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Windpower Meeting Set In Wilson

Landowners and other interested persons are invited to attend a meeting at the Wilson City Offices (Green Building) at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 5. Dr. Andrew Swift of the Texas Tech Wind Science and Engineering Department will speak to the group about some of his research in the wind turbine industry, as well as other interesting topics.

"This meeting is to try to develop interest in the northeast part of our county to possibly help community development and try to enhance our economy," said Donald Klaus, Mayor of Wilson. "We will also allow time for a question and answer session."

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 16	87	69	0.05"
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2007's Record Cotton Crop Not Likely For '08 in County

by BRYAN REYNOLDS
Texas AgriLife Extension Service
Agent, Lynn County

After coming off the largest cotton crop ever produced in Lynn County, the 2008 crop can best be described as a mix of the good, the bad and the non-existent.

"2008 has been a challenge from the start for growers," said Bryan Reynolds, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Agent for Lynn County. "Mother Nature has dealt her full hand on this crop with heat, wind, blowing sand, hail, rain and lack of rain. It has

been a mixed bag for growers and it is all related to the weather," said Reynolds. The West Texas Mesonet Weather reporting station reports 7.05" of rain for Tahoka in 2008. In 2007, 14.13" of rain was received and in 2006, 4.62" was received. For the O'Donnell reporting station, 5.59" of rain has been received in 2008 compared to 17.75" in 2007 and 3.59" in 2006.

High winds and hot temperatures have also dealt the crop problems. Ten days of 100-plus degree weather have been seen for the Tahoka reporting station compared to only one day of 100-

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On a bright note, the 2007 crop statistics were recently released and Lynn County was the **number one** producer of dryland upland cotton in the United States. **2007**

been a struggle and you can go anywhere in the county and see a different picture of the crop," he added.

"The northern half of the county looks much better than the southern half. There are some fields that look really good from Tahoka to the north. The cotton has been blooming for a week to ten days and is progressing very well in terms of development. However, there is a great deal of dryland acreage in the county and especially in the southern portion that is not growing cotton. Many fields never emerged due to the extreme heat, wind and dry weather in May and June.

Of the 300,000 acres of cotton that are planted each year in Lynn County, early estimates indicate that as much as 40% to 50% of the cotton crop are non-existent. Many producers had to replant with grain sorghum, sunflowers, forages or will wait and plant wheat this fall.

"This year has brought such a

degree weather last year. Along with the hot temperatures, windy conditions in May and June dried out the soil and made it difficult to get a stand established.

"Many growers, including some who have been farming for many years, say they can't remember when we had winds that blew so hard during planting time," said Reynolds.

Heat units, which are used to measure progress and development in the cotton crop, are above average as well. 1,216 heat units have been accumulated from May 10 through July 18 for 2008. 926 heat units were accumulated for the same time in 2007. Long term averages indicate we are about 15 to 20 percent above normal for heat unit accumulations.

On a bright note, the 2007 crop statistics were recently released and Lynn County was the number one producer of dryland upland cotton in the United States.

BBQ Cookoff, Entertainment Slated in Tahoka This Weekend

Area residents are invited to the 5th Annual No Adult Supervision BBQ and Chili Cookoff this Friday and Saturday, July 25-26, at the End of the Trail RV Park. Bring lawn chairs for seating, and admission is free. Watch the cooking competitions (and even participate by judging) and a variety of live entertainment, and eat onsite from local vendors.

Cooking competitions, food booths, games for children, horseshoe pitching, a guitar raffle, and a slate of live musical entertainment will entice area residents to the RV park located at South 6th and the West access road of Hwy. 87 in Tahoka - and if you want to join the fun by being a food judge, they need those too.

Barbeque and chili cooks will begin arriving Friday morning to prepare for some heavy competition. This year more than 30 BBQ cooks and 30+ chili cooks are expected to compete.

