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What's with the 4-page newspapers?

Lynn County News readers may have noticed that several recent issues have been only 4 pages, instead of our usual 6 or 8 page weekly issues. This is due to our "summer slump" when there is less advertising than usual. The amount of advertising determines the number of pages of any newspaper, and unfortunately the summer months tend to be slower than the rest of the year, which severely limits the number of pages we have as well as the amount of news and photos for which we have space.

Our local advertisers are extremely loyal and we appreciate their continued support as the Lynn County News offers them an avenue to reach you, their customers.

The paper may be small, but our loyalty to providing the news to Lynn County remains our priority. Want to help? Buy an ad!

-- Juanel Jones, editor

Library offers summer program

Every Monday and Tuesday in July at the Life Enrichment Center, at 1717 Main in Tahoka.

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Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 1	88	64	0.21"
July 2	92	65	
July 3	94	69	
July 4	93	69	
July 5	79	69	0.20"
July 6	85	67	
July 7	92	67	
Precipitation for July:			0.41"
Precipitation for June:			2.03"
Precipitation for May:			1.39"
Total Precipitation Apr:			0.91"
Total Precipitation Mar:			0.35"
Total Precipitation Feb:			0.64"
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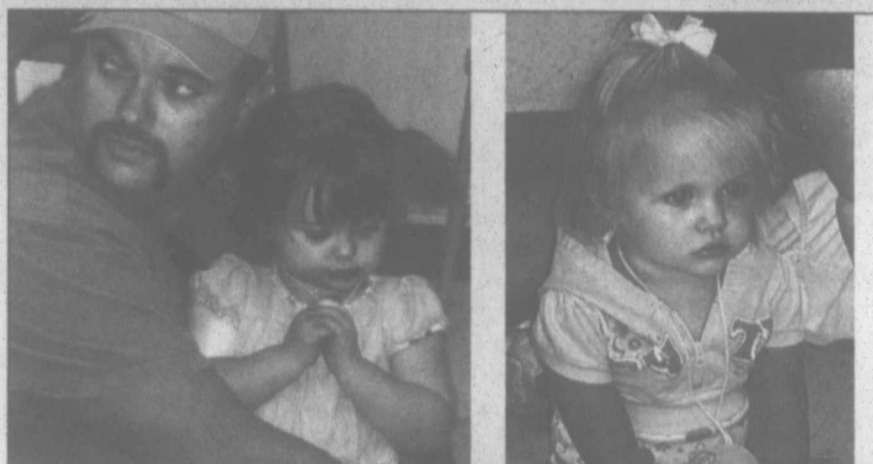
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Fun at the library ... The City/County Library is offering their Summer Reading Program for children during the month of July, for children in grades 1-5 on Mondays and for children ages 5 and under on Tuesdays. Shown here are David Jester and his daughter, Adysan (top left), Raymie Scott, daughter of Trent and Donnis Scott (top right), and Lindsey Cunningham and her children, Taylor and Grace.

(LCN PHOTOS by Pam Elrod)

Fireworks show fantastic at Wilson city park

Area residents who made the short drive to Wilson on July 3rd were in for a treat, as St. Paul Lutheran Church hosted a fireworks show that was a thrill to watch. The fireworks started about 10 p.m. and lasted about 45 minutes, thrilling the crowd that had gathered in lawn chairs and vehicles around the city park as spectacular red, white and blue fireworks burst into the air almost continuously from the south end of the park.

St. Paul also hosted a benefit hot dog supper prior to the fireworks show,

benefitting the family of Danae Donald who remains under medical care in a Lubbock hospital after she was born 16 weeks premature.

Approximately \$10,500 has been raised for the family, and donations are still being accepted at First Bank and Trust in the "Danae Donald Fund."

Danae is the daughter of Casey and Nikki Donald of Wilson. She weighed 1 lb. 6 oz. at birth on March 14 and has undergone several surgeries.

Traffic accidents, burglary investigated by officers

A home burglary and dog bite report in O'Donnell and traffic accidents in Tahoka were among incidents on officers' reports for the last week.

An 11-year-old boy bitten by a dog in O'Donnell June 30 was treated and released at an emergency room in Lamesa. Sheriff's officers issued a dangerous dog notice and a ticket for violation of an O'Donnell leash ordinance to the owner, who already had penned the dog. The animal is to be observed for 10 days, officers said.

Also on June 30 in O'Donnell, prescription medications for pain were stolen from the home of George Morado.

Deputies said they have a suspect in a criminal mischief case in Wilson, where the hood of a Ford pickup owned by Jose Luis Aguirre was damaged last Thursday.

On Monday night deputies arrested both a man and a woman for domestic violence. Both reportedly had minor injuries.

On Friday at the intersection of Lockwood and Ave. L in Tahoka, there were no injuries in a collision between a 2000 Dodge Ram pickup driven

by Jose G. Tijerina, 66, and a 1992 Mercury Cougar driven by Margarita L. Ruiz, 62, both of Tahoka.

At N. 8th St. and Ave. L Sunday a 2008 Pontiac driven by Mario Martinez, 21, of Lubbock, struck a utility pole.

Police investigated a report Friday that a 26-year-old Tahoka man had spanked a 6-year-old girl with a paddle, causing bruises, a case referred to child protective services.

Fourteen persons were jailed in Lynn County during the last week, leaving the total number in jail here at 43, with seven of these held for other counties.

