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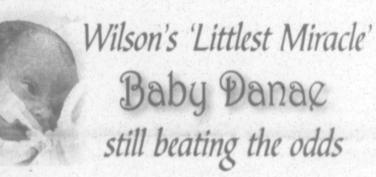








New business manager at TISD ... Karen Johnston Is the new Business Manager for Tahoka Independent School District, with offices in the Harvick Educational Building on Main Street. She is filling the position formerly held by Daniel Harper, who is resigning to accept a similar position at Muleshoe ISD. Karen and her husband, Jay, currently live in New Home. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Two elected officials involved: **Three indicted for** organized crime

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Three local residents were indicted on felony charges of organized criminal activity by a Lynn County grand jury in 106th Judicial District Court last Tuesday, and Sheriff's officers have served those and two other indictments during the past week.

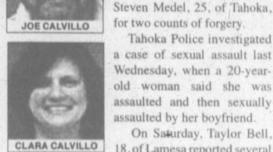
Joe Calvillo Jr., 57, his wife, Clara S. Calvillo, 45, and her sister-in-law, Santos Salinas "Sally" Saldana, 64, all of Tahoka, were indicted for organized criminal activity. All three turned themselves in

to law enforcement officers on Thursday, June 18, and were processed and bonded out on \$25,000 bond each.

Calvillo is a longtime school board member with the Tahoka Independent

School District, and his wife Clara is a city councilwoman with the City of Tahoka. He is owner of Calvillo Bail Bonds and Calvillo Trucking, and was also owner of the Lucky Sevens Game Room in Tahoka.

The indictments stem from a raid of Calvillo's home and businesses in May 2008, when federal, state and local law enforcement officers executed



On Saturday, Taylor Bell. 18, of Lamesa reported several items stolen from an unlocked 1990 Civic parked near the Tahoka Activity Center at 1121 Ave. L while she was attending a wedding party there. She reported losses

by Sheriff's officers from the

June 16 grand jury, including

Joe Louis Garcia, 45, of

Wilson, for DWI with two or

more previous convictions; and

totaling \$670, including a SALLY SALDANA purse, cash and gift cards, IPod, and camera.

> Sheriff's deputies are investigating a report of a burglary of a home in O'Donnell this week. The homeowners reported that the front door was forced open sometime between June 15-22, while they were out of town. and several items totaling \$200 were reported missing, including a Sony Playstation with 6-7 games, a digital

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noon until 9 p.m. and offers live entertainment, food booths, door prizes and raffle tickets. Everyone is invited to attend.

St. Pius X Catholic Church in

O'Donnell is hosting their annual

Jamaica Festival on Sunday,

June 28. The event is from 12

A \$1 donation entitles the purchaser to a raffle ticket offering seven prizes, including a \$1,000 gift card, TV, digital camera, a mountain bike, \$100 gift card, and two \$50 gift cards.

O'Donnell's Annual "Biggest Little Rodeo in Texas" will be held July 9-11 at the O'Donnell Rodeo Arena

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by JUANELL JONES

Her doctors only gave baby Danae a 10 percent chance of survival when she was born 16 weeks prematurely, but the little girl that entered this world weighing only a pound is Wilson's "littlest miracle," capturing the hearts of a small west Texas community as she continues to beat the odds.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilson is sponsoring a fundraiser at their annual Independence Day celebration, set for Friday, July 3 at the Wilson City Park, to help support Danae Donald and her family. The fun starts at 8 p.m. with a hot dog cookout, followed with a raffle drawing for several prizes and concluding with their annual impressive fireworks display. Bring lawn chairs for seating. Donations will be accepted for the meal, and raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5, with prizes including an IPod donated by First Bank & Trust, a digital camera donated by the Adult Bible Class at St. Paul's, an 11x14

photo portrait by Amanda Appel, and a flight lesson by Hub City Aviation in Lubbock. All proceeds from the July 3rd event will be given to the Donald family. The "Danae Donald Fund" has also been opened at First Bank & Trust in Wilson for donations.

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Danae Michelle Donald was born March 14, 2009 to Casey and Nikki Donald of Wilson, weighing 1 lb. 6 oz. and measuring only 12 inches long. Nikki says she went into labor 16 weeks early, and doctors told her they would have to take the baby by caesariansection, as it was the only chance she would have to survive - and only a 10 percent chance at that. She has been in the neo-natal intensive care unit at the Women's and Children's Hospital at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock since birth.