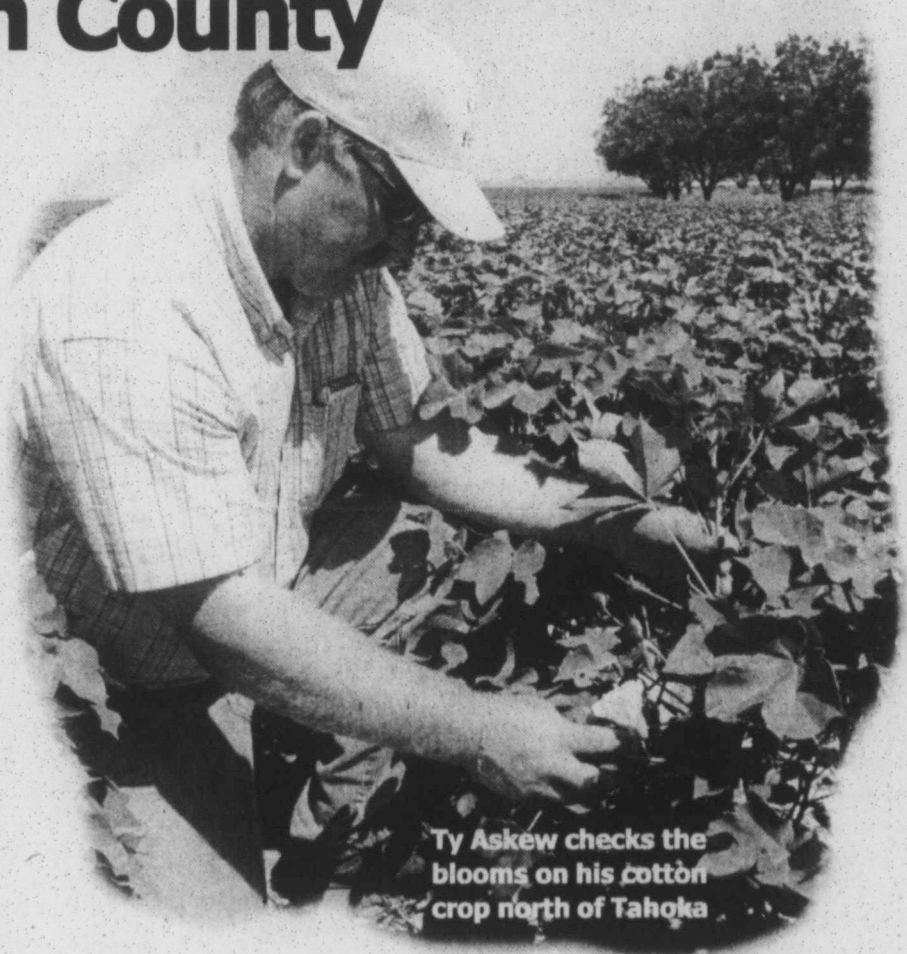
In addition to the regular competition, the Lynn County Barbecue Champion for 2008 will be decided from among Lynn County resident entries.

"The judging area is in need of taste judges for all categories. Approximately 20-40 judges will be needed for each category, depending on the number of entries. If anyone is interested in tasting some of the best barbecue in the state, come on out Saturday. Judging begins at 11:00 am with Pinto Beans, Chicken, Ribs, Chili, and Brisket will

follow in that order. It is really easy to judge - you just have to know what you like," says Kim Draper, chairman. To be a judge, or to ask for judging a specific category, call Kim Draper at 806-778-0852 or 561-4961 (leave a message if necessary). She will be glad to put your name down and save you a spot at the table.

Lots of food vendors will also be offering a variety of food for the public on Friday and Saturday. Vendors open from 5 p.m. - 12 midnight on Friday, and open at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Local vendors include the Lynn County Historical Commission with BBQ Sandwiches (proceeds to benefit the Lynn County Courthouse renovation project); Rich-Mar Concessions will have Hillbilly Taters, Curly Fries, Funnel Cakes, Corn Dogs, Hot Dogs, and drinks. Other food vendors will offer fried oreos, cotton candy, shaved ice, smoothies, kettle corn, roasted corn, turkey legs, spaghetti and Italian subs. There will also be vendors offering hand tooled leather goods, and more.

The live music will begin at 4:30 p.m. Friday and at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, continuing on until midnight both nights. Friday's performers include Diamond Jack, and Under The Double Eagle Band. Saturday's performers include Wade Parks, Byron Norwood, Conjunto Rosal, The Lockaby Kids, Brandon Smith, Yele Yele, Dry Levee, and the John Curtis Band.



Ty Askew checks the blooms on his cotton crop north of Tahoka

"This is the third time in the last four years we have been number one in production of dryland cotton," said Reynolds. 295,000 bales of dryland cotton were produced on 215,000 acres for a 659 pound yield per acre. 148,000 bales were produced on 76,000 irrigated acres for a 935 pound yield. The total was 443,000 bales, which ranks as the largest crop ever for Lynn County. In 2005, Lynn County produced 429,000 bales and in 2004, 354,500 bales were produced.

"Obviously, we won't see a record in 2008, but there is a chance for some parts of the county to produce a very good crop," Reynolds said. Some areas in the north and northeastern part of the county received 1 to 2 inches of rain last week.

"It is very beneficial to receive this kind of rain as the crop starts blooming and water demand increases for the plant," added Reynolds. "As always, Mother Nature will have the last word in the 2008 crop."

woodwork by dalton



I RECEIVED this list of 36 suggestions of things I need to do in order to have a better life. All 36 of the suggested ways to behave are good (most are spiritually oriented, so who could argue with those?).

It was depressing, though, to look at the list and realize I need a lot of work in about half those areas. The woman who sent the list to me obviously realizes I need to shape up in many ways. Anyway, here are a few of those suggestions which got my attention:

2 and 3—Go to bed on time; get up on time so you can start the day unrushed.

Well, gee, bedtime and getting up time are different for me than for real people. I have to finish the book I'm reading at night, or the TV movie I'm watching, even though there are more ads than program.

6. Simplify and unclutter your life.

Easier said than done. Seems like I have too many details to attend to, and too much stuff I keep putting off.

12. Live within your budget. Don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases.

Actually this is not much of a problem for me. I mostly use credit cards to jimmy open locked doors.