Offenses which landed the 14 in jail included arson, insurance hold, Lubbock warrant on child support, driving while license suspended plus open container violation, driving while intoxicated second offense, DWI first offense, Lubbock warrants on misdemeanors and on larceny more than \$20,000 and less than \$100,000, warrant on child support, assault on a peace officer plus resisting arrest, warrants from Tarrant, Midland and Ector counties on failure to identify, and public intoxication.

TISD board interviews two superintendent candidates

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees interviewed two candidates for the position of interim superintendent at a special meeting Monday night, July 6, meeting in executive session with retired superintendents Gary Harrell of Lubbock and David Hutton of Abilene.

Hutton is a former TISD superintendent, serving here from 1994 through 1998, now retired. Harrell retired from Jayton ISD as superintendent in 2003, and has served as interim superintendent at Crosbyton, Jayton and Guthrie school districts.

Supt. Jimmy Parker and the board met with each candidate from 6-9:30 p.m., interviewing Harrell during the first half of the session and Hutton during the second half. Upon returning to open session at 9:30 trustees did not comment on the interviews, but

approved a contract for Elise Howard to teach Family and Consumer Sciences (FCCLA) at Tahoka High School to fill the position vacated by Patti Rambo.

Trustees had met on July 1 to consider the interim superintendent issue, but met in closed session from 7:00-8:15 p.m. and took no action upon returning to open session, adjourning at 8:20 after designating the special session for July 6.

At both the July 1 and July 6 meetings, six of seven trustees were present including Board President Frank McLelland, Tony Garcia, Kent Kahl, John Hawthorne, Jim Bingham and Cathy Box. Trustee Joe Calvillo was absent from both meetings.

The next board meeting will be held July 14 at 7 p.m. It is possible that at this meeting the board will name an interim superintendent for Tahoka ISD.



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RODEO QUEEN CANDIDATES



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O'Donnell Rodeo set July 9-11

O'Donnell's Annual "Biggest Little Rodeo in Texas" will be held July 9-11 at the O'Donnell Rodeo Arena. Events begin at 8 p.m. nightly.

General admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for age 12 and under, if purchased in advance, and \$1 more if purchased at the gate. To purchase tickets in advance, contact one of the 2009 Rodeo Queen candidates, Somer Seely, Jaci Cloud and Kaimi Williams.

The 2008 Rodeo Queen Rebecca Hensley, daughter of Scott and Linda Hensley, will crown her successor on Thursday night after the Grand Entry and Wild Mare Race. Hensley will be a senior at OHS in the fall. Cloud is sponsored by the O'Donnell Rotary Club and is the daughter of James and Christie Cloud. Seely, sponsored by the O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Department, is the daughter of Tammy and Brett Seely. Williams is sponsored by the O'Donnell FFA. She is the daughter of Kirby and Kim Williams.



All Star action ... Andrew Forsythe tags a Post player on third base during the Tahoka Minor All-Stars game against Post in the All-Star Tournament held in Slaton. The Tahoka team also played against Idalou. (PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

St. Jude's Jamaica Festival set July 12

St. Jude's annual Jamaica Festival will be held Sunday, July 12 at St. Jude's Catholic Church, South 4th and Ave. M in Tahoka, starting at noon and continuing throughout the evening. Food booths, live entertainment and prize drawings will contribute to the fun, and all area residents are invited to attend.

A \$1 raffle ticket is being sold that offers four prizes, including a grand prize of a \$1000 prepaid credit card, and other prizes include a push lawn mower, GPS system, and a \$100 gift certificate to Thriftway Grocery in Tahoka. Anyone who purchases a raffle ticket need not be present to win, but hourly prize drawings onsite from 4-7 p.m. will be awarded to those in attendance at the event.



All Stars ... The Tahoka Minor All-Stars team played Post and Idalou in the All-Star Tournament held in Slaton recently. Team members include, in front from left, John Quinonez, Brennan Castillon, Ruben Quinonez, Christian Aleman, Daniel Arriaga, Nicholas Arce; middle row, Braden Castillon, Curry Lehman, Michael Farrell, Caleb Rodriguez, Andrew Alvarez; and not pictured, Andrew Forsythe, Chris Benavidez and Britt Lockaby. Coaches are Carlos Morales, Rolando Escobar and Jim Morton. (PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

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by dalton



IT PROBABLY has been several years since Tahoka had any regular passenger bus service, but I only realized it last week. So this week I called the bus company and learned that the bus doesn't stop here, and apparently doesn't even go through here any more.

I was trying to call TNM&O and got Greyhound, which is either the same, or has taken over the bus service. I also learned (a) that you have to press 1 for English, (b) that the company is operated by somebody a long way off, like Bangor, Maine, and (c) that they never heard of Lubbock, much less Tahoka, which I had to spell out twice.

So presumably if you live in Tahoka, or anywhere in Lynn County, you can't buy a ticket to some other city and expect to board the bus near your home.

It has been years since I last rode on a bus to anywhere, other than a chartered tour bus or shuttle bus or city bus. Bus passenger totals have been declining for years in the U.S., although they did pick up a bit when gasoline prices boomed, especially among older people, according to something I read online.

Lack of profits killed regular passenger bus service to lots of places, including Tahoka, and we can understand that, but it still seems kind of a shame to lose one more area of service to the public.

Trains no longer come here, either. They even took up the rails so that no train would drive here accidentally.

STORK REPORT

KUTTER WRIGHT MARTIN

Jeff and Cassie Martin of Tahoka announce the birth of their son, Kutter Wright Martin, born June 11, 2009 at 5:50 p.m. at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 5 lbs., 13 oz. and was 18-1/2 inches long. He has one brother, Tyler Pebsworth and one sister, Stormee Martin.

