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"News" To Print Early Next Week

The Lynn County News will print a day early next week because of the July 4 holiday, which falls on a Wednesday, our normal print day. The News will go to press Tuesday morning and mail out Tuesday afternoon, with a deadline of 5 p.m. Monday, July 2 for all news and advertising.

Call The Lynn County News at 561-4888 or email news/photos to LynnCoNews@poka.com. The News Office will be closed Wednesday, July 4.

AREA EVENTS Coming Up In July

- July 4**
- New Home VFD BBQ 6:30 pm at old Coop Gin
 - O'Donnell 4th Celebration 6 pm at O'Donnell City Park
- July 9-10**
- Diabetes Management Class 1-5 pm at Wilson Blessed Sacrament Church
- July 15**
- Draw-Redwine Reunion 10 am-4 pm at The Housing Center in Tahoka
- July 27-28**
- BBQ/Chili Cookoff and Music Festival at End Of The Trail RV Park, Tahoka

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 20	89	63	0.47"
June 21	87	63	
June 22	86	66	
June 23	88	65	
June 24	88	62	0.11"
June 25	89	65	
June 26	90	67	1.21"
Total Precipitation June:			3.38"
Total Precipitation May:			5.57"
Total Precipitation Apr:			1.15"
Total Precipitation Mar.:			4.22"
Total Precipitation Feb.:			0.36"
Total Precipitation Jan.:			1.39"
Total Precip. Year to Date:			16.07"

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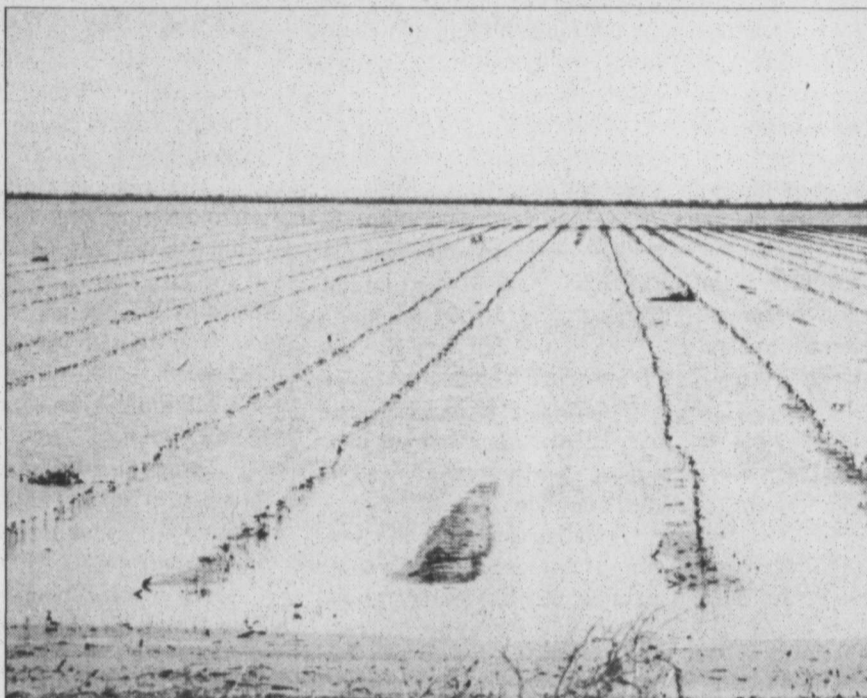
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Too much for the cotton ... Too much rain, wind and hail pounded this field in western Lynn County late Tuesday night, causing severe damage to young cotton crops. The stormy weather damaged cotton from Lakeview down to West Point and further south to Wells.

(LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

Storms Pound County Again

by BRYAN REYNOLDS
Texas Cooperative Extension
Lynn County, Agriculture

Severe storms pounded the western part of the county again on late Tuesday night damaging a large portion of the cotton crop. Heavy rains, high winds and hail damaged cotton from Lakeview down to West Point and further south to Wells.

"The hardest hit area was West Point where four inch rain gauges were running over on many farms. Along with the rain came high winds and hail in some locations," said Bryan Reynolds, County Extension Agent.

As many as 20,000 plus acres in the county could be affected. Producers

will have to wait several days before fields can be evaluated to determine the full extent of the damage. Much of the area had cotton that was young and behind schedule which made it more vulnerable to the weather. Some fields were destroyed while others have a variety of damage from leaves being burnt and ragged up to plants being laid over from the rain and wind.

Warm weather and calmer conditions are all on the minds of growers right now with so many having to make numerous trips across fields with sandfighters to try and save this crop.

"It is aggravating to have the blessing of rain but not be able to get a crop up and going in 2007," said Reynolds.

Two Resign, Three Hired At O'Donnell Schools

O'Donnell Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session last Thursday, June 21, approving three new teacher contracts and other issues. Superintendent Rodney Schneider also reported two staff resignations at the district.

The board unanimously approved professional probationary contracts for Mendy Briley, Kathy Barton and Robin Wilke. Ms. Barton will be moving from the office aide position to a teaching position, as technology and business related programs instructor at both the secondary and elementary campuses. Ms. Briley was moved from a part-time contract to a full-time contract, and Ms. Wilke will be filling a position at the elementary campus.

Supt. Schneider reported he had accepted resignations from Ms. Denisha Eaker and Ms. Gina Napper at the district.

Trustees approved a contract with the City of O'Donnell for canine drug dog services at the school district. Supt. Schneider said that over the last few years the district has been contracting with Inquest K-Nine Services out of Abilene at a cost of \$200 per visit. The agreement with the City of O'Donnell will cost the district \$150 per visit for approximately the same number of visits, he reported.

The board took no action on an item listed as "purchase of real property" for the school district, and took no

action in filling the vacated trustee position.

Several routine agenda items were approved, including a final revised 2005-06 District Improvement Plan, and a final draft of the 2006-07 District Improvement Plan. The board unanimously approved all textbooks on the state adoption list for 2007-08, and approved TASS Policy Update #80.

Supt. Schneider told trustees that summer work projects have begun, including modifying the existing structural plans to include fenced gates in bus parking area, and renovation of the existing secondary kitchen area. Sometime later this month, he said, work will begin on renovating the breezeway between the junior high and high school buildings, to open the breezeway doors and incorporate additional trophy case space within the recessed space located inside the hallway.

The superintendent presented budget figures for the 2007-08 school year, and also updated the final budget estimates for the current 2006-07 year. The board authorized Supt. Schneider to seek bids on property casualty insurance, workers compensation insurance, and vehicle liability insurance for the school district.

Campus principals Clay Burns and Penny Forbes presented information on campus activities, and the next board meeting was set for Thursday, July 19.