At only five days old, baby Danae had heart surgery to close up a valve that usually closes while the baby is still in the womb, and doctors also (See "Baby Danae," page 3)

Texas Rangers complete investigation in county Justice of Peace case

Lynn County officials have been informed that the Texas Rangers have officially completed their investigation in a case involving former Precinct 1 Lynn County Justice of Peace Ginger Henry, The News learned this week. The investigation stems from questions raised in a financial audit report in late 2008, and Judge Henry resigned her position with the county on Jan. 1, 2009, with two years remaining on her four-year term.

No charges have yet been filed, but District Attorney Brian Kingston told The News that all information in the case has been sent to the state Attorney General's office. A special prosecutor with the AG's office is

reportedly handling the case. "Because I had dealt with Judge Henry in the JP's office, I requested that the case be handled by the AG's office, who has a special division relating to the prosecution of elected officials," Kingston said in a prior conversation.

Under Texas law, the county or district attorney has primary jurisdiction to prosecute most criminal offenses. However, according to the Texas Attorney General website, the Office of the Attorney General assists local prosecutors at their request. Chapter 1, section 1.09, of the Penal Code provides that,"with the consent of the appropriate local county or district attorney, the Attorney General has concurrent jurisdiction with that consenting local prosecutor" to prosecute certain offenses, including misuse of state property or funds, or abuse of office.

No details regarding whether funds were missing from the JP's office accounts, or any specific dollar amounts, have been released.

Kingston did say that the case should come before a grand jury in Lynn County, through the 106th District Court. No information has been available as to when the case may be presented.

a joint search. The Lucky Sevens Game Room, operating at 1529 Ave. J in Tahoka, was suspected of paying out cash payments, rather than just prizes, from eight-liner machines. The business was shut down following the raid. Tahoka Police Dept. spearheaded the raids, and other agencies taking part included the Dept. of Public Safety, Internal Revenue Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept.

A special prosecutor from the state Attorney General's office presented the case to the grand jury.

Although both Mr. and Mrs. Calvillo are elected officials serving on boards in Tahoka, neither is required by law to resign those positions unless convicted of a felony. Officials with Tahoka ISD and City of Tahoka said Tuesday that neither had submitted resignations to their positions on those boards. Tahoka ISD Board Policy BBA-Legal says that to be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, the office of school trustee, a person must "have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities."

camera, computer speakers and an old telephone.

On June 17 an O'Donnell man reported theft of a 2-gallon gas can full of gasoline, and theft of 15 gallons of gasoline siphoned from a vehicle and a riding lawnmower. Farmer's Coop in O'Donnell reported a theft on June 18 of vehicle batteries stolen from eight trucks/tractors owned by the coop, placing a value of \$720 on the stolen batteries. Officers are also investigating a case of domestic violence reported by an O'Donnell woman who reported minor injuries.

In Wilson, Sheriff's officers are investigating a case of terroristic threat after a woman told officers she had received threatening phone calls from a man she identified.

Lynn County Jail reported 38 inmates this week, including six for Lubbock County and three for Gaines County, on the following charges: two for DWI 1st offense, three for public intoxication, three for grand jury indictment-engage criminal activity, and one each for purchasing/furnishing alcohol to minor and DUI, warrant for open container, driving with license invalid-enhanced, and fictitious insurance and/or inspection document display.

Two other indictments were served



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THE REST of this short missive was dictated to my friend, Lotta Tahokum, who came by and saw that I needed even more help than usual. In case you couldn't decipher the stuff above, it consists of just the letters qwerty, asdfgh and zxcvb. After minor surgery on my right wrist, I couldn't reach the right side of the keyboard without raising my left hand off the keys, which I was too weak to do. So I had to do without the letters UIOP J K L N M and the periods and question mark.

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There are three vowels among the letters I couldn't reach. Very frustrating. If I were permanently one-handed, and it was the left, I would have the keyboard of my computer redesigned with the vowels U, I, and O moved over to where I could reach them with my left hand.

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Tahoka 3-D summer band starts August 3

The Tahoka 3-D Band will start rehearsals Monday, Aug. 3. Rehearsals will be Monday-Thursday, Aug. 3-6, 10-13, and 17-20. Rehearsals will be in the evenings with the Mon/Tues/ Thurs schedule as follows:

6 p.m. - Freshmen, SITG, and volunteers (marching fundamentals)

6:30-9 p.m. - All Tahoka 3-D Band members including SITG On Wednesdays, the schedule will be 5-6:15 p.m. for EVERY-ONE. This gives everyone an opportunity to attend church on Wednesday.

