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Harvest Festival is Sept. 26th

The Lynn County Harvest Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009 in conjunction with homecoming activities for Tahoka High School, set for Sept. 25.

The Harvest Festival date was originally scheduled for Sept. 12, and then was moved to Sept. 19, but school officials this week reiterated that Tahoka Homecoming will be on Sept. 25, so the Harvest Festival date will be on Sept. 26.

Please note the date change for future reference.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 3	79	59	
June 4	84	56	0.21"
June 5	93	57	
June 6	98	64	
June 7	96	69	
June 8	96	67	
June 9	92	69	
Precipitation for June:			0.33"
Precipitation for May:			1.39"
Total Precipitation Jan:			0.03"
Total Precipitation Feb:			0.64"
Total Precipitation Mar:			0.35"
Total Precipitation Apr:			0.91"
Total Precipitation To Date:			3.65"

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Masked Rider visits Tahoka ... The Texas Tech Masked Rider visited Tahoka Monday afternoon to meet youth at the free summer camp held at the Tahoka Elementary campus during the last two weeks. Brianne Aucutt-Hight is the Masked Rider, greeting little Alex Tew in one photo while an assistant stands at the head of Midnight Matador. The other photo shows children as they listen to the Masked Rider give a short talk.

(LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

OISD, Superintendent agree to six-figure separation buy-out

A settlement of \$108,686 was the payoff by O'Donnell Independent School District Board of Trustees to former Superintendent Rodney Schneider, according to the details of an 11-page "Voluntary Employment Separation Agreement" between Schneider and the OISD Board of Trustees. The settlement agreement terminated the contract between the school district and Schneider, who had a year remaining in his original three-year contract with the district.

Schneider was hired in July 2007 for three years, through June 30, 2010, at an annual salary of \$85,000 per year. In the trustees' annual consideration of the superintendent's salary package in January of 2008 and 2009, no salary increases were given. Buy-out talks began surfacing in the April 20, 2009 board meeting, and trustees met behind closed doors on May 7 to take their first legal steps in breaking ties with the superintendent, and a few days later Supt. Schneider announced his resignation due to an agreement reached with the school district.

The News obtained a copy of the settlement agreement, which notes that Schneider's resignation is effective on June 30, 2009, and that the superintendent would continue to receive his monthly

salary and all benefits until that date. A settlement of \$108,686 is to be paid to Schneider and his attorneys on June 30, at which time Schneider should have all personal effects and property removed from the OISD superintendent's home provided by the district. OISD and Schneider are responsible for each of their respective attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the negotiation of the separation agreement.

The agreement also includes a "mutually acceptable letter of reference" from the OISD Board regarding Schneider, and stipulates that both parties agree not to make negative and/or disparaging remarks about each other. No official reasons for the separation agreement are listed, other than to note that "Schneider and the District believe that entering into this agreement is in their mutual best interests."

The separation agreement was signed by Renn Dorman, President of the Board of Trustees, and by Rodney Schneider, and attested by Cody Furlow, Board Secretary.

Since Schneider's resignation, O'Donnell ISD Board of Trustees hired Randy Allen as interim superintendent for the district, in a unanimous decision in a called meeting on May 14.

Drug bust snares man in O'Donnell

A drug bust in O'Donnell, criminal mischief in Wilson and a missing motorcycle at O'Donnell were among incidents investigated by Lynn County sheriff's officers during the last week.

Roger Gonzales, 28, of O'Donnell was arrested outside the O'Donnell post office last Wednesday, June 3, after postal inspectors advised the sheriff's office that a suspicious package addressed to Gonzales had been detected. Sheriff's officers, aided by the postal inspectors, Tahoka Police Dept. and Dawson County Sheriff's Dept., arrested Gonzales about 4:45 p.m. June 3 after he had taken delivery of the package, which was determined to contain about a pound of marijuana.

Gonzales, charged with felony possession of marijuana over four ounces and less than five pounds, remained in jail this week in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

In Wilson Sunday someone damaged the door facing of a storage area and broke a window at the home of Santos Delgado. When the door facing was damaged, it caused a mirror which was leaning against the door inside to fall and break. Total damage was estimated at \$80.

