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### Cans Stolen Again!

Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens director Bianca Baker reported that the aluminum can collections were stolen again this week, the second time in two weeks. Discussions are underway as to how to solve the problem.

### Father's Day is Sunday, June 21

### Girls summer softball league program initiated

All girls, ages 8 to 10 years old, that are interested in playing softball, may contact Sam Williams at 928-8318 or Michelle Williams at 928-8269. Girls must be at least 8 years old by January 1, 2009 and no older than 10 as of December 31, 2009. "We are trying to get a youth softball program started in Tahoka, but first we must see if there is enough interest to begin this program," stated Williams. For more information, contact Sam or Michelle Williams.

### Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 10	77	64	0.32"
June 11	94	58	
June 12	98	60	
June 13	101	67	0.10"
June 14	98	64	
June 15	98	64	0.05"
June 16	101	68	
Precipitation for June:			0.80"
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:			4.12"

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**Cleaning up the city ...** City of Tahoka employees worked all day Saturday tearing down a dilapidated building and clearing out debris on the south side of the square. The old shoe store next door to the cleaners had been vacant for many years, and the family had donated the building to the city to tear down. The city is beginning a more aggressive program for removing dilapidated buildings, according to City Administrator Jerry Webster, who said employees will be working on Saturdays on the problem. (LCN PHOTO by Vondell Elliott)

**CONTACT YOUR MAYOR**

For comments or concerns about the City of Tahoka, contact Mayor John Baker by email: TahokaMayor@poka.com or phone: 806-561-5566 "I want to hear from you!"



JOHN BAKER



**Getting the gold at state contest ...** These 18 Tahoka 3-D Band students participated in the UIL Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest at San Marcus on June 1, pictured here in front of their traditional eating place in San Marcus, the Palmer House, where they go each year after competing. They brought home two silver and 13 gold medals. Pictured here (not in order) are Beth Shuey, Sarah Tello, Amanda Hernandez, Bryan Callahan, Brandon Moss, David Spruiell, A'Leesha Truelove, Ben Freitag, Jannifer Marquez, Lucy Perez, Kyle Carpenter, Trey Daves, Patrick Wells, Vicente Salinas, Kaleb Collins, Bryan Pena, Mitchell Chapa, and Billy Saldana. See story inside for complete results.

## Harassing phone calls to woman investigated

Tahoka Police this week are attempting to locate and press charges against a man who made several harassing and profane telephone calls to a Tahoka woman, in an apparent scheme to extort money from the woman.

The woman told officers on June 9 that the man had called and told her she had won \$250,000 and she needed to send him \$325 by Western Union in order to receive her check. She said the man later became angry and demanding that she send the money, and then made obscene comments. She also said the man made a second phone call to her, after which she notified police.

Police called the man on the number that showed up on the woman's phone and warned him to stop calling or face charges. Later that same day, the man called again, and when officers arrived, he still was on speaker phone using profane language. Officers warned him again, and he hung up, but called again later.

Police are seeking to contact officers in the area from which the calls were made to assist in the investigation.

Sheriff's officers are investigating two incidents in O'Donnell. On Sunday, someone driving a Ford Expedition drove away from Allsup's without paying for \$65.03 worth of gasoline.

On Saturday, a 2007 Ford pickup owned by John Campbell of Tarzan was burglarized while it was parked at a residence in O'Donnell. Campbell said \$250 cash was taken from a wallet left in the seat of the pickup. Also taken was a small cooler.

Lynn County jail was holding 43 persons early this week, including seven for Lubbock and five for Gaines County. Thirteen were jailed during the last week, on these charges: driving while intoxicated (four suspects),

public intoxication, warrant on theft by check in Gaines County, operating a vehicle without liability insurance, assault on a peace officer, warrant on escape from custody and burglary in Hall County, warrant on failure to appear on open container violation, application to revoke probation on conviction of possession of marijuana, and warrants on burglary of a vehicle plus resisting arrest (both from New Mexico).

Grand jury met in the 106th District Courtroom in Tahoka Tuesday, but no information was available at press time regarding any indictments. That information will be printed as soon as it becomes available.

## Superintendent resigns position at Tahoka ISD

Jimmy Parker, Superintendent at Tahoka Independent School District, this week informed the TISD Board of Trustees that he will be resigning to accept a position as superintendent at Roosevelt ISD, a 2A school district. Parker told *The News* that he will be named the final candidate for the Roosevelt position this week.

Parker has served as the head of the Tahoka school district for the past 10 years, and was high school principal for three years prior to that. His wife, Pam, is PEIMS coordinator at Tahoka ISD.

The resignation will most likely be effective at the end of July, and TISD trustees will soon begin their search for a new superintendent.

## woodwork by dalton

I OVERHEARD a Tahoka man last week telling someone about his garden, and how he had planted a hill of squash, a hill of cucumbers, and a hill of something else I don't remember, and since I don't know anything about growing things, I was sort of surprised that vegetables could be planted in hills. I thought hills only produced moonshine, and I'm pretty sure he is not into that.

I asked him if he planted any beans in hills, and he said no. This interested me, because I have always heard the saying that something or other was "not worth a hill of beans," and I wondered about the origin of that.

Sure enough, an internet source tells me, some beans (lima beans, anyway), once were planted in hills. British writer Michael Quinion reports on his internet site, World Wide Words, that around 1858 someone named J.J. Thomas told how to grow lima beans:

"A strong wire is stretched from the tops of posts placed at a distance from each other, and to this wire two cords from each hill of beans are attached." A drawing showed that the writer was referring to the mounding along the row of bean seeds.

Apparently this didn't work out too well, because only a couple of years later the phrase "it doesn't amount to a hill of beans" was used by writer P.G. Wodehouse and apparently came into general usage among Americans.

So I guess beans are better grown some other way; I'm not sure how, since I can't grow anything except weeds and older. Some folks have a green thumb, and some, like me, a poison one. I set out a tree once in our front yard, and watered it often. About a year later, it was still just a stick, although it had been sold to me as a sycamore. I went out and touched it, and it broke off at ground level. It was a more-sick tree, not a sycamore.

I like some fresh vegetables, mainly lettuce, carrots, onions, okra, radishes, potatoes, and tomatoes, so I am glad some folks are able to grow them. To me, however, a few things, like squash and turnips, are not worth a hill of beans.

THE PUNSTER on Ave. P says a grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blown Apart.