"It is early to start thinking about Summer Band, but we wanted to remind students so they can plan their vacations accordingly," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith.



Fred Gonzales

Rosary for Fred Gonzales, 53, of O'Donnell was held on Thursday, June 18 at 7 p.m., at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel in Tahoka. Funeral mass was held Friday, June 20, at 10 a.m., at St. Pius X Catholic Church. Cremation was held under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, June 16, 2009. He was born on February

25, 1956 in Lamesa, to the late Lucas Gonzales Sr.(1980) and Carolina Euresti. He married



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HEATHER SOWLES and JUAN LUNA Couple to marry in December

Steve and Debbie Sowles of Snowmass Village, CO announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Sowles of San Diego, CA, to Juan Luna, also of San Diego. Juan is the son of Juan and Delia Luna and the grandson of Eva Calvillo, all of Tahoka, Tx. The couple will be married Dec. 13, 2009, at Admiral Baker Golf Club in San Diego, CA.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Palm Desert High School and Bethel Seminary San Diego with a Master of Arts in Marital and Family Therapy. She is employed by San Diego-County Credit Union.

The future bridegroom is a graduate of Tahoka High School and South Plains College with an Associates in Computer Information Systems. He is serving his 12th year with the United States Navy and currently serves as the Communications Officer onboard the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76).

NAS Chili Cook-off slated July 24-26

The 6th annual No Adult Supervision (NAS) Chili Cookoff and Music Festival will be held in Tahoka, July 24-26, at the End of the Trail RV Park, located on the Hwy. 87 access road about six blocks south of the Town and Country convenience store. Proceeds from the



Senior Citizens MENU

JUNE 29-JULY 3 Monday: Stuffed bell peppers, cucumber & tomato salad, homemade rolls, cinnamon applesauce

Tuesday: Chicken fried steak,

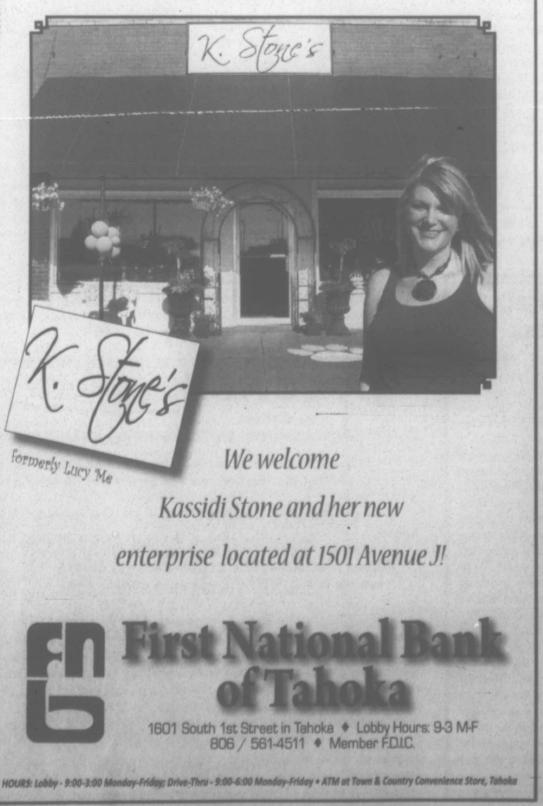
white gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, biscuits, peach cobbler Wednesday: Spaghetti & meatballs, Italian veggies, garlic bread, tapioca pudding Thursday; Hotdogs with or without chili, all the trimmings, pork & beans, chips, surprise holiday dessert Friday: CLOSED in observance of Independence Day

· Weekly domino night on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in!

· Do not forget to buy your copy of our cookbook, Timeless Treasures. Keep one or give as a gift. They are available for \$12 each at the Center, Lynn County News and the City/County Library.

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Alicia Santos in Lubbock in 1973. He moved to O'Donnell in 1999, from Lubbock. He was a trucker.

He is preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Gonzales in 1976.

