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Rabies Clinic Offered July 16



Tahoka Rotary Club is sponsoring a Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, July 16, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at Tahoka City Park. Dr. Larry Mills of Post will be here to offer his services.

Flea and tick dip is \$5.00, Rabies shot is \$8.00 and all other vaccines will be available.

For more information call City Hall at 561-4211.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 29	97	70	
June 30	99	71	
July 1	99	76	0.22"
July 2	96	74	
July 3	104	74	
July 4	95	77	
July 5	91	66	0.15"
July 6			0.30"
Total Precipitation in Jul:			0.67"
Total Precipitation in Jun:			0.77"
Total Precipitation in May:			5.88"
Total Precipitation in Apr:			0.19"
Total Precipitation in Mar:			0.97"
Total Precipitation in Feb:			1.86"
Total Precipitation in Jan:			1.07"
Total Precipitation to date:			11.41"

Words of Wisdom

Kindness gives birth to kindness.

A kind man benefits himself, but a cruel man brings trouble on himself.
--Proverbs 11:17

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READY FOR A COLD DRINK - These guys working hard in the hot sun are probably ready for a cold drink, but the concession stand they are building is not quite ready for customers yet. However, the building should be ready for the first home football game at Tahoka High School's Kelley Field this fall. The new construction is being built on the north end of the field, and will house new restroom facilities as well as a single concession stand that will serve both the home stands and visitor stands. While construction is underway, public access to the track is available through the northeast gate next to the field house. (LCN PHOTO)

Grand Jury Indicts Five In Felony Cases

Five persons indicted by a recent grand jury in 106th District Court have been arrested on the charges for which they were indicted and either remain in jail or have posted bond, according to the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept.

Those indicted and the charges: Justin Jones, 21, Great Falls, Montana, manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance/cocaine, plus one count of organized crime.

Brandon Morse, 19, of Haver, MT, and Anthony Bonavita, 19, of Haver, MT, each indicted on the same charges of manufacture and delivery of cocaine plus organized crime.

Tommy Woolam, 61, of O'Donnell, illegal voting plus tampering with government records.

Johnny Ray Gutierrez, 17, of Tahoka, criminal mischief, plus two counts of retaliation.

During the last week, Tahoka Police

made two arrests for liquor law violations.

In the month of June, dispatchers at Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. processed 269 calls, including 130 for the county, 96 for City of Tahoka, 15 ambulance calls, 3 fire alarms and 25 calls for O'Donnell, whose calls for officers all are now handled by the sheriff's department. Through June, or half-way through the year, dispatchers have answered 1635 calls, including 687 for the county, 551 for Tahoka Police, 127 for O'Donnell, 131 ambulance runs and 39 fire calls.

Fourteen persons were jailed here during the last week, on these charges: parole violation, driving while intoxicated with child under 15, furnishing alcohol to a minor, DWI first offense, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana under two ounces, open container, driving while license suspended, bond forfeiture and violation of probation on conviction for forgery.

Kinney Koy Pugh Memorial Bull Riding is Sunday:

O'Donnell Rodeo Begins Tonight



The "Biggest Little Rodeo In Texas" will be held in O'Donnell beginning tonight (Thursday) and continuing through Saturday, July 7-9, at 8:30 p.m. nightly. A parade begins at 6:30 p.m. Saturday featuring area riding clubs and the Six White Horses specialty act from Hardin Simmons, which will also perform during the rodeo.

After the last event on Saturday night, the Pro Senior Bull Riders Association will compete, with all proceeds going to Friends Against Child Abuse Everywhere (FACE). A Rodeo Dance will be held Saturday night only.

General admission to the rodeo is \$6 at the gate, and \$4 for children under age 12. Events scheduled include a wild mare race, barrels, junior barrels (ages 15 and under), bull riding, novice bull riding, novice saddle bronc, novice bareback, steer wrestling, saddle bronc, bare back bronc, calf roping, team roping, and break-away roping, as well as an O'Donnell ISD barrel race, goat sacking, and mutton bustin' for children under the age of 7.

Following the rodeo, the Senior Professional Bull Riders will sponsor the first

annual Kinney Koy Pugh Memorial Bull Riding, a fund-raising event for the Children's Miracle Network and Kinney Pugh Memorial fund. Festivities will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 10 with a cowboy church service, followed by a cowboy auction at 12 noon and introduction of bull riders at 1 p.m.

Bull riding action will feature the top 20 SPBR bull riders in a challenge tour event as well as an Open Bull Riding Competition with added money and trophy buckles to the champions.

This event is being held in memory of Kinney Pugh, who died Feb. 14, to show appreciation to the community of O'Donnell and Kinney's friends everywhere for their love and support. A special thanks is extended to the O'Donnell Rodeo Association members for the use of the arena.

All are invited to attend or participate. Admission to the Kinney Koy Pugh Memorial Bull Riding is a \$5 donation, with children under the age of 6 admitted free.

For more information on this event, call 773-3198 or 428-3298.

Tahoka Police Department is in the process of relocating to 1525 S. 2nd (on the south side of the square), next door to the dry cleaners. The move should be complete by Monday, July 11, and the phone number will remain the same: 561-5255.

Hospital Administrator Candidates Interviewed

Lynn County Hospital board of directors has begun interviews with applicants for the position of hospital administrator, a position which will be vacant Sept. 5, as current administrator Dan Powers has resigned, effective on that date.

