.2 million in state sales tax and \$8.4 million in local sales taxes. Cities have the option to not waive local sales tax during the tax holiday, but no community has opted out of the event this year.

The rules for the 2001 Sales Tax Holiday are the same as in previous years. They include:

- Most children's and adults' clothing and footwear priced under \$100 are exempt from sales taxes. Customers may purchase as many

tax-exempt items as they wish.

- Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletics or protective wear, such as golf cleats or football pads, are not tax exempt. However, tennis shoes, baseball caps, jogging suits and other athletic clothes that are commonly worn on the street are eligible for the tax exemption.
- Accessories, jewelry, watches, handbags, wallets and briefcases are not tax exempt.
- Items previously placed on layaway may be redeemed tax-free during the Sales Tax Holiday, and items placed on layaway during the Sales Tax Holiday may be redeemed tax-free later.
- School supplies and backpacks are not tax exempt.

For more information about the Sales Tax Holiday and a list of tax-exempt and non-exempt items, see the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us or call the tax assistance hotline at 1-800-252-5555.

Senior Citizens MENU

July 23-17

Monday: Sloppy Joe, Red Beans, Zucchini, Tossed Salad/Ranch Dressing, Peaches. GAME NIGHT—6 p.m.

Tuesday: Pepper Steak, Rice, Green Beans, Sliced Tomatoes, Wheat Roll, Chocolate Cake.

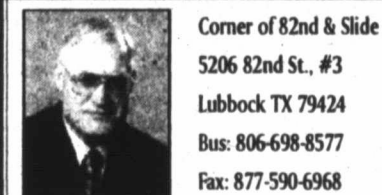
Wednesday: Roast Beef, Brown Gravy, Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Bread, Fruit Salad.

Thursday: Turkey & Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Wheat Roll, Cranberry Sauce, Pie.

Friday: Hamburgers, Hash Browns or Tator Tots, Condiments, Apricots.

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BBB Offers Tips For When Disaster Strikes

When one has lived in West Texas and the South Plains long enough, it becomes abundantly clear that the old adage "if you want to know if the weather is going to change—blink" holds true. With all the new technology we are hopefully more prepared now than we were years ago; however, nobody can escape the kind of violent weather we have just endured. The high winds, rain and hail have done virtually hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage.

When disaster strikes, the "storm troopers" come in from outside our immediate area to offer help; and it is important for property owners to have reputable businesses do the repairs. The Better Business Bureau would like to offer these reminders and tips when preparing to get property damage repaired.

• Check the reliability of a company — Call the BBB to get a report on the company. Get the company name, phone number and city where they are located and the BBB will get a report.

• Don't make an immediate decision — If at all possible, try to get at least three estimates before making a decision. If a company uses pressure tactics, find another company. Reputable companies will be happy to wait while they are checked out.

• Don't pay up front — Most reputable companies allow the customer to pay either nothing or a small down payment for work to be done.

• Pay by check — BBB suggests making the check out to the company; never pay by cash or to an individual.

• Does the company need a building permit? — Most reputable companies take care of any permits

needed for building; however, consumers need to find out from the company if they will be getting any necessary permits before the work is started.

• Contact the insurance company — Not only should the insurance company be contacted to assess damages, they may be able to offer some references for the repairs.

• Read and understand the contract - An estimate is usually not a contract, so you want to be sure that all terms are written down and signed by both you and the company. What kind of warranty, guarantee or refund policy does the company have?

"We have quite an extensive database of over 25,000 reports and more than likely we can give consumers some good information on which to base their decision," says Nan Campbell, president of the Better Business Bureau. "It is especially important for consumers and businesses to check out companies that are not located locally before they do business. Most certainly, if we do not have the information locally, we can get the information from a fellow Bureau," she stated.

The Bureau always suggests that consumers do business locally, if possible. Members of the Better Business Bureau have been checked out and must meet and maintain very high standards of business practice. If a company is a current member of the Lubbock BBB, it will be stated in their reliability report. Consumers can also get a list of BBB member companies in a specific type of business category as well as get reliability reports 24 hours a day, seven days a week at (806) 763-0459 or (800) 687-7w890 or at the Bureau's web site at www.bbbsouthplains.org.