Grandparents are Fred and Lynda Martin, Sam and Elaine Ashcraft, all of Tahoka, and Margaret and Bill Houchin of Lubbock.

Pleasant Grove MENU

Sunday, July 12: Hamburg steak, fried chicken, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, squash, green beans, corn, okra, tomatoes and dessert.

Call in orders at 561-1019.

NAS Chili Cook-off, Music Festival slated in Tahoka, July 24-26

The 6th annual No Adult Supervision (NAS) Chili Cook-off 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 event benefit the Lynn County Historical Commission.

A second day cookoff on Sunday, July 26, will benefit the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department.

The event offers a chance to compete in several cooking categories, including beef brisket, pork spare ribs, chicken, pinto beans, and CASI chili. Live musical entertainment is also scheduled for Friday and Saturday, and there will be a good variety of booths at the festival offering food, jewelry, arts and crafts, and more. A horseshoe tournament is also planned Saturday afternoon.

For cookoff information, rules and entry form, visit www.noadultsupervision.com.

For more information about the Cook-Off contact Kim and Kelly Draper at (806) 781-8520 or (806) 561-4961. For more information about the Music Festival contact Shiloh Braddock at (806) 239-2306. For more information about RV Sites and Reservations contact Mike Braddock at (806) 759-0820 or (806) 998-5003.

City sells vehicles to highest bidders

Tahoka City Council met Thursday afternoon, July 2, to open sealed bids for the sale of seven vehicles, selling the vehicles to the highest bidder. Vehicles included several impounded by Tahoka Police Department, and three old police department vehicles.

Linda Oages bought a 1993 gray Ford Escort for \$500; Mike Worthington bought a 1993 green Chevrolet pickup for \$501.18; Heriberto Chavarria bought a 1999 white Ford 4-door car for \$550, a 1998 white Ford 4-door car for \$100, and a 1996 white Ford 4-door car for \$50; Freddy Ramirez bought a 1992 purple GMC pickup for \$800; and Jerry Webster bought a 1998 white Ford Taurus for \$505.

Tahoka Class of '49 To Celebrate 60th Anniversary at Homecoming

Tahoka High School's Class of 1949 will mark the 60th anniversary of its graduation at a reunion on September 25 during Homecoming festivities at Tahoka.

Ex-students in that class as well as other Tahoka exes are invited to a dutch-treat lunch and visiting at George's Restaurant in Tahoka at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, the 25th, to be followed by the homecoming program at the high school.

Following the traditional homecoming parade, the class of '49 will gather for additional visiting the remainder of the day and Friday evening at First National Bank's party room. Members of the classes of 1948 and 1950 have a special invitation to the group.

Officers of the class of '49 were: Duane Carter, president; Bennie Pridmore, vice-president; Wanda Faye Smith, secretary; Myrla Holcomb, treasurer; and Mary Draper, reporter. Travis Morgan and Margaret Durham were class favorites and Gerald Wayne Tippit was cheerleader.

All class members have been contacted with the exception of four whose addresses are

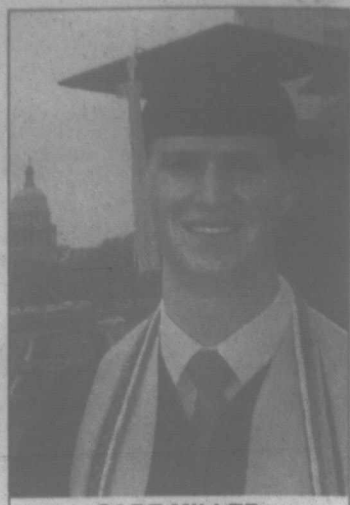
unknown: Bobby Franks, Elva and Belva Lowrance, and Raymond Wilson. Fifteen members of the class are deceased.

Additional information regarding the upcoming reunion may be directed to Dr. Duane and Mrs. Bennie Carter at (806) 561-5070 or to Mary (Draper) Fleming, (432) 209-2567.

O'Donnell Class of '59 reunion set

O'Donnell High School Class of '59 will be celebrating their 50 year reunion on September 18th and 19th. Any one knowing email addresses, mailing addresses, phone numbers or whereabouts of class members are asked to get in touch with Billy and Sarah Edwards, Patsy Jackson, Donna Forbes, Leonard Dorman, or Larry Moore.

The Class of '59 will be honored at the Ex-Student Banquet on Saturday evening, along with the 25-Year Class and others. A complete schedule of events for the weekend will be published in the very near future.



CADE MILLER

Miller graduates from University of Texas

Cade Miller, son of Steve and Carol Miller of Tahoka, graduated from The University of Texas at Austin on May 22, 2009, with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing.

He was involved in Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Societies and served as President of Business Students Abroad.

He is a 2005 graduate of Tahoka High School. He is the grandson of Clifton and Joan Gardner and J.T. Miller, all of Tahoka.

Miller will attend Oklahoma City University School of Law in the fall, for a joint Law/MBA degree.



EMILY BROWN

Brown graduates from Texas Tech

Emily Rene Brown graduated Cum Laude from Texas Tech University, College of Human Sciences, on Saturday, May 9, 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education.

A 2004 Tahoka High School graduate, Emily is the mother of Brady and Cooper Brown, the daughter of Tommy and Carolyn Botkin, all of Tahoka, and the granddaughter of Mary Ann Cowan of San Benito, and Martha and Finis Botkin of Tahoka.