Directors met in regular session last Thursday and interviewed one candidate, and in a called meeting Monday morning interviewed two others who have applied. In addition to these three, two other persons have submitted applications, according to Billy Tomlinson, president of the board.

At Thursday's meeting, the board also heard a report from Powers about various vacancies and financial matters related to the hospital. Also present at that meeting were Tomlinson, chief operations officer Jimmy Morris and board members Jerry Ford, Dalton Wood, Cal Huffaker, Virginia Griffing and Regina Crutcher. Absent was Joan Knox.

Attending the called meeting last Monday were all board members except Huffaker, and Powers and Morris also were absent.

Pool Hours Change

The Tahoka City Pool will now be open only on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 12:30-5:30 p.m.

Pool parties can be on any day. Contact Karen Huffaker to schedule a pool party. She can be reached at 561-4302 or call the City Pool at 561-5012.

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IN RUIDOSO, a Tahoka couple spent a too-warm vacation in a tent, and it was the wife's first time ever to visit Ruidoso, although she has lived in Tahoka for years.

In Albuquerque, a medium-sized black bear climbed a utility pole, all the way to the crossbar at the top, getting his picture on national TV.

In outer space, a projectile launched by NASA collided with a huge comet and knocked a big hole in it, giving scientists some information about the composition of the comet.

And in Lubbock, I ate three giant hot dogs, which is at least two more than I should have.

What all those things have in common is that they occurred around the Fourth of July, the annual observance of that warm day in 1776 when the Continental Congress declared they were sick and tired of the British telling them what to do.

Quick comments on the above-mentioned incidents:

1. Never go to Ruidoso in mid-summer unless you have an air-conditioned place to stay. It's cooler in the mountains, but only by about 8 or 10 degrees. So when it is 100 in Tahoka, it still is 90 in Ruidoso.
2. Why would a bear climb a utility pole, unless, as Katie Couric said, "he was trying to get his bearings."
3. NASA rammed that comet on purpose, sending a spacecraft 268 million miles (I have a friend in Slaton whose Ford pickup has nearly that many miles on it) before firing a missile into the comet, described as "half the size of Manhattan." Down here in Tahoka, I have no idea of how big that is, but it likely is at least as large as Lamesa. . . They discovered that the comet's surface is like soft dust, with ice trapped below the surface. So what good is it to know that, and was it worth the cost?
4. There was a time when it would have done me no permanent damage to eat 37 hot dogs, like the people in the eating contest I saw on TV. But hot dogs are very high in things designed to eliminate people who have some of the problems that I have developed, no doubt from pigging out too often in my lifetime. They still taste great, though.

THE WISE GUY out west of town says the real reason that we can't have the Ten Commandments in a courthouse is:

You cannot post "Thou Shalt Not Steal, and Thou Shalt Not Lie" in a building full of lawyers, judges and politicians. "It creates a hostile work environment".

THE GREAT Switcheroo

As of Monday, July 11, 2005
 "The Great Switcheroo" will take place:

JOE F. HAYS, CPA

and the

TAHOKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

will switch business locations.

Joe F. Hays, CPA, will be located at 1712 Main
 (the first building north of the only stop light in town)

and the Tahoka Police Department
 will be located at 1525 South 2nd
 (on the square, south of the courthouse).

For the first time in 40+ years, the CPA office will not be next to the dry cleaning business. The police station will be there, so Tahoka citizens can expect continued and convenient neat and clean police uniforms!

The CPA office will be across Main Street from the Life Enrichment Center, which will be more convenient for Joe and Jeanette to check out library books.

ALL PHONE NUMBERS WILL STAY THE SAME.

Joe F. Hays, CPA • 998-4526

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A drop box will be available at
 1712 Main Street for the convenience of Joe's clients.

Handcuffs will be available at 1525 South 2nd for the convenience of the Police Department's clients. Please feel free to stop by either business when the offices are open, but try to refrain from the obvious jokes that could be made when a tax accountant and the police pull a "switcheroo!"

THS Athletic Physicals Set July 12 and 13

All Tahoka Middle School/High School athletes must get athletic physicals each year before participating in athletics, according to TISD Athletic Director Troy Hinds. All incoming 7th-12th grade boys and girls who intend to participate in Tahoka athletics may take their physicals at Dr. Freitag's office at Lynn County Hospital, with girls physicals slated Tuesday, July 12 from 10:30 a.m. until noon, and boys physicals following on Wednesday, July 13, also from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

All paperwork required on the physicals will be available at the doctor's office, or athletes may pick up the paperwork at the THS field house prior to the doctor's visit in order to have the paperwork already filled out to take with them to Dr. Freitag's office.

For more information, contact Troy Hinds at Tahoka High School.

Destination Camp SPC Deadline is July 15

Openings are available in Destination Camp SPC, an extended orientation camp for students who want a little extra help in getting started to college at South Plains College.

Registration deadline is July 15. The camp is scheduled July 27-29 and will focus on goal getting, career exploration, study skills, testing strategies, stress management, diversity awareness, mentoring, campus and community resources and balancing family and college.

"This camp will support students in reaching their college and life goals and dreams," said Robert Wood, SPC access and career counselor. "It is also designed to ease the transition into college by developing college success strategies, connecting students with peer mentors and empowering students to become leaders in college and community activities."