Tahoka Getting Smaller, One Letter At A Time

Someone apparently is stealing the letters off the "TAHOKA" sign just north of the city one letter at a time. A few weeks ago the letter "T" vanished from the sign put up by the state highway department in a small park-like area facing traffic which exits U.S. 87 coming into Tahoka. And last week the sheriff's department was notified that the letter "A" now is missing also, leaving the sign "HOKA."

Anyone with information about the theft of the letters is asked to call the sheriff's office.

Sheriff's officers also are investigating two reports of theft and criminal mischief, both occurring last Friday night or early Saturday. John G. White, who lives on FM 211, reported that his lawn was damaged by tires spinning

out and about 100 gallons of gasoline had been stolen from a tank. Freddie Kieth reported that a small amount of diesel had been stolen from a tank, and that his John Deere tractor had been driven, with attached 8-row equipment unhitched and left in a ditch.

Tahoka Police were investigating three reports of persons driving away from a convenience store without paying for gasoline during the last week.

Seven persons were jailed in Lynn County during the last week, bringing the jail population to 48 as of Tuesday, including 12 held for Garza County.

Those most recently jailed were arrested on charges of driving while license invalid (two persons, with one of these held on a justice of the peace warrant), carrying a prohibited weapon plus possession of marijuana, child not restrained by seat belt, reckless driving plus failure to comply, driving while intoxicated second offense and deadly conduct.

St. Jude's Jamaica Festival Slated Sunday Afternoon

St. Jude Catholic Church's annual Jamaica Festival will be held this Sunday, July 1, from noon until 10 p.m., with all local residents invited to attend. The church is located at South 4th and Ave. M in Tahoka.

Food, live musical entertainment, games, prize drawings, and a live and silent auction will be offered throughout the day. \$25 cash prizes will be given away at the festival every hour from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., and a Jamaica raffle ticket offers chances to win four big prizes including: 1st prize - \$750 cash, 2nd prize - 32-inch television, 3rd prize - \$100 Thriftway gift certificate, and 4th prize - MP3 player. "Come on out and join the fun," said a church representative.

New Home, O'Donnell Set July 4th Events

The New Home Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a benefit Barbeque on Wednesday, July 4, at the old New Home Coop Gin, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A gun raffle will also be held.

In O'Donnell, 4th of July events will be held at the City Park beginning at 6 p.m. with a patriotic music performance, and food booths will open. Children's games start at 7 p.m., and a program at 8 p.m. will feature speaker Huey Harris, a veteran of the Korean War.

woodwork by dalton



RECENTLY I told all my readers how they could avoid mosquito bites. Now I will reveal how to treat a bee or wasp sting. This method is not guaranteed, either, since I haven't tried it, so don't go accusing me of practicing medicine without a license, or malpractice, if it doesn't work for you. Still, someone I know claims they know someone who tried it and it worked, so here you are:

If you are stung by a bee or wasp while you are outside, like working in the garden or mowing the yard, instead of going off to buy antihistamine or antibiotic cream or going to the doctor, you find a copper penny and put it against the bite for 15 minutes. Taping it to the bite is supposed to be good.

According to this person, who probably wouldn't lie on purpose, after 15 minutes, all signs of the bite are gone.

I may not ever get to try this; I hope not. I avoid working in the garden or mowing the lawn, and my golf game stinks so bad that bees and wasps stay away from me out there.

I presume that if this works for bee and wasp stings, it also would work for red ant bites. Those little suckers hurt like the dickens, and sometimes our grandchildren get too close to the red ant beds, so the information might come in handy.

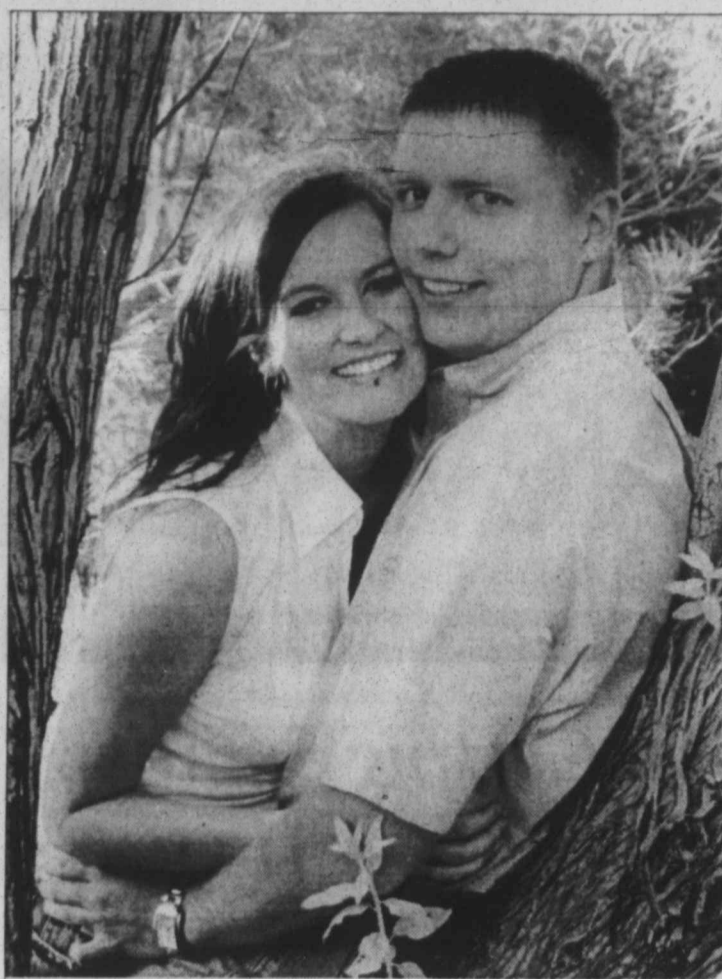
This wouldn't work for Bill Gates, because he probably never carries any money smaller than a \$100 bill.

... WITH ALL THE arguing over illegal immigrants going on today, this statement by some guy named Robert Orben is applicable today: "Illegal aliens have always been a problem in the United States. Ask any Indian."

In a related incident, Chamber of Commerce members at McAllen near the Rio Grande, disgusted over what they perceive as federal government secrecy regarding plans for building a fence along the border with Mexico, have launched, halfway seriously, a campaign to build a wall around Washington, D.C.

A clipping from the *San Antonio Express-News* was sent to me by former Tahoka resident Idalia Wood Money of Del Rio, who still takes the *Lynn County News* after moving from here 45 years ago.

It quotes a McAllen Chamber spokesman as responding to federal plans to build a wall between Mexico and the U.S. with this comment: "Why don't we just build one around Washington, D.C.? It can protect us from some bad characters, some bad legislation and bad ideas."



STEPHANIE AKINS and JASON JAQUESS
Akins, Jaquess Announce Engagement

Randy and Lori Akins of Pampa, and Rhonda Akins of Houston, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Akins, to Jason Jaquess, son of Jack and Barbara Jaquess of Tahoka. The couple plan to marry Saturday, August 4 at Country Home Weddings in Canyon, Texas.

