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Summer Reading Program at
the City-County Library

Jamaica Festival Set In O'Donnell

St. Pius X Catholic Church in O'Donnell will host their annual Jamaica Festival on Sunday, July 15, from 12 noon until 9 p.m. Food, games, prizes and entertainment will be offered at the event. A raffle drawing will also be held, with chances to win \$500 cash, \$250 cash, a 27-inch color TV, a \$100 gift certificate, a \$100 Thriftway grocery gift certificate, and a DVD/VCR player.

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July 3	88	68	
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Bells will be ringing... Hymns Ring Daily From Local Methodist Church

by JUANELL JONES

Music is playing all over Tahoka - it must be noon.

It's such a common sound now, that most folks take it for granted. But, if the noon hour goes by and the chimes aren't heard, that's when folks look up and take note, wondering where the music is that tells them it is time for lunch.

For the past 41 years, music has noted the time twice daily from the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka, pouring forth from speakers atop their 76-ft. tower. The hymns have marked the passage of time since 1966, and can be heard throughout the community of Tahoka at 12 noon and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and at 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays.

It is a unique sound, this playing of hymns, that is reminiscent of days gone by and makes living in Tahoka just a little bit different from other towns. The hymns change in accordance with patriotic and religious holidays. Those who pay attention know that two hymn selections are played at each time slot.

The man in charge of making sure the hymns are played is local pharmacist Haney Wells, a lifelong member of the Tahoka Methodist Church and longtime musician, playing the organ for the church here since the age of 13. And, although it sounds like there are chimes playing in the tower, there are not actually any chimes in the tower at the Methodist Church - there are speakers playing recorded tapes of carillon chimes.

And, though Wells is fully capable of playing and recording hymns on the church organ, the hymns that are heard through the tower are not recorded locally. The hymns are actually professional recordings of a variety of carillon bells from the Schulmerich Company, and are on tapes that look very similar to the eight-track tapes from the 1970s.

"There are 10-15 hymn selections on each tape, and I program the equipment to play two songs at each time slot. Two songs will play at noon, and then the next two songs will play at 5 p.m., and so on, advancing through the entire tape and then beginning over again when the end of the tape is reached," Wells explained.

He changes the tapes monthly, or as in the patriotic holiday most recently observed, changes the music according to patriotic or religious holidays. Observant folks in Tahoka will have noted the patriotic music during the days leading up to July 4th.

Sometimes Wells will play the carillon music at other times of the day in addition to the set times, such as following worship services, weddings, funerals or other church events.

The original electronic carillon system was donated to the church in 1966 as a memorial to Wynne Collier

by his family. In the 1980s, that equipment wore out and was replaced with the current system.

