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Dog Dip and Shot Clinic

2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 18 at the Tahoka Mini-Park sponsored by Tahoka Rotary Club

Gary Harrell named TISD interim superintendent

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees named Gary Harrell of Lubbock as interim superintendent for the school district in a unanimous decision Tuesday night, after accepting the official resignation of Supt. Jimmy Parker. Harrell retired from Jayton ISD as superintendent in 2003, and has since served as interim superintendent at Crosbyton, Jayton and Guthrie school districts.

Supt. Parker resigned to accept the superintendent position at Roosevelt ISD. He has served in the top administrative position at Tahoka for the past 10 years, and was high school principal here three years prior to that, and leaves Tahoka after 13 years here. He also informed the board that his wife, Pam Parker, submitted her resignation effective July 2, as PEIMS coordinator for TISD, which is an at-will position not requiring board approval.

"Congratulations to Gary on his appointment as interim superintendent," Parker told the board and Harrell at the meeting. "I think the district will be

Trustees unanimously accepted Harrell's letter of agreement to serve as interim superintendent, which listed terms of his at-will employment (no

contract) to include a salary of \$350

per day with the interim superinten-

City orders half-cent sales tax proposition on November ballot

Tahoka needs a little help with economic development, and the Tahoka City Council is going proactive about the issue, this week approving a motion to place an issue on the ballot for Tahoka residents to consider in the November 3 general election. Council members voted unanimously to place a

The steering committee will be comprised of seven members, Webster said, who will be appointed by the council. If voters approve the halfcent sales tax issue, the city will have funding to be used for community/ economic development and the steering committee will have an input on how those funds may be used.

dent serving full-time at the school, Monday-Friday, beginning Sept. 1 for a period of six months, if needed. Because Harrell lives in Lubbock, he will also be reimbursed for mileage in traveling from his home to Tahoka. He will actually begin working with TISD on August 1 as a consultant and then will be employed by the district on Sept. 1, according to the terms of the letter.

Trustee Tony Garcia made the motion to name Harrell as interim superintendent, and Cathy Box seconded the motion, which was approved by a 5-0 vote of the board including Garcia, Box, Frank McLelland, John Hawthorne, and Jim Bingham. Trustees Joe

Calvillo and Kent Kahl were not present at the meeting. This was the third meeting of the board in which the interim superintendent issue was on the agenda. Calvillo has not been present at any of these meetings.

In other business, the board approved a Xerox copier contract through the West Texas Educational Purchasing Coop, and approved the Student Code of Conduct for 2009-10. The next board meeting was set for Aug. 10 to include a budget workshop and possibly proposing a tax rate for the upcoming year. The TISD tax rate is capped at \$1.04, which is the current rate and should remain for the upcoming year.



Board welcomes new superintendent ... Tahoka ISD Trustees welcome Gary Harrell as Interim superintendent, approving terms for the employment Tuesday night. Shown from left are trustees Tony Garcia, John Hawthorne, Frank McLelland, Supt. Harrell, Jim Bingham and Cathy Box. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

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Rabies Clinic set in Wilson

A pet rabies clinic will be held in the City of Wilson on Saturday, July 18 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at City Hall, South door.

Vaccines for dogs include rabies \$6, DHLPPC \$25, and DHLPPC with Limes, \$37.50. Vaccines for cats include distemper \$15, and leukemia

\$15. For more information, contact Wilson City Hall at 806-628-6221.

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proposition on the ballot asking voters to consider allowing a one-half of one percent sales and use tax, to be used for economic development within the city of Tahoka.

> Additionally, the city council authorized City Administrator Jerry Webster to form a steering committee to look into the community/economic. needs of the city, which would liaison with the council to provide input from city residents.

"This is something we (city council) have considered for some time, and we are excited about the prospects of economic development for Tahoka," Webster told The News. "Vernon Baker, pastor at First United Methodist Church in Tahoka, has some experience in economic development and he has offered to help head up the steering committee for the city. He has lots of good ideas and is enthusiastic about the opportunity to serve on the committee, which is something Tahoka has needed for some time," he added.

In other business, the council approved an increase in the gate rate for Type 1 waste at the city landfill, which will raise the amount paid by Duncan Disposal to the City of Tahoka from \$26/ton to \$28/ton. The council also approved the current fee structure for water and sewer repairs, to be the same amount for repairs as it would be for new taps in the system.

Police Chief Doyle Lee reported to the council about his department's activities, and Raymond Vega presented a public utilities report. A budget workshop was set for early August.