The bride-elect is currently a student at West Texas A&M and employed at H Bar H Turf Farms in Amarillo.

Jaquess is a graduate of West Texas A&M and currently employed as a fireman with Canyon Fire Department in Canyon.

Mondays are fun for kids:

"Sail away with books" in July
At the City-County Library

The City-County Library's Summer Reading Program has a fun theme this year, "Sail Away With Books," for children each Monday in July. "Sail Away With Books" will be held from 10 a.m. until 12 noon each Monday at the library, located at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka, and will include reading, speakers and demonstrations, games, refreshments, crafts, and prizes.

And, of course, there will be great books available to check out.

Children from toddler through sixth grade are invited to attend; however, anyone under five years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Each Monday will have a different variation on the theme, as follows:

- Monday, July 2: "Life at the Beach" - kids may wear Hawaiian clothes and get ready to luau!
 - Monday, July 9: "Ahoi, Matey! Pirates the Library! - Are all pirates bad? Find out by learning the facts and the fiction about pirates!
 - Monday, July 16: "The Big Blue Ocean" - Find the living treasures that live in the deep blue sea!
 - Monday, July 23: "Take her to sea! Famous Ships, Titanic" - You may have seen movie, now find out the facts! Discover the tragic Titanic and other famous ships and submarines.
 - Monday, July 30: "Sail into Space" - Discover the similarities and connections between the sea and space!
- Each Monday, after children

have been registered and greeted by the program coordinators, they will be placed into groups according to age and rotated through the various activities. Children will be given a bag on their first visit and should bring the bag with them each.

"We will add goodies to the bag each and the children may use it to carry home the books they have checked out," said Rachel Lehman, program coordinator.

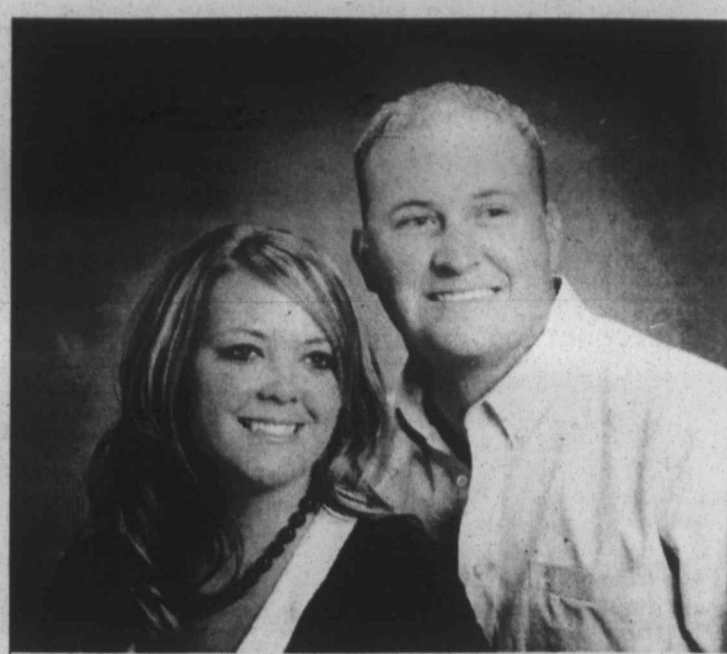
Any child who wishes to participate in the program may do so, but only children with valid library cards will be allowed to check out books.

"If your child needs a library card, it's a painless process! A parent or guardian must fill out an application for each child and he/she will immediately become a library patron," explained Claudia Guin, library director.

Any child that already has a library card but owes in excess of \$10 in fines or has materials that have been overdue for more than a month will not be allowed to check out books.

Another change to the program this year is the afternoon matinee. Each Monday afternoon in July, the library will feature a movie connected with the theme, "Sail Away With Books." The movies will be appropriate for children and begin at 2:30 p.m.

If you need more information or would like to volunteer as a reader or helper for our program, please don't hesitate to call the library at 561-4050," added Guin.



TIFFANY DAWN NETTLES and CHARLES BRADLEY SWAN

Couple Announce Engagement

Alan and Sheree Nettles of New Home announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Dawn Nettles, to Charles Bradley Swan, son of Charlie and Chloe Swan of Anton.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Diana and the late Harold Nettles, Melvin Barley and the late Mary Barley, all of Lubbock, and Ruth Moon of Amarillo. The future bridegroom is the grandson of Weldon and Connie Swan, and Zade and Dorothy Hooper, all of Anton.

The future bride is a 2002 graduate of New Home High School and a 2007 graduate of Texas Tech University, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Development and Family Studies.

Swan is a 2002 Anton High School graduate and a 2006 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture and Applied Economics. He is engaged in farming.

The couple is planning an August 10, 2007 wedding at the New Home Baptist Church. They will reside in Anton.

Obituaries

Curtis Ray Shearer

Curtis Ray Shearer of Tahoka died Tuesday, June 26, 2007 in Waco after battling cancer. No services are scheduled.

He was born October 18, 1926 in Eden, Texas and was preceded in death by his parents, M.M. and Cora Shearer and a sister, Bobbie Lou Cox.

Survivors include two sons, Kirby of Lubbock and Shelby of Oklahoma City; a sister, Rena Mae of Midland; a brother, Tom of Waco; nieces, Kay Garrett of Houston, Stacy Lathern of Waco; nephews, Mack Tapley of Midland and Steve Shearer of Salado.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. (PAID)

WTAMU Lists Honor Students

West Texas A&M University recently listed honor students for the 2007 Spring Semester; including two from Tahoka.

Brady Askew, son of Ty and Sharla Askew of Tahoka and Cassidy Gandy, daughter of Roddy and Marci Gandy, were listed on the Dean's List for maintaining a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99 while carrying a minimum of 12 hours. Both are juniors.

Both students were 2004 Tahoka High School graduates.

Memorials and donations may be made to the **Lynn County Pioneers (Senior Citizens)** 1600 S. 3rd • P.O. Box 223 Tahoka, Tx 79373

McAfee is Grove City College Graduate

Leigh McAfee, daughter of Mark and Vivian McAfee of Tahoka, graduated from Grove City College, in Grove City, Pennsylvania on May 19, 2007. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in International Business.

She was also named to the Dean's Honor List for her final semester.

She was a 2003 graduate of Tahoka High School.

Senior Citizens MENU

JULY 2-6

- Monday:** Ham, peas and carrots, cabbage, cornbread/jalapeno cornbread, applesauce
- Tuesday:** Chicken spaghetti, Italian vegetables, tossed salad, garlic bread, rice crispy treats
- Wednesday-Friday:** Closed for July 4 holiday.



STORK REPORT

Lee and Jacqui (Lockaby) Hagood of Canadian announce the birth of a son, Mark Matthew Haygood, on Monday, June 11, 2007 at Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces.