14. K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut). This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.

But I have so many wonderful things to say. Well, okay, this is good advice. Keeping your mouth shut not only will hide your ignorance, but also will help you lose weight.

20. Listen to a tape while driving that can help improve your quality of life.

This works only if every 30 seconds or so the tape says "Slow down and watch the road, dummy, or your quality of life is in deep trouble."

22. Every day, find time to be alone.

No problem, if you only take a bath on Saturday nights.

30. Develop a forgiving attitude. Most people are doing the best they can.

Does this mean I have to drop all those lawsuits?

32. Sit on your ego.

I've heard it called several things, but never that.

Among the really good things on the list are the suggestions that laughter is good for you, and that we should never worry about what may happen tomorrow - "if it doesn't happen, you have worried in vain. Even if it does happen, you have to worry twice."



Vacation Bible School ... Children gather around a table for a crafts project during Vacation Bible School at Sweet Street Baptist Church this week.

Filing Period Opens For New Home ISD Board

The filing period for candidates seeking election to the New Home Independent School District Board of Trustees opens next week. Three seats on the board will be up for election, all for four-year terms.

Interested persons may file at the New Home ISD business office, from July 27 through August 26, during regular business hours. Trustees whose terms are expiring include Kevin

Mitchell, Michael White and Angie Kieth.

The New Home school district is the only school district in Lynn County who opted to move their trustee elections to coincide with the November general elections, instead of the May elections normally held by the other three school districts, city elections and hospital board elections within the county.

New Home City Garbage/Sewer Rates To Increase

The City of New Home service rates for sewer/garbage will increase on Sept. 1, 2008, according to information released

by city officials this week.

The water rates will remain at \$17 for the first 2000 gallons and \$2 per thousand thereafter. New sewer rates for city residents will be \$17. New garbage collection rates will be \$14 plus tax.

THS Class of 1968 Reunion Planned; Classmates Sought

The Tahoka High School graduating class of 1968 will be celebrating their 40th high school reunion on July 5, 2008 at the T-Bar Country Club. Friends, family and former teachers are invited to come by the Country Club and remember old times with us.

"We have been able to locate most of our classmates. However, there are some classmates we have not been able to locate: Debbie Wright, Donald Richey, Anita Salinas, Willie Ewing, Norma Jo McKinnen, and Ethel Moore. If you have a current phone number or address, please call Arlene Spearman at 998-4052 or Susan Tipton at 998-5072."

Juror Fees Changed, Burn Ban Lifted by Commissioners

Lynn County Commissioners met Tuesday morning in regular session, amending jury duty fees, partially lifting the county-wide burn ban, and considering several other routine items.

Jury fees are currently set at \$8/first day paid to those called for jury duty, and \$15 paid to those selected for jury duty. Those fees are at the county's discretion, but the fees for actually serving on a jury (second day and thereafter) were not under discussion, which is \$40 per day (\$32 of which is reimbursed to the county by the state). Commissioners voted to change the jury fees to pay the \$15 for those selected to jury duty only if they hear testimony that first day (which is usually not the case, as those jurors are usually released until the next day for judicial proceedings). Other fees will remain the same.

The county-wide burn ban, in effect through the end of July, will be lifted on August 1st, with one exception. The burn ban is lifted on outdoor burning except for CRP burns, commissioners noted, which will continue to be prohibited for another 90 day period. All other outdoor burning - tree limbs, brush, burn barrels - in unincorporated portions of the county will be allowed.

A resolution was approved to allow Texas Parks and Wildlife to hold out certain funds from its annual license renewal fees to be used for predator control, to reduce the effects of predation on the hunting industry, and on domestic livestock production.

Commissioners approved changing credit card companies for county purchases, and signed a contract with Thyssen Krupp Elevator for maintenance on the courthouse elevator. Cell phone

service for commissioners was discussed but commissioners decided to not make any changes at this time. Several items were tabled for later consideration, including closure of the county landfill and burn barrel contract with the city, new software for the district clerk office, and DPS radar purchases. Monthly bills were approved, and a work session was held regarding the budget.

County Judge H.G. Franklin presided and all four commissioners were present, including Keith Wied, Mike Braddock, Don Blair and Brad Hammonds, as well as County Treasurer Pam Miller, County Attorney Donnis Scott, County Clerk Susan Tipton and other officials. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

O'Donnell Homecoming Set Sept. 26

O'Donnell ISD Homecoming will be held Sept. 26, 2008. The Homecoming Exes Banquet will be Saturday evening, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m.

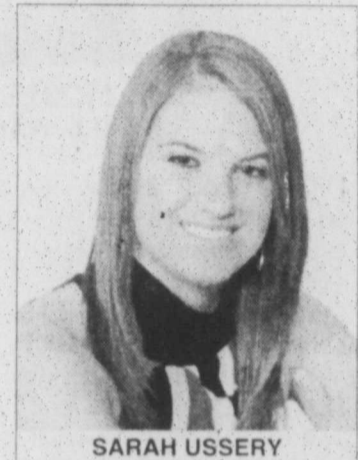
The OHS Classes of 1958 and 1983 are looking for class members' addresses. Please contact Gustine Barrington at 428-3800 for the Class of 1958, or Debbie Garza at 428-3247 or Kathy Grant at 645-8445 for the Class of 1983.