Brent Cox of O'Donnell told officers

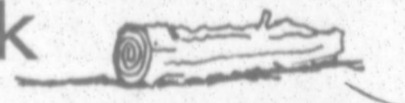
that a Honda 250 motorcycle which had been parked outside his residence apparently had been stolen Saturday night or early Sunday. The bike, with a red gas tank and fenders, was not in running condition, and was valued at \$200.

Eleven new inmates were added to the total number of persons in Lynn County jail during the last week, with the total jail population at 46 as of Tuesday. Eight of those were held for Lubbock County and five for Gaines County.

Charges resulting in the most recent arrests included application to revoke probation on conviction of driving while license invalid, possession of marijuana over 4 ounces and less than five pounds plus failure to appear (Cameron County), resisting arrest plus driving while intoxicated first offense, DWI third offense plus DWLI enhanced, failure to appear on DWLI plus warrant on DWI from Winkler County, warrant on two Class C misdemeanors from Lubbock County, DWLI enhanced, warrant on theft by check from Dallas County, DWI plus operating a vehicle without liability insurance, warrant on theft by check from Gaines County, and DWI second offense.

woodwork

by dalton



I WAS CONSIDERING how to approach the subject of June in a column, thinking I might note how it is considered the month for love and weddings, and how that tradition came to be, when Lotta Tahokum came by on one of her infrequent trips to downtown Tahoka.

She wanted to know what I was doing scrunched up over my computer with a pained look on my face, so I told her I was thinking hard about the month of June and how it was named after Juno, Roman goddess of Love.

Not true, she said, "look it up." Sure enough, Juno is listed as the goddess of marriage, not love, and when I told Lotta this, she said, "Believe me, kiddo, love and marriage ain't always the same thing."

I told her there was something wrong with her grammar. "How'd you know that?" she asked. "I had to take her to the doctor just yesterday."

I admitted she might be technically correct about Juno, but then I read that the goddess of love is generally considered to be the Greek goddess Aphrodite. Think what a mess we would be in if the month following May and preceding July had been named Aphrodite. Songwriters would be especially challenged to find romantic words to use for what they have always relied on, like moon, spoon, tune, swoon, soon and so forth. Offhand I can't think of any word which rhymes with Aphrodite. That is partly because I'm not sure how to pronounce it.

Anyway, June is considered a good time to get married, with a long life and good health ahead of you. Certainly there are more weddings in June than in any other month. That's despite the fact that the weather is usually way too hot for those having to wear all the garments the members of the wedding party have to put on. This could be a factor in making the marriage last; most people don't want to do all that again.

This column is scheduled to appear in the Lynn County News on the 11th of Aphrodite.



Please don't take our cans ... Bianca Baker, director of the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center, is standing next to a dumpster used to collect aluminum cans to benefit the center - if someone doesn't steal them. A full container brings about \$40 to the center, but someone took all the cans from the container early this week before the center had time to redeem the cans. The dumpster is located east of the Pioneer center, across the street from the back of the building.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Community support of THS appreciated

To the Good People of Tahoka:
At the end of the 2008-09 school year, I retired from public school teaching. During my 31 years of teaching family and consumer sciences here in Tahoka, it has been my pleasure to come in contact with many young people, school personnel, and community people. I have worked with at least twelve principals (in high school) and seven superintendents, numerous teachers and coaches, and support staff. Tahoka has been a great place to teach, and even though I did not live in this town,

it has been my home. The community people always made me feel welcome.
Tahoka High School is a wonderful place to teach. How do I know? Well first of all, we have consistently had a great faculty and staff who truly had the best interests of our students in mind as we taught them each day. In addition, we have had some excellent administrators to lead our way. Troy Hinds, our current high school principal, is a prime example. Not only does he have the best interests of our faculty/staff in mind, he cares for the students who walk the halls of THS. He was the only principal