He has an older brother, Luke.

Grandparents include D.M. and Eddie Lockaby of Tahoka.

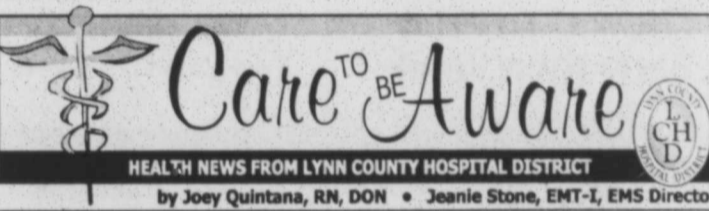
Justin and Jessica Anderson of Abilene announce the birth of a daughter, Jolie Grace, born at 11:37 a.m. June 21, 2007. She weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She has an older sister, Jaycee, 3 years old.

Grandparents are Will and Paula Corley of Sweetwater and Janet Anderson of Greenville. Great-grandparents are O.B. and Joyce Corley of Tahoka and Mamie Sue Gibbs of Lubbock.

Obituary Notices -- POLICY --

There is no charge for obituary notices, subject to editing. The Lynn County News will publish obituaries with any connection to Lynn County. Information may be sent to The Lynn County News, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373, faxed to 806/561-6308, or e-mail: lcn1tahoka@poka.com or at LynnCoNews@poka.com.



ATTENTION MEDICARE PART A PATIENTS!!

Have you recently been admitted into a hospital in Lubbock for an illness, surgery, or even an injury, to find that in just a few short days your doctor was ready to send you home? What if, you were not quite ready or your illness required a little more attention than what may be available at home? If so, Lynn County Hospital District has the perfect program for you.

Swing Bed is a program for Medicare patients that have spent three days in a hospital and are ready to be discharged home. Our program allows these patients some extra care and rehabilitation before they go home. These patients must meet certain criteria and are carefully screened by a physician and the Swing Bed Coordinator to insure their appropriateness for the program. Once admitted the physician will write orders for care, make weekly visits, and will meet with a team of caregivers to insure you are reaching your maximum rehab potential.

Once the patient has met their deductible, Medicare pays

for reasonable and customary daily expenses. Each Medicare patient has 20 days that are fully reimbursed; and 80 days that are partially reimbursed. If the patient's stay should extend beyond 20 days, he/she would be responsible for a portion of the charges. The patient is allowed 100 days and once they are discharged from the program, as long as they are not readmitted into the hospital within 60 days their 100 days start over.

The length of stay in Swing Bed is solely based on each individual patient's need. The average length of stay is 2-6 weeks.

Swing Bed offers a number of services to include: Physical therapy, Occupational therapy, Speech therapy, nursing services, social services, nutritional assessment and management and activities.

So if you are in need of some TLC after a surgery or hospitalization, let the staff at LCHD help get you back on your feet.

For more information please contact:

Crystal Forsythe, LVN
Swing Bed Coordinator
806-998-4533 ext. 423

Wedding Announcement Policy

The Lynn County News accepts wedding announcements at no charge if run within 8 weeks following the event. A \$35 fee will be assessed if run after that time.

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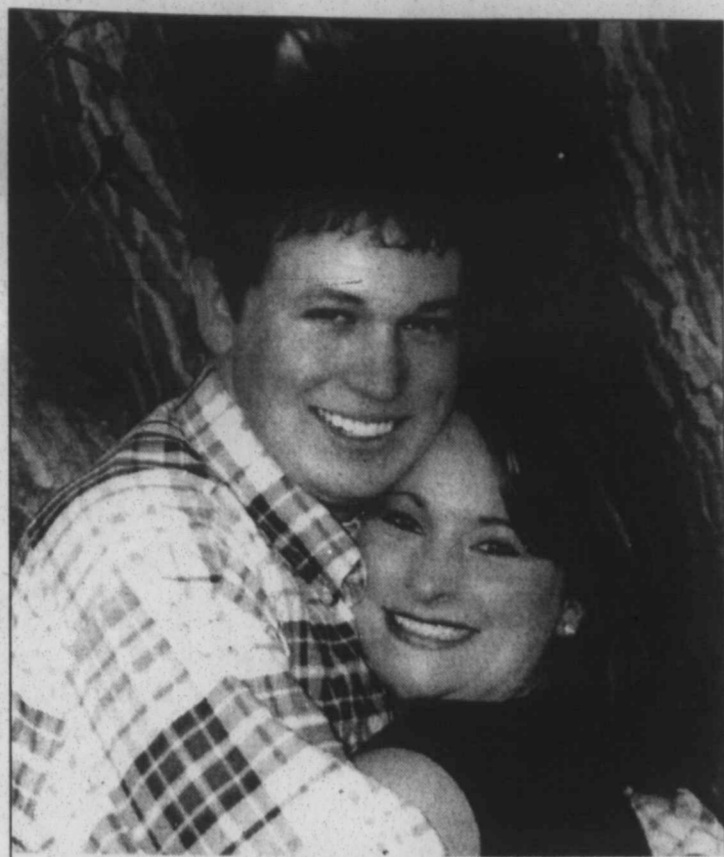
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Celebrate the 4th of July

in O'Donnell at City Park Wednesday, July 4

- 6 p.m. Food Booths Open
- Patriotic Music
- 7 p.m. Games for Kids
- 8 p.m. Program
- Speaker: Huey Harris, Veteran, Korean War

We Hope To See You There!



**NATHAN DAVIS BLACK and TABER SHELENE McPHERSON
McPherson-Black
Engagement Announced**

Jeff and Menette Black of Lubbock announce the engagement of their son, Nathan Davis to Taber Shellene McPherson, daughter of Bob and Kim McPherson of Wellington. The couple will exchange wedding vows on September 8 in Wellington.

Taber is the granddaughter of Don Cornett and the late Glenna Cornett of Dimmitt, and Robert McPherson and the late Betty McPherson of Silverton. She is a 2003 graduate of Wellington High School and a 2006 graduate of Texas Tech University.

Nathan is the grandson of Betty Black and the late J.D. Black of Hale Center, Mentha and Art White of Tow, and the late Marlin Maloney of New Home. He is a 2002 graduate of New Home High School and currently farms in the Hale Center area.

BBQ/Chili Cookoff To Feature Area Musicians Here in July

In what has become an annual event in Tahoka during the last weekend of July, the 4th Annual No Adult Supervision BBQ and Chili Cookoff and musical entertainment event will be held July 27-28 at the End Of The Trail RV Park, located on the west service road of U.S. 87 in Tahoka. Local sponsors Keith and Sherry Paschal and Kim and Kelly Draper have a website promoting the event, at www.noadultsupervision.com.