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As the hot dry weather continues, grasses and other weeds in the bar ditches has begun to dry out and much of it is already dry enough to burn. Drivers are urged to be careful if they have to pull off the roadway and onto the shoulder. The exhaust system of your vehicle gets hot enough and can cause these dry grasses and brush to catch fire if they come into contact with the bottom of your vehicle.

The Wilson Lions Club will meet Thursday night beginning at 7 p.m. Due to the ongoing work in the school cafeteria building, the meeting will be in the Mercantile building. The directors meeting will still be at the co-op gin office.

Wilson ISD Receives Funds

Wilson ISD received Class Size Reduction funds in the amount of \$6,412.00 for the 2000-01 school year, school officials reported this week.

"Since our district already met the intent of the law by having 18 or fewer students in each class in first, second and third grades and all of our teachers were certified to teach in the areas assigned, we were able to use these funds as a part of a school-wide program," said Wilson ISD Principal Twilla Rex. "Some of the areas we selected to use these funds include curriculum, software, and classroom materials. Wilson ISD will use these funds to enhance the education of our students."

beginning at 7:30 a.m.

City officials report that daily water consumption is up due primarily to the use of evaporative air conditioners and yard watering during these hot dry days. Homeowners are urged to rot water the yards during the heat of the day, but to water in the early mornings and again in the evenings. This will allow for a more efficient use of the water and let more of it go into the ground to benefit the grass and shrubs that it is intended for.

Has anyone but me noticed the clean-up, fix-up, and paint-up project at the old Crownson residence on the corner of 13th and Green Street? The new owner, Mrs. Gwen Gilmore, who is the grandmother of Tami Bolyard, has taken a building that was almost to the brink of being beyond repair and done a real neat job of restoration. Thank you, Mrs. Gilmore, for your pride of ownership and efforts.

Another Wilson area landmark went by the wayside this past weekend when the old grain elevator on the Floyd Heck place collapsed. By looking at the remains, it seems that the east wall just gave away and allowed the rest of the structure to lean to the east until it leaned all the way to the ground. The building, which was built in the early 40s, had most recently been used for storage and a sanctuary for birds and other little critters. Most people won't even miss it but it's kinda sad to see our history and landmarks disappearing. Pictures as soon as I get the roll finished and developed.

It is illegal to hunt camels in the state of Arizona.



LYNNWOOD CENTER PROGRESS - Construction work progresses at the Lynnwood Assisted Living Center just north of the Lynn County Hospital District. Brickwork has been mostly completed on the building and interior work continues. The center is expected to open this fall. (LCN PHOTO)

Federal Program Offers Student Loan Forgiveness To Child Care Providers

In the 2001 Consolidated Appropriations Act, the federal government allocated \$1 million to the Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Program. The goal of the program is to attract more highly trained individuals into the early child care profession and to provide an incentive for them to remain in the field. If borrowers meet certain criteria established by the federal government, their federal Stafford loans may be forgiven.

Currently the program is administered on a first-come, first-served basis; therefore, any Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) borrowers who may qualify for this loan forgiveness should contact their lender or Texas Guaranteed (TG) as soon as possible.

To qualify for the loan forgiveness under this program, the borrower must have:

- Obtained a FFELP loan on or after October 8, 1998. A borrower cannot have an outstanding balance on another FFELP loan taken out before October 8, 1998.

- Completed a degree in early childhood education, childcare, or any other educational area that the Department of Education deems appropriate. The borrower may have either an associate's or a bachelor's degree to qualify under the program.

- Obtained employment in a child care facility, which could include a home - as long as it's defined as a facility that provides child care and meets applicable state or local government licensing, certification, approval, or registration requirements.

- Worked full time as a child care provider in a low-income community during the two years immediately preceding the year for which the determination of eligibility is made. A low-income community is one in which 70% of households within the community earn less than 85% of the state's median household income.

"Although funding for the Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Program may not be abundant at this time," commented Sam Wilson, TG's assistant vice president of customer assistance, "TG is optimistic that the program may expand and that more borrowers may realize the benefit from this type of loan forgiveness in future years."

For more information or for answers to questions about the Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Program, call TG's Customer Assistance at (800) 845-6267, or send an e-mail message to cust.assist@tgscl.org.