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Intent to Kill
by James Grippando

Having transitioned from a promising minor-league baseball career into sports radio after the hit-and-run accident that killed his beloved wife and rendered him a single parent, Ryan James receives an anonymous tip that his wife was actually murdered, a revelation that is further complicated by the disappearance of the case prosecutor's autistic brother.



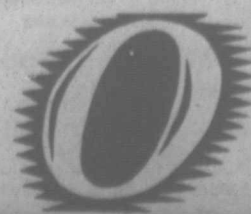
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O'Donnell ISD

O'Donnell ISD is now accepting "new" transfer applications for the 2009-2010 school year.

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All Star action ... Pictured here are a couple of action shots of members of the Tahoka Minor All-Stars team playing Post in the All-Star Tournament held in Slaton. In the left photo, pitcher Britt Lockaby winds up for the throw, and at right, John Quiñonez is at bat.

(PHOTOS by Abraham Vega)



Recycle bins now on North 5th ... The city's recycle bins for plastic and paper have been relocated to the city warehouse site, on North 5th Street just off the Hwy. 87 access road in Tahoka. Citizens are encouraged to recycle plastic bottles and newspapers by placing them in the bins.

County sells surplus equipment to highest bidders on June 25

Lynn County Commissioners met in special session on June 25 to open sealed bids for selling surplus equipment, accepting the highest bids on items listed as follows.

Antonio Saldana was highest bidder on several items, purchasing an old cab and chassis Mack truck for \$157, a small

drag behind packer for \$107, a blue 1.2 ton pickup for \$87 and an old welder on trailer for \$77. Wayne Collins bid \$300 for two rubber tire packers, Dennis Poole bought a water trailer for \$501 and a 10-ft flatbed tilt trailer for \$301, and Humberto Costa bought a 1989 GMC pickup for \$521.

Free seminars offered about state taxes

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' office regularly presents free taxpayer seminars throughout the state to help new and existing business owners understand their state tax responsibilities.

Two seminars are scheduled in the Panhandle during July. In Lubbock, a taxpayer seminar will be offered on Monday, July 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. The seminar will take place at the Texas Tech University Small Business Development Center, located at 2579 South Loop 289, Suite 114.

In Amarillo, a taxpayer seminar will be offered on Tuesday, July 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. The seminar will take place at the West Texas A&M Small Business Development Center, located at 701 S. Taylor, Suite 118.

At the seminars, taxpayers can learn about sales tax forms, filing and paying taxes electronically, taxable goods and services, e-services to help taxpayers manage their accounts online, the Comptroller's e-mail subscription service that alerts taxpayers when new tax information is posted online, and the array of other services and information available from the Comptroller's office to assist taxpayers. Comptroller representatives will answer questions and provide assistance to attendees.

For more information about the seminars, call the Comptroller's Lubbock Field Office at (806) 783-0316 or the Amarillo Field Office at (806) 358-0148.

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Vehicle crimes increase during summer months

Every five-and-a-half minutes, a car is stolen in Texas, and every two-and-a-half minutes, a vehicle is burglarized for contents or parts.

Historically, July and August are the two months when the most vehicle thefts and burglaries occur in Texas. Stolen vehicles can be used to commit other crimes, including theft, drug and weapon smuggling, human trafficking, domestic/international terrorism, and countless other offenses. In addition, vehicle burglary incidents that result in the theft of personal identification items, house keys, and garage door openers left inside vehicles are leading to cases of identity theft.

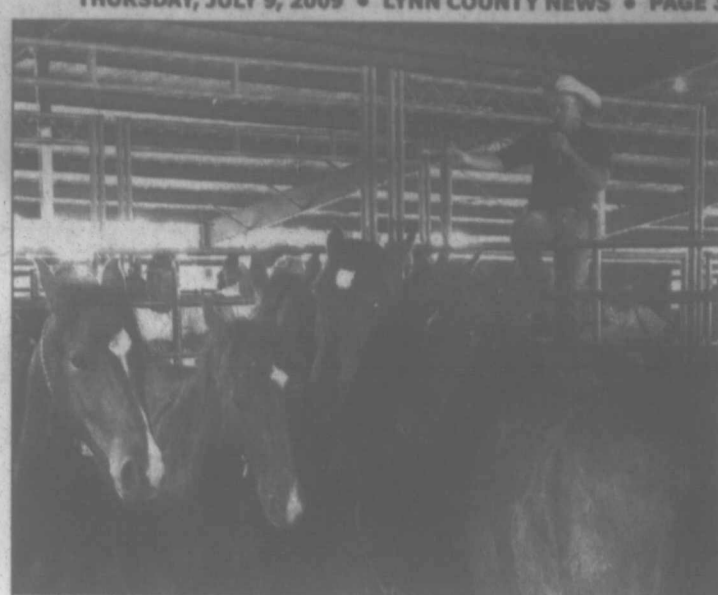
Now, more than ever, Texas drivers must become actively involved in vehicle crime prevention by practicing "Hide, Take, Lock": hide belongings, take keys, and lock vehicle doors. The Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) will highlight this philosophy throughout "Watch Your Car Month," which is being recognized this month of July.

During "Watch Your Car Month", hundreds of law enforcement task force representatives funded by ABTPA will be working in their communities reminding Texas drivers to take precautions when leaving their vehicles unattended. To raise awareness about the role of auto theft in secondary crimes, ABTPA personnel will heavily promote the "You Hold the Key" and "Where You Are, They Are" campaigns, which are designed to remind all owners and operators that vehicles should never be left running while unattended, and valuables should not be left inside.