There are several categories for anyone interested in entering the cookoff portion of the weekend event, and the Lynn County Historical Society will also be selling BBQ brisket plates to the general public attending the event. Admission is free to the public, and there will be live musical entertainment both Friday and Saturday evenings. Bring lawn chairs for seating.

Other food concessions will also be available, including Rich-Mar concessions (Whitleys) and Lynn County Pioneer Senior Citizens, who will be selling homemade ice cream. The Senior Citizens could use some help providing homemade ice cream, so call center director Nancy Guilliams to volunteer ice cream.

Cash prizes and awards will be given in the BBQ/Chili cookoff, with categories including beef brisket, pork spare ribs, chicken, pinto beans, and chili. Lynn County residents will be eligible to enter the County Championship Brisket cookoff for local bragging rights.

The music lineup promises a variety of music for all tastes, according to the information available at the website. Friday night's musical performers begin at 6 p.m. with blues music by Chad Maines of New Home, followed by Tejano and country music by Conjunto Rosal of Tahoka, country music from Keith Paschal of Tahoka, golden oldies tunes by Tinker Carlen (who is the last living member of the Buddy Holly Crickets band), Martin's Country Band from Levelland, and the headline event for Friday night is Dustin Garrett and The Texas Cruisers from Anton, who will perform a variety of country, rock and blues to close-out the evening.

The music begins a little earlier on Saturday, at 5:15 p.m. with tentatively-scheduled special performances by Kelli Warren, Bobby Price and Maddie Matlock, followed by the Flatland band of Lubbock playing bluegrass music, 50s and 60s rock songs by Brandon Smith of Loop, country music from Bo Boggs and Under The Double Eagle band from Denver City, Keith Paschal of Tahoka, Matter Of Fact rock and blues band from Lubbock, and the headliner performance for the night, Nikki Lee and Jammin Jay Ewan performing country rock, from Lamesa.

For cookoff information, contact Kelly Draper at 781-8520 or 561-4961, or Kim Draper at 778-0852. For music information, contact Keith Paschal at 548-6061 or 998-5104.



**CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL ENGLE and ERIN RENEE HENRY
Henry, Engle To Wed July 14**

Eddie and Suzan Henry of Midland announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Renee Henry, to Christopher Michael Engle, son of Charlie and Debbie Engle of Tahoka. The couple plans to marry July 14 at the Wilshire Park Baptist Church in Midland.

Erin is the granddaughter of Charlie and Helen Pope of Rankin, and Howard Henry of Lake Ivy, and the great-granddaughter of Odessa Joplin of Plains and Edna Eades of Matador. Chris is the grandson of Dewey and Donna Engle, and J.T. and the late Mary Jo Miller, all of Tahoka.

Erin is a 2006 graduate of Midland High School and is attending South Plains College. Chris attended Tahoka High School. Both are currently employed in Lubbock.

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**Sun Safety Considerations for Campers:
Campers' Long Hours Outdoors Increase Risk for Skin Cancer**

Sports and outdoor activities are daily events for children attending camp. If children are not properly protected, the time they spend outdoors lead to painful sunburns, premature of aging and skin cancer.

"Just one blistering sunburn in childhood can double the risk of getting melanoma later in life," said Perry Robins, MD, President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "That risk can be avoided by following some simple sun safety guidelines."

To find out if a camp is sun safe, the Foundation recommends asking the following five questions:

— Are counselors trained in sun safety? UV protection should be a regular part of the training counselors receive. They should be well versed about the dangers of the sun and how to protect against them.

— When are outdoor activities scheduled? Ideally, most should be scheduled for early morning or late afternoon since UV is most intense from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

— Does the camp have adequate shade structures? While large shade trees provide some protection, a truly sun-safe camp should have structures such as pavilions where campers can seek shade during outdoor activities.

— Are campers directed to apply sunscreen before going outside? An SPF 15+ sunscreen

(water-resistant formulas are especially good) needs to be used regularly. Campers and staff should be instructed to bring it from home, apply it 30 minutes before outdoor activities, and reapply every 2 hours and right after swimming or sweating. The camp should also have a supply.

— Are campers urged to wear protective clothing? Historically, campers wore only a T-shirt, shorts, and perhaps a baseball cap. We now know that's not enough. Children should wear sun-protective clothing including long pants (or at least shorts), long-sleeved shirts, UV-protective sunglasses and a wide-brimmed hat to protect their face, neck and ears.

With proper guidance, children can learn to protect themselves and enjoy summer fun without sacrificing the health of their skin. For additional information, visit www.skincancer.org or call 1-800-SKIN-490.

The first organization in the U.S. that committed itself to educating the public and medical professionals about sun safety, The Skin Cancer Foundation is still the only global organization solely devoted to the prevention, detection and treatment of skin cancer. The mission of the Foundation is to decrease the incidence of skin cancer through public and professional education and research.

Katie Webster Receives Baylor Merit Scholarship

Baylor University has selected more than 2,000 recent high school graduates as recipients of scholastic awards for the 2007-2008 academic year. All these scholarships are awarded on the basis of class rank and/or SAT/ACT scores. Katie Webster, a 2007 THS graduate, has received the Provost's Baylor Scholarship, which provides \$26,000 for eight semesters.

She is the daughter of Jerry Webster and Jimi Webster, both of Tahoka.

Scholarship recipients also could be eligible for an additional Achievement Baylor Scholarship, which ranges from \$4,000 to \$16,000 for eight semesters, based on SAT or ACT scores.

Dr. Freitag Is Health Officer For County

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session Monday morning, considering several routine issues, including naming local physician, Dr. Donald Freitag, as the Local Health and Medical Officer in the event of a county emergency. The appointment was approved unanimously.

A committee was also named by county commissioners to assist in selecting an architect for the county courthouse restoration project. Named to the committee were District Clerk Sandra Laws, County Attorney Donnis Scott, County Judge H.G. Franklin, and two historical committee members, Betty Green and Harold Hohn.

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on his department's activities, and monthly bills were approved.

Two commissioners were absent from the meeting, Don Morton and Don Blair. Present were commissioners Mike Braddock and Brad Hammonds, and the meeting was led by County Judge H.G. Franklin.

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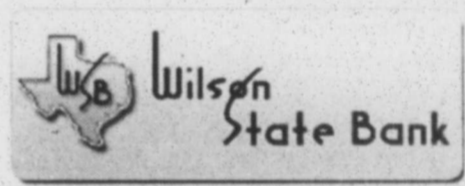
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State Musicians ... Pictured above are the twenty-two 3-D Band students who competed at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Marcos, May 28. To compete at the State UIL level an individual or ensemble must earn a Superior on a class I solo or ensemble. After a full day of competition from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the students celebrated by attending Seaworld, where they are pictured.