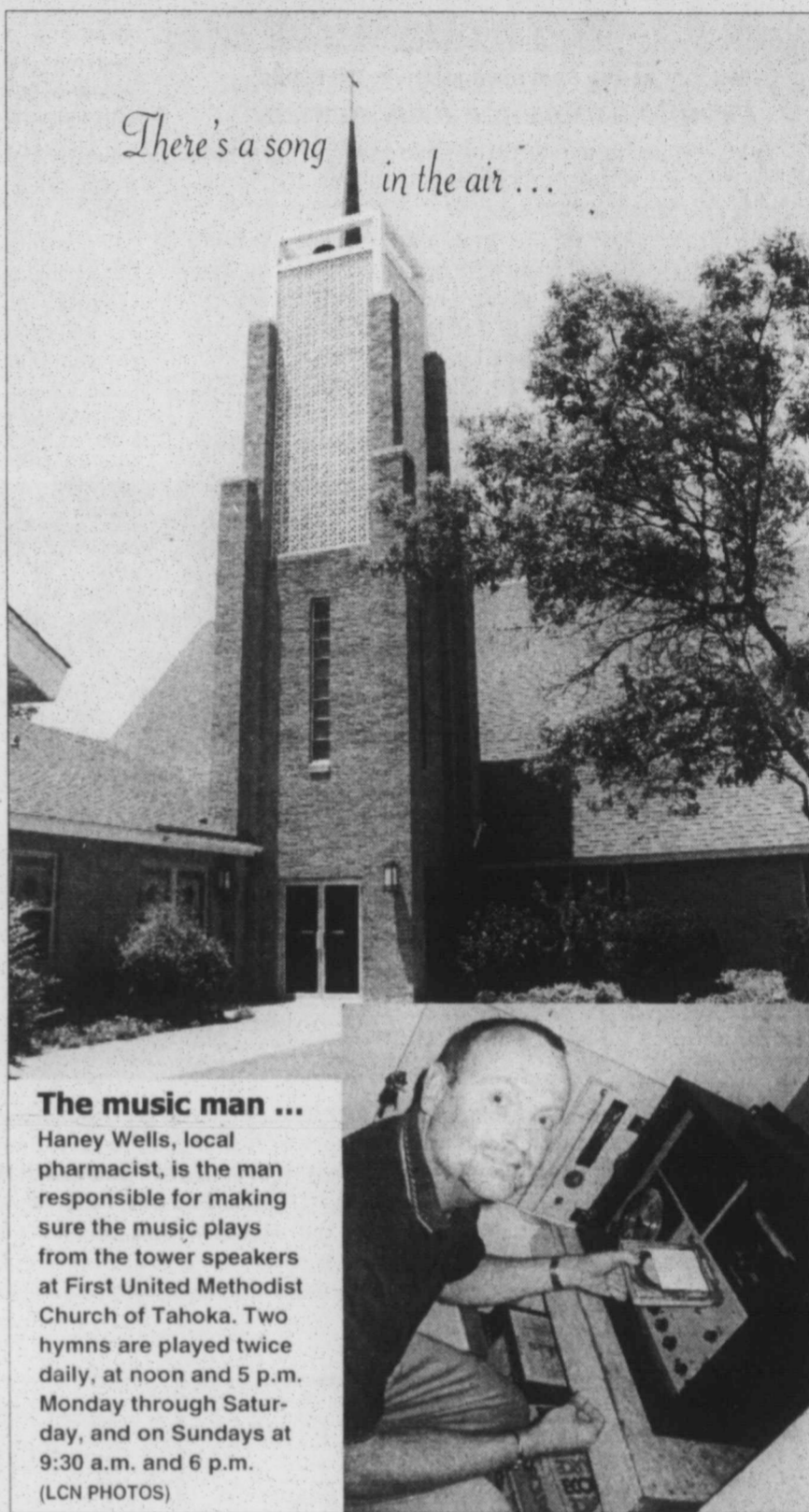
"They no longer record the kind of tapes we need for this system, but we can still purchase the older tapes from the Schulmerich Company in Sellersville, PA. However, nothing new has been recorded since the early 80's. One of the tapes we have is called 'contemporary' hymns with songs like Kum Bah Yah and Pass It On, and those were popular back then. All the newer praise songs and hymns are now digitally recorded on CDs, so we would have to change the system to upgrade to digital music," Wells added.

The top of the tower features a cross that is lit at night, thanks to the daring efforts of church members Mike Allen and Greg Henley, who mustered the courage to climb the dark interior of the 76-ft. tower to replace the lights and speaker cones several years ago, tethered with a safety belt and a prayer. The tower cross had remained unlit for many years when the lights burned out, and it wasn't until 2003 that the lights were replaced.

"The lights are actually about midway up the inside of the tower, pointing up. They're not really that hard to get to, because they are on a platform at the lower portion of the 'honeycombed' part of the tower, and that's where Greg [Henley] stopped. I had a rope attached to me so he could attach stuff for me to haul up, and a safety belt, and I went on up the ladder to the top where the speakers are to change them out - and believe me, there are fingerprints on the wall where I was clutching the ladder," recalls Mike Allen. "That 'honeycomb' part of the tower is open to the weather, with the ladder attached occasionally inside there, and the speakers are just on a horizontal metal framework laying across the top. I had to climb out on that framework to get inside the speakers that point out from the tower, and I don't want to do that again anytime soon," he said with a laugh.

The twice-daily music is a sure thing, unless a thunderstorm knocks out the electricity, in which case Wells must go to the church and reset the system's time and date. He's the only one in the church that has an inkling how to program the equipment, although new pastor Vernon Baker has a background in sound system technology that would probably allow him to figure out a way to get the equipment back up to speed.

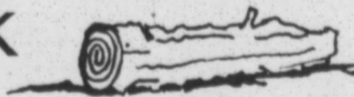
Regardless of how the system works, the music that is played by loud speakers from the Methodist Church tower is a daily reminder for folks to pause in their busy days and, possibly, focus on the uplifting message of the songs. Or, at the very least, know the time of day.



The music man ...

Haney Wells, local pharmacist, is the man responsible for making sure the music plays from the tower speakers at First United Methodist Church of Tahoka. Two hymns are played twice daily, at noon and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. (LCN PHOTOS)

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OUR WASHING machine went out a couple of weeks ago, and when your washing machine goes out, that means you don't, for awhile. Go out, that is, because you can't go anywhere in public with filthy clothing, unless you're an eccentric millionaire or someone else who doesn't really care what everyone else thinks about the way you look.