I ever had who consistently arrived at school before me (if only a couple of minutes). He gets to work early to get his own work done so that when the faculty, staff, and students arrive, he can interact with them instead of sitting at his desk. He is available when students, faculty, or parents need him. Mr. Hinds knows the names and potential of each of our students and continues to push those students to be better. Jimmy Parker, our superintendent, is another example of an excellent administrator. I never understood why anyone would want to be a superintendent because that job just does not seem very fun. Having to manage the business end of a school always looked difficult to me, and the job does not seem to garner many kudos, but lots of criticism. However, Mr. Parker was always very fair to me, my students, FCCLA members and the program of work in the family and consumer sciences department. As the superintendent, Mr. Parker continued his practice of visiting classrooms to see what was going on in this district. And believe me, he knows what goes on in our classrooms.

We also have great students at THS. It has always been fun for me to travel to workshops and conferences and hear about the problems other teachers were having with administration or students in other schools. We do not seem to have those problems at our school. Sure we have our pesky students that try our patience in the classroom, but for the most part our students are very good when compared to other students around the state. Working in the classroom with these students was a great deal of fun, but a highlight of my years here was FHA/FCCLA. Working with Family, Career and Community Leaders of America members taught me a great deal, and I was able to see many students grow and develop into effective leaders and community members who went to college and carried on the tradition of leadership, character, and scholarship. Watching those students plan and implement projects

and programs in the elementary school or community made me very proud. It has also been my pleasure to travel to many places across our state of Texas and the nation with thirteen region and state FCCLA officers who represented Tahoka High School. These students always represented TISD in a responsible and dignified manner.

So as my time here in Tahoka comes to a close, it is my hope that community members and parents will continue to support our school. Our school can only be as good as the support we receive from the community. A wonderful, recent example of support is the band boosters and former students tribute to Carroll Rhodes, our band director. During my time here, community members and parents have always been extremely supportive of the family and consumer sciences program and FCCLA, for which I am very grateful.

It has certainly been interesting to teach at least two generations of students here and see young people grow into responsible, caring citizens and parents. You then entrusted your children to my care and my classroom.

Thanks to all of you who have passed through my space at Tahoka High School and enriched my life. It would be impossible to list all of you, but you know who you are. We will surely see each other down the road.

With affection,
Patricia K. O. Rambo

Center's can collection taken

Dear Editor,

The collection of aluminum cans is one of the small ways our Lynn County Senior Citizens Center earns funds for its operation. In these financially difficult times we struggle daily and every little bit is vital to our continued operation.

Today I discovered that all of the aluminum cans graciously donated to our Center in recent weeks and sitting in our bin, specially marked "CANS ONLY" (and the bin was near overflowing and we were planning to carry them to Lubbock for redemption this week) are gone, taken away by an individual who does NOT work and/or volunteer at our Center for that individual's own personal benefit.

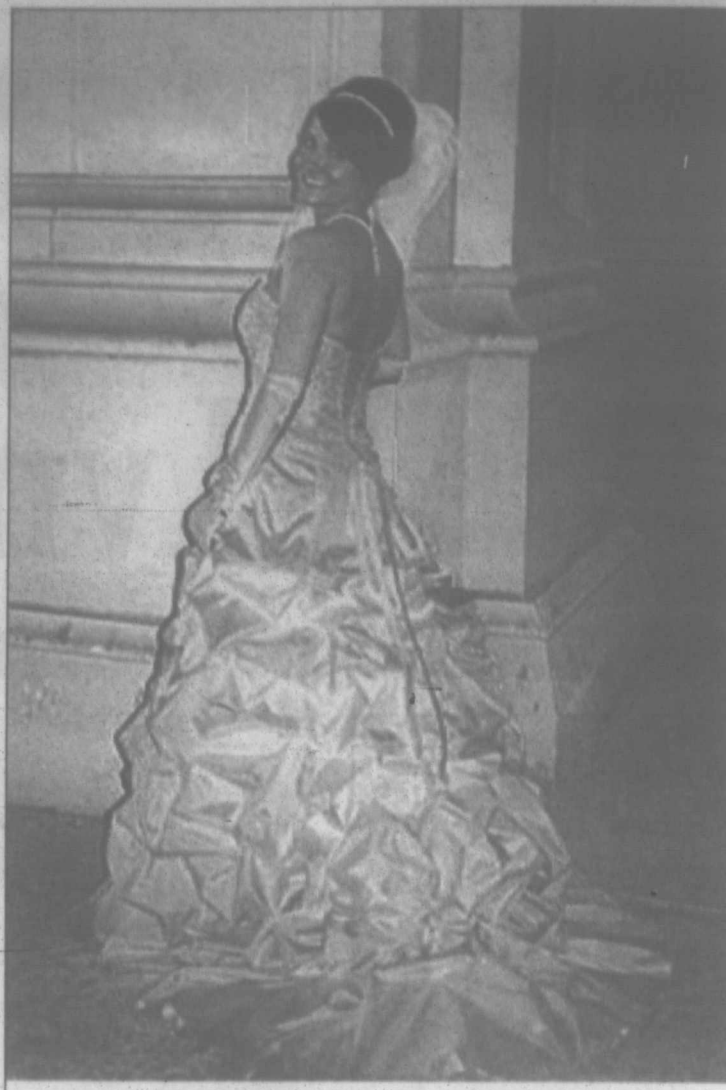
This individual should be ashamed of such nefarious conduct. And by this letter I am demanding that this misconduct cease and desist forthwith.