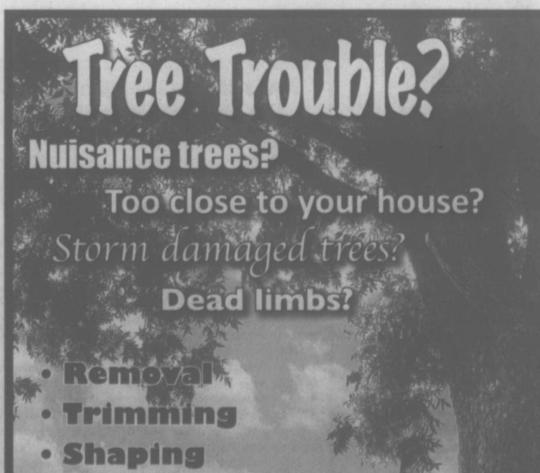
Survivors include his wife of O'Donnell; a son, Freddy Gonzales Jr. of Lubbock; three daughters, Sherry Cross of Oklahoma, Penny Gonzales of Lamesa, and Brandy Gonzales of O'Donnell; his mother, Carolina Gonzales of Lubbock; six brothers, Johnny of Tahoka, Lucas Jr. of Brownfield, Dave Montez of O'Donnell, Thomas, Steve, and Lucas all of Lubbock; four sisters, Carolina Trevino of Dallas, Irmalinda Myers of O'Donnell, Bertha Estrada and Mary Bustamante both of Lubbock; and nine grandchildren.

event benefit the Lynn Count Historical Commission. For more information about

the Cook-Off contact Kim and Kelly Draper at (806) 781-8520 or (806) 561-4961.

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Daddy's hand ... Casey Donald lays his hand next to his tiny daughter, Danae, showing his wedding ring on her arm.

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found bleeding on the brain, which was one of their biggest concerns. Doctors conducted weekly ultrasounds to monitor the bleeding, watching for hydrocephalus (swelling of the brain). She did develop some swelling, but a procedure called a lumbar puncture (removing spinal fluid with a needle between two spinal vertebrae) relieved some of the pressure. Fortunately, the family says the swelling has stopped and no further action has been needed.

"Danae was born 17 weeks old, putting her at only 23 weeks gestationally. The doctors told us if she was at 20

8-year-old Brook gives

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weeks or less, there would be no attempt to save her," said Nikki. "They only gave her a 10% chance of making it at 23

weeks with an absolute musthave c-section. To us, there was no decision, we had to give her the chance." It was two weeks after her birth, on March 27, before Danae's mother could hold her for the first time, and she was four weeks old before her father, Casey, held her for the first time

(and, according to wife Nikki, his first time to ever hold a

little Danae, and removed a section of her intestine and found two stomas (small holes) had formed. On May 4th, she had a sec-

ond intestinal surgery, when doctors removed another small section of intestine that was narrower than what it should have been, and reversed the stomas and stitched her intestines back together.

baby). She was so small that he

was able to place his wedding

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tors found a perforated bowel in

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up her tiny arm.

Just seven days later, on May 11, Danae had a chest tube placed in her, because a massive amount of fluid had collected in the cavity surrounding her left lung (left pleural effusion).

June 1 was a good day for 12-week-old Danae, as she was taken off of the ventilator and placed in an oxygen hood, breathing on her own for the first time since birth. On June 5, she took her first bottle and drank part of it, but continued to get all other feedings through a feeding tube, taking only one bottle each day.

"On June 15th doctors discovered two small fractures in her right arm, but Danae amazingly shows no discomfort from the fractures," said Nikki. "On June 18th she had laser surgery to both eyes to correct the beginning of retinopathy, which we were told is extremely common in premature babies."

"Now she is 14 weeks old, 37 weeks gestationally, and is breathing on her own with a small amount of oxygen, and she is taking two of her six daily feedings by a bottle," said Nikki.

"She only weighed 1 lb. 6 oz. and was 12 inches long at birth. She is slowly gaining weight, weighing 3 lb. 9 oz. now and is 17-18 inches long. She is absolutely a miracle. We have been so blessed with her. She absolutely has no choice but to make it through this with all of the prayers going on right now," her mother said.



The Donalds ... Casey and Nikki Donald, and daughter Brook, are shown with the newest addition to their family, baby Danae, in a recent picture at the hospital.

Hermleigh, and Jim and Ruby

moving to Wilson when she

married Casey Donald, who

farms land in the Wilson area.

She is employed by Covenant

take a long lunch to spend time

with Danae, or go after work,

and Casey makes it up to the

hospital a couple of times a

week and then on weekends,"

Nikki said. "It definitely gets

a little hectic but we make it.