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The Assassin by Stephen Coonts
Rough Justice by Jack Higgins
Forgotten by Mariah Stewart
Tempting Fate by Carla Neggers



SARAH USSERY

Ussery To Play In All-Star Game

Sarah Ussery from New Home will be playing in the Six Man Coaches Association All-Star Basketball game on Saturday, July 26 at 1:00 p.m. at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock. Sarah is a 2008 graduate of New Home High School and was a member of the varsity basketball team for 4 years. Her basketball honors include All-District for the 2006-07 season, and District MVP, Second Team All South Plains, and All Region for the 2007-08 season.

She will be attending West Texas A&M in the fall, majoring in Biology/Pre-Pharmacy. Sarah is the daughter of Jay and Rebecca Ussery.

Homeowners Insurance Provider Leaving Texas Market

Representative Joe Heflin, House District 85 (HD85), reported that he has been informed by the Texas Department of Insurance that Austin Indemnity Lloyds Insurance Company (Austin Indemnity) is withdrawing from the Texas Market and has sent out non-renewal notices to holders of its homeowners policies in Texas.

The Texas Department of Insurance informed Rep. Heflin that Austin Indemnity has policyholders in HD 85. HD85 includes these sixteen counties: Borden, Crosby, Fisher, Floyd, Garza, Glasscock, Hale, Howard, Irion, Jones, Kent, Lynn, Reagan, Sterling, Stonewall, and Terry.

The Texas Department of Insurance has been working with Austin Indemnity and is aware that the company intends to stop writing homeowners' insurance policies in Texas. Heflin stated that "policyholders should work with their insurance agents to address their specific situations so their questions can be answered and to develop options to ensure their homes and property are protected."

Texans affected by this situation also can call the Consumer Protection Division of the Texas Department of Insurance at 1-800-252-3439.

ATTEND CHURCH IN LYNN COUNTY

<p>Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church 16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Divine Service - 10:15 a.m. <i>"Where Christ Serves People"</i></p>	<p><i>If you would like your church to be a part of this Directory, call The Lynn County News 806-561-4888</i></p>	<p>O'Donnell First Baptist Church 701 Standefer • O'Donnell, TX 79351 (806) 428-3236 PASTOR: SCOTT HENSLEY Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church 1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4557 • www.fbcctahoka.org PASTOR: REV. RICHARD HARBISON Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship Service - 6 p.m. Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule <i>There's A Place For Me at FBC!</i></p>
<p>Wilson First Baptist Church 1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6333 PASTOR: BILLY PARMER Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training - 5 p.m. Sunday Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays: Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages • Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth</p>	<p>Grassland Nazarene Church 2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 327-5656, 327-5655 PASTOR: Rev. James Miller Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Youth and Adults: Wednesdays - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Sweet Street Baptist Church 1300 Avenue J • Box 751 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-5310 PASTOR: LYNN LONG Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. <i>(A Bible Study Class for all ages)</i> Morning Worship - 10:55 a.m. <i>(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)</i> Evening Worship - 6 p.m. <i>(Praise & Worship - Gospel Message)</i> Wednesday Night - 7 p.m. <i>(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)</i> EVERYONE IS WELCOME!</p>	<p>Ambassadors for Christ 701 N. 1st • Tahoka, TX 79373 Phone 806-797-5132 PASTOR: LONNY LANGEHENNING SUNDAY SERVICES: Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Evening Praise & Worship - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Tahoka Trinity Church 1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka, TX 79373 Phone (806) 561-5317 PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Youth - Sundays at 7 p.m. <i>For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317</i></p>	<p>"Holding The Light" Read Ephesians 5:8-17 <i>Jesus spoke to [the people], saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." -- John 8:12 (NRSV)</i> When I was a boy, I often held a light for my father while he did emergency repair work. I always felt that what I was doing was not important, and I looked forward to the day when someone would hold the light for me. Since then I've found myself in the position of doing the repairs, and I realize the importance of holding the light. Without it, I couldn't see to do my work. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." He also said, "You are the light of the world" (Matt. 5:14). We are to be light holders for Jesus. Holding the light of God's message is the responsibility of every Christian. Looking back, I feel that it was a privilege to hold the light for my father, but it is a blessing to hold the light for my heavenly Father. Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you for light that enables us to see. Help us to share your light with others. Amen. -- Delbert Harrison... from <i>The Upper Room</i></p>		<p>Wilson St. John Lutheran Church 13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6573 Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond. LEADERS: REV. YVONNE KIEBLER TONDA FREITAG, PLM Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m.</p>
<p>New Home United Methodist Church 350 N. Main New Home, TX 79383 (806) 924-7549 PASTOR: RICK WOLFE Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m. Youth Activities</p>	<p>TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church South 4th & Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4436 PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TEO DEACON: FRANCISCO AGUILAR Mass - 9:30 a.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wed. & Thur. Rosary - 7 p.m. Tues. CCE Class/Confirmation Instruct. - 7 p.m. Wed.</p>	<p>TAHOKA Church of Christ 2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4060 • email: tooc@poka.com MINISTER: RON FANT Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Bible Classes - Wednesday 7 p.m.</p>	<p>New Home Church of Christ St. address • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 (806) 924-7579 MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON Bible Class - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service - 6 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Draw First United Methodist Church (established 1907) P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351 Phone (806) 428-3357 or Fern Barnes (806) 327-5583 PASTOR: REV. LARRY GAUMOND Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School following</p>	<p>TAHOKA First United Methodist Church 1801 Ave. J • Box 500 Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4503 email: fumctahoka@poka.com PASTOR: VERNON BAKER Sundays: Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m. Youth - 6 p.m. Sundays, 7 p.m. Wednesdays Branded Ministries - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays</p>		