Sincerely,
Bianca Baker, Director
Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center

Senior Citizens MENU

June 15-19
Monday: Ham & butter beans, oven fried potatoes w/ onions, tossed salad, cornbread, bananas & strawberries
Tuesday: Fried Chicken, white gravy, green bean casserole, tossed salad, biscuits, lemon bars
Wednesday: Ranch burgers, trimmings, oven fries, brownies
Thursday: Chicken & Dumplings, pea salad, cracker asst, fresh fruit
Friday: Salmon patties, white rice, black-eyed peas, biscuits, gingerbread

• Weekly dominos Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!
• Buy your copy of our cookbook, *Timeless Treasures*, to keep or give as a gift for \$12 each at the Center, Lynn County News and the City/County Library.
• Thursday, June 25, join us for Turkey & Dressing and all the fixins, and birthday cake when we celebrate the following June birthdays; Pauline Barrientos, Bill Fuzzy Chancey, Gloria Garza, Wanda Glenn, Mary Gutierrez, Loamuh Harston, Johnette Havens, Lou Ann McGowan, Barbara Morton, Winona Orr, Veda Reed, Santos Rodriguez, Virginia Zavala, and of Wilson, Peggy Morton and Helen and Jack Stephenson. Birthday people eat for free! Don't forget to say Happy Birthday to these celebrants if you see them in and about in town.



MRS. CHRIS LUCAS (nee Krista Cloe)

Cloe-Lucas vows exchanged

Krista Cloe of Tahoka, and Chris Lucas of Clovis, NM were united in marriage at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka. Rev. Richard Harbison, of Tahoka, officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Rick and Lena Cloe of Tahoka, and the granddaughter of Mary Beth McKibben, of Tahoka, and Jerry and Connie McKibben of Lubbock. The groom is the son of Rienie Wyatt of Clovis, NM and Darryl and Sandy Lucas of Macksville, KS, and the grandson of Carolyn Langan of Clovis, NM and Dale and Grace Lucas of Larner, KS.

The bride was escorted by her father, Rick Cloe. A Sword Detail was performed during the recessional by the U.S. Marine Corp Reserves.

Carissa Hall of Tahoka, served as Maid of Honor, and bridesmaids were, Becky Dunlap, cousin of the bride, Bianca Gutierrez, and Christyn Chapa, all of Lubbock, Jaci Hammonds of Tahoka, and Kati Wyatt, sister of the groom of Clovis, NM. Elliott Fite of Clovis, NM served as Best Man. Groomsman were, Eric Darden, Carlos Alvarez, both of Lubbock, George Langan, Jorde Hamilton and Patrick Madrid, all of Clovis, NM, and Ty Cloe, brother of the bride, of Tahoka.