Mayor John Baker presided at the meeting, which offered a new format including a prayer and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the meeting. Council members present included Rudy Fuentes, Amy Preston, Jeff Martin, and Ray Box. Councilwoman Clara Calvillo was absent

Burglaries, thefts reported in county

Burglaries, thefts and incidents of violence led reports investigated by law enforcement officers in Lynn County during the last week.

In Tahoka Friday Debbie Gay reported theft of about \$50 in quarters and a Playstation game from her residence. Total loss was estimated at \$69.99.

Theft of a bag containing a purse containing cards, birth certificates and personal items was reported by Cristina Coronado of Tahoka last Thursday, who said the items were stolen from her mother's van sometime after July

Police also were called to the scene of a domestic disturbance Sunday, and they arrested a 20-year-old female whose husband said she broke out a window and then threw their baby at him. The baby was checked by EMS ambulance personnel.

Sheriff's officers checked out a report Friday from Mike Braddock, who advised that a 1000-gallon water tank had been shot twice. Deputies also are investigating reports of cruelty to an animal - a horse not being fed north of Tahoka-and a report of family

violence in Wilson Saturday.

A submergible pump and other articles were reported stolen Sunday from the yard of Bill Schooler in O'Donnell, with the loss estimated at \$500. And on Monday Cameron Childress of O'Donnell reported a semi-automatic pistol and holster, valued at \$350, had been stolen from his 2006 Chevrolet pickup sometime in the last 10 days.

Two traffic accidents occurred on highways in Lynn County Monday, one on U.S. 87 near Poka-Lambro, and the other west of Wilson. No information on either accident was available from the Dept. of Public Safety.

Lynn County jail was holding 42 inmates this week, with only seven added during the last week. Two of those were arrested for disorderly conduct, the others were held for application to revoke probation on possession of marijuana, driving while intoxicated, criminal mischief (Bexar County), assault causing bodily injury and DWI with a child passenger.

Of the 42 in jail, 10 were held for Lubbock County and three for Gaines County.

Too cute to turn down ... The cute little girl dancers were hard to turn down as they passed the hat for donations for their performance at St. Jude's Jamaica celebration Sunday.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



EVERYBODY makes mistakes, and sometimes the results are really bad. That's the gist of an article I read recently, written by Joseph Hallinan in Reader's Digest.

The author points out that it certainly is normal to make errors, and when something goes wrong, the cause is usually attributable to human error: "airplane crashes (70 per cent), car wrecks (90 per cent), workplace accidents (90 per cent).'

Hallinan says all of us are affected by certain biases in the way we see, remember and perceive the world. For example, he says we make slips of the tongue, remember our own words, actions and performances as better than they actually were, and look directly at something without really seeing

Some college freshmen were asked about their high school grades and in one survey 29 per cent of the recalled grades were wrong. And students had a better memory for good grades than bad - the recall accuracy for A's was 89 per cent; for D's it was 29 per cent.

The writer suggested that all of us need to avoid snap judgments, get more sleep, and put off decisions until we are in a better mood, because happy people tend to be more creative and less prone to errors.

I skimmed this article, but did notice that one section was headed "Don't Skim" (when you are reading). But all that stuff doesn't apply to me, anyway. After all, I sort of remember making all A's in high school, and I don't make misteaks.

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BYRON MASON and GABRIELLE HENDERSON Couple announces engagement

Carlton and LaQuetta Henderson of Sundown announce the engagement of their daughter, Gabrielle Rae-Lyn Henderson, of Lubbock, to Byron Thomas Mason, of Post. He is the son of Steve and Janice Mason of Post.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Harold and Janelle Harrison of Whiteface, John and Mary Henderson of Wilson, greatgrandparents, Clarissa and the late Virgil Henderson, and the late Carl and Violet Stone, all of Wilson. Mason is the grandson of Bert and Mary Kay McDonald, and the late Gene and Thelma Mason, all of Post. Great-grandparents are the late Tom and Maggie Murray of Grassland, the late A. E. and Joyce Riley of Tahoka, and the late Bud and Tennie Mason of Post.

The couple will marry on Saturday, July 25, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Post. They will reside in Post.

FUMC Tahoka offers VBS for entire family

First United Methodist Church, 1801 Avenue J, in Tahoka invites the whole community to come to Vacation Bible School, July 20-24, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Classes for adults and children will be offered.

The theme for VBS is Camp E.D.G.E., (Experience and Discover God Everywhere). Supper will be provided for the entire family. Nursery will be available for children birth to two years old.

crafts, games and snacks.