"This is the largest group of bandsmen to ever attend TSSEC and we are especially proud of them and their efforts at a very hard meet. One judge who judged several of our ensembles only gave 4-5 II's and no I's all day; while another only gave 4-5 II's and I's all day with a competition number of 50+ each day," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Jimmy Cannon. "It is extremely hard to earn a I at State and we had five, all soloists who medaled. Unfortunately, those ensembles receiving a II do not receive a medal."

Those ensembles earning a "Good" ranking were a brass sextet of Garret Autry, Amanda Paredes, Levi McKay, Kristin Box, Heath Ross, & Billy Saldana; a brass sextet of Raymond Hernandez, Vicente Salinas, Brandon Moss, & Kristin Box; a euphonium trio of Ernest Gomez, Heath Ross, & Mitchell Chapa; and a trombone trio of Brandon Moss, David Spruiell, & Kaleb Collins. Those earning an "Excellent" rating were a brass sextet of Raymond Hernandez, Vicente Salinas, Trey Daves, Crystal Carrasco, Mitchell Chapa, & Josh Sastre; and a clarinet quartet of Amanda Truelove, K'lyssa Selmon, Martin Rosas, & D. J. Torrez. Those earning silver medals, rating of "Excellent," for their memorized solos were Kristin Box - vocal, Ernest Gomez - euphonium, & Alex DeLeon - mallet. Those earning the rare gold medal, rating "Superior," for their memorized solos were Trey Daves - vocal and Ryan Rios - mallet.

THS Band In Top 15 In State

The Tahoka High School 3-D Band had a musical performance of one of their 2007 UIL concert contest pieces make the ATSSB State Finals of the Outstanding Performances Series. This means their performance was in the top fifteen in the state of Texas. According to director Carroll Rhodes, the finals will be at the Texas Bandmasters' Association Convention in San Antonio, July 20.

"This is the third time for the 3-D Band to have a performance make the state finals, the other two being marches in 2000 and 2001. It is a rare honor to make the finals and it is a wonderful compliment to the musicality of the 06-07 3-D Band and especially the seniors."

The performance was of either "Canterbury Walk" or "Knights of Dunvegan," but Mr. Rhodes said he was unable to recall which one because all the website showed was the code number.

"Even though the 3-D Band played extremely well, we almost did not submit our performances this year due to a technically poor recording by the recording company. We knew their performance was good and it shows that in spite of the bad recording their performance was recognized," stated Rhodes.

"Many High Plains grape growers have suffered significant economic losses from herbicide drift during the past 10 years," Burns said. "Grape losses from herbicide drift can reach as high as \$10,000 per acre because affected vines either die or take several years to recover and regain normal productivity."

"Grape and wine production contributes close to \$1 billion to the Texas economy. We currently have about 2,900 acres of grapes in Texas, and more than half that acreage is on the High Plains and in West Texas."

Burns encourages row crop producers to be a good neighbor when using phenoxy herbicides, especially when there are vineyards in the neighborhood.

"Here are some tips on using phenoxy herbicides responsibly," she said.

- Do not spray phenoxy herbicides within 1 mile of a vineyard from mid-March until the end of October.
- Consider using alternative chemicals, but remember that glyphosate herbicide can also drift and cause significant damage to grapevines. As a result, planting glyphosate-resistant cotton in close proximity to a vineyard should be avoided, according to Dr. Ed Hellman, Extension viticulturist based at Lubbock.

• Always read and follow herbicide label directions.

• Shut down or postpone herbicide applications if the wind speed is greater than 5 mph, or if the wind changes direction.

• Do not spray when there is a risk of temperature inversion, or when temperatures exceed 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

• Set up herbicide application equipment to deliver large spray droplets, which are less likely to drift.

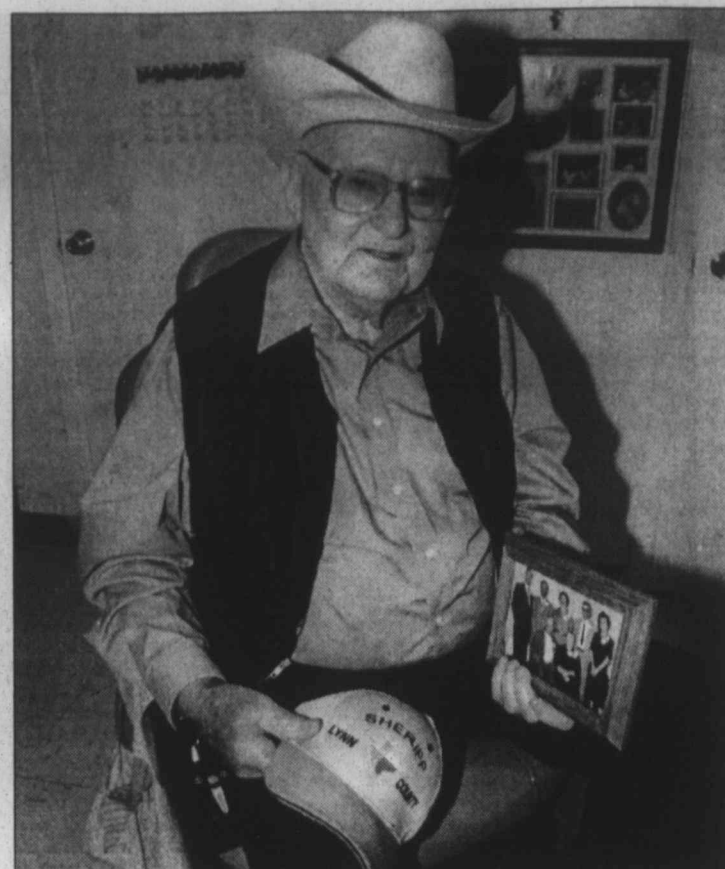
• Use air induction or drift retardant spray nozzles on spray equipment.

• Use a thickener, drift retardant or elasticizer in the herbicide tank.

• Use a less-volatile amine formulation of phenoxy herbicide rather than an ester formulation.

But be aware that amine formulations can also drift.

"The person applying a herbicide is responsible for minimizing the potential for drift that



Burdett shares memories ... Roy Burdett, a former Tahoka resident now living in Golden Plains Care Center in Post, shares memories of his law enforcement days in Lynn County. (Photo by Tim Burnett, Post Dispatch)

Roy Burdett Honored During National Nursing Home Week

(Editor's Note: The following article, reprinted with permission from The Post Dispatch, 6-21-07, is about former Tahoka resident Roy Burdett, who now resides at Golden Plains Care Center in Post.)

By Sheri Lewis

Golden Plains Care Center's Roy Burdett worked in law enforcement for 45 years - from 1958 to 2003.

Most of Burdett's career was spent as a deputy sheriff.

He went to work for the Lynn County Sheriff's Department in 1988 after moving from Lamesa to Tahoka. He also was a court bailiff for several years.