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HONORING OUR HEROES

Military personnel with family ties to Lynn County are being honored on a pictorial display at Thriftway Grocery in Tahoka. Each soldier will also be featured in this column, with information provided by their families.

THIS WEEK'S HERO:



SGT. MOSES TIJERINA
U.S. MARINES

Sgt. Moses Tijerina is a Gunnery Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corp. and has been in the service 16 years. During his years of service, he has toured Iraq, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Japan and Mexico.

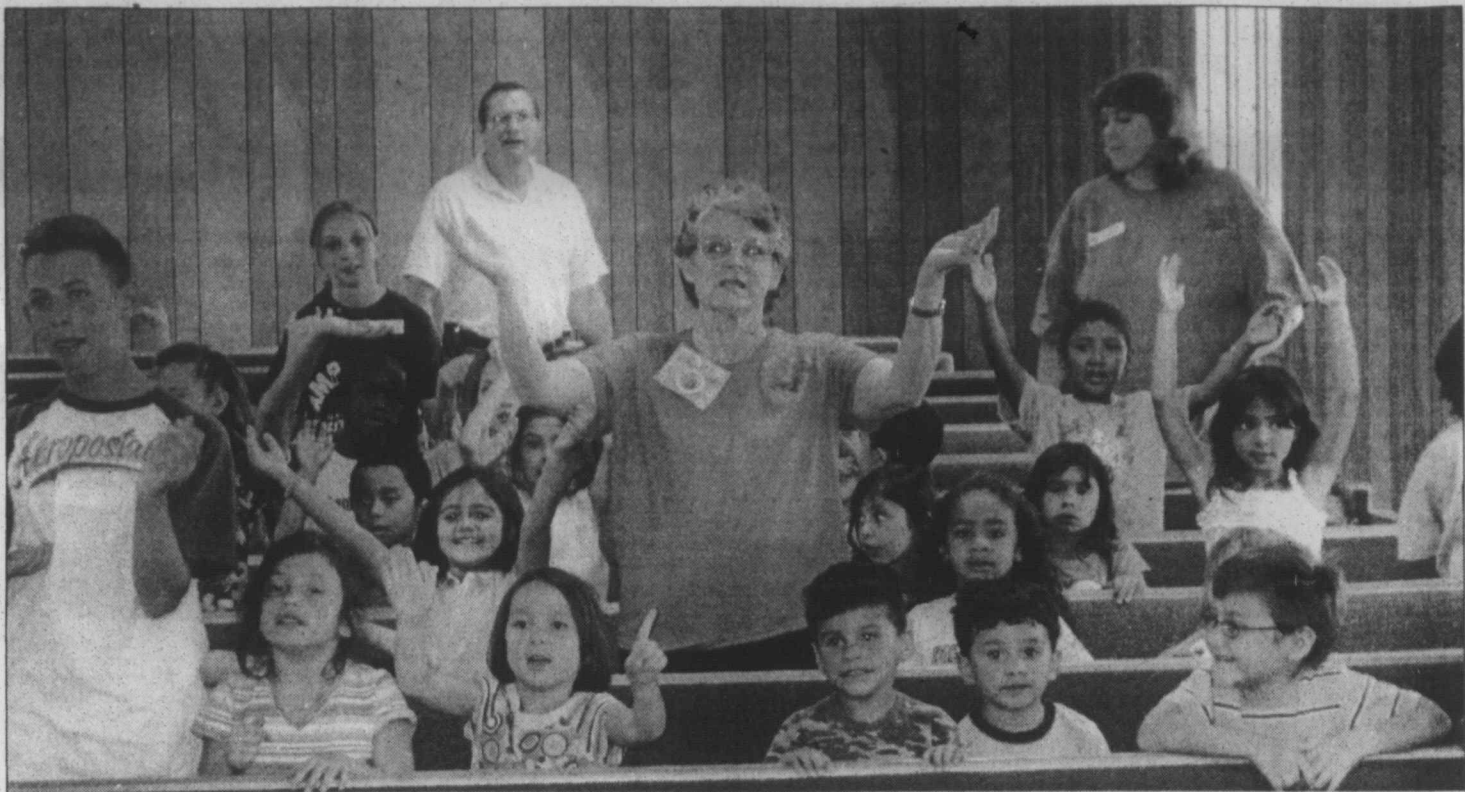
He is currently stationed in Camp Pendleton, in San Deigo, California.