The camp is designed for students who would like extra assistance in learning college/life success skills, first generation students attending college, non-traditional students who have been out of school for awhile, students enrolled in developmental courses and students with physical and/or learning disabilities.

Cost is \$50 for students staying in campus housing. Cost is \$20 for commuters.

Students are asked to pledge 10 hours of volunteer service to the college or community.

The camp begins at 1 p.m. July 27 and will end at 3 p.m. July 29.

State Genealogical Conference Set In Lubbock Oct. 21-22

The 2005 Texas State Genealogical Society Conference will be held October 21-22 in Lubbock, Texas at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza, 3201 Loop 289 South, Lubbock, TX 79423. Eighteen mini-sessions will be held over the two day conference and those who attend may enroll for Friday only, Saturday only, or both days. Topics will include material for those interested in beginning, intermediate, or advanced family history:

Searching Vietnam Records, Tracing Texas Rangers, Dating Old Photographs, Printing a Family History, Civil War Medicine, Digital Restoration of Pictures, Gliders in World War II, Scanners and Printers, and DNA in Genealogy. For more information contact the TSGS website or District XVII Representative Judy Womack, 2710 59th, Lubbock, Tx 79413, (806)-792-6606



SUSAN TIPTON

Susan Tipton Inducted As New Rotary President

Susan Tipton was inducted as the 2005-06 President for Tahoka Rotary Club during ceremonies held last Thursday, June 30 at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. Rotarian Harold Green conducted the installation of a slate of new officers for the upcoming year.

Others installed included Steve Sherrill as Vice President, Tommy Botkin as President-Elect, and new directors include Dee Dee Pridmore, Kevin Larpenier, Ron Fant and Danny Preston. Steve Sanders is Secretary, and Ray Box is Treasurer. Immediate Past-President was Keith Williams.



KATHRYN GASSAWAY

Gassaway Is Merit Scholar

Kathryn Kimberly Gassaway has been named a Merit Scholar by the Illinois-based national Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Of the 1.3 million students who compete under the program, some 15,000 qualify as finalists. Approximately 8,200 finalists are named Merit Scholars, representing the top .005 percent of high school seniors in the United States.

On June 4th, Katy graduated Magna Cum Laude from Casady School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where she also received the departmental award for German. She will enter the University of Texas at Austin this fall.

Katy is the daughter of Mike and Debra Gassaway of Edmond, OK, formerly of Wilson, and the granddaughter of the late Herman and Clara Wuensche of Wilson.

Obituaries

Venson Caswell

Services for Walter Venson Caswell, 60, of Tahoka, were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 5 at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka. Interment followed in the O'Donnell Cemetery, under direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He died Saturday, July 2, 2005 in Lubbock.

Caswell was born Dec. 2, 1944 in Lamesa to Vernon Otis and Mamie Tidwell Caswell. He graduated from O'Donnell High School and married Quaydene Pool Bailey in O'Donnell on Sept. 9, 1994. Caswell was a farmer in Lynn County and was active with the O'Donnell Rodeo Association. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Tahoka.

He was preceded in death by his father, Vernon Otis Caswell.

Survivors include his wife, Quaydene Caswell of Tahoka; a son, Vince Caswell of Hudson, WI; a daughter, Jhoni Richards of Phoenix, AZ; a stepdaughter, Candice Rose, and two stepsons, Brandy and Cody Bailey, all of Lubbock; three sisters, Marla Rexrode of Lubbock, Judy Etchinson and Jan Brown, both of O'Donnell; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church, Box 1547, Tahoka, Tx, 79373, or Hospice of Lubbock, 1102 Slide Rd., Ste. 3, Lubbock, Tx 79416.

Senior Citizens MENU

July 11-15

Monday: Beef Burrito, Rice, Squash Casserole, Lettuce, Tomato, Chips/Hot Sauce, Fruited Jello

Tuesday: Baked Chicken w/ Mushroom Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Salad, Lemon Cake

Wednesday: Lasagna, Italian Vegetables, Salad, Banana Pudding.

Thursday: Turkey Sandwich, Potatoes, Salad, Frosted Cake

Friday: Liver or Hamburger Steak, Brown Gravy, Rice, Squash, Pecan Pie

Remember that we are still collecting aluminum cans as a fund raiser for the Senior Citizens. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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July is "Watch Your Car" Month As More Vehicles Stolen Now

Temperatures aren't the only "hot" things in Texas during July. More vehicles are typically stolen in this month than any other throughout the state, so July has been designated "Watch Your Car" Month by the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA). ATPA, a division of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), warns Texans that even if they drive older vehicles, they need to actively protect themselves against vehicle theft. Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Uniform Crime Report figures show that 93,844 vehicles were stolen in Texas during 2004, resulting in a monetary loss over \$750 million. That's one vehicle every five-and-a-half minutes! The average stolen vehicle is several years old and is often targeted for parts. And of the 8,860 people arrested for motor vehicle theft in 2003, teens between 15 and 19-years-old accounted for the highest arrest percentage. Vehicle theft is also far from victimless. Not only can it cause great inconvenience for

the vehicle owner, auto insurance rates may also be affected.