Paul's Lutheran Church, and

the community of Wilson, also

hold the Donald family in their

prayers, and encourage the

community to come together at

the July 3rd celebration to help

support Danae and her family.

Their church family at St.

"During the week, I either

Nikki grew up in Lubbock,

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of the woods. She will continue to have therapy, eye exams, and many other health issues for several years," she added. "We also will not know what kind of brain damage, if any, the bleeding did ... We won't know until Danae begins to develop and reaches those milestones. But she has been through so many things already and amazingly survived. She is one tough little girl," said Nikki.

Danae's family is taking the days one day at a time, doing all they can to ensure their little girl knows she is loved and surrounded by family, including an older sister, 8-year-old Brook Tyson, and Nikki and Casey's parents, Connie and Lonnie Donald of Wilson, and Jim and Barbara Bulen of Lubbock. Danae's great-grandparents are John and Evelyn Zalman of THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009 . LYNN COUNTY NEWS . PAGE'S

Basketball Camp offered here for boys and girls

Boys and girls who will be entering 3rd-9th grades are invited to participate in Bulldog Basketball Camp on June 29-July 2. Cost is \$40 per person, and the camp will be held at the THS Bulldog Gym from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. The camp is under the direction of Tahoka High School head girls basketball coach Steve Fancher, and this year the camp is for both boys and girls, instead of two separate camps.

Youth may pre-register by mailing in a form found inside this edition of The Lynn County News, or may register on the first day of camp at the THS gym. Cost of the camp will include a t-shirt.

For more information, contact Steve or Carol Fancher, at 561-4538 (high school gym) or 998-1264.

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. The meal will include a ribeye steak, baked potato, beans, salad and peach cobbler.

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baby reaches their original due date - in Danae's case, that is July 9. "But she won't make it home by then," Nikki explained. "Weight is somewhat a factor, but Danae is still on oxygen and still getting her formula by feeding tube some of the time. Plus, she has had some trouble gaining weight here lately, and they have had to increase her calories to help fatten her up some," she "We do know that even once

she makes it home, she is not out

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Fundraisin Fvent July 3, 2009 • 8:00 p.m. **Green City Park in Wilson, Texas**

Danae Donald was born on March 14, 2009 only 23 weeks into her mother's pregnancy at a weight of just 1 pound, 6 ounces. She is doing great but medical bills are astronomical! Tickets are being sold for a raffle by members of St. Paul Lutheran Church - Wilson.

Items to be raffled include:

- IPod provided by First Bank and Trust
- Digital Video Camera by St. Paul's Adult Bible Class
- Flight around Lubbock by Hub City Aviation
- Free sitting and 11 by 14 portrait by Amanda Appel Photography
- \$100 Savings Bond by Citizens Bank in Slaton
- Lamps and Hair Products by Servando and Josephine Benevides.

Tickets are \$1 each; 6 for \$5 or 12 for \$10 and may be purchased at the park on July 3rd.

You may also make a donation to the "Danae Donald Fund" and send it to First Bank and Trust (P.O. Box 179, Wilson, TX 79381).



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Tahoka Parakeet? Angela Larpenter of Tahoka took this photo in their back yard. "I called it a

yard. "I called it a parakeet. It was the weirdest thing seeing this bright blue bird in the yard. It would let us get close but would not hop on my finger," stated Angela's husband, Kevin.

Tahoka 3-D Band sends two songs to State Finals

Two of the Tahoka 3-D Band's UIL contest tunes have advanced to the state finals of the ATSSB Outstanding Performance Series (OP\$). This is the first time that two songs have made it to state the same year, according to THS band director Carroll Rhodes.

Last year the 3-D Band's rendition of "Moscow, 1941" came in seventh in the 2A State Finals of OPS. Both came in first in their category: "Prestissimo Galop" in the march and "The Battle of Jericho" in the concert. Both also came in first in the Regional competition.

This is Tahoka's first time to compete in the 1A-OPS. The final judging will occur at the start of the Texas Bandmasters Convention on Sunday, July 26.

"This is a great compliment to the 08-09 Tahoka 3-D Band and their musicianship. We are very proud," said directors Rhodes and Johnathan Smith.

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O'Donnell Rotary sponsors weekly "Summer Nights"

The O'Donnell Rotary Club sponsors weekly free live entertainment at the open building at Woolam Gin in O'Donnell, and all area residents are invited to attend.

"O'Donnell Summer Nights" is held Monday evenings at 7:30, and admission is free. Bring lawn chairs for seating.