To register, complete the VBS form (in the ad below) and drop it off at the FUMC church office.

Those who will have children in the nursery are asked to please contact the church office at 561-4503, so sufficient caregivers will be provided.

Memorials and donations made to the LYNN COUNTY PIONEERS

Annie M. Autry Benham

Graveside services for Annie "Ann" Autry Pennington Benham, 79, were held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 10, at Crestview Memorial Park in Wichita Falls, with the Rev. Lenard Brothers officiating. She died Wednesday July 8, 2009, following a brief battle with cancer.

She was born December 27, 1929 in O'Donnell to Archie and Effie Autry. She attended school in O'Donnell. She married Elton Pennington January 29, 1949 in Lamesa.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Patty Pennington; five brothers, Leonard, Clifford, Bill, Buck, and Bud; and three sisters, Lyda, Tessie and Doris.

Survivors include her husband A.H. Benham; one daughter, Cheryl Pennington Chaney, of Wichita Falls; one sister Vaga Pebsworth of Tahoka; one granddaughter and several nieces and nephews.

Katharina Dyck Guenther

Services for Katharina Dyck Guenther, 45, of O'Donnell were held Wednesday July 15, at 2:00 p.m. in the Mennonite Evangelical Church in Seminole with Rev. John Froese officiating, and Frank Giesbrecht, assisting. Interment followed in the Gaines County Cemetery.

She died Sunday July 12, 2009 in Lubbock.

She was born June 23, 1964 in Chihuahua, Mexico to Jacob and Helena Wiebe. She married John Guenther July 4, 1982 in Seminole. She was a homemak-

She was preceded in death by her father and two brothers.

Survivors include her husband John of O'Donnell; one son John Guenther, of O'Donnell; four daughters, Lena Remple of Midkiff, Tina Froese and Susie Penner, both of Seminole, and Elisa Guenther of O'Donnell: her mother, Helena Wiebe of Seminole; three brothers, Abe Wiebe, John Wiebe, Issac Wiebe; seven sisters Helen Peters, Marshall of West River, Maryland, announce the birth of their Mary Giesbrecht, Nancy Harms, daughter, Malene Grace Mar-Annie Harms, Lisa Wiebe, Marshall, born June 30, 2009. She gie Wiebe, Susie Klassen; and four grandchildren.

Backpack project planned for needy, low-income students

South Plains Community Action (SPCAA) is planning a Back-To-School Backpack Project to provide backpacks filled with school supplies for needy and low income households for the upcoming school year.

SPCAA is seeking financial contributions or school supplies in order to make this a successful event in the community, which will include Tahoka, O'Donnell, Wilson and New Home. Anyone who would like to be a part of this project and would like to donate, can submit their contribution to the local SPCAA Neighborhood Center located at Lockwood and Ave.

SPCAA will be taking applications in Tahoka for the backpack project on July 20-21, from 8:00-5:00. Those who may qualify for the backpacks may apply at that time.

Volunteers are needed to help fill the backpacks with supplies on August 3-4 and the backpacks will be given away on August 10.

"American State Bank has partnered with SPCAA to help donate many backpacks to our community and hope to fill them with the much needed school supplies. The supplies requested are pencils, rulers, notebook paper, glue, scissors, spiral notebooks, pocket folders, erasers, map colors, school boxes, colored pens, pencil sharpener, markers and water colors. We thank you in advance for your assistance and partner-

ship," stated a representative. Contact Monica Warren at the SPCAA office in Brownfield at 806-637-3712, for more details, or if you know a family in need, or if you would like to be a volunteer.



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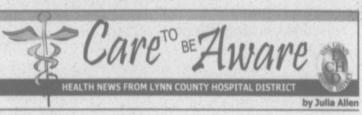
SKYLAR RENEE OWENS and BJ KYZAR **Couple to marry August 22**

Joe and Kellie Craig of Tahoka and John C. Owens of Virginia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Skylar Renee Owens to BJ Kyzar, of Brady. He is the son of James and Merle Kyzar of Brady.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Leslie and Maxine Paris of Tahoka, John Wade Owens of Virginia, and Robert and Patsy Owens of Post.

The future bride is an Animal Science Major at Angelo State University.

Kyzar is a Psychology Major at Angelo State University. The couple is planning an August 22, 2009 wedding at the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka.