At the age of 84, Burdett still was working at the Lynn County Sheriff's Department where he was known as Captain Roy. In fact, he was described by one co-worker as the "Energizer Bunny - he just keeps going and going and never stops."

He was the first to take many of the deputies, including today's sheriff, Jerry Dee

may cause crop damage in adjoining fields," Burns said. "But if we practice some common sense, good-neighbor methods when planning and making herbicide applications, we help minimize crop damage from herbicide drift. It just makes good sense, and good neighbors."

To find out the location of vineyards on the High Plains, or for more information on good neighbor herbicide use, contact Burns at 806-746-6101 or THBurns@ag.tamu.edu.

Franklin, to Huntsville to train them about transporting prisoners and the best routes to take. Deputy Abraham Vega once said that because Captain Roy invested so much of himself in that sheriff's department and shared so much knowledge with his co-workers that Burdett always would remain "a big part of their lives."

In 2006, Vega traveled to Laredo to pick up a prisoner who at one time had been in jail in the Lynn County facility. The first person he asked about was Captain Roy.

"Captain was a special person to the inmates, as well as the deputies," Vega said. "He treated them with respect and all of them respected Captain."

Burdett was a member of the Dawson and Borden County Sheriff's Posse. He rode his palomino horse, Bo-John, in numerous parades.

Law enforcement and his work at the sheriff's department was a major part of Burdett's life, but he also enjoyed camping and fishing in his spare time.

A member of the First Baptist Church in Tahoka, he was a deacon for years at the Berry Flat Church. He also served on the school board for the Borden County school district.

A Borden County native, he is the son of G.W. and Addie Burdett.

Today, he has a family of his own. He is the father of two daughters, Peggy Jolly and her husband, Bobby, of Tahoka and the late Pat Wyrich, and one son, Mike Burdett and his wife, Marta, of Carson City, Nev.; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Be A Good Neighbor When Using Herbicides

There's an old saying... "good fences make good neighbors." While good fences often separate productive crop land and different crops, they do little to stop herbicide drift.

Phenoxy herbicides containing the active ingredient 2,4-D are commonly used to burn down unwanted vegetation before farmers plant row crops," said Teresa H. Burns, Extension viticulturist advisor based at the Texas A&M University System

Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock.

Using Phenoxy herbicides in close proximity to neighboring vineyards can cause a real headache for grape growers. Grapevines are perennial plants that begin growth and put on new leaves early in the spring, several weeks before row crops are planted. They are also sensitive to herbicide damage throughout the growing season.

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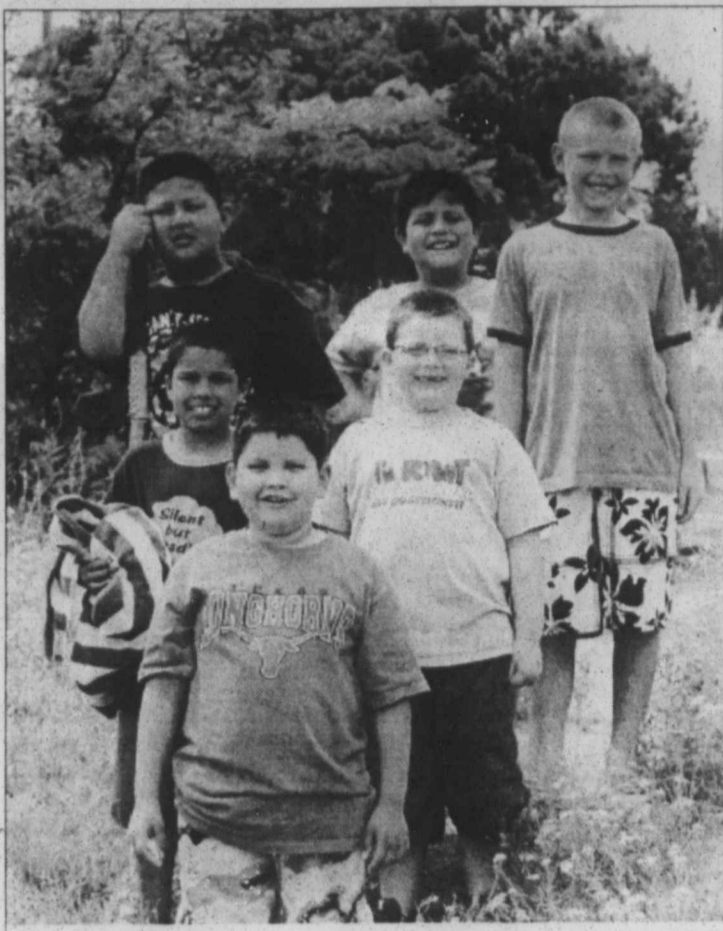
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July 4 Holiday Brings More Traffic Enforcement

Celebrating July 4 should not include driving drunk or speeding, Texas Highway Patrol troopers say. Troopers will be looking for people who are driving drunk, speeding or not wearing seatbelts or properly secured in child safety seats.

"If you're driving drunk, you should know that we will arrest you," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "Designate a sober driver, for your safety and the safety of other Texans out on the roads."

On July 4 last year, DPS troopers arrested 141 drivers for driving while intoxicated.

Texas is one of several states participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort)—a nationwide campaign by state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods. All available troopers will be patrolling Texas roadways targeting speeders, drunk drivers and seat belt violators from midnight July 3 through midnight July 8. Last year during the extended Operation CARE period (July 1-4), DPS troopers arrested 749 drunk drivers.

"We want to keep all Texans safe. The best way to enjoy the July 4 holiday is to stay sober, slow down and make sure everyone in your vehicle is properly secured," Col. Davis said.

Here are some driving tips the DPS recommends for travelers:

- Do not drink and drive. Find a designated driver.
- Have everyone in the vehicle properly secured, either with a safety belt or in the appropriate car seat or booster.
- Slow down, especially if weather and road conditions do not allow for the designated speed limit.
- Save your phone calls for home or find a safe place to pull over to place or answer mobile calls.
- Be polite and courteous while driving—do not practice road rage behavior.
- Have your vehicle checked to make sure it is roadworthy before a long trip.

how much propane is left in the tank.

For more information on how to use propane safely, contact the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at (800) 64-CLEAR, or visit www.propane.tx.gov



Slide Attack! The gleeful delight on the face of the young boy on the slide shows summer fun at the Tahoka City Pool one day last week. The News was unable to identify these youth, but it is obvious that a day at the pool provided both relief from the heat as well as good times for the youngsters of this area. The City Pool is open Wednesdays through Sundays (closed Monday and Tuesday), 12:30-5:30 p.m. Pool admission is only \$1.50, and the pool may also be reserved for pool parties during the hours it is normally closed. Contact City Hall at 561-4211 for more information, or call the pool during open hours at 561-5012.