In 2008, approximately 85,400 vehicles were stolen in Texas resulting in financial losses of more than \$700 million. And in almost half of all auto theft incidents, keys were left inside, which means the vehicle owner was, in some cases, an unwitting accomplice to more heinous crimes. Recent statistics from Texas law enforcement agencies indicate the top three locations from which vehicles are stolen are: residences/homes (41.6%), public parking lots/public garages (28.7%), and roadways/highways/alleyways (12.2%), which proves no area is truly safe from vehicle crime activity.

"We can not stress enough to Texas drivers that they 'hold the key' to auto burglary and theft prevention," said Michelle Lanham, program coordinator for ABTPA's Reduce Auto Theft in Texas (RATT) task force, which is housed at the University of North Texas at Dallas Caruth Police Institute at Dallas Police Department. "Anything an individual leaves in their vehicle might be of value to a thief, including anything that has the vehicle owner's name or address on it. We strongly suggest that vehicle owners and drivers always leave their vehicles the way they appeared the day they rolled off the factory floor -- leave nothing more in the vehicle than the parts it is made with."

Charles Caldwell, ABTPA director, adds, "We know for a fact that criminals go where vehicle owners go. No one should ever become comfortable with the thought that vehicle crimes can't or won't happen to them. Auto theft and burglary can happen anywhere, anytime, and to anyone. Texas drivers must become educated about these problems and solutions to avoid becoming victims. Practicing techniques to prevent vehicle crimes, such as utilizing visible deterrents and anti-theft devices, will help discourage thieves and make neighborhoods safer."



Adopt a wild horse ... The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a wild horse adoption in Lubbock, July 16-18 at the Panhandle-South Plains Fairgrounds.

Wild Horse Adoption set in Lubbock July 16-18

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a wild horse adoption in Lubbock, July 16-18. The three-day event at the Panhandle-South Plains Fairgrounds will feature over 70 animals, including some for which a \$500 adoption incentive is being offered. These are adult and yearling horses that once roamed free on public lands in the West. The BLM periodically removes excess animals from the range in order to ensure herd health and to maintain ecological balance. The adoption program is essential for achieving these important management goals.

Adoption Schedule - Preview all of the animals Thursday, July 16, from 4 - 6 p.m. Gates reopen Friday, July 17, at 8 a.m., with adoptions starting at 10 a.m., and ending at 6 p.m. Adoptions continue Saturday, July 18, from 8 a.m. - noon.

Adoption Qualifications - Application approval is required and can be done on site. To qualify to adopt, one must be at least 18 with no record of animal abuse. Adopters must have suitable facilities and can adopt no more than four animals. All animals must be loaded in covered stock-type trailers with swing gates and sturdy walls and floors. BLM staff will be on hand to assist adopters through the short application process.

Adoption Fees - The minimum adoption fee for most animals is \$125, as set by law. An auction will be held Friday at 10 a.m. to determine adoption fees for any animals sought by more than one person. Animals not selected during the auction Friday morning will be offered for adoption on a first-come-first-served basis for the flat fee of \$125 for the rest of the weekend. Those interested in bidding are encouraged to come Thursday afternoon or early Friday to identify their desired animals and to complete their adoption applications in time.

Announcing a Major New Adoption Incentive: Lubbock will be a test site for a new adoption incentive program in which BLM pays a \$500 care-and-feeding allowance to adopters of selected older horses (4 years old +). The allowance is

paid in full after one year when adopters receive official ownership title for their horse(s). All standard adoption conditions and fees apply. A limited number of eligible horses will be available at Lubbock. Younger horses (under 4 years old) are not eligible for this incentive. If successful, this incentive program could save taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in long-term pasturing costs.

Wild horses - iconic symbols of America's western heritage - are renowned for their strength, endurance, agility and intelligence, characteristics bred into them in the wild that make them ideal for work or recreation. The BLM manages approximately 36,000 wild horses and burros on 261 million acres of public lands throughout the western United States. The agency periodically removes excess animals from the range in order to ensure herd health and to maintain ecological balance. Excess horses are then made available to the public for adoption at events and facilities around the country. Since 1973, the BLM has placed more than 220,000 of these "living legends" in approved homes.

For more information, call 866-4-MUSTANGS (866-468-7826), or visit BLM at www.blm.gov/nm (follow Wild Horse & Burro under Quick Links).

Directions: From I-27 North or South, take Exit 4 East. The Fairgrounds are located on the northeast corner of Broadway and US Hwy 87.

Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens aluminum can collection bin has been secured with locks.

The bin will be open during the week 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for your can donations. After 1:00 p.m. and on weekends, please call Bianca Baker at 201-9169 and she will arrange to meet you at the bin to accept your can donations.

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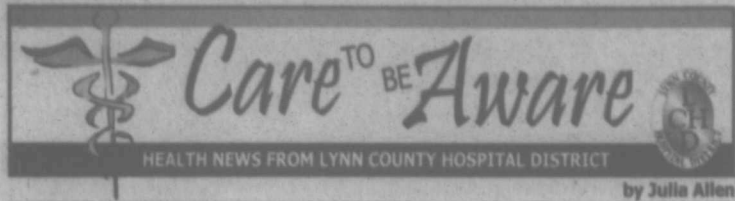
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SMOKING KILLS

I heard an advertisement on the TV the other day. It stated that 1200 people die every day in the United States from smoking. 1200 --that is almost half of all the people in Tahoka. Just think we could be a ghost town in just a few days! The actual total is 443,600 yearly which is actually 1215 daily.