To educate vehicle owners, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Reduce Auto Theft in Texas (RATT) program, one of 27 grants currently operating statewide under ATPA, has planned "Watch Your Car" Week. Activities will commence on Monday, July 11, 2005, at 10 a.m. with a press conference to unveil the "Five Most Wanted" vehicles in Texas. The event will be held at the North Central Texas Council of Governments, located at 616 Six Flags Drive, in Arlington. Auto theft investigators from north Texas law enforcement agencies and DPS, as well as officials with ATPA and RATT, will be available to answer questions regarding auto theft trends and prevention tips. In addition, a live vehicle dismantling demonstration will be conducted by the San Antonio Police Department Auto Theft Task Force to exemplify how quickly a vehicle can be dismantled into parts. Other unique vehicles will also be on display.

On Wednesday, July 13, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., RATT will host a free H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft) registration and VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) etching event at Richard Green Linear Park next to Amerquest Field on Randol Mill in Arlington. H.E.A.T. is a voluntary decal registration program that allows vehicles to be stopped in Texas between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. to verify authorized individuals are operating those vehicles. Etching VINs on vehicle windows can deter thieves who want to change a vehicle's identification and will increase the chances of recovering vehicles if they are stolen.

Automobile theft rates have fallen 54 percent since ATPA's inception in 1991. According to ATPA Director Susan Sampson, "Auto theft is an economic crime that follows economic trends, but vehicle owners can outsmart thieves by making their cars more difficult to steal." According to Director Sampson, time is a thief's greatest enemy, and experts recommend common sense techniques that will cost thieves time and, ideally, disable their ability to steal a vehicle.

Vehicle owners are encouraged to keep their vehicles off the "hot" list by practicing prevention. Lock it or lose it, and always remember... "Watch Your Car."

Read To Children During Summertime

Summer is a time to relax, recuperate and rejuvenate, but it is important for children to keep reading and learning during their break from the school year. Reading experts from education publisher Houghton Mifflin Company offer these tips for families this summer:

- Read TO your children, including older children. Don't stop reading to children just because they have become fairly adept readers themselves. The books adults read will have a great deal more vocabulary and much more complicated content — just what children need to be successful readers.

- Read WITH your children. Make reading fun; share what you are reading and read together in choral fashion.

- ENCOURAGE them to read. Stories are great, but so are informational materials. Collect brochures and pamphlets on your summer vacation (and when doing day-to-day activities) and help your child read them.
- Research suggests that children's vocabulary and concept development can be expanded considerably if adults use sophisticated words for known concepts. For example, all children know the word "happy." So...use "cheerful," "overjoyed," "delighted," or "ecstatic." You don't have to teach any new ideas — just use new words. It will improve their comprehension.

- Have discussions even when you're not reading. While watching television, for example, discuss the plot during commercial breaks. Why did the main character do that? How was she feeling? What do you think will happen next? Why?



WAYLAND and VILLA CRAIG

Couple To Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Wayland and Villa Craig of Tahoka will observe their 50th wedding anniversary on July 7, 2005.

Wayland Craig and the former Villa Phillips were married July 7, 1955 in Tahoka.

They are the parents of Wayla and Bill Buermann of Tahoka, and Ronnie and Gay Craig of Bryan. They also have five grandchildren, Kyle and Michelle Buermann of Crosbyton, Kody Buermann, of Tahoka, and Emily and Kinsey Craig of Bryan.

The family will celebrate with a family vacation.



TOPIC: CLOUDLESS DAYS

Q: On the national weather map every day, it seems like you always see a storm someplace around the country. Has there ever been a day when it was sunny all over the United States?

A: The short answer is probably no, but no one really knows for sure, says Kelsey Curtiss of Texas A&M University. Modern weather records only go back about 100 years, so if there were cloudless days in the U.S. before then, it would not have been recorded. "This very question has been asked before," Curtiss says. "The National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) has some of the top weather people in the world, and their best guess is that it's probably impossible for the entire U.S. to have a cloudless day. Modern satellite images have not been in use since the early 1970s and they provide us with the best overall pictures of the U.S., but the best answer appears to be a 'no.'"

Q: Why are there no cloudless days over the U.S.?

A: The sheer size of the country is one reason. With more land mass, there's a greater chance that someplace, you will have some clouds and storms, Curtiss adds. "But adding to that is a constant flow of weather systems moving across the U.S., and these almost always have clouds somehow associated with them. This applies to the continental U.S., but especially is true with Alaska and Hawaii, where either rain or snow is almost a daily occurrence, and of course, you won't have sunny days in those conditions. So it's safe to say that somewhere in the U.S. at any given time, there are storms of some type, meaning the chance of a cloudless day across America is probably near zero."

STORK REPORT

Jacoby and Heather Baker of Gulf Breeze, Florida, wish to announce the birth of their son, Caleb Lee, born June 18, 2005 at 5:57 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs., 14 ozs. and measured 19 inches long.

Grandparents are John and Suzanne Baker of Tahoka, Gary and Sandy Secrest of Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Bruce and Jaime Franklin of Bishop.

Great-Grandparents are Leta Warren, and H.G. and Janel Franklin, all of Tahoka, Robert and Nora Warren of Brownfield, Quatha Baker and the late Bill Baker of Lubbock and Marjorie Harlow of Phoenix, Arizona.

Great great grandmother is Mozelle Power of Lubbock.

Fishing cabin permit bids bring in \$112,501 for Texas

The first ever sealed bid sale of fishing cabins on state lands brought in more than \$112,000, announced Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office.