Hancock is A&M grad

Ashdon M'Leigh Hancock* received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Texas A&M University during spring commencement ceremonies held recently in College Station. She is a former Tahoka High School graduate, and is the daughter of Eddie Joe and Alecia Hancock of Tahoka.

Pleasant Grove MENU

Closed on Fridays and Saturdays until further notice.

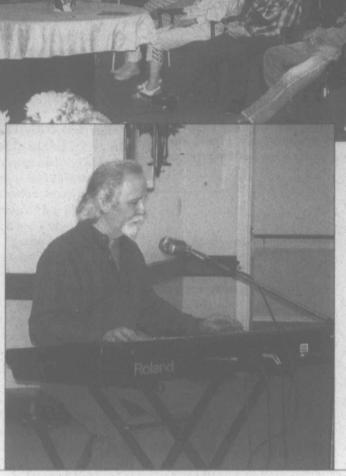
Sunday, June 28: Chicken & dressing with all the trimmings, fried chicken, chicken fried steak, greens, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn and dessert Call In Orders at 561-1019.

Baker, McLelland make Dean's list

Students listed on the Dean's list for the Spring Semester at West Texas A&M University in Canyon included Vanessa Baker and Jessica McLelland, both of Tahoka.

Vanessa. is a sophomore studying dance and is the daughter of Vernon and Victoria Baker of Tahoka.

Jessica, a sophomore studying social work, is the daughter of Frank and Jennifer McLelland of Taboka



Tahoka players make all-district softball lists

Tahoka Lady Bulldogs softball team members were named in the All-District 4-1A list released in the Avalanche-Journal this week. Sophomore Brittani Ford was named Most Valuable Player, along with Shelby Calderon of Ralls. Sarah Zuniga, a Tahoka senior, was one of the Offensive MVPs listed.

Named to the First Team were Kadi Larpenter, catcher; Nikki Box, pitcher; Cori Vega, infielder; and Kaitlyn Reno, outfielder. Listed on the Second Team were Sabrina Moralez, infielder; and outfielders Monica Strickland and Brittany Garcia.

Senior Cori Vega was also named this week to the Academic All-State list by the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

Ragtown Gospel at Lynnwood... Lynnwood residents enjoyed an afternoon of gospel music Tuesday, performed by Chip Polk, of Post. Polk performs concerts at the Ragtown Gospel Theater prior to the performance of the play. Anyone interested in performing at Lynnwood, contact them at 998-1226.

Gandy, Stone earn degrees

Cassidy Gandy of Tahoka, received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from West Texas A&M University in Canyon during commencement exercises that were held May 9 at the First United Bank Center. She is the daughter of Roddy and Marci Gandy of Tahoka. CH 190 3/2, hom SELL

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Kassidi Andrews Stone, of Tahoka, received her Master of Education degree from WTAMU. She is the wife of Davy Stone of Tahoka, and the daughter of Karen and Ralph Huffaker of Tahoka.

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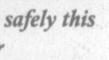
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Hood attends U.T. Football Camp... Ke'Shawn Hood, a Tahoka Middle School 8th grader, attended the Texas Longhorns Football camp in Austin, June 10-13. Over 400 boys attended the four-day camp. He participated in the Fastest Man race, and came in 1st Overall. He also received an autographed photo of he and Coach Mack Brown, (pictured above) Hood is the son of La'Shaunda Hood and Anthony Justice. He is the grandson of Linda Hood and the late Robert Hood.

Cattle Tuberculosis Confirmed in Texas

Cattle tuberculosis (TB) has been confirmed in a west Texas. dairy that has been quarantined since April when some cattle in the herd responded to a TB test being conducted prior to a sale. The sale was cancelled.

The cattle TB diagnosis was confirmed at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa, where M. bovis, or cattle TB bacteria, was grown or "cultured" from tissues that had been collected during the necropsy of the test-positive cattle.

"The infected herd remains quarantined while the final disposition of the herd is determinedeither slaughtering the herd, or repeatedly testing and removing infected animals until the herd is free of cattle TB," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "Dairy, calf-raising and dairy animal replacement operations with epidemiological links to the infected herd are being tested to determine both the origin and potential spread of the disease. "I encourage ranchers or accredited veterinarians to call the state of destination prior to shipping bison, beef or dairy cattle out of Texas," said Dr. Hillman. "Some states may impose enhanced TB entry requirements on Texas cattle and bison. Keep in mind, too, that many states, like Texas, have implemented cattle trichomoniasis testing requirements, so call before you haul."