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Smoking is the cause of 87% of lung cancer deaths. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in both men and women and is one of the most difficult cancers to treat. Lung cancer is a disease that can often be prevented.

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is some more good news for you. Only about half of the deaths related to smoking are from cancer. The other half are from heart disease, aneurysms, bronchitis, emphysema and stroke. It can make pneumonia and asthma worse. Need more reasons to take that leap to stop smoking or to NEVER start. Smoking has been linked to gum disease, cataracts, bone thinning, hip fractures and peptic ulcers. Need more: smoking has been linked to macular degeneration, an eye disease that can cause blindness, low birth-weight in babies, reduced fertility and causes a higher risk of miscarriages and premature births, stillbirth and infant deaths. It has also been linked to SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome).

As one can see smoking is not good for you in any way. It is said that some people smoke to keep from gaining weight but if you truly look at the above health risks weight gain would be the safer route. There is much more information to share with you and we will save that for next week. Until then just remember that 1200 people died today in America from smoking.



Camp champs ... The 2009-2010 Tahoka High School cheerleaders are shown here at cheerleading camp, held June 11-13 at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. They are, from left, Taryn Bishop, Skylar McCleskey, Morgan Lockaby, Kalee Wuensche (head), Stephanie Deleon, Taya Bishop, Mady Deleon and Sabrina Moralez, and in front is Lisa Marie Alvarado, Bulldog Mascot. The THS cheerleaders were awarded "2009 Camp Champs" at the cheer camp, and won two Universal Superior Cheerleading awards for dance and cheer routines.

DPS warns of door-to-door alarm scams

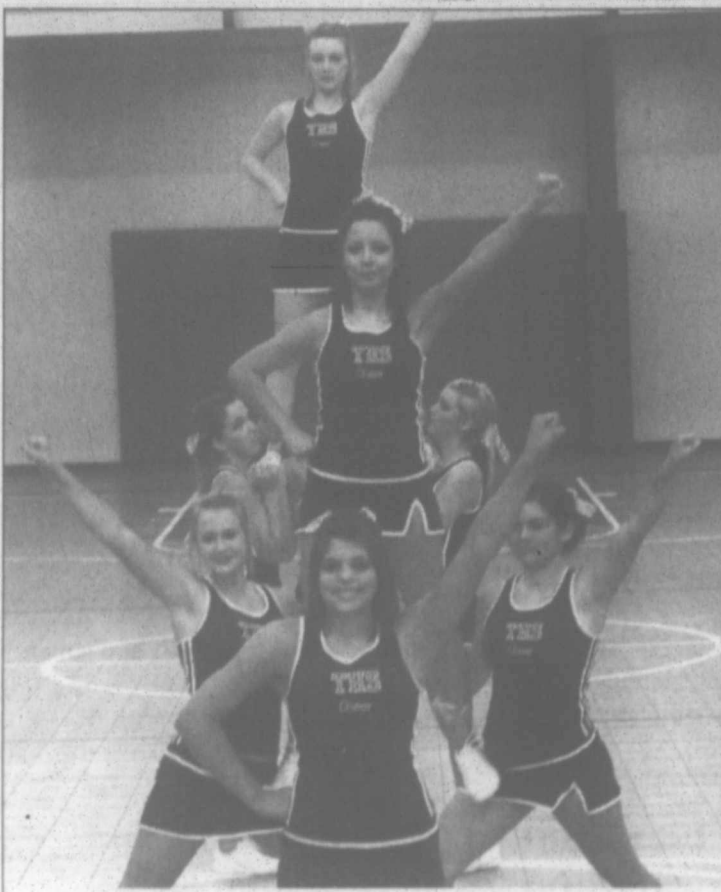
The Texas Department of Public Safety is urging Texans to make sure that any alarm salesperson, company or installer they hire is licensed by the Private Security Bureau.

The Bureau has initiated investigations following reports that unlicensed salespersons, installers and companies have been marketing services to residents—primarily in neighborhoods.

"If someone offering alarm-related services shows up at your door unsolicited, ask for their DPS Private Security pocket card, which will also have their picture," said Capt. RenEarl Bowie of the DPS Private Security Bureau.

Alarm companies and installers must be licensed to operate legally in the state of Texas. The licensing process includes a criminal background check to help ensure the safety of the public.

To check whether an individual is licensed in Texas, visit http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/psb/individual/individual_search.aspx. To check whether a company is licensed in Texas, visit http://txdps.state.tx.us/psb/company/company_search.aspx.



Fun at camp ... Tahoka High School cheerleaders (pictured above) had fun performing at cheerleading camp recently, learning new routines and perfecting their cheers for the 2009-2010 Bulldogs. The cheerleading squad includes Taryn Bishop, Skylar McCleskey, Morgan Lockaby, Kalee Wuensche (head), Stephanie Deleon, Taya Bishop, Mady Deleon and Sabrina Moralez, with Lisa Marie Alvarado as the THS Bulldog Mascot.



All-Star cheerleader ... Sabrina Moralez, a member of the 2009-2010 Tahoka High School cheerleading squad, was named to All-Star Cheerleading Team at cheer camp, held June 11-13 at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Texas Tech Camp ...

Taylor Morin, of Tahoka attended the Texas Tech Basketball camp that was held June 17-19. The Tahoka 6th grader is pictured here with Texas Tech Women's Basketball Coach Kristy Curry. She is the daughter of Johnny and Elisa Morin of Tahoka.