He is the son of Martina and Joe Tijerina of Tahoka.

Editor's Note: Anyone who would like to add a name/photo to the military "Hero" display at Thriftway and information for this column may email The Lynn County News at LynnCoNews@poka.com, or bring to the News Office. News employee Pam Elrod, whose daughter is serving in the military, is involved in this effort and will make sure the photo is displayed at Thriftway, and print the information in "Honoring Our Heroes."



Show your colors!
Fly the American Flag
to show your support
for our nation.



Praise time ... Vacation Bible School teachers and children raise their hands during the praise and worship time at Sweet Street Baptist Church in Tahoka this week. The workers and teachers are all from Lamar Baptist Church in Sweetwater, who came to assist with the revival and VBS held July 21-25. In the background is Sweet Street pastor Lynn Long.

'Adopt Our Troops' In Prayer Website

If anyone is interested in adopting our military in prayer, or would like to register a troop or soldier, visit the website adoptourtroops.org.

This website contains information on adopting troops, registering troops and/or individual soldiers. The website also contains a newsletter that gives information updates on our troops and an inspirational story of courage and hope of the troops on the Adopt Our Troops prayer list.

This website gives you an option to adopt a troop or an individual soldier of the military. You may also donate to the Adopt Our Troops in Prayer to cover costs to maintain the website and its databases.

SHOP IN TAHOKA!

THS Cheerleaders Offer Clinic For Girls in August

Tahoka High School Cheerleaders will sponsor a Cheer Clinic for girls ages 3-12, at the Tahoka High School gymnasium Aug 5-8. The four-day clinic will be from 8:30-10 a.m.

Cost will be \$30 per child, which will include a t-shirt and picture. Photos will be taken Friday morning, and the clinic will conclude with a pep rally at 5:30 p.m., with parents invited to attend.

For more information about the clinic, contact cheerleader Cori Vega at 544-7862. A registration form will be printed in next week's Lynn County News, or are available from any of the THS cheerleaders: Cori Vega, Samantha Pridmore, Valerie Sosa, Kalee Wuensche, Morgan Lockaby, Kenzie Angeley, Stormee Martin, April Lam and Virginia Aleman.

Randy's Roundup

by U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer

— Randy's Roundup —
A Weekly Newsletter from
Congressman Randy Neugebauer
July 21, 2008

Working To Ensure Access to Health Care For Rural Veterans

Ensuring access to affordable quality health care for our veterans has always been a priority of mine. Those who have answered the call of our nation to defend democracy and defeat tyranny deserve the very best our government can provide.

That is why I am a cosponsor of H.R. 1527, *The Rural Veterans Access to Care Act*, sponsored by Congressman Jerry Moran (R-KS). This legislation allows a "highly rural" veteran who is a patient enrolled in the VA system to elect to receive covered health services through a non-VA health care provider.

I am pleased to report this legislation was passed by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs last Wednesday. My hope is that the House leadership will quickly bring this to the floor to a vote, and I will urge my colleagues to support this critical legislation.

To qualify as a "highly rural" veteran, the following definition is provided by H.R. 1527— a veteran who resides more than 60 miles from the nearest VA facility providing primary care services and more than 120 miles from a VA facility providing acute hospital care, or more than 240 miles from a VA facility providing highly specialized medical care. Additionally, hardships or other difficulties in travel to the nearest appropriate VA facility, where the travel is not in the best interest of the veteran, would qualify an individual as a "highly rural" veteran.

Care for our veterans is a promise we must fulfill and assisting those in rural America, such as in the expansive 19th District of Texas, is critical.

My Discussion With Treasury Secretary, Henry Paulson

With much uncertainty surrounding the financial markets, specifically the housing market, I spoke with the Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson on Friday, to assess the situation and discuss in further detail his thoughts to help achieve stability.

The bulk of our conversation was about Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and how important they are to the housing market. After a 30 year career as a lender and a homebuilder, I understand the importance of market stability and how it helps individuals realize the dream of owning their own home. Secretary Paulson believes the Treasury Department is taking steps to provide a bridge of confidence for the markets until they return to operating in a more stable manner.

While I believe the role of the federal government should be as minimal as possible, I also feel that it is important we work to find solutions to calm the current turbulence in the market. However, that should not mean increased government regulation or putting taxpayers at risk.

Early next week, I am scheduled to meet with the Federal Reserve

Chairman, Ben Bernanke, to discuss the situation further. I look forward to the continued open dialogue with him and others, in hopes that Congress and the federal government can find pragmatic and sound solutions to these problems that do not pick winners or losers.

Currently the Federal Reserve and the U.S. Treasury Department are walking a very fine line in some uncharted waters.