Dr. Hillman said Texas' cattle TB-free status with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) could be in jeopardy, if the infected dairy cannot be depopulated, or if a second infected herd is detected within 48 months

Nebraska, in early June, confirmed TB infection in a beef herd. Currently, California and Minnesota are not cattle TB-free, and areas in Michigan and New Mexico have specified zones that are not TBfree. When TB-free status is lost, breeding cattle and bison moved out of a state need a negative TB test within 60 days prior to shipment, or animals must originate from a herd

Two math teachers hired at TISD

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met at noon last Thursday, June 18, for a short business meeting to consider personnel. Trustees approved contracts for two math teachers, including Casey Wilkins for high school math, and Kristi Lockaby of Tahoka to teach middle school math.

and the state's 818 dairies were tested for the disease from October 2003 through August 2006. One TB-infected dairy was detected and depopulated. In September 2006, the USDA issued the coveted TB-free status for all of Texas' 254 counties.

When exposed to cattle TB, an animal's immune system will fight the invasion by encapsulating the bacteria. This can cause the formation of lesions or growths in and on lymph nodes, mammary glands, lungs and other internal organs. Although infected, the animals may appear healthy, until the latter stages of the disease, when signs may include weight loss, coughing or breathing difficulties. The disease is not treatable in livestock.

"Cattle TB is a serious, transmissible disease that can spread among herds," said Dr. Hillman. "In the early 1900s, when the national cattle TB eradication program was initiated, more than five percent of the country's herds were infected with the disease. At that time, cattle TB posed a significant human health threat, because consumers could become infected when they drank raw, unpasteurized milk that had not been through heat-treatment to kill bacteria. Today, commercially produced milk is pasteurized. While bovine TB is still a human health threat, other forms of tuberculosis, such as the human and avian strains, now pose the greatest risk of TB exposure to persons.



KEEP KIDS SAFE

According to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) now is a good time to remind everyone to keep a close eye on our kids.



Lady Shockers win ... The Lady Shockers AAU basketball team, which consists of 6th-7th grade girls from Tahoka, placed second in the Caprock Father's Day Shootout this past weekend, June 19-20. The girls pictured are, Maci Dimak in front, and back row from left, Kelsi Hilger, Kimmle Jones, Clarissa Lopez, Miranda DeLeon, Megan Alvarado, Alison Quisenberry (of Lubbock, formerly of Tahoka) and Coach Michael L. DeLeon. Scott Dimak, not pictured, is assistant coach.

Commissioners meet with wind energy company representatives, talk tax abatements

Lynn County Commissioners continue to discuss wind energy issues and possible tax abatements with wind energy company representatives, meeting this week with Matthew and Ed Anderson of S.T.E.M. Wind Energy at their regular meeting Monday morning at the Lynn County Courthouse. Jim Ancell and Rich Kenna, representing Alternative Wind Power, partners with S.T.E.M. Wind En-

ergy, were also in attendance. Energy," said Scott. "They have They discussed their plans for wind turbines in Lynn County and tax abatement issues with commissioners, but the court took no official action.

According to County Attorney Donnis Scott, S.T.E.M. Wind Energy representatives told commissioners that they are working on getting their financing in place for the Lynn County project, and have 43 landowners involved. The project would include 108 wind turbines producing about 240 megawatts of power, mostly in the eastern portion of Lynn County (east of Hwy. 87 and north and south of Hwy. 380), with transmission through the Grassland substation. Part of the wind energy project would be in the Tahoka school district, and part in the Post school district, she said.

"We (Lynn County) will begin working on a proposed tax not asked for specific terms but indicated their ideas on a tax abatement. Counties may offer tax abatements for up to 10 years, and an agreement may offer an option of reduced taxes or a cash payment instead of paying taxes," she explained; "At this point, Lynn County has not yet submitted a proposed agreement."