Ushers were Ricky Cloe,

brother of the bride, of Tahoka and Nathan Quisenberry, cousin of the bride, of Lubbock. Cousin of the bride, Jessica Quisenberry, of Lubbock, registered guests. Gracie Escobedo, niece of the bride, of Tahoka and Ava Harrison of Lubbock served as flower girls, and nephew of the bride, Corbin Escobedo served as ring bearer.

A reception was held at the church following the ceremony. The couple will reside in Lubbock after honeymooning in Ruidoso, NM.

The groom is a U. S. Marine, currently in active duty, and is preparing for his 2nd tour of duty to Iraq in August. The bride is employed with Clinique Cosmetics.

STORK REPORT

Brecklyn Rae Rodriguez

Ramiro and Michelle Rodriguez, of San Angelo, formerly of Tahoka, announce the birth of their daughter, Brecklyn Rae Rodriguez, born at 4:30 p.m. on May 21, 2009 at U.M.C. She weighed 3 pounds, 5 oz.

Grandparents are Mary S. Deleon and Earnest and Viola Bertreaux, all of Tahoka.

Cody & Manda Donald

OF WILSON announce the birth of their daughter,

Remington Grace Donald



Born April 28, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. Weight: 6 lbs., 14 oz. • Length: 21 inches at Covenant Women & Children's Hospital, Lubbock

GRANDPARENTS: Lonnie Paul & Connie Donald of Wilson, and Scott & Becky Whitehead of Amarillo.
GREAT-GRANDPARENT: Joy Randall of Amarillo

The Baby Girl Shower for *Kami Owens* that was cancelled last Sunday has been re-scheduled for **Sunday, June 14** same place and time

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MR. AND MRS. MARLIN HAWTHORNE

Couple to celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Hawthorne of Tahoka will observe their 50th wedding anniversary this Wednesday, June 10. They plan to celebrate later this summer with their children, Mark and Cindy Hawthorne and John and Lisa Hawthorne, all of Tahoka.

Marlin Hawthorne and Diana Hensley were married June 10, 1959 at the Draw Methodist Church. They have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Online Banking

Welcome to the First National Bank of Tahoka's web site!

Our goal is to provide you with the best banking experience possible. We have been serving our friends and neighbors since 1907 and would appreciate the opportunity to serve you. Please come by our location at 1601 South 1st Street in Tahoka and meet a friendly, helpful staff willing to work hard to meet all your banking needs. In addition, you may bank by telephone or the Internet 24 hours a day.

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Fun with the cub scouts ... Tahoka ISD Police Officer Tom Tejeda met with Tahoka Cub Scout Troop 782 at their Tuesday night meeting, showing the kids his police car and explaining why police officers wear different kinds of protective clothing and what happens when they go out on calls.

City focuses on dilapidated buildings at council meeting

Tahoka City Council met Monday night in regular session, discussing dilapidated buildings in the city and viewing a slide presentation by Mayor John Baker on the issue. City Administrator Jerry Webster told *The News* that discussion focused on options for speeding up the process for ridding the city of dilapidated buildings, and that city attorneys Cal Huffaker and Rebekah Filley were present at the meeting for the discussions.

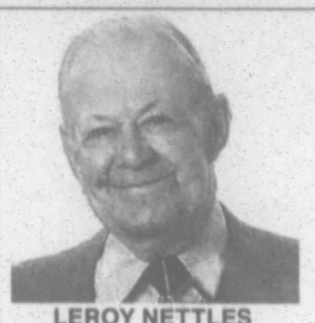
"We did set some priorities and have targeted the first three buildings that the city will tear down," Webster said. The first building targeted is a dilapidated building on the town square, next door to the cleaners, which the city has authority to tear down. Webster said that city workers would begin working on Saturdays to tear down dilapidated buildings. Two houses that burned in recent years are the other two targeted buildings that the city is currently focusing on for removal.

In other business, the council awarded South Plains Community Action in Levelland to administer HOME grants for the city, and changed the regular meeting time for council meetings to 6 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, instead of 7 p.m. Council member Amy Preston was unanimously chosen as Mayor Pro Tem, which is a designation to serve the city in the absence of the mayor, if needed.