Our washer crashed beyond repair after just over three years of moderate use; prior to that I think we had owned only about three or four washing machines in 53 years of marriage, and with just two of us at home now where there once were five.

We once had a Whirlpool washer for more than 20 years with only a couple of minor repairs.

Anyway, we had to have a new one, and I checked with Consumer Reports, which tests washing machines (along with everything else) to see which ones do the best, and how much they cost. It was a shock.

First of all, the magazine said that none of the washing machines available today do as good a job of getting clothes clean as most washers used to. In other words, they all cost more and all just do a mediocre job of getting the dirt out. The only ones they said which do a fair job of cleaning are very expensive front-loading washers.

The highest priced of the list were a Sears Kenmore Elite at \$1500, and for the same price, something called an LG Tromm (I think that means it costs Like Gold, and gives you a trauma when you pay for it).

They gotta be kidding, I thought. Fifteen hundred bucks for a washing machine? I wondered if you could still buy a galvanized tub and a rub board.

Consumer Reports said that the main reason washing machines don't do a good job any more is because of government regulations regarding how much water they can use in a washing cycle, which went into effect in 2004, lousing up the washing machine business just like government regulations have messed up so many other operations.

Anyway, we bought something a lot cheaper; maybe not as good, but more fitting our budget.

I just hope my wife doesn't get a back ache rubbing those clothes against that board.

Draw-Redwine Reunion Planned This Weekend

The annual reunion of former students of Draw and Redwine schools, and friends and former residents of the communities, is scheduled this Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Tahoka Housing Center, located at 1400 Ave. K.

Registration will include a catered meal at noon and a 24-page booklet chronicling some of the history and events related to the schools and communities.

Last year about 40 persons registered, and sponsors are hoping for at least that many this year.

Both Draw and Redwine schools were established in the early 1900s and operated until the 1940s, with Draw consolidating with O'Donnell in 1947, the same year the Redwine district was consolidated with Tahoka. However, by that time, many of the Redwine students already had moved on to Draw, which had a high school. Both schools, located south and east of Tahoka on what is now FM 1054, have been demolished.

The booklet has photos and recollections of the schools, communities and churches in each community.



Heather LeAnn Parsons and James DiPlacido Couple Announce Engagement

Tim and Paula Casarez of Tahoka announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather LeAnn Parsons, to James DiPlacido, son of Jeanee Slater of Ft. Worth.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Antonia Montemayor and the late Ramon Montemayor of Tahoka. Don and Frances Parsons of San Bernardino, CA, and Timoteo and Maltilde Casarez of O'Donnell. The future bride-groom is the grandson of Joseph and Florence Lee of Pepal, MS.

The couple plans to marry on Saturday, July 28, 2007 at the Rose Chapel in Fort Worth.

Lone Survivor of Buddy Holly "Crickets" To Perform Here at Cookoff/Musical Event

Tinker Carlen, the last living member of the Buddy Holly Crickets band, will perform "golden oldies" music in Tahoka at the 4th Annual No Adult Supervision BBQ and Chili Cookoff and Musical event. It's free to all who attend, just bring lawn chairs for seating on the weekend of July 27-28 at the End Of The Trail RV Park, located on the west service road of U.S. 87 in Tahoka. Food concessions will also be available.

Carlen is among a slate of a wide variety of musical entertainment scheduled for the two-day event. He will perform on Friday evening, tentatively at around 9 p.m. for his time slot. A more exact time will be printed as the event nears. Live music will be offered both Friday and Saturday evenings, beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, and at 5 p.m. Saturday.

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 weekend will conclude with a Sunday morning church service at the site. 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. Additionally, information is available online at www.noadultsupervision.com.

Minor Traffic Mishap Reported

One minor collision in Tahoka was reported during the last week, on Thursday, when a 2007 Dodge pickup driven by Michael J. Huffaker, 60, and 1993 Ford Taurus driven by Ascencion Gonzales, 55, collided at the intersection of Ave. H and Lockwood. Both vehicles were headed east; there were no injuries.

Police also were advised by Ricardo Martinez of Tahoka that someone had struck his Nissan on the driver's side and left the scene.

The total number of persons held in Lynn County jail moved up to 57 last week, with 16 of those held for Garza County, three each for Lubbock and Gaines, and one for Dawson County.