"We're very pleased with the results of this test," Patterson said. "This is state land that previously didn't earn any money. We're changing how we do business here at the Land Office, and this is just one small example of how we're working to make the most of state resources."

A total of 12 bidders submitted bids for the five sites offered. The winning bidders will now be allowed to build fishing cabins on spoil islands created by dredging in the Upper Laguna Madre in Kleberg County. Four of the sites are near Bird Island and one is near Baffin Bay.

Bidding started at \$10,000 for the right to obtain a permit for a site and build a cabin up to 1,000 square feet in area. With more than \$112,000 earned, that puts the aver-

age bid price at about \$22,500.

The permits will be issued for five years, and can be renewed in five-year increments if all conditions of the contract have been observed. Anything built on the sites will belong to the state of Texas.

This is the first time the Texas General Land Office has offered cabin permits on a sealed bid basis. The permits, hugely popular with coastal fishermen, were initially awarded to those who were occupying cabins on state lands in 1973, when the School Land Board and Texas General Land Office were granted regulatory authority over the structures on state lands.

Since then, the permits have been handed down to the original permit holders' heirs, or transferred to other interested parties with School Land Board approval.

For additional information, send an e-mail to cabins@glo.state.tx.us, or visit the cabin Web site at www.glo.state.tx.us/ast_inspection/summary.html#anchor2274.

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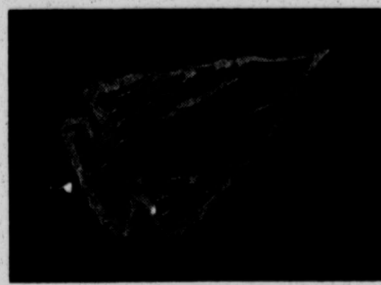
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Texas Dept. of Agriculture Seeks Historic Farms And Ranches

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is seeking applications for the 2005 Family Land Heritage Program, which recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for 100, 150, and 200 years. Since the program started in 1974, more than 4,020 farms and ranches have been recognized in 226 Texas counties.

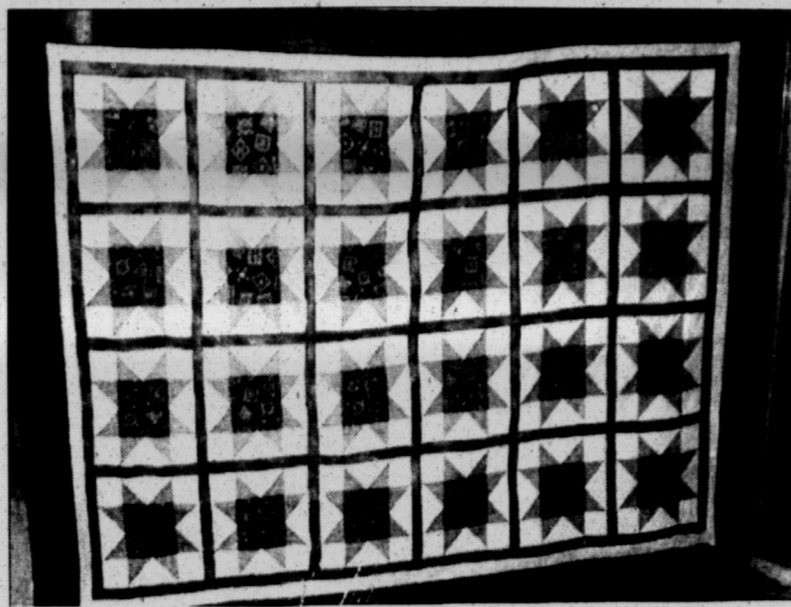
"We must not forget our past," Combs said. "There was a time when a few buildings and roads could be seen on the Texas landscape. Instead, there were pioneer families, one after the other, homesteading on a great wilderness, building their homes and staking their claim to the land. This program recognizes these pioneers and the generations who

have continued the farming and ranching heritage."

Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during a ceremony in Austin in March 2006. The history of the farm or ranch will be chronicled in the 2005 Family Land Heritage Registry. In addition, honorees can obtain historic farm or ranch signage for their property.

Program applications are available through TDA, county judges and on TDA's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us. Applications are due by Nov. 15.

For more information, contact Family Land and Heritage Coordinator Melissa Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711, (512) 463-2631 or send an e-mail to melissa.blair@agr.state.tx.us.



QUILT TO BE RAFFLED - Lynn County Senior Citizens Pioneer Center is offering this full-size quilt in a raffle benefiting the center. Chances are \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5. The drawing will be held at a cookout in July, with more details to be announced later. Quilt tickets are currently available at the Senior Citizens Center, P.J.'s, Thriftway, Main Street Express, Lucy Me, and Lynn County News.

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted at Local FSA Office

Applications for emergency farm loan for losses caused by excessive rain, flash flooding, flooding, hail, high winds, lightning, tornadoes, that occurred on May 12-13, 2005, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Tahoka. FSA Farm Loan Manager Curtis Barlow said today.

Lynn County is one of 9 counties recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the excessive rain, flash flooding, flooding, hail, high winds, lightning, tornadoes...

Barlow said farmers may be eligible for loans up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private

commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Barlow said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance Program will have to figure in proceeds from this program in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until October 3, 2005, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Barlow said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster Emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Tahoka is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

USDA Seeks Input In Farm Bill Forum

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has announced the first Farm Bill Forum and the topics on which the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will be seeking input from America's farmers, ranchers and rural residents regarding the development of the 2007 Farm Bill.