Monthly bills were approved, and reports were heard regarding the police department and public utilities. A slate of names suggested for a steering committee was presented to the council, for the possibility of assisting the city with economic development, but no action was taken at this time.

Mayor John Baker led the meeting, with Webster and council members Amy Preston, Rudy Fuentes, Clara Calvillo and Ray Box present, and Jeff Martin absent.

Obituaries



LEROY NETTLES

LeRoy Nettles

LeRoy Nettles of New Home departed this life on June 3, 2009 at the age of 87 years. He was born on May 9, 1922 in Lynn County to Roy O. and Beulah (Perry) Nettles. He graduated from Meadow High School in 1941 and married Marjorie McWhorter on December 16, 1942 in Lakeview. She preceded him in death on November 19, 2002. He served in the Army Air Corps in WWII and was a member of the Lynn County Sheriff's Posse, and served on the New Home City Council for many years. He was also a member of the New Home Baptist Church and served over 40 years as a church deacon and treasurer.

Those left to cherish his memory are his one daughter, Yvonne McClung and husband, Ken of Meadow; two brothers, Edwin Nettles of Lakeview and Leonard Nettles of New Home; one sister, Ellie Glen Burkhalter of New Jersey; two grandchildren Britt McClung and wife, Carole and Holly McClung Diaz and husband, Erik; and two great-grandchildren, Ava and Miriam McClung.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Eloise Griffin of Tahoka.

A celebration of life service was held at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 6, 2009 at New Home Baptist Church with Paul McClung and Calvin Gray officiating. Interment followed at the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

The family requests memorial donations be made to New Home Baptist Church at P.O. Box 246 New Home, TX 79383, or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the personal care of White Funeral Home in Tahoka. Send condolences online at www.whitefuneralhome.com (PAID)

Wilson ISD Honor Roll

The Wilson ISD Honor Roll for the 6th six weeks, for Elementary students all A are; 1st Gage Lewter and Alex Garza; 2nd Destiny Alba and Brook Tyson; 3rd Carrie-Rose McDaniel, Ebby Spencer, Kylie Steen, Michaela Martinez and Samantha Valdez. Students on the A-B Honor Roll were; 1st Topis Massingill and Kaitlyn Yell; 2nd Amber Guzman, Bryan Mendez, Rebekah Farmer, Fili Perez, Ashtyn Roman and Raygin Taylor; 3rd Meghan Ramirez, Xavier Ramirez and Lance Lopez; 5th Brandon Rowland.

The Junior High and High School, all A honor roll are; 6th Grade-Dillon Trevino; 7th William Palmer; and 11th Felipe Ortega.

Students on the A-B Honor Roll are; 6th Megan Lehman, Roman Farmer and Jesus Rodriguez; 7th Samantha Trujillo; 8th Peggy Jackson; 9th Juana Lopez; 10th Amber Valadez; 11th Jenna Autry, Billy Bassinger, and Janet Valdez; 12th Dominique Escobar, Krystal Loftis and Samantha Gill.

Steak dinner, auction to benefit Danny Paris

A steak dinner and auction will be held Friday, June 26 at 7 p.m. at The Center for Housing and Community Development in Tahoka, with all proceeds to benefit Danny Paris of Tahoka. Sponsored by friends of the family, funds raised from the dinner and auction will be used to help pay expenses incurred by the Paris family during his medical treatments at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