Those most recently jailed were arrested on these charges: unlawfully carrying a weapon, grand jury indictment for burglary of a building, court order, possession of a controlled substance, parole violation, application to revoke probation on conviction of possession of a controlled substance, insurance hold, driving while license invalid, Lubbock warrant, application to revoke probation on conviction of burglary of a habitation.



MRS. STEPHEN JAMES BROOKSHIRE (nee Brandi Lané Tekell)

Tekell-Brookshire Vows Exchanged In June 16 Ceremony

Brandi Lané Tekell and Stephen James Brookshire were united in a formal, double-ring ceremony on June 16, 2007 at First Baptist Church in Lubbock. Todd Keller of Amarillo, formerly of Tahoka, officiated the wedding ceremony.

Brandi is the daughter of Mark and Charlsie Tekell of Lubbock and the granddaughter of Della Clark of Lubbock and Wayne and Loretta Tekell of Tahoka. Stephen is the son of Kathi Brookshire of Lubbock and David and Tammy Brookshire of Slaton. He is the grandson of Raymond and Joyce Gary, and Beryl and Joy Tippit, all of Lubbock.

Given in marriage by her father, she wore a gown by Mary's from the Unspoken Romance Collection in a white French couture satin. Her strapless gown featured an A-line skirt with a long-waisted bodice adorned in shimmering crystals and metallic platinum beading. Deep elegant motifs in a vintage scrollwork pattern surrounded the hemline of the cathedral-length train. Brandi's gown also displayed the same patterned lace motifs cascading from the waistline. Adorning her hair, she wore an elbow-length Swarovski crystal-edged veil which flowed from her Swarovski embellished tiara. She carried a bridal bouquet of black magic roses, burgundy hocus-pocus roses and burgundy calla lilies, accented with red hypericum.

Wearing halter-style dresses of burgundy satin, Brandi's attendants included her sister, Brooke Tekell of Lubbock, as matron of honor; Kalesse Hammonds of College Station; Klyssa Kelln Woodley of Mabank; Jessica Miller of Beaver, Ohio; Bethany Solomon of College Station, and Rebekah Voelker of Austin. Serving as flower girls were Kennedy

Evans of Lubbock, niece of the bride, and Cason Leverett of Odessa, cousin of the bride.

Dustin Brookshire of Odessa, brother of the groom, served as best man. Other attendants included Blake Heap of Odessa, Ryan Hamblin of Frisco, Brandon McCord of Bryan, Warren Baker and Matt Wells, both of Canyon, and Kellen Flowers of Bryan. Ring bearers were Kyler Evans of Lubbock, nephew of the bride, and Cameron Tekell of Tahoka, cousin of the bride.

Registering guests were Emalee Craig of Odessa, cousin of the groom, and Crystal Thoma of Lubbock. Ushering guests were Matt Woodley of Mabank, Scott Voelker of Austin, Kent Haktanir and Elliott Hillock, both of Bryan, and Logan Tekell of Tahoka and Wil Sloan of San Saba, both cousins of the bride.

Following the wedding ceremony, an Aggie-themed buffet reception and dance was held at Lubbock Women's Club. Chelsey Miller of Austin and D'Lynn Stone of Lubbock and Jeni and Jaci Hammonds of Tahoka served at the reception.

The couple left the reception in "Ms Daisy," a 1932 Rolls Royce reproduction, before leaving on a cruise to Montego Bay, Jamaica, Grand Cayman Islands, and Cozumel, Mexico.

Brandi is a 2002 graduate of Tahoka High School and a 2006 graduate of Texas A&M University and Stephen is a 2003 graduate of Tahoka High School and a 2007 graduate of Texas A&M University. The couple will make their home in Lubbock, where Stephen is currently employed by Caldwell Banker Real Estate Agency.

T-town Fall Ball Team
(A Tahoka baseball team playing in Lubbock) will have a **BAKE SALE** Saturday • 8:00 a.m. at Thriftway.



Tahoka West Texas Baseball Team... Pictured are the members of the West Texas Baseball Team with a record of 11-5 and two games left to play. Pictured, standing from left, Head Coach Paul Henderson, Jamie Bingham, Garth Dotson, Jett Rodgers, Jacob Stephens, Ja-Vaen Tillman, Josh Freitag, Tyson Porter, Brandon Tomlinson, and Assistant Coach Gordon Tomlinson. Kneeling from left, Martin Rosas, Damien Rodriguez, Allen Henderson, Kyler Pebsworth and Tanner Hancock. Not pictured were Jake Lynch, Kyle Larpenner, D.J. Torres, John Cantu, Antonio Baker and Assistant Coach Clifford Oages.