Ag Meeting Set July 23 In Lamesa

An agriculture meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, July 23 at the Dawson County Community Building in Lamesa, open to all farmers, ranchers, city and county officials and others interested in agricultural issues.

"Hear from the farmers who have the answer to putting economic prosperity back into the hands of farmers, ranchers and rural Americans," said sponsors of the meeting. "This is a very important meeting for county commissioners, ag producers, small business owners, landowners, and family members."

A lunch will be served at noon to attendees, at no cost.

The Bering Sea (and Bering Strait) are named for Vitus Bering, a Danish navigator employed by Czar Peter the Great to determine if Asia and North America were connected.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To The Tahoka Fire Department:

We wish all of the community to know how very much we appreciate the very prompt and effective work you gave our call on Saturday night. If you had not been so very quick and efficient, we might have lost all of our houses when the grass fire started at the edge of the pasture.

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INVITATION TO BID CONSTRUCTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER FOR LYNN COUNTY TAHOKA, TEXAS

Sealed bids for the construction of the Lynn County Maximum Security Jail for Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas will be received at the office of the County Judge, J.F. Brandon, Lynn County Courthouse, 2nd and Main Street, P.O. Box 848, Tahoka, Texas 79373 (or by mail) to the same address above, until 9:00 a.m. July 30, 2001. The bids will be opened and read aloud at 9:30 a.m. local time, July 30, 2001. The bid opening will occur in the Commissioner's Court, Lynn County Courthouse, Tahoka, Texas 79373.

The work to be executed as herein described and shown on the drawings entitled Law Enforcement Center For Lynn County, Tahoka, Texas, consists of the furnishing of all materials, labor, equipment and services necessary or reasonably incidental to complete the construction of the aforementioned project on a site shown and described on the drawings.

The facility is approximately 18,958 square feet and houses both male and female inmates for a total of fifty-six (56) maximum-security beds. Construction consists generally of excavation, backfill, concrete slab on grade, concrete flatwork, security fencing, metal building roof structure, miscellaneous repair, handrails, bollards, concrete masonry load bearing and non load bearing walls, standard drywall, acoustical drywall and steel ceilings, commercial and detention grade doors and windows, millwork, painting, flooring, quarry and ceramic tile, bath accessories, signage, flagpole, kitchen equipment, laundry equipment, detention furnishings, detention equipment, security electronic systems, fire alarm, fire protection, mechanical, plumbing systems and electrical.

Drawings, Specifications, Bidding and Contract documents may be examined in the Office of the County Clerk, Lynn County Courthouse, Tahoka, Texas or at the Office of the Architect, Southwest Architects, Inc., 3117 Handley Drive, Fort Worth, Texas and in the following plan rooms: Dodge Plan Rooms in Fort Worth, Texas.

Interested bidders may obtain Drawings, Specifications and Bidding Documents at the office of the Architect for a charge of \$100.00 per set, non-refundable (payable to Lynn County).

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a surety company authorized to do business within the State of Texas or a cashier's check drawn on a solvent State or National bank located within the State of Texas. The amount of the bond or check shall be equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid and shall be made payable to Lynn County as a guarantee that the Bidder will enter into a contract with the Owner for the work described in the Proposal Form and furnish the specified Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

This is a Construction Management project where all trade contractors will be primary contractors with Lynn County. The construction manager for the project is Dinosaur Valley Construction, Inc., P.O. Box 7378, Glen Rose, Texas 76043, (254)897-4901. All questions concerning the project shall be directed to Southwest Architects, Inc., 3117 Handley Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76112, (817) 654-4445, attention: Jeff Heffelfinger, AIA.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
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"There are certain safeguards in place to protect people when purchasing vehicles," says Sherry Pearce, Lynn County Tax Assessor-Collector. "But citizens should be aware that many flood-damaged vehicles will be on the market and sold without the damage being disclosed. As in most cases, it is buyer beware."

There are several steps buyers can take to protect themselves before purchasing a used vehicle, especially if it was registered in Harris County or surrounding counties.

1. Have a reputable mechanic perform a pre-purchase inspection. Most flood damage can be discovered by a careful, knowledgeable inspection.