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Transport Propane Cylinders Safely

Now that summer is here and barbecue grills are coming out of storage, thousands of 20-pound propane cylinders are being carried to and from Texas propane dealerships to be filled or exchanged. The Railroad Commission, Texas' agency in charge of propane safety, reminds outdoor cooks that there is a right way and a wrong way to transport propane cylinders in a vehicle.

"To be safe, remember to plug or cap the outlets of propane cylinders before moving them," said Commission Chairman Elizabeth A. Jones. "Carry the cylinder with the relief valve upright, and secure the cylinder in an upright position with a tie-down or bungee cord while it's in the car trunk or pickup bed."

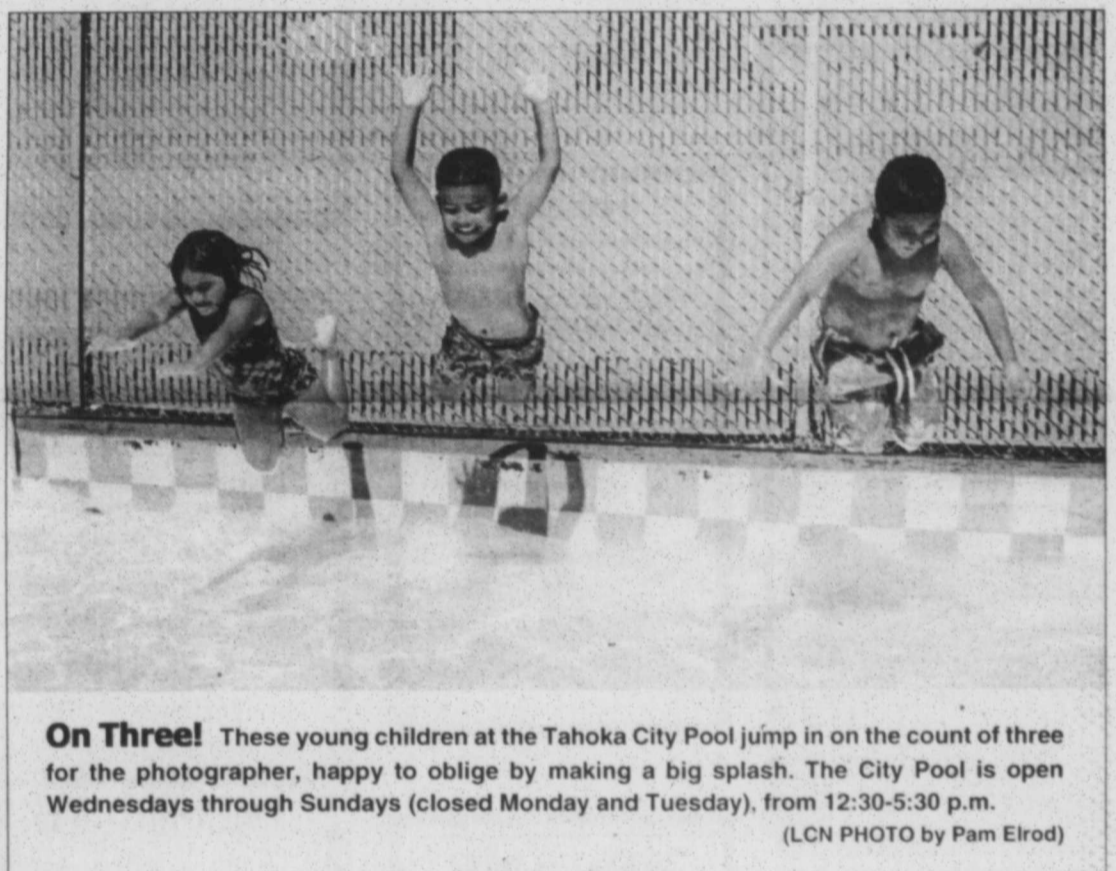
"Propane cylinders should spend as little time as possible on the road," said Commissioner Michael L. Williams. "Take refilled cylinders directly to your home or business, and remember to store them outdoors, in a shady location."

Commissioner Victor G. Carrillo added that propane cyl-

inders need to be kept away from sources of ignition and places where they might be tampered with. "Never smoke while transporting or using a propane cylinder," Carrillo said. "And make sure cylinders are stored away from clothes dryer or furnace vents or children's play areas."

Consumers who take older propane cylinders to be refilled may find they need a new safety device. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has advised that as of April 1, 2002, many state and local jurisdictions—including the Railroad Commission—require all 20-pound propane cylinders to be equipped with overfilling prevention devices (OPD). The OPD offers additional protection against filling the cylinder with too much propane.

The Commission has also approved the use of composite propane cylinders for outdoor applications. These cylinders, made of specially composite material, offer consumers the advantages of lighter weight and transparency, so the user can see



On Three! These young children at the Tahoka City Pool jump in on the count of three for the photographer, happy to oblige by making a big splash. The City Pool is open Wednesdays through Sundays (closed Monday and Tuesday), from 12:30-5:30 p.m.

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FSA Offers Farm Ownership/Operating Loans for Socially Disadvantaged Groups

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers specially-targeted farm loans known as Socially Disadvantaged Applicant (SDA) Loans. These loan programs are designed to help farmers purchase and operate family farms, Curtis Barlow said today.

With these loan programs, FSA hopes to help reverse the declining number of farmers and ranchers across the United States and to encourage and assist them in owning and operating their own farms and ranches, participate in agricultural programs, and become integral parts of the agricultural community.

FSA reserves a portion of its loan guarantee funds each year for SDA loans. Barlow says that USDA defines socially disadvantaged applicants as a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, and Asians and Pacific Islanders.

In fiscal year 2006, FSA obligated more than \$330 million in SDA loans across the nation.

Direct loans are made to applicants by FSA and include both

farm operating and farm ownership loans.

Guaranteed loans also may be made for farm ownership or operating purposes, and may be made by any lending institution subject to Federal or State supervision (banks, savings and loans, credit unions, and units of the Farm Credit System including the Bank for Cooperatives) and guaranteed by FSA. Typically, FSA guarantees 90 or 95 percent of a loan against any loss that might be incurred if the loan fails.

According to Barlow, "Repayment terms for direct operating loans depend on the collateral securing the loan and usually run from 1 to 7 years and repayment terms for direct ownership loans can be as long as 40 years."

Guaranteed loan terms are set by the lender. Interest rates for direct loans are set periodically according to the Government's cost of borrowing. Interest rates for guaranteed loans are established by the lender.

Farm operating loan funds may be used to purchase livestock, poultry, farm equipment, fertilizer, and other materials necessary to operate a successful farm. Operating Loan funds can also be used for family living expenses, refinancing debts under certain conditions, paying

salaries for hired farm laborers, installing or improving water systems for home, livestock, or irrigation use, and other similar improvements.

Applications for all FSA direct loan programs are made through FSA's Lynn county office. Call 806-998-4501 for eligibility, application and related program details.

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