Letters To The Editor

Letters To The Editor -- POLICY --

Our readers are encouraged to express their opinions in Letters to the Editor.

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The New Home Volunteer Fire Department wants to thank you for your contribution to our auction, your donation helped to make our 4th of July B-B-Q and auction a super success.

Our small community could not survive without the help and generosity of people and businesses like yours.

Thanks Again, The Volunteer Fire Dept. of New Home Dale Clem, Fire Chief

West Texas Baseball Team Thanks Sponsors

The team and coaches of the West Texas Baseball Team would like to thank their sponsors and the community for a great season. The support of the sponsors helped defray the costs of umpires needed for our games.

Our sponsors were Atmos Energy, Wilson State Bank, Tahoka Drug, George's, Tahoka Auto Supply, Higginbotham Lumber, Thriftway, Accent of Slaton, Sike's Machine Shop of Slaton, Dan and Sandra Long and First National Bank of Tahoka.

The purpose of this league is to help the team build better and more efficient skills in the game of baseball to help prepare them for High School baseball. Thanks again for your support of these youth.

Paul Allen Henderson, Head Coach

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MARCIA LANE ALLEN

Marcia Lane Allen

A graveside service for Marcia Delle Lane Allen, 77, of Odessa and formerly of O'Donnell, was held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 7 at O'Donnell Cemetery with Jerry Hestand officiating, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died Sunday, July 1, 2007. She was born January 11, 1930 in O'Donnell to Jesse H. Lane and Verna Anita (Gleghorn) Lane. She graduated from O'Donnell High School and later graduated from Draughn's Business College. In 1947 she married Boyce Allen of O'Donnell. He preceded her in death in 1992. She moved to Austin in 2002 after living in Odessa for 60 years. She was a homemaker and taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and was a member of Eisenhower Church of Christ in Odessa.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Larry Allen in 1997; a brother, Doyle Lane; an infant sister, Erma Lee Lane; and a son-in-law, Richard Dumas.

Survivors include sons, Dennis Lee Allen and wife, Linda of Tomball, Texas, Randy Dale Allen and wife, Dee Dee of Allen, Texas; daughter, Anita Allen Dumas of Austin; daughter-in-law, Lisa Allen of San Antonio; a brother, Leland Lane and wife, Marsa of Little Rock, Arkansas; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association - 4630 50th St. Lubbock, TX 79414 or the American Diabetes Association - 8008 Slide Rd # 12a, Lubbock, TX 79424.

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

Hattie Fay Heathington

Graveside services were held for Hattie Fay Heathington, 98, of Muleshoe at 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 2, 2007 in the Bailey County Cemetery, with Don Sharp officiating. She died June 30, 2007 in Muleshoe.

She was born Oct. 16, 1908, in Bradshaw. She married Farris Heathington in O'Donnell on May 19, 1928. Hattie moved to Muleshoe from O'Donnell in 1946. She was a member of Muleshoe Church of Christ and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Farris in 1964; a son, Williard F. Heathington; two grandchildren; and three sisters.

She is survived by two sons, Aubrey Heathington and wife Margaret of Muleshoe, and Kenneth Heathington and wife Julie of O'Donnell; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and two brothers, J.W. Gardenhire of Tahoka, and Bill Gardenhire of O'Donnell.

George Robert McAfee

Services for George Robert McAfee, 55, were held July 10, 2007, in Wayne Ave. Baptist Church with Pastor Terry Kirkpatrick officiating. Interment followed at Terrace Cemetery in Post.

He died Friday, July 6, 2007 in Ruidoso, NM.

He was born Oct. 12, 1951, in Tahoka, to George Horace and Ruth (Williams) McAfee. In 1971 he joined the U.S. Air Force. He married Lanita Justice Nov. 3, 1972. Starting at Piggly Wiggly in Post, he worked in food sales throughout most of his life, including Proctor and Gamble, Furrs, and Barnett Brothers, and last worked as manager of The Scooter Store.

He was preceded in death by his younger brother, James in 1979, his sisters, Ruth Palmer and JoLena Blair, and his brothers, Benny Coble and Norman Washburn.

Survivors include his wife Lanita; his daughter Mandy and husband Kevin Warwick; one granddaughter; three sisters, LaVena Palmer, Cedaelia Williams and Mollie O'Brien; and his brother Glen Washburn.

The family suggests memorials to the Post Church of Christ, 108 N. Ave. M. Post, TX 79356, or Wayne Avenue Baptist Church, 5505 Wayne Ave., Lubbock, TX 79414.