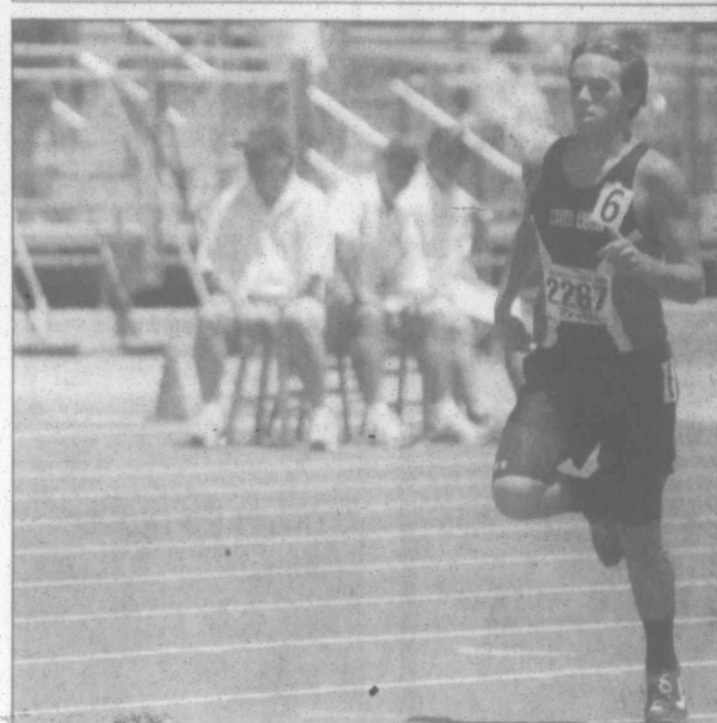
The steak dinner is \$25 per plate, with tickets available from Creative Awards and Trophies in Tahoka, and from Curtis Erickson at First National Bank of Tahoka, as well as from several individuals in the community. Seating is limited to 250 at the dinner, and tickets must be bought prior to the event.

A Lynn County farmer, Paris, 52, has suffered from Multiple Sclerosis (MS) for the past 18 years, and also is undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer. According to the family, Paris is unable to receive medical treatment in the Lubbock area because of his unique affliction of suffering from both MS and cancer. He recently completed a 51-day treatment program at MD Anderson, and is expecting to undergo a surgical procedure to remove a tumor from his esophagus.

"We so appreciate all the prayers from the community on our behalf, and the support from so many people," his wife, Kim, told *The News*. Friends and neighbors also helped plant Paris' land recently.



Dora explores Tahoka... Dora the Explorer visited Home of Hearts Daycare in Tahoka on Friday June 5. Pictured from left are; Cagney Long, Axle Allen, Hadlee Childress, Cason Resendez, and Angle Hall holding Elizabeth Coole. Pictured on right; Raelee Garza, Kylee Chapa, Kennedy Roberts, Miller Norwood and Carissa Hall holding Jaxon Hall.



Running in Austin ... Sterling Ford of New Home High School, placed 7th in the Class A 800m event at the State Track Meet in Austin last week. (Photo by Shane Moore)

Pleasant Grove MENU

Open Friday from 11:00-5:30 and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. Fried Chicken, Hamburgers and Cheese Burgers, Pork Chops, Chicken Fried Steak.

Sunday, June 14: Smothered pork chops, chicken fried steak, fried chicken, corn, okra & tomatoes, mashed potatoes, cabbage, mixed vegetables, candied yams, dessert surprise.

Call In Orders Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 561-1019.

Volunteer ... and help others!
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Garage Sales

BACKYARD SALE: 1924 S. 8th (in alley) • Wednesday afternoon, Thursday thru Saturday, 8:30 to late. Upright freezer, gas self-cleaning stove, lots of misc. 24-ltr

GARAGE SALE: 1916 S. 4th • Saturday, 8 am to 7. Lots of cheap stuff. 24-ltr

TxDOT to conduct data collection in Lynn County

Throughout the month of June, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a data collection operation at 2,026 locations across the Lubbock District's 17-county service area, including Lynn County.

"The operation will collect traffic counts for various "on-system" roadways-roadways maintained by the state-during a 24-hour period," said Stacey Young, TxDOT pavement engineer.

Statewide, traffic count operations are conducted yearly for a variety of purposes other than determining average daily traffic on a roadway, Young added.

"This year, TxDOT is conducting a simple traffic count operation, but tube counters can range from those that only count cars to tubes that can detect vehicle type and weight," Young said.

TxDOT uses the traffic count data to develop pavement design standards, follow traffic patterns and make other improvements to the Texas transportation system.