"The next farm bill will affect America's entire agricultural community," said Johanns. "That's why I want to ask America's farmers and ranchers how our farm policy is working and how we can make it better. I believe very strongly that they deserve a voice in this process."

The first Farm Bill Forum will be held in Nashville, Tenn. on July 7 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. CDT at RFD-TV Northstar Studios. The public is invited to attend and participate in the forum, which will be broadcast live on RFD-TV. In addition to accommodating approximately 300 in the audience, the forum also will accept calls from across the nation.

Johanns made the announcement in remarks to the State Convention of the Illinois FE in Springfield, Ill. The 2002 Farm Bill, which authorizes many of the programs operated by USDA, expires with the 2007 crop year.

Johanns noted that in his remarks that he was approaching the Farm Bill Forums with an open mind. "I do not begin this process with preconceived notions about the direction future farm policy should take," said Johanns. "We will use the feedback we receive to help us de-

termine the best course for a new Farm Bill."

Throughout 2005, Johanns and other senior USDA officials will participate in the Farm Bill Forums that will be held across the country. The dates, locations and times of the forums will be announced as they are scheduled and be available on the USDA website at <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>. The public will be invited to attend the forums and to present oral comments.

As the current Farm Bill covers a diverse array of program areas, six topics have been identified to provide a framework for the forums. The primary topics addressed at the forums will reflect various concerns affecting rural America such as commodity, conservation, and rural economic development issues. In addition, some forums will be dedicated to other important programs authorized by the farm bill such as food assistance, research and education programs.

USDA will be seeking public discussion on farm policy considerations regarding: the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture in global and domestic markets; challenges facing new farmers and ranchers as they enter agriculture; appropriateness and effectiveness of the distribution of farm program benefits; achievement of conservation and environmental goals; and enhancement of rural economic growth and opportunities to expand agricultural products markets and research.

The public will be invited to provide comments on six specific questions based on these policy considerations:

- How should farm policy be designed to maximize U.S. competitiveness and our country's ability to effectively compete in global markets?
- How should farm policy address any unintended consequences and ensure that such consequences do not discourage new farmers and the next generation of farmers from entering production agriculture?
- How should farm policy be designed to effectively and fairly distribute assistance to producers?
- How can farm policy best achieve conservation and environmental goals?
- How can Federal rural and farm programs provide effective assistance in rural areas?
- How should agricultural product development, marketing and research-related issues be addressed in the next farm bill?

Notice of these questions will be published in the June 17, 2005 *Federal Register*. Comments will be accepted at public forums and may also be submitted electronically via the Internet at the USDA home page (<http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>) by selecting "Farm Bill Forums," by email to FarmBill@usda.gov or by mail to Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns, Farm Bill, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3355.

USDA will review the public comments received by December 30, 2005, including any analyses, reports, studies and other material submitted with comments that address the six questions.

USDA Accepts FSA County Committee Member Nominations June 15-Aug. 1

Lynn County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Jimmy Woodard today announced the USDA will soon begin accepting nomination forms for eligible candidates to serve on local FSA County Committees. The nomination period is June 15 - August 1. For Lynn County, the committee seat up for election in 2005 represents LAA #1 also known as Community "A", located North of Hwy 380 and West of FM 400.

"I encourage local producers to get involved and make a difference in the local agriculture industry by becoming a member of their local FSA County Committee," said Woodard. "FSA County Committees play an important role in the decision making process for commodity price support loans and payments, conservation and disaster programs and other important agricultural issues in impacting their farming community."

Almost anyone participating or cooperating in a local FSA program and who is of legal voting age can be nominated as a candidate. Individuals may nominate themselves or others.

All nomination forms must be received in the County FSA Office or postmarked by August 1. Voting takes place between November 4th and December 5th, 2005.

To hold office as an FSA County Committee member, a person must meet the basic eligibility requirements described below:

- Participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA
- Be eligible to vote in a county committee election
- Reside in the LAA (Community "A") in which the person is a candidate. (In some cases, this requirement may be waived. Check with the local county office.)

A person must not have been:

- Removed or disqualified from the office of FSA County Committee member, alternate, or employee;
- Removed for cause from any public office or have been convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement, or any other felony; or
- Dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services.

Interested individuals who are uncertain about their eligibility to serve on the FSA County Committee should contact their local FSA office for affirmation of eligibility to serve.

More information on the COC elections, including the nomination form, is available at the local USDA Service Centers or online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/Default.asp>.

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Letters To The Editor

Band Director Praised For Dedication To Program, Students

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Carroll Rhodes, our Band Director of Tahoka ISD, for all the time he gives to our kids. I've never seen anyone go above and beyond the call to duty as Mr. Rhodes does. Normally, teachers have the summer off. Not Mr. Rhodes! he is at school practicing with our kids to help them get ready for the summer camps, he makes sure they are ready to perform and also spends his summer taking them to the camps.

He also spends endless hours at the school during the year preparing for all the many contests and concerts. Not many schools are as blessed as we are to have such a dedicated Christian Band Director. I remember when our band program wasn't so good. The first year Mr. Rhodes was here and we heard our first spring concert I think everyone was shocked at how good they sounded. And not only was the sound good, I remember at one time we only had 38 kids out there marching. But when Mr. Rhodes came, he started building our program in numbers and sound. Now look at the program we have. We have a band program to be proud of and not only do we sound good, we look and act good. And for this, Mr. Rhodes, my hat goes off to you. Thank you for how much you love and care for our kids. I pray you stay a long, long time.