2. Purchase from a known person or reputable dealer offering a warranty or buy-back provision.

3. Be cautious of "great deals" on newer model vehicles, manufactured within the last five years, with new carpeting or upholstery. Look under the mat in the trunk and underneath the dashboard. Mud or debris in these areas could indicate flood damage.

4. Examine the title before you buy. Many vehicles are not yet identified as flood-damaged by the state computer system, however, always ask to see the title. If the vehicle has been totaled by an insurance company, the title may carry an annotation in the Remarks section.

5. Use one of the private services that document vehicle histories. These services can research insurance claims on vehicles that have been damaged.

Citizens needing information about vehicle titles and registration should check with their local tax assessor-collector's office or call the TxDOT help line at (512) 465-7611.


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Testing will begin at 9:00 a.m., Monday, July 23, 2001 at Lamesa Campus Howard College. Bring applications at this time. Interviews will be conducted by a state recruiter on July 25th. Students will be hired as employees on the first day of class with salary starting immediately at \$1,577 a month with an increase to \$1,812 after the first 60 days and two more increases within the next 20 months. The classes are state funded, there are NO FEES or tuition paid by students. This training is being offered through the Continuing Education Dept. at Western Texas College.

Applications available at the
Lynn County News office, 1617 Main Street, Tahoka.

Questions? Call 915-573-8511, Ext. 391

OBITUARIES

Joe D. Unfred

Services for Joe D. Unfred, 81, of New Home were held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 16 at New Home Baptist Church with Rev. Jarrell Rial officiating and Rev. Leo Cole and Rev. Ray Roach assisting.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock under the direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He died Friday, July 13, 2001.

He was born Nov. 6, 1919 in Groesbeck, graduated from New Home High School in 1934 and attended Texas Tech. He moved to Lynn County from Winters in 1926. He married Betty Jane Westfall July 17, 1943 in Marysville, Pa. He was in the farming industry for 55 years and was employed by Gifford-Hill Western for 15 years before retiring in 1999.

He was a former member of the New Home School Board, past president and board member of Plains Cotton Growers Inc., served on the boards of Poka Lambro, High Plains Water District, Federal Land Bank, and Lynn County Hospital District. He was a former superintendent and deacon of New Home Baptist Church. He was named Farmer of the year in 1955.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving five and a half years, two and a half years as a lieutenant in the Third Armored Division First Army. He saw action in Normandy, Northern France, Central Europe, Ardennes and Rhineland. He was discharged with the rank of captain in Oct. 1945.

Survivors include his wife; a son, David of Lubbock; two daughters, Nancy Unfred and Vicki Lear, both of Lubbock; a brother, L.C. Unfred of Lubbock; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Texas Tech Southwest Collection, 6630 Quaker Ave., Lubbock 79413; the American Cancer Society, 1318 Broadway, Lubbock 79401; or to a favorite charity.

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Etta L. Reid

Graveside services for Etta L. Reid, 78, were held Wednesday, May 23 in Paradise Cemetery with Rev. Joe Molsenbocker officiating.

She died Monday, May 21, 2001.

She was born July 13, 1922 in Paradise. She was a retired U.S. Postal employee, having worked for many years in Tahoka. Upon retirement, she owned various motels in Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George M. Reid and stepdaughter, Eva Joe Reid Kone.

Survivors include a daughter, Marihelen Glass of McLeansville, N.C.; her brother, James L. Harms of Boyd; and two granddaughters.

Eva Jo Kone

A memorial service was held at the home of Eva Jo Reid Berkley Kone, 66, of Montrose, Colo. who died Jan. 31, 2001.

She grew up in Tahoka and was preceded in death by her mother and father.

Survivors include a son, Mark Berkley of Arlington; and three grandchildren.

Walter L. Williams

Services for Walter L. Williams, 74, of Tahoka were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 17 at First United Methodist Church in Draw with Rev. Charlie Stice, pastor of Tahoka Trinity Church, officiating and Rev. Ken Peterson, pastor, assisting.

Burial was in Draw Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He died Saturday, July 14, 2001 in Lubbock.