These Tahoka Firms Are Sponsoring This

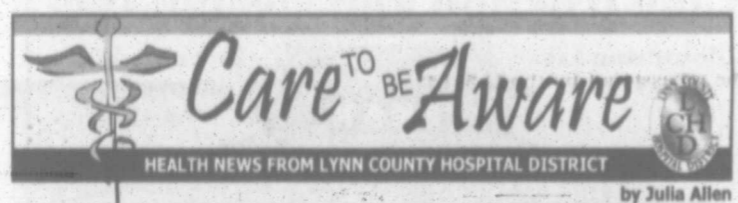
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Lynn County Farm Bureau



(This was a press release from last week on the TxDPSS website. The information is on the CHANGE of the law regarding the use of child safety seats and boosters.)

New Booster Seat Law Clarified

There has been some confusion about a new state law that requires all children younger than 8 years old, UNLESS taller than 4'9" to be in child passenger safety seat system. ("Child passenger safety seat system" includes traditional car seats with harnesses AND booster seats — both high-back and backless versions.)

The law also requires all safety seats and booster seats to be installed according to the instructions of the manufacturer of the safety seat system.

Because of the changes of the wording in the law (SB61), the following legal interpretation should be applied:

• Once a child reaches eight (8) years old, they are not legally required to be in a child safety seat system.

• If the child is younger than eight years old, BUT they are already 4'9" tall, they are not legally required to be in a child safety seat system.

• If a child is eight years old or older, and not yet 4'9" tall, they are not legally required to be in a child safety seat system.

The law also requires that

safety and booster seats be installed and used according to the manufacturer's instructions, including age, height and weight requirements and the placement in the vehicle. (Some manufacturers prohibit using their products on the front seats of vehicles.)

The other part of the law that may cause some confusion are the dates of when the law takes effect and when the enforcement phase begins.

The law will take effect September 1, 2009. Law enforcement officers may only enforce the new changes in the law with written or verbal warnings until June 1, 2010. However, beginning on June 1, 2010, officers may then arrest or issue a citation/notice to appear to a person committing an offense. A fine of not more than \$25 can be assessed for a first offense and no more than \$250 for the second or subsequent offenses.

For a recorded sound bite on this topic, call 512-424-2606. Read about DPS online at www.txdps.state.tx.us

We here in Lynn County have this advance notice of the law change so we can all start making adjustments to our routines with our children. If your children have previously grown out of car seats or boosters but fall under the new laws regulations they will have to be put back in one or you may be ticketed. We can start this summer preparing them and also purchasing the seats we will have to have.

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For more information on the type of equipment available, contact Mike Braddock at 759-0820.
Sealed bids will be taken at the Lynn County Judge's office at the Lynn County Courthouse, Tahoka, Texas, until 5:00 p.m. Friday, June 19, 2009.
Bids will be opened at the Lynn County Commissioners' regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 22, 2009.
Lynn County Commissioners Court reserves the right to refuse any and/or all bids. Any bids received after the deadline will be returned, unopened.

NOTICE OF SALE - VEHICLES
In accordance with the Uniform Traffic Law Code of the State of Texas related to Abandoned Motor Vehicles, the City of Tahoka will offer for sale by sealed bids the following vehicles:
(1) 1996 Ford Crown Victoria
(2) 1998 Ford Crown Victoria
(3) 1998 Ford Escort
(4) 1993 Ford Escort
(5) 1999 Ford Crown Victoria
(6) 1992 GMC Pickup
(7) 1993 Chevrolet Pickup
The vehicles may be inspected at the storage lot behind the Tahoka City Warehouse located at 1400 North 5th St. Monday through Friday, from the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Bid sheets may be picked up at City Hall or the Police Department. The sealed bids may be mailed to the City of Tahoka, P.O. Box 300, Tahoka, Texas, 79373, or delivered to Tahoka City Hall, located at 1612 Lockwood Street. Bids will be accepted from June 15, 2009 until 5:00 p.m. June 26, 2009. The vehicles will be sold As Is and the terms of the sale will be cash, cashiers check, or money order to be paid the day of the sale.
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GARAGE SALE: 2514 N. 3rd • Friday 8:00-7 Lots of miscellaneous. 24-1tc
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