MORE SMOKING WOES

Since lasts week's article 8505 Americans have died of smoking. That total is larger than all of the residents of Lynn County then some. (According to the Lynn County Clerk's office our residence total is 5885.)

Not all health problems related to smoking result in death. Smoking affects a smokers' health in many ways, harming nearly every organ of the body, and causing diseases. According to the Center for Disease Control, in 2000 about 8.6 million people had at least one chronic disease because they smoked or had smoked. These diseases can steal away a person's quality of life long before death. The diseases seen most often were chronic bronchitis, emphysema, heart attacks, strokes, and cancer. Smokingrelated illnesses can limit a. person's daily life by making it harder to breathe, get around, work, or play. If smoking is so bad for you why can people not quit? Why is tobacco so addicting? Tobacco is a plant that's leaves are dried and other ingredients are added for flavor and other reasons to make cigarettes and other smokeless tobacco items. Nicotine is the addictive drug in tobacco. Addiction is defined as a physical and psychological (mental & emotional) dependence on the substance. All forms of tobacco have a lot of nicotine. It is easily absorbed

through the lungs with smoking and through the mouth or nose with oral tobacco. (spit, snuff, or smokeless tobacco).

Tobacco Companies are required by law to report nicotine levels in cigarettes to the Federal Trade commission (FTC) but most states do not require them to put the amount on the cigarette label. According to the American Cancer Society more than 4000 different chemicals have been found in tobacco and tobacco smoke. Among these are more than 60 chemicals known to cause cancer.

There are hundreds of substances added to cigarettes by manufactures to enhance the flavor or to make smoking more pleasant. Some compounds found in tobacco smoke are ammonia, tar and carbon monoxide. Manufactures do not usually give out information to the public about the additives used in cigarettes. Wonder why that is? The PhillipMorrisUSA website states that if they listed all their ingredients someone might steal their recipe. They submit a "confidential" document to the state of Texas. 70% of smokers say they want to quit 40% try each year but only 4-7% succeed without help. This is because smokers not only become physically addicted to nicotine; there is a strong emotional connection. * * *

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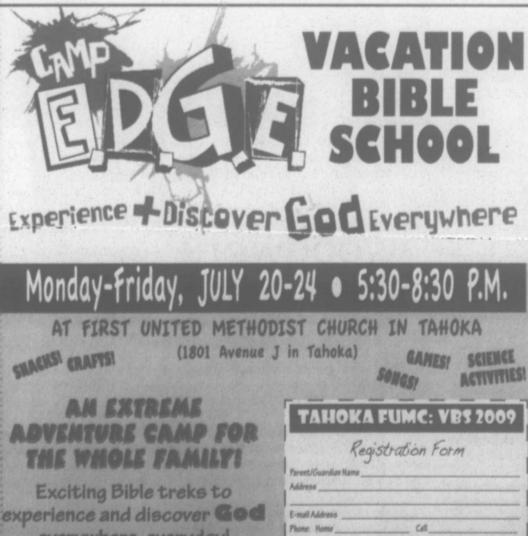
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weighed 7 lbs and 6 ozs and was 19.6 inches long. She has two brothers, Caden and Ryken. Grandparents are Milt and Dorothy Draper of Tahoka.

Ariel Alizé Castañeda

Arthur Castañeda and Allegra Ramirez announce the birth of their daughter, Ariel Alizé Castañeda, born July 8, 2009 at 8:39 p.m. at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock. She weighed 6 lbs. and 10 oz. and was 19-1/2 inches long.

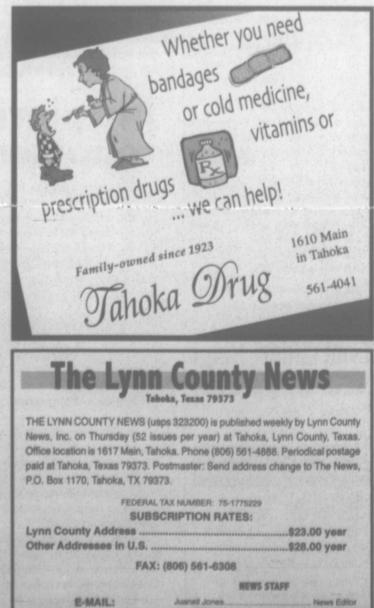
Grandparents are Maximo and Elida Castañeda and Maria Estella Florez, all of Tahoka. Great-grandparents are Anita Florez and Ramona Castañeda, both of Tahoka.