SYLVIA WUENSCHÉ

Sylvia Stoker Wuensche

Memorial services for Sylvia Stoker Wuensche of Andrews, formerly of New Home, were held Saturday, July 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the New Home Baptist Church. Cremation was under the personal care of White Funeral Home in Tahoka.

Mrs. Wuensche died at Permian Residential Care Center in Andrews on July 2, 2007. She was born in Wilson, TX, to Ernest Montgomery and Viola (Meeks) Montgomery. She was a Surgical Nurse until retiring in 1984. She was a member of the New Home Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and two sisters, Barbara White of New York and Lajuana Kieschnick of Dallas.

She is survived by one son, Brad Stoker of Lubbock; one daughter, Michelle and husband Randy Rinker of Andrews; six grandchildren, Bethany Rinker, Taylor Stoker, Trey Rinker, Brady Stoker, Todd Rinker, and Jace Stoker; two sisters, Patricia Eldredge and husband Winthrop P. Eldredge of W. Hartford Connecticut, and Cheryl Montgomery of Lubbock.

Memorials may be made to the Lubbock State School at P.O. Box 5396 Lubbock, Texas 79408 or Home Hospice of Andrews at 803 N. Main Andrews, Texas 79714. (PAID)

Senior Citizens MENU

July 16-20

Monday: Beef stroganoff, brown gravy, carrots, harvest beets, peaches

Tuesday: Chicken and dumplings, pea salad, crackers, fruit cocktail

Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, white gravy, French fries, spinach, rolls, brownies w/ pecans

Thursday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, rolls, chocolate pudding w/topping

Friday: Hot dogs w/ chili and/or chili pie, all the trimmings, chips, fruit salad

Rodeo Set July 12-14 In O'Donnell

Area residents are invited to O'Donnell's annual "Biggest Little Rodeo in Texas" set this year for July 12-13-14 at the O'Donnell rodeo grounds located just west of Hwy. 87. The event begins nightly at 8 p.m. and admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Concessions will be available.

The "Six White Horses" will be presented in the Rodeo Parade on Saturday, starting at 6 p.m., and also will be featured performers at the Rodeo on Saturday night.

"Muttin' Bustin" competition for children will be part of the entertainment each night. Call to enter each night's competition.

For more information about the O'Donnell Rodeo, call 428-3763.

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County Joins West Texas Wind Energy Consortium

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners approved a motion Monday to join the West Texas Wind Energy Consortium, a coalition of area cities and counties who are interested in pursuing the wind energy windmill farm operations. The group is headquartered in Sweetwater, and county officials had been contacted by members of the group to consider Lynn County's inclusion. Cost to the county is \$250, and commissioners voted unanimously to join the consortium.

"Since some interest in wind energy has been shown in this area, I believe it would be good for the county to join a group with the same interests—if it will help bring industry to this area that would be great," said Commissioner Mike Braddock.

County Judge H.G. Franklin met with another group interested in wind energy recently in Tahoka, although it was not the West Texas Wind Energy Consortium. The consortium is a coalition of cities and counties interested in pursuing contracts with investors for wind energy farms, and would provide contacts and resources for the industry.

In other business, District Judge Carter Schildknecht met with commissioners to request a salary increase from the county as they begin budget talks for the 2008 fiscal year. She told commissioners that since she has been on the bench since 2001 she has not requested a salary in-

crease, instead seeking funds for updating equipment and improving staff salaries within the four-county 106th judicial district.

Since 2001, Lynn, Gaines, Garza and Dawson counties have each paid an annual supplement of \$2,225 to the district judge's salary, for a total of \$8,900 (the state also pays a portion of district judges salaries statewide). In 2005 the Texas legislature raised the cap on the county supplement from \$9,300 (which Schildknecht did not request from the 106th judicial district, and therefore did not receive), to \$15,000 per year. She is asking each county in the district for the \$15,000 salary for 2008, which would make Lynn County's portion \$3,750. Commissioners took no action on the request, but said they would consider the request when making budget decisions.

Judge Schildknecht also requested the county to consider a software change in the district clerk's office for case management within the judicial district. District Clerk Sandra Laws told commissioners she was satisfied with the current program, but admitted that it did not perform all of the capabilities that it had been expected to perform, as presented by the company when the county contracted for the software. No action was taken on the request.

Commissioners tentatively approved the county's participation in the West Texas Regional

Public Defender for Capital Murder Cases, a coalition among counties seeking grant funding to help defray costs for capital murder trials. Lynn County's portion for the first year would be \$2,974, based on county population and whether any capital murder cases had been filed in the last 10-year period. Commissioners approved the county to participate, contingent upon a quorum approval from the Task Force Grants and Reporting Committee.