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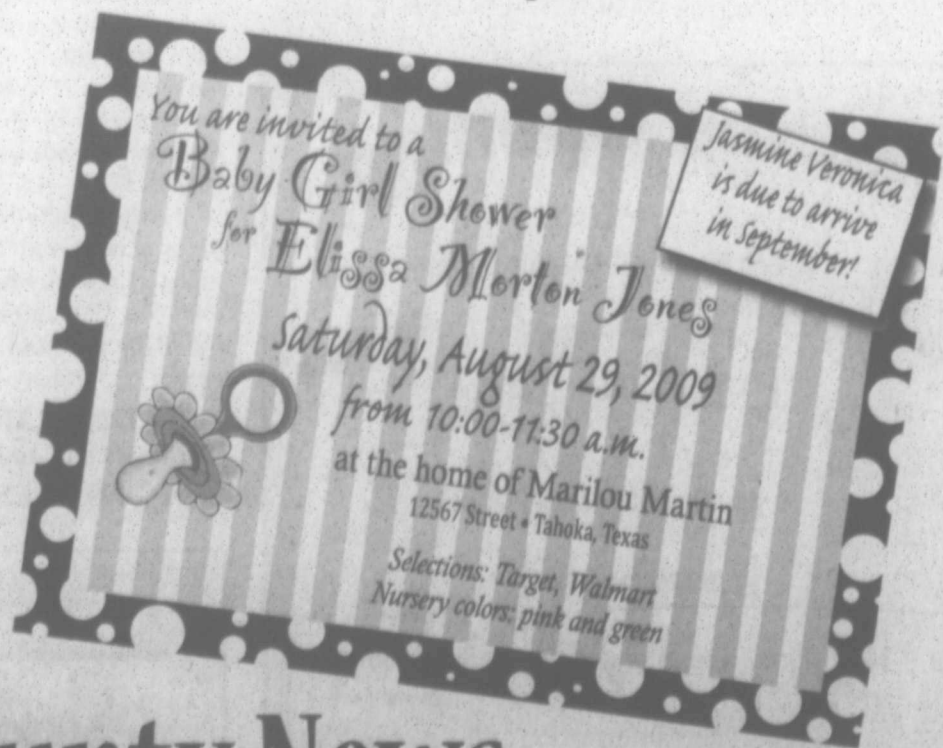
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4-H'ERS COMPETE AT TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP... Eight Lynn County 4-H members competed recently at Texas 4-H Roundup held at Texas A&M University in College Station. Over 2,000 4-H members from across Texas competed in numerous contests and recognition events. Lynn County was represented by a Consumer Decision Making Team (pictured above) which consisted of Trevor Gickhorn, Skyler McCleskey, Harley Reynolds, and Jacob Bingham. The Livestock Judging Team (pictured below) competed at the event as well. Team members included: Jacob Lase-man, Harley Reynolds, Cody Cross, Allison Burenheide, and Heath Link. Trevor was also a representative for Lynn County and South Plains District 2 as a Texas 4-H Council member. Sheri Gickhorn, 4-H Adult Leader, also represented Lynn County along with Texas AgriLife Extension Service staff members Bryan Reynolds and Amy Baugh.



4-H Scholarship Recipient... Trevor Gickhorn, of Wilson, was awarded a Richard Wallrath Educational Scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 at the 2009 Texas Opportunity Scholarship Program during the recent 63rd annual Texas 4-H Roundup. He is the son of Lester and Sheri Gickhorn of Wilson.

Local's Grandson is State Champion Saddle Bronc Rider, eyes Nationals

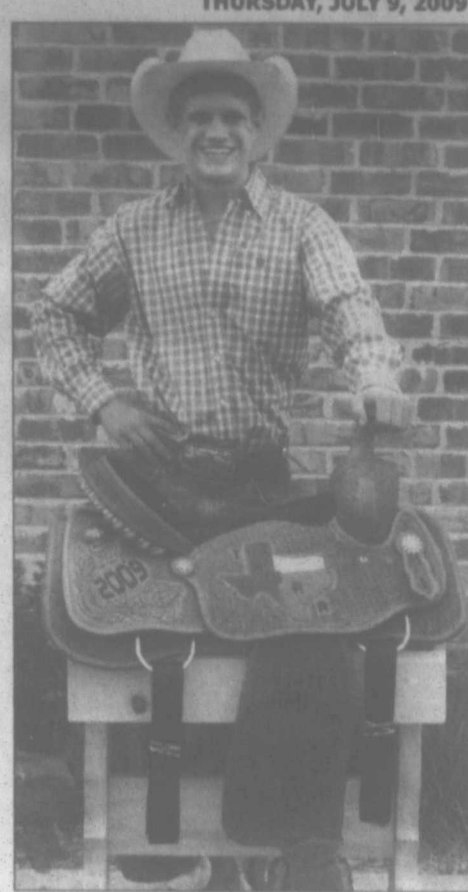
Ask any athlete at any annual competition and they will all say the same thing – they want to finish better this year than they did the last; Brewster Guin is no exception. He went into the 2008 National High School Rodeo Association Finals as the third place saddle bronc rider from Texas; this year he will go in as the number one rider from the state.

Guin, the son of Tommy and Nixie Guin of Lubbock and the grandson of Sis Guin of Tahoka, earned a second trip to the National High School Finals in Farmington, New Mexico after being named the 2009 State Champion Saddle Bronc Rider by the Texas High School Rodeo Association in ceremonies held Sunday, June 21 in Abilene. He was just one of about 650 students from all over the state competing in the Texas High School finals June 15-20 at the Taylor County Expo Center.