If you see Mr. Rhodes you might want to tell him how much you appreciate all he does for your child.

I asked Mr. Rhodes to make a list of all the accomplishments our kids have made since he has been here. You will notice there are a lot of records and firsts for Tahoka.

- Rebuilt fourth division band program into Sweepstakes program
- Qualified 41 for Middle School ATSSB Region Band
- Qualified 59 for High School ATSSB Region Band
- Qualified 23 for High School ATSSB Honor Band

- Qualified 14 for High School ATSSB Area Band

- From 1999-2004, 4 different students have made the high school ATSSB All-State Band, A Tahoka first.

- Prepared 52 students who earned "I" in UIL Regional Solo and Ensemble Contest

- Qualified 49 students to the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest

- In 2001 senior trombone student won Outstanding Performer at the TSSEC

- Earned first I in Concert in 16 years in 1999

- Earned first Small Sweepstakes (I's in Concert and Sight-reading) in over 30 years in 2000

- Earned first I in Marching in 35 years in 2000

- In 2001 earned first large Sweepstakes (I's in Marching, Concert & Sight-reading) in 49 years

- Earned only the 3rd, 4th, & 5th Large Sweepstakes in Tahoka's History, 02-03, 03-04, 04-05

- Three consecutive large Sweepstakes in Tahoka's History-2002 through 2005

- Earned three I's in Marching 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004

- Advanced to Area Marching Contest in 2003 (Tahoka first)

- Seven Years of consecutive I's in Concert 99-05 (Tahoka record)

- Six Years of consecutive I's in Sight-reading 99-05 (Tahoka record)

- Six years of consecutive small Sweepstakes (I's in Concert & Sight-reading) 00-05 (Tahoka record)

- Made the state finals of the ATSSB Outstanding Performance Series for concert contest marches-2000-2001

- Placed first in class and received Esprit de Corps trophy at Music in the Parks at California in 2002

- Band Boosters commissioned an original band composition written and published in memory of band student (Meg Flynn) and had it approved by UIL to play for concert contest 2002

- Personally commissioned an original march composed expressly for the Tahoka 3-D Band: Past, Present, and Future Members, 2003

Thanks,
Gail Quisenberry



NEW MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS — New officers were installed in ceremonies held Saturday July 2, at the Masonic Lodge #1041, in Tahoka. New officers include, front row: Doug Taylor-Treasurer, Robert Woodfin- Junior Warden, Troy Moore-Worshipful Master, Charles Bonner- Senior Warden, and Pete Stricklin- Junior Deacon; Back row: Leighton Knox, Jr.- Chaplain, Frank Eaker- Secretary, and James Neely as Installing Master. Guests from Wolfforth, Slaton, Lubbock, Lamesa, and Sweetwater also attended.

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On June 10, 2005 NM Licensing, LLC tendered for filing with the FCC in Washington, DC an application for assignment of Station KMMX, 100.3 MHz, Tahoka, Texas, to Wilks License Company, Lubbock, LLC.

The parties in interest in NM Licensing, LLC are NextMedia Operating Inc., NextMedia Group Inc., NextMedia Investors LLC, Thomas Wessel Capital Partners, L.P., Early and Capital Partners, L.P., Thomas Wessel Capital Management, L.L.C., Thomas Wessel Partners Group, L.P., Thomas Wessel Capital Partners Employee Fund, L.P., TWP 2000 Co-Investment Fund, L.P., TWP CEO Founders Circle (QP), L.P., TWP CEO Founders Circle (AD), L.P., Thomas Wessel Capital Partners (Dutch), L.P., Thomas Wessel Capital Partners (Dutch II), L.P., Thomas Wessel Capital Partners (Dutch III), L.L.C., Westoff Presidio Capital III, L.P., WPC Entrepreneur Fund, L.P., Westoff Presidio Capital Management III, L.L.C., GS Capital Partners 2000, L.P., GS Capital Partners 2000 Offshore, L.P., GS Capital Partners 2000 GmbH & Co. Beteiligungs KG, GS Capital Partners 2000 Employee Fund I, P., Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., GS Advisors 2000, L.P., Goldman Sachs Management GP GmbH, GS Employee Funds 2000 GP, L.L.C., The Rainbow Living Trust, W.P., Egan's 1998 Trust, Alfa Communications VIII, L.P., Alfa Communications VIII B, L.P., Alfa VIII Associates, LLC, Alfa Communications, Inc., Alfa Communications VIII Managers, L.L.C., Alfa Comm VIII by S, L.L.C., NextMedia Select Partners, L.L.C., Michael Angelino, Jim Arabanos, David Baylor, Robert Benbow, Crystal Benbow, Michael Brogan, Kevin Brown, Patrick Brubaker, Craig Burr, Lander Burr, Matthew Burr, Michael Connor, David Davison, Timothy Dibble, Steven Dimetz, Jeffrey Dimetz, Mark Egan, William Egan, Robert Farnert, Richard Friedman, Joseph Gleberman, Kendra Harris, Timothy Heekin, Carl Hirsch, Blake Jorgenson, Michael Lazarus, Matthew Leibowitz, Mark Manson, James Matalone, Sean Mc Atton, Eileen McCarthy, Lane McDonald, James McElvey, Brian McNeill, Nirmala Miao, Michael Morrill, Nikhil Patel, Kenneth Pontarelli, Akbar Rafiq, Richard Randolph, Kristin Reed, David Retik Trust, Benjamin Retik, Dina Retik, Mark Retik, Molly Retik, Susan Retik, Paul Nelson, Lawrence Sorrel, Sean Stover, Philip Thompson, Thomas Howbridge, Bruce Washburn, Thomas Wessel, Samuel Weller, Robert West and Ranny Wong.