Judge Schildknecht told commissioners that if a capital murder case does make it to trial, judicial system costs could be very expensive for counties.

"Last year in Gaines County, we had a capital murder case scheduled for trial and the county budgeted \$650,000 for the case - fortunately, as it turned out, the total amount was not needed but it did cost the county about \$200,000 if I recall correctly," said Judge Schildknecht.

In other business, monthly bills were approved, and commissioners began budget sessions, considering individual office requests. Tax Assessor Sherry Pearce and District Clerk Sandra Laws were present during the budget session.

All four commissioners were present for the meeting, including Don Morton, Don Blair, Mike Braddock and Brad Hammonds.

Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin presided.



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Redwine School in early 40s... Billie Wayne (Pennington) Parker, the first girl in the front row standing at left, was able to identify some of the pupils in this photo of Redwine students taken in the early 1940s. The boys kneeling in front start at left with Marshall Dewbry, the third boy is named Williams, the seventh is Don Holloway, eighth is Paul Sherrill and ninth is Bill Williams. Next to Billie Wayne is Billie Ruth Lightner, and others along the line include Irene Parker, Snoie Mae Bratcher, Yvonne Beard, Zelma Willingham, Geraldine Mensch, Mary Jean Luttrell, Mamie John Florence and Laverne Garrett. In the next standing line about four from left is Jean Beard Dyer, and further over is Ina Dee Crawford. The teacher at the top is Corbin Douthitt, and the teacher at right is Gladys Douthitt. Third from left at the back row is Walter Lee Williams, seventh from left is James Fenton, then Jimmie Crawford and Cecil Caraway. Further to the right is A.W. Bratcher. The Draw-Redwine Reunion will be held this Sunday, July 15, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Tahoka Housing Center.

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"The Ten Commandments" is the theme of Vacation Bible School at The First United Methodist Church of Tahoka to be held on Saturday, July 14, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Leighton Knox Farm located approximately six miles south of Tahoka on US 87. Look for the flags designating the location. All area children in grades K-6th are invited to attend. Dress in outdoor clothing. Hot dogs will be served as well. For more information, or for a ride to VBS, contact Marcy at the church at 561-4503.

Tahoka Trinity To Begin Study

The Tahoka Trinity Church will begin an eight week study on the Book Of Revelations, by John Hegi, beginning Wednesday, July 18 and ending September 5. The study is a video series the will be held every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Tahoka Trinity. There is no charge to attend.



Big winner ... Marla Wright Abshier of Lubbock, formerly of Tahoka, won a jet ski valued at \$10,000 playing the Monopoly give-away at United Supermarket in Lubbock. She is shown here with a United representative.

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Athletic Physicals Slated in Tahoka

Athletic physical exams for boys and girls entering any athletic program at Tahoka Independent School District will be offered July 10 (for girls) and July 12 (for boys) at Dr. Donald Freitag's office at Lynn County Hospital District. Call Dr. Freitag's office at 998-4544 to set up an appointment. Physicals will begin at 8:30 a.m. each of those days. Cost of the physical exam is \$15, due at the exam. All athletes in grades 7-12 are required to have a physical examination prior to beginning athletic workouts for the 2007-08 school year, according to TISD Athletic Director Drew Stone. Physical forms can be picked up at Dr. Freitag's office at the THS field house. Completed physical forms may be turned in to Coach Stone at the field house. For more information, call Coach Stone at 561-4414 or 561-4538.

Vintage Bridal Show To Be Held in Lamesa

A vintage bridal show, featuring up to 50 wedding gowns and dresses covering an era from 1913 forward is slated for showing at the Dal Paso Museum in Lamesa beginning July 15. The Museum is located on the southeast corner of the square in the old Del Paso Hotel which was reclaimed and refurbished in 1987. The opening of the show will kick-off with a wedding cake and refreshments at 3 p.m. on the 15th and will likely continue for three to four weeks. The Museum will be open Monday-Through Saturday from 3-5 p.m. so visitors may view the exhibit.

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Lynn County 2007 All-Stars... The 9-10 year old Minor League All-Stars were, in back from left, Coach Rolando Escobar, Jerrod Jaquess, Marcos Saldana, Michael Rivas, Brooklun Balague, Jack Franklin and Austin Hendricks; and in front from left, Carlos Moralez, Colton Taylor, Johnny Rosas, Trace Cook, Tanner Schrader and Adrian Rivas.