Stimulus Checks - REMINDER

As the last of the economic stimulus checks are being mailed out, I want to remind folks that they may not receive their check if they have not filed the proper form with the IRS. The vast majority of Americans who qualify for the payment only had to file their 2007 individual income tax return to receive their payment this year, and most of those payments have been sent out.

However, if you are not normally required to file an income tax return because your income is low or you only receive Social Security or veterans' benefit income, you must file a 2007 tax return to be eligible for a stimulus payment.

The IRS has a simplified form for those who are not normally required to file a tax return. Please visit www.irs.gov to find detailed assistance dealing with your specific financial circumstances. You can also contact local IRS offices in Lubbock (806-472-7582) and Abilene (325-676-5709) for assistance. Additionally, you can always call my district office toll free at (888) 763-1611 for guidance.

As always, when events unfold in Washington, I will be sure to update you. In the meantime, do not hesitate to visit my website, or call my office toll free district wide at (888) 763-1611 or my Washington, DC office at 202-225-4005.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2009 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, August 5, 2008** at 8:00 a.m. at the Lynn County Appraisal District Office, 1615 Main Street, Tahoka, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed appraisal budget.	\$ 157,169.00
The total amount of increase from the current year's budget.	\$ 6,920
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	3 <i>(full-time equivalent)</i>
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	3 <i>(full-time equivalent)</i>

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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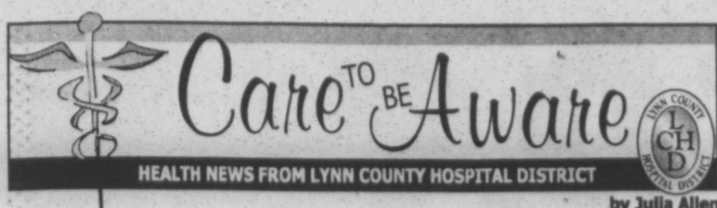


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MY ACHING FEET!
Are you currently experiencing foot pain, heel pain or just plain achiness in your feet? Well the culprit may be those fashionable shoes we all wear as soon as summer time hits. (or year round as it may be)

The FLIP-FLOP. Flip-flops or as I knew them-Zoories were designed years ago to be worn around the pools and in showers to prevent catching athlete's foot or planters warts according to specialists. Nowadays they are the summertime craze but they are not meant to be worn with abandon. Unlike sturdy shoes, Flip-flops are not good for extensive walking because they offer no arch support, heel cushioning, or shock absorption, according to the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA).

Vaccinations find out the hard way. You take your flip-flops on your trip and halfway through your feet begin to hurt. "They let your foot be as flat as they can be" states Dr. Jim Christina, of the American Podiatric Medical Association, and "you are not getting any support." Dr. Christina says everything in moderation. As long as you are not doing a lot of walking, it's probably okay to wear them.

If you are having foot pain and need an alternative to flip-flops and

their flimsy support you can go to the APMA website for suggestions, just type in "footwear" in the search box. Apma.org

If you are diabetic flip-flops are never recommended to wear. A foot injury can become very serious, even leading to amputation. Diabetics need the proactive function of something that covers their toes according to Dr. Christina. He suggests trying Crocs for a change.

Some Don'ts when it comes to wearing sandals:

*Don't run or play sports in flip flops. This means backyard fun as well.

*Don't wear sandals riding bikes.

*Don't do yard work in sandals.

*Don't walk in tall grass. (this means cotton too.)

*Don't drive in flip-flops; they can come off and lodge under the brake or gas pedal.

Here are some injuries that have occurred while wearing flip flops: stubbed toes, glass cuts, puncture wounds, smashed foot, sprained ankles, and fractures, severe ligament injuries, severe cuts to toes or feet, bug and snake bites!

One last reminder: Sunscreen. Those tootsies need protection from the sun too. You can buy more shoes but you can't buy more feet.



PET TALK
Hot Dogs To Cool Cats: Summer Heat Can Affect Pets, Expert Says

COLLEGE STATION - The summer-time heat can turn a poochie into a hot dog.

Like people, pets can suffer from the discomfort of hot, sticky days. Dr. John August, a professor in Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, offers these tips to keep Fido from getting fried and your kitty from getting too sweaty.

* Monitor temperatures inside of cars. If you would not keep a child inside a hot car with the windows up, why would you place your pet in the same situation? "It's not uncommon for the temperature to reach 120 degrees or more inside a car on a hot summer day," August says. "Just as with a child, you should never leave a pet in a car during the summer. Even just a few minutes can be deadly."

* Airline travel is tougher on some pets than others. "Dogs such as bulldogs, Pekingese and Pugs, and cats such as Persians, have shorter noses than most other breeds and can have difficulty breathing on an airplane and often are more susceptible to heat stress. If possible, try to take a direct flight early in the morning instead of one that has several stops."

* Don't shave your pets, thinking it will keep them cooler. "It's not a good idea to shave a pet. Animals can get sunburn just like humans. If you give your pets plenty of fresh water and shade, they should be okay, but we don't recommend shaving them unless they have had skin problems," August says.