AARP Texas hosts town hall meeting July 17 in Lubbock

South Plains area citizens are invited to a Town Hall Meeting Friday, July 17, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th St., Lubbock to learn more about AARP (American Association of Retired Persons). Find out what AARP is doing to promote access to affordable, accessible health insurance and learn about AARP advocacy efforts in Texas. Learn about volunteer opportunities in your community. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshmentswill be served.

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization that helps people 50+ have independence, choice and control in ways that are beneficial and affordable to them and society as a whole. AARP does not endorse candidates for public office or make contributions to either political campaigns or candidates.

Next week we will learn about ways to help you quit.



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MR. and MRS. ERIK JUSTIN GARRARD (nee Amber Nicole Blackwood)

Couple exchange wedding vows

Amber Nicole Blackwood and Erik Justin Garrard were united in marriage at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, 2009, in a double ring ceremony at the Greenwood Garden Center in Greenwood, Ms.

The bride is the daughter of Sheila Blackwood of Grenada, MS and William Blackwood of Holyoke, Mass and the granddaughter of Katie and Truiett Slone of Tahoka.

The groom is the son of Randolph (Randy) and Debbie Griffin Garrard of Holcomb, MS; grandson of Curtis and Monette Griffin of Spanish Fort, AL and Helen Garrard of Grenada, MS.

Escorted by her mother, the bride wore a white satin halter A-line gown with beaded lace. appliqué and cut out lace hem with a chapel train. She wore a rhinestone and pearl tiara and a

elle (Gabbi) Hoss, and niece of the groom, Breanna Taylor Garrard, served as flower girls. Ringbearer was Hayden Dungan, son of Chris and Heather Dungan.

A reception followed the ceremony, and was prepared and served by co-workers of the

The bride is a Surgical Technician for Greenwood Leflore Hospital in Greenwood. The groom serves in the 858th Horizontal Engineering Co, Mississippi National Guard and will be deployed overseas soon.

Following a honeymoon trip to Destin, Fl the couple will reside in Grenada, MS

an outdoor sign to be placed on the north side of the courthouse on which public notices would be

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posted, such as upcoming court notices and commissioners meetings, and other legal notices required to be posted for the public. The sign would be more accessible to the public than the current practice of posting these notices on the front door of the courthouse. Cost of the message center is \$1,156 and the project will be funded with records management funds.

Health insurance for county employees was reviewed, with commissioners approving renewal of the Texas Association of Counties health insurance plan,

guidelines for wind energy companies Lynn County Commissioners noting a slight premium increase met in regular session Monday of \$30 per month per employee. at the Lynn County Courthouse, The increase will put the TAC health insurance plan at a cost of approving a resolution declaring

\$6,225 per person annually. Commissioners approved entering into a contract with Texas Health and Human Services Commission for repair of the county-owned building in which their offices are located, at 1521 Ave. J in Tahoka. Commissioners will approve contracts for interior renovations expected to cost approximately \$6,000, and the county will be reimbursed by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for all work performed.

A motion was approved to allow Jerri Beth Dunlap to assist Lena Cloe as Crime Victim's Coordinator in Lynn County. Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on his department's activities, and monthly bills were paid, after which commissioners worked on the 2009-10 budget.

County Judge H.G. Franklin presided at the meeting, with commissioners Don Blair, Keith Wied and Mike Braddock present, and commissioner Brad Hammonds absent.

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Leap of faith ... Little Abigail Isham is pretty sure her grandfather, Roy Isham of Wilson is going to catch her as she jumps into the Tahoka City Pool one hot afternoon. The city pool is open Wednesday-Sunday, 12:30-5:30 p.m.

LETTER to the EDITOR

Baby Danae's family says thank you Family and Friends:

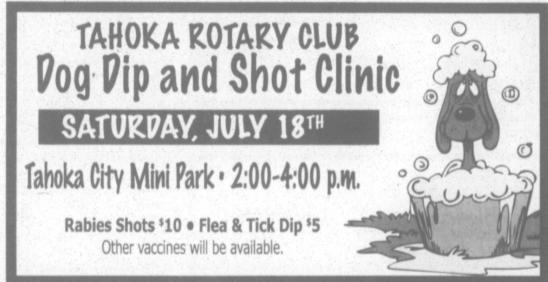
We would like to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of the donations that have been and still are contributed to Danae Donald's fund. The fundraiser on July 3rd in Wilson's city park was such a huge success. We never dreamed that one community could raise that amount of money. We greatly appreciate it and want you to know that it will take a huge burden off of us to know that we will not have such a financial stress when Baby

Danae makes it home. She has been such a miracle and blessing to have made it this far but it is because of you and your prayers that she is still here.