"S.T.E.M. Wind Energy representatives said they have first priority for transmission through the Grassland substation, and don't believe that transmission will be a problem because this area is in the Southwest Power Pool, which falls under different rules than other areas. They believe they will have transmission capability to transmit 100% (if needed) of the energy generated in the project," added Scott. "They said they hope to begin construction in 2010 and start production by 2011." In other business, commissioners entered into executive session for about 45 minutes to. consider personnel issues, with County Judge H.G. Franklin, County Attorney Donnis Scott, Lynn County Victim Assistance Coordinator Lena Cloe and her sister, Jerry Beth McKibben present at the session. Upon returning to open session, no action was taken. Commissioners approved the purchase of a warranty for a motor grader for Pct. 1. Monthly bills were approved as presented, and Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on the jail and sheriff's office activities. In a meeting on June 8. commissioners approved the purchase of a new motor grader from Warren Cat for Precinct 3. with Pct. 3 paying \$31,000 cash down payment and financing \$90,000 with First Bank and Trust for the remainder.

that has accredited TB-free status, achieved through a formal testing and retesting program.

Texas initially gained TB-free status in November 2000, when all counties except El Paso and portions of Hudspeth Counties were declared free of the disease. (The El Paso Milk Shed had a history of recurring infection, and eventually, the dairies were depopulated. Dairies no longer operate in this area along the U.S.-Mexican border near El Paso.)

In June 2002, Texas lost TBfree status after infection was detected in a beef herd and in an operation with both beef and dairy cattle. To regain TB-free status, 2,014 Texas purebred beef herds

in or around cars

garage or driveway.

With the weather getting hotter and summer officially here remember that your child's safety is up to you. Last night the weather man said we were to have a week of high 90 degree heat.

Every year children die accidentally because they are left in a hot car. "Just a few minutes" is not acceptable with the West Texas heat. Here is a breakdown of how FAST your car can become dangerous to your little ones.*

· Outside temperature 75 degrees, it takes 10 minutes for the inside of the car to reach 100 degrees.

· Outside temperature 95 degrees, it takes 10 minutes for the inside of the car to reach 115 degrees.

· Outside temperature 100 degrees, it takes 15 minutes for the inside of the car to reach 140 degrees!

* compiled by DFPS from various national sources

As we can see it does not take long. As caregivers we have to be on alert at all times.

These are some additional common sense information bullets adapted from Kids And Cars (www.kidsandcars.org) and National Safe Kids Campaign (www.safekids.org)

Kids and Cars:

How To Prevent Tragedy

Never leave your car keys

locked at all times, even in the

where children can get them.

· Keep car doors and trunks

· Teach children not to play

· Never leave your child unattended in a car, even if the windows are down and a wind shield shade is in place or even just to run a quick errand.

· Don't be talking on your cell phone when getting out of

· Make sure all children leave the vehicle when you reach your destination.

· Don't overlook sleeping infants!

· Make sure that the seat belt and seat surface are not too hot before buckling up your child.

· When you and your children exit the car, place a windshield shade in front and back windows to help cut down on the heat.

· Make sure that kids' arms, legs, fingers, and toes are safely inside before closing doors.

· Keep the rear fold-down seats closed to prevent kids from getting into the trunk from inside the car.

· Contact your auto dealership about getting your vehicle retrofitted with a trunk release mechanism.

* Be wary of child-resistant locks-make sure they function

If your child does get locked inside a car, get him or her out as soon as possible. If you can't get him or her out yourself, call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.

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Graham Ole Opry to be held June 27

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday, June 27, from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles south on FM 399

Those on the program are The Brownfield Bunch with country standards and gospel music; and Eddie and Debbie Hanks and company from Seymore, playing Bluegrass and Gospel. Performing Cowboy music and poetry will be John Hedrick, John Biand, Curtis Williams and Noel White.

There is no admission charge. A hat will be passed around for donations to help with the upkeep on the center. A concession stand with drinks and snacks will be available.

For more information, contact Noel White at 495-3261.

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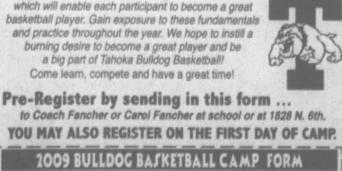
Higher Hope by Robert Whitlow

In historic Savannah, Georgia, a prestigious law firm assigns law clerk Tami Taylor to a libel case against a humble street preacher whose disciples claim she has uncanny prophetic abilities. Taylor's strict religious upbringing proves to be the firm's ace-in-the-hole as the case grows increasingly complex.

Home Safe by Elizabeth Berg

After the death of her husband, Helen Ames is shocked to discover that her husband spent the couple's retirement savings before he died, but what Helen's husband did with their money turns out to be provocative and revelatory, leading Helen and her twenty-seven-year-old daughter Tessa to embark on new adventures.





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