He was born Aug. 17, 1926 in Lynn County. He attended school in Draw and Tahoka and graduated from Tahoka High School. He married Cedaelia Washburn Dec. 24, 1952 in Post. He was a farmer and a lifetime resident of Lynn County. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. He was a member of the Draw Dominoes Club and First United Methodist Church of Draw.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Kenneth L. Williams of Tahoka, Milton Ted Williams of Post, Randall L. Williams of Grassland and Delwin Royce Williams of Seattle, Wash.; a brother, Albert Williams of Tahoka; a sister, Betty Jean White of Lubbock; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 8212 Ithaca Ave. #D, Lubbock 79423; or to Draw First United Methodist Church.

Lead Poisoning Screening Urged For All Children, Says TDH

Corral any group of 25 preschoolers and at least one child probably will have a level of lead in his or her body high enough to cause concern. That's a general idea about the problem in this state, according to information released this week by the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

However, TDH wants a more comprehensive picture of the extent of lead poisoning in children, for prevention and treatment purposes. So in January, TDH began asking all health care providers to give a blood test to every child at 12 months and 24 months of age and report all results to TDH.

"In 1998, about 6 percent of Texas children under the age of 15 had a blood lead test, with about 4 percent of those tested showing elevated blood lead levels," said Teresa Willis, administrator of the Texas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at TDH. "That means as many as 191,000 children in the state may have elevated blood lead levels."

Poisoning occurs when there is too much lead in the body. Lead is especially bad for children 6 and younger because it is absorbed so easily by their small bodies. Youngsters may eat or breathe in lead from such things as paint, dust, drinking water, soil, toys or eating and drinking utensils. Many people may not realize that lead is around them because they cannot see it, taste it or smell it.

"We want health care providers and parents to understand how important we think this screening is for children," Willis said. "Even small amounts of lead can harm a child's brain, kidneys and stomach. Lead poisoning can slow a child's development, leading to learning disabilities, hyperactivity and impaired hearing."

If caught early, however, these harmful effects can be limited by reducing a child's exposure to lead or by medical treatment.

A 1996 state law mandated the reporting of blood lead test results to the TDH Child Lead Registry, but even that reporting does not provide enough data to spot which children are at risk for lead poisoning or where they live. So TDH, working with an advisory group, put together a two-year plan that includes the screening recommendations.

TDH will give quarterly feedback to health care providers during the two-year period. "At the end of that time, we will have put together a summary of the data and recommend

final lead screening guidelines," Willis said.

Data from screenings also will be used to identify communities where people are at high risk for lead poisoning.

It is sometimes difficult to spot children affected by lead poisoning. "A child may have lead poisoning and not feel sick," Willis said. "Or a child may have general symptoms such as stomach aches, headaches, a poor appetite, trouble sleeping or by cranky, tired or restless," she added.

Among the sources of lead are peeling or chipping paint in homes built before 1978, dust from sanding or removing old paint and wallpaper and soil near a major highway that may be contaminated from years of leaded fuels. Other sources are industries that use lead, old water pipes made of lead or newer fixtures with lead solder, food grown in lead-contaminated soil, food stored in some glazed pottery or in open cans or leaded glass, bullets and fishing sinkers, hobbies that use lead such as stained glass and some folk remedies.

In addition, a pregnant woman can pass lead on to her developing baby.

To protect children from exposure:

- Have children wash their hands and face after playing outside and before eating or sleeping.
- Clean bottle and pacifier nipples each time they fall on the ground.
- Wash infant and toddler toys often. Be cautious. Toys, especially those made in another country, may use lead-based paints or dyes.


• Do not use hot water that may flow through leaded pipes or pipes soldered with lead for cooking or preparing drinks or infant formula.

• Check your home for chipping and peeling paint and paint dust.

• Place duct tape over loose paint or plaster for a temporary covering. Call your local health department or the TDH Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 1-800-588-1248 for information on safe ways to remove paint, plaster and wallpaper.

"You can't tell if your child has lead poisoning unless he or she is given a blood test," Willis said. "We are encouraging parents to have their children tested at 12 months and 24 months, especially if they believe their children are at risk for lead poisoning. It takes only 10 minutes but could make a lifetime of difference," she said.