He placed first in the first go round with 77 points, but bucked off his second horse. He came back strong in the final go round, once again topping the leader board with a score of 82 points. When the dust settled and all the points had been calculated, Guin was crowned the champion; collecting a trophy saddle, two belt buckles, and various other prizes along the way. He will be part of a team of 52 contestants from Texas to compete against cowboys and cowgirls from all over the United States, Canada, and Australia in the national event July 19-25.

A member of the 2008-2009 Wrangler High School All-Star Rodeo Team, as well as the Bloomer Trailer High School Rodeo Team, Guin graduated in May from Lubbock Cooper High School. He will attend Western Texas College in Snyder in the fall as a member of the collegiate national champion rodeo team.

A Lynn County graduate, RH Whitten, son of Jerry and Cathy Whitten won the second go round of the calf roping at the state finals with a time of 7.58 seconds, earning a belt buckle. Whitten graduated from New Home High School this year, and plans to attend New Mexico Junior college in Hobbs, NM on full scholarship competing in rodeo. He will compete in Team Roping and Tie-Down Calf Roping.



BREWSTER GUIN

Teacher hired at O'Donnell ISD

O'Donnell Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session June 18, approving one contract for a teacher/coach and reassigning a staff member to another position. Shae Sanford was hired to fill the History/Coaching position on the Secondary campus and Edie Hagler was given the 4th grade Science position on the Elementary campus.

In other business, trustees adopted Board Policy Update #85 and approved contracts with Education Service Center Region 17. Contracts for Milk Bids and Student Accident Insurance were also approved.

Athletic physicals offered July 16-17

Athletic physicals for any Tahoka High School students will be available July 16 and 17, according to THS Principal Troy Hinds. Girls' physicals will be offered from 2:00-4:15 p.m. July 16, and boys' physicals will be 2:00-4:15 p.m. July 17, at the medical offices of Dr. Donald Freitag at Lynn County Hospital Clinic.

Cost will be \$20/person, and forms will be available at the doctor's office.

"Physical exams are required for any student desiring to participate in extra-curricular activities, and must be completed before school begins," said Hinds.

Letter to the Editor

Words cannot express the overwhelming love we felt at the benefit dinner. Bill, Arnetta, Roddy, Marcy, Ty, Sharla, Cassidy, Brady, Shea and Jenna, you guys are the true meaning of a giving spirit. Curtis and Shayla, you made the auction so fun to watch. To all of you that bought tickets or made a donation, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. To all that cooked, baked potatoes and served the meal, it was wonderful. We are so humbled by the generosity of this community and surrounding areas, and we are so blessed to live here.

Please continue to pray for Danny as more difficult decisions are ahead for him. Your support during this difficult and trying time has been greatly appreciated.

As Josh told me after the dinner, "I hope during my lifetime I will have as many friends as was there for Danny tonight."

With Love,
Danny, Kim & Michael Paris

Long Lost by Harlen Cohen

Contacted by a woman with whom he shared an affair years earlier, Myron Bolitar learns how she has been wrongfully accused of murdering her ex-husband; a situation that is further complicated by a long-hidden family secret.

Look Again by Lisa Scottoline

When reporter Ellen Gleeson gets a "Have You Seen This Child?" flyer in the mail, the child looks exactly like her adopted son, Will, which prompts Ellen to launch an investigation that ultimately threatens both of their lives.

Rural healthcare tops Rep. Heflin's agenda

During the past Legislative Session State Representative Joe Heflin brought a number of rural healthcare concerns with him when he went to Austin last January for the now-ended regular session of the 81st Texas Legislature. Chief among those concerns is the fact that 27 West Texas counties now have no physician at all. In addition, rural hospitals and healthcare providers encounter unique issues, requiring special consideration when it comes to legal requirements otherwise imposed state-wide.

For example, one bill authored by Rep. Heflin does away with a recently-imposed rule that would otherwise require rural hospitals to keep a licensed pharmacist on-site. "The rule requiring that rural hospitals have a full-time pharmacist on staff would be very costly and would negatively impact healthcare in rural Texas," Rep. Heflin noted. "The increased cost of a full-time pharmacist is an undue burden for rural hospitals and would impair our hospitals' ability to provide medical services at a time when some of the hospitals already are struggling."

During the session, Rep. Heflin was successful in getting a number of bills passed on behalf of local hospital districts in his Texas House District 85. Reagan County, Lockney (in Floyd County), and Lynn County, all benefitted directly from bills passed into law that affect their local hospital districts.

One disappointment for Rep. Heflin this session was Governor Perry's veto of a bill that would have allowed rural hospitals to directly hire doctors. House Bill 3485 would have provided an exemption to hospitals in counties with less than 50,000 residents from the requirement that they use only private practice physicians, that is, corporate doctors.

"Our hospitals need all the tools they can get to be able to compete for doctors and to provide good medical care for our rural patients," Rep Heflin emphasized. "Attracting doctors is of utmost importance in this district."

Despite his disappointment with the Governor's veto of House Bill 3485, Rep. Heflin was pleased that a number of rural healthcare bills passed this session. "There's still more work to be done," he said. "With so many of our West Texas counties having no doctor at all, one of my primary objectives in future legislative sessions will continue to be finding creative ways to attract physicians to rural areas," Rep Heflin concluded.

Heflin represents Texas House District 85, including Borden, Crosby, Fisher, Floyd, Garza, Glasscock, Hale, How-



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Lavender Morning by Jude Deveraux

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