Patriotic moment ... A community choir and local veterans participated in the July 4th program held at O'Donnell on Independence Day. Featured speaker for the program was Huey Harris, a veteran of the Korean War. (Photo courtesy of O'Donnell Index Press)

Producers Wanted For Farmers Market

The Levelland Main Street Program is seeking producers to sell goods during their Farmers Market which begins Wednesday, July 18 and continues to operate on Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 5th and Ave. G in Levelland.

They are also hosting their annual Early Settlers Day event

this Saturday (July 14).

Any producers or local crafters interested in participating in this year's market, may call the Levelland Main Street Office at 806-894-3157.

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Cotton Turnrow Meeting Set Here July 24

A turnrow meeting for area cotton producers is set for Tuesday, July 24 beginning at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at Ty Askew's farm which is located 1/4 mile northeast of Hwy. 87 on FM 400 (next to pecan trees).

Topics will include an insect update, cotton agronomy overview, and current crop situation.

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Lamesa Youth Football Sign-Ups Set For July 23

The Lamesa Youth Football League, sponsored by the Lamesa Boys and Girls Clubs of America will have youth football sign-ups in Tahoka at the Life Enrichment Center on Monday, July 23, at 6:00 p.m.

The Youth Football league is for grades 1st through 6th. The cost for first and second grade flag football is \$35 per child. Grades three through six, Tackle football will be \$65 per child. Sign-ups the day of tryouts the cost will be \$45 for flag and \$80 for tackle.

Tryouts will be held Saturday, August 4, behind the Boys and Girls Club, located at 400 N. 7th in Lamesa.

For more information, call Jessie Moya at 806-777-7856. Anyone interested in coaching football, call Monique at 757-553-1829.

Peace Officer Academy Sets Evening Classes

South Plains College is accepting candidates for the 2007-2008 Evening Peace Officer Academy which runs from Sept. 10, 2007 through August 2008. The classes will be presented Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 5 to 11 p.m.

Applicants must be admitted to SPC and meet all SPC entrance requirements. Admission to SPC does not ensure acceptance into the academy. Admission forms are provided after the completion of the entrance exam and background check.

Pre-registration is required by Aug. 1 along with a non-refundable \$50 application fee for a state and federal background check required through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Office Standards and Education. Because the registration process may take up to six weeks, early registration is encouraged.

For a more detailed list of admission requirements, call 806-894-9611, ext. 2291.



AFRICANIZED BEES
Last month, what was thought to be Africanized Bees became aggressive and caused an estimated 20 people to be attacked in Seminole. 14 of those people were transported to the hospital by EMS and one was even reported to have suffered over 300 stings. Beehives have been reported in Lynn County and The Africanized Honeybee Education Project at the University of Arizona offers a list of preventive measures we take to avoid them.

Prevention - Routinely check your home for cracks or holes, cavities in trees, eaves, carports, anywhere bees might start a hive. Remove debris such as old tires, junk, dead trees and piles of lumber. Inspect hidden spots like culverts, pipes, or dense shrubbery. Check pens and barns, any confined space where animals are kept. Add pine-scented liquid cleaner to the water of evaporative coolers or a tablespoon of vinegar in a pet water dish or bird bath to act as a bee deterrent. Wear light-colored clothing, avoid wearing perfume, hair spray or scented lotions when outdoors.

If you encounter bees leave them alone, do not agitate them. Call beekeepers or pest control operators if you find an established bee colony. Do not try to destroy a beehive yourself. Remove any pets or children in the area and have them

stay inside a building. Keep the area quiet and calm. Bees are especially attracted to lawnmowers, barking dogs and other noises and bright flashing lights. This is why police, fire departments and EMS should never respond to a bee incident with lights and sirens.

If you see an attack, call 911. If a person appears to be lying on the ground unconscious, do not try to rescue them. The bees will leave because the person is not moving, but they will attack you instead if you make noise and attract attention to yourself.

If attacked run as fast as you can from the bees; in most cases you can outrun them. Cover your face with your hands. Do not scream or wave your arms, because this will keep the bees attacking. Look for shelter, such as a vehicle or a building. Swimming pools are not a good idea. The bees will usually wait for you to come up for air and attack again. If someone has been stung several times, they should seek medical attention. If the person becomes dizzy, has difficulty breathing or their lips and fingernails turn blue, call 911 immediately. The person may be suffering an allergic reaction to the stings and may need immediate medical attention.

Taking heed to these simple suggestions can help everyone take the "buzz out of the bees."

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