* Watch your animals around lakes or swimming pools. "Not all dogs are natural swimmers, and certainly most cats aren't," August explains. "You should supervise your pets around water just as you would a child. It's not uncommon for dogs or cats to drown."

* Beware of mosquito bites. "Mosquitoes are very prevalent this time of year, and they transmit heartworms, which can then be passed on from one pet to another," notes August. "Also, this is the worst time of year for fleas and ticks, and there are plenty of good products available from your veterinarian to control them."

* Watch for fire ants on the attack. Just as they bite people and cause welts and swelling, fire ants can cause problems for your pets. "If you see a fire ant mound in your yard, get rid of it for your pet's sake," August says. "Animals don't like fire ants any more than we do."

* Fertilize your lawn with care. "If you use fertilizer, it's not a bad idea to keep your pet away from that area until it's been washed into the soil," August says. "Also, insecticides and pets

don't go together. They can make a pet ill or even cause death. Be careful applying yard chemicals, and always make sure they are not near a water dish where the pet might drink them."

* Exercise your pet with caution. August says that dogs like to be taken for a walk, but it should not be done in the heat of the day. "Remember that dogs have padded feet, and the sidewalk can be too hot for them," he believes. "It's a good idea to walk them on grass if possible, and preferably in the early morning or evening."

August says that with some common sense and responsible pet ownership, your animal should make it through the hot summer months in good shape. He adds that there's one good rule of thumb to follow: "If it's too hot for you out there, it's probably too hot for your pet, too."

Long Term Care Seminar Set In Lubbock

The general public is invited to attend a free seminar, "Planning for Long Term Care", on Wednesday, July 30. The seminar will be held from 1-3 p.m. at the Lubbock Senior Citizen Center, 2001-19th St. in Lubbock. The special presentation is coordinated by the South Plains Association of Governments' Area Agency on Aging and Accolade Home Care. Paul Moore, Regional Ombudsman, will moderate the event. The seminar will focus on advance planning, misconceptions on the various long term care options, how to find a good nursing home, and more. Information provided will help individuals make their own choices and plans for long term care.

The Baby Boomer generation is now starting to enter the 60 plus age group. More seniors will populate the country than ever before; and, seventy percent of these seniors will need long term care in some form or another. Only a small percentage of people purchase long term care insurance or put money away for savings towards assisted-living homes or nursing facilities.

"No one wants to think about a time when they might need long term care. So planning ahead for this possibility often gets put off. Most people first learn about long term care when they or a loved one needs care. Planning ahead helps you understand what service options are available; also, planning ahead is important because the cost of long term care services often exceeds what the average person can pay from income and other resources," said Moore.

"Many people believe that Medicare will pay for long term care indefinitely. Medicare only pays for short term skilled nursing; however, Medicare A will pay 100% for home health care on an intermittent basis for homebound individuals. Medicare and private health insurance

Rep. Joe Heflin Positive About PUC Vote on Transmission Lines

Representative Joe Heflin, House District 85, reported that the Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC) on Thursday approved "Scenario 2," the transmission line plan that eventually will move a total of 18,456 megawatts of wind power from West Texas to the state's power grid. According to the PUC, Scenario 2 can be completed within four to five years. The project is estimated to cost \$4.93 billion.

"The House District 85 counties currently included in the proposed routes for the new transmission lines are: Borden, Fisher, Floyd, Glascock, Howard, Jones, Kent and Sterling," said Rep. Heflin. "Other counties in HD 85 will also benefit because the new lines are located near current or proposed wind farm projects. The transmission lines will move the energy produced by our West Texas wind farms to the rest of the state."

Heflin went on to say, "Scenario 2 appears to be a good plan and will give companies the assurances they need to invest in and develop even more wind farms. The lack of transmission lines had created a situation where the movement of power produced by wind farms was restricted. Developers now know that expanding their wind farm operations is good business because when the new transmission lines are built, the additional energy produced can be loaded onto the electric grid. This is a win-win for HD 85 and West Texas and the state."

The PUC will take a final vote on its transmission line plan either later in July or some time in August. A map of scenario 2 of the competitive renewal energy zones (CREZ) is available on the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) website at: http://www.ercot.com/content/meetings/rpg_crez/keydocs/2008/0328/Scenario_2_HVDC.pdf.

programs do not pay for the majority of long term care services that most people need. To qualify for home care, a person must have orders from their physician for a skilled need (nursing or therapy) and be 'homebound' for the duration of their care. Homebound means that you have a normal inability to leave home. You may still be considered homebound if you leave your home for medical reasons, and may also leave infrequently and for short duration for other

reasons as long as leaving home requires a "considerable and taxing effort," said Moore.

"The average cost of a South Plains area nursing home semi-private room is \$115 a day. Most people can not afford to pay \$3500 a month for a nursing home. Planning is essential for anyone to be able to get the care which might be needed in the future," he added.

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Where Are You Now
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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday, August 18, 2008, before the Honorable 106th District Court of Lynn County, at the Courthouse in said County in Tahoka, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed April 25, 2008 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff's Original Notice of Seizure and Intended Forfeiture as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition of file in this suit.

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