Thank you for all of the donations, meals and prayers. Our family is so blessed to live in such a caring community and we look forward to the day, hopefully in a couple of weeks, when we can bring home our little miracle and introduce her to all of you.

Thank you for everything. Sincerely,

The Donald Family



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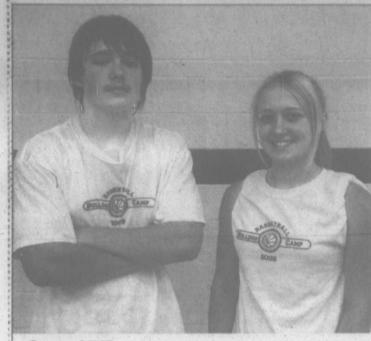
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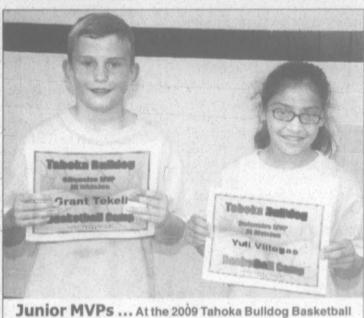
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Camp MVPs ... Ray Parmer and Sarah Freitag were named Most Valuable Players in the Senior Division at the 2009 Tahoka Bulldog Basketball Camp. Freitag was named Defensive MVP, and Parmer was named Offensive MVP.



Camp, Grant Tekell was named Offensive MVP in the Junior Division, and Yuli Villegas was named Defensive MVP.



Candice Cross is new Principal for Wilson School District

Wilson Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session July 9, approving revisions to the student handbook as well as the code of conduct. New Principal Candice Cross, a former WISD teacher who was hired as the new principal for the 2009-10 school year, informed the board of the class schedule and new graduation requirement under House Bill 3. Mrs. Cross also informed the board of the opportunity for WISD students to Secretary April Moore, Jantake dual credit courses through South Plains College. The WISD board is in the process of considering a policy that would allow students to take dual credit courses with Wilson ISD paying associated fees.

In related business, Su-

perintendent Michael Norman gave an initial report concerning the budget summary for 09-10. Trustees were also made

aware of a new marguee donation made to the school by First Bank and Trust. An updated report was given to trustees concerning the progress of summer projects around the campus.

All seven trustees were present at the meeting including Board President Clyde Wilke, Vice President Casey Donald, ie Rios, Israel Ramirez, Josh Isham, and Daniel Clark. The next board meeting is

scheduled for July 28 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will involve setting the tax rate for the 09-10 school year as well as approving school insurance contracts.

Tahoka 3-D summer band practice starts August 3

The Tahoka 3-D Band will start preparation for their run at a history-making year in this, the 2009 Advancement Year, on Monday, August 3. Rehearsals. will be held Monday through Thursday, August 3-6, August 10-13, and August 17-20. The rehearsals will be in the evenings with the Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday schedule as follows:

6:00 p.m. - Freshmen, SITG, and volunteers (marching fundamentals)

6:30 - 9:00 p.m. - All Tahoka 3-D Band members including SITG

On Wednesdays, the schedule will be 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. - EVERYONE. This schedule gives everyone opportunity to attend church on Wednesday.

"It is early to start thinking about Summer Band, but we wanted to remind all the students so they can plan their vacations accordingly," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith. "In class 1A, the State Marching Contest

Area have made the UIL State Marching Finals and won. Our work is cut out for us, but we have fantastic students and phenomenal fans, so we are going to give it our best shot," said the directors.

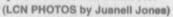
Golf tourney to benefit **Barham family**

A golf scramble and other events is being planned to honor the memory of Doug Barham, a former Tahoka resident who was killed in an auto accident recently, with all proceeds to benefit the family. Friends of the family are planning a golf tournament along with a Texas Holdem poker tournament, bingo, silent auction and dinner on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 21-22 at the T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka.

Volunteers and sponsors for the event are being sought. Anyone desiring to help with any of the events, sponsor golf holes/ prizes, or donate auction items may contact Alan Curry at 778-4661, or by email at alcurry@ sbcglobal.net.



Dancing in the sun ... These dancers were part of the entertainment at St. Jude Catholic Church's Jamaica festival, held Sunday afternoon and evening. The group also included some really cute little girls in traditional dresses who danced their way across the hot concrete.





Band Boosters set meeting July 16

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transfer applications

for the 