The Parties in Interest in Wilks License Company - Lubbock, LLC are Wilks Broadcast - Lubbock LLC, Wilks Broadcast Group LLC, Wilks Broadcast Group Holdings LLC, Wilks Broadcast Manager LLC, Wilks Radio Group LLC, Wilks Broadcast Partners LLC, Wilks Capital Management III, L.P., Wilks Communications & Media Partners III, L.P., Wilks Communications & Media Partners III (Parallel-A) Subsidiary HoldCo, L.L.C., Wilks Communications & Media Partners III (Parallel-A) LLC, Wilks Communications & Media Partners III (Parallel-B), L.P., Wilks Fannel Partners III, L.P., Blue Ventures III LLC, North County LLC, Mid Ocean Investors III LLC, Screaming Eagle Ventures III LLC, Wilks Special Purpose Vehicle A, Inc., Wilks Special Purpose Vehicle B, Inc., Wilks Special Purpose Vehicle C, Inc., Wilks Special Purpose Vehicle D, Inc., Wilks Special Purpose Vehicle E, Inc., Jeffrey Wilks, Marc Berman, Craig B. Klosk, Matthew E. Gormly, III, Jamie M. Weston, E. Sue Cho, Donald Wilks, Mitchell Wilks Irrevocable Trust, Robin Wilks Irrevocable Trust, Todd Vavich, Todd Parmacek, Richard H. Doub, Jody Rosen, Carter F. Bales, Daniel M. Korrick, Daniel L. Black, R. Kenneth Bryant, E. J. Sloboda, and Max Von Zuben.

Copies of the application, exhibits and related materials are available for public inspection at 33 Briarcroft Park, Lubbock, TX 79412. 25-3c

Stars of Gospel Music Concert

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FEATURING The Jubil-Heirs
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Post Elementary School Auditorium
7:30 p.m. • Saturday, July 9, 2005

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ALLSUP'S COMBO MEALS		
COMBO NO. 1	BACON/EGG BISCUIT & 16 OZ. COFFEE	\$1.99
COMBO NO. 2	SAUSAGE/EGG BISCUIT & 16 OZ. COFFEE	\$1.99
COMBO NO. 3	BBQ SANDWICH & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$1.99
COMBO NO. 4	HOMESTYLE POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.59
COMBO NO. 5	SPICY POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.59
COMBO NO. 6	3 TAMALES, HOWLERS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.49
COMBO NO. 7	2 HOT LINKS WITH BREAD & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.49
COMBO NO. 8	2 CORN DOGS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.29
COMBO NO. 9	CHIMICHANGA & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.29
COMBO NO. 10	2 BEEF & BEAN BURRITOS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.29

JONES SODA ASSORTED FLAVORS	2 FOR \$1.00
12 OZ. / 99¢ EACH OR	
BAR-S BOLOGNA	99¢
12 OZ. / REG. \$1.49	
ALLSUP'S SANDWICH BREAD	2 FOR \$1.09
24 OZ. / 79¢ EACH OR	
ALLSUP'S WHEAT BREAD	2 FOR \$1.29
24 OZ. / 89¢ EACH OR	
FRITO-LAY POTATO CHIPS ASSORTED FLAVORS	89¢
REG. 99¢	
WRIGLEY ECLIPSE MINTS	99¢
1 CT. / REG. \$1.79	
CHERRY MASH	2 FOR \$1.00
1 CT. / 89¢ EACH OR	
KELLOGG'S CEREAL IN A CUP ASST. FLAVORS	99¢
1 CT. / REG. \$1.09	
TOP RAMEN NOODLES ASST. FLAVORS	8 FOR \$1.00
3 OZ. / 29¢ EACH OR	
SPAM	\$2.49
12 OZ. / REG. \$2.99	
MOZZARELLA CHEESE STIX	\$1.29
3 PER ORDER	
JOLLY TIME BLAST-O-BUTTER POPCORN	\$1.99
2 PACK / REG. \$2.99	
50 DRI PAPER TOWELS	59¢
SINGLE ROLL PKG. / REG. 75¢	
SOFT'N GENTLE BATHROOM TISSUE	99¢
4 ROLL PKG. / REG. \$1.19	
SHURFINE PLASTIC FORKS OR SPOONS	2 FOR \$1.50
89¢ EACH OR	
MARDI GRAS NAPKINS	99¢
120 CT. / REG. \$1.19	
SOLO PLASTIC CUPS	\$1.99
16 OZ. / 20 COUNT	
CASCADE DISHWASHER POWDER	\$2.99
50 OZ. / REG. \$3.29	
FUJI QUIKSNAP 27 EXP. 400 CAMERA	\$4.99
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4.6 OZ. / REG. \$2.99	