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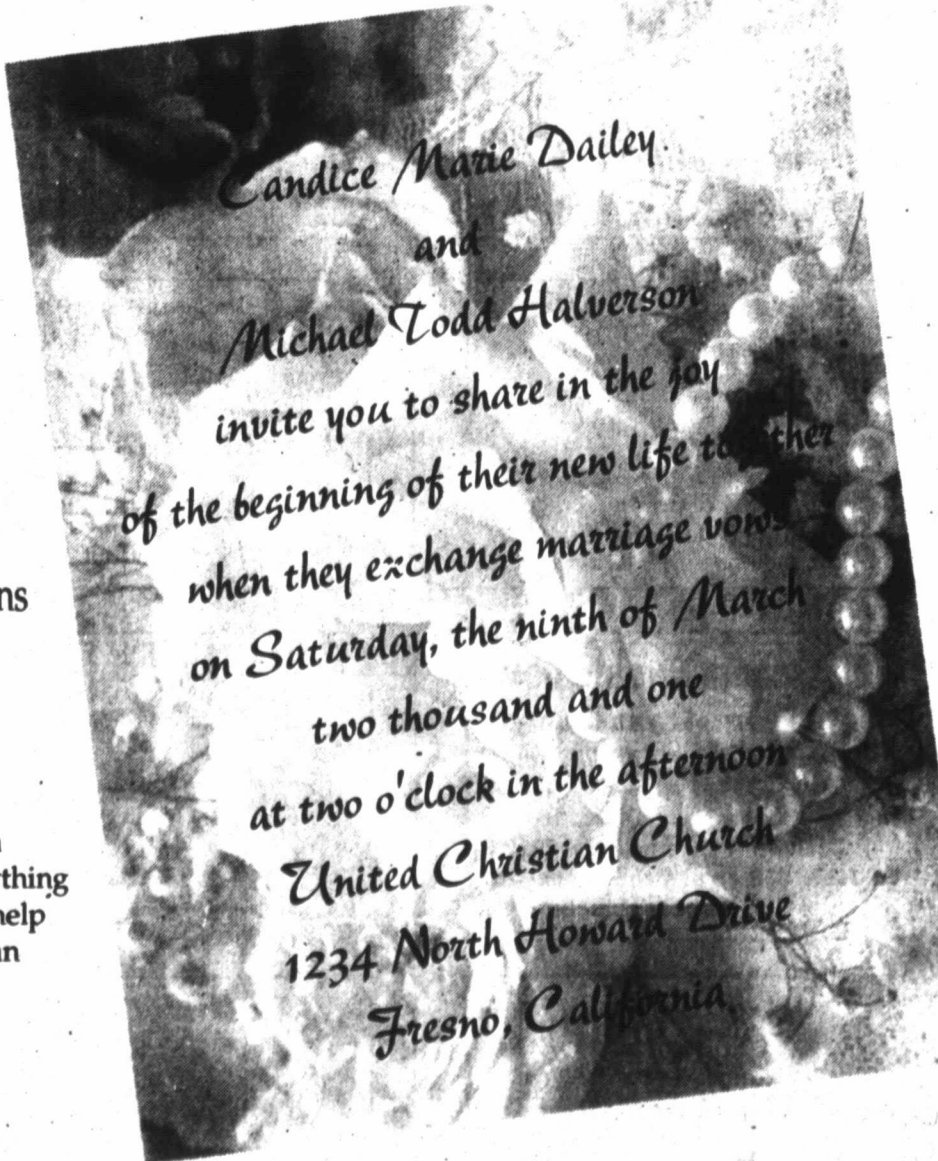
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SUMMER FUN

Photos Wanted

During the summer months, the Lynn County News is seeking photographs from our area readers depicting summer activities -- whether it's the kids running through the sprinkler, or your dog plopped down in the wading pool, or the whole family at some vacation fun spot -- we want your picture! Candid snapshots of summer fun are what we are looking for -- show us how your family is enjoying the summer months. (Please, only one photo per family.)

Just bring it by the News Office or mail it to P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373, and we'll run it (at no charge!) as space is available, under our "Summer Fun" heading. If you'll send a self-addressed stamped envelope we'll mail your photo back to you, or you may pick it up at the News Office after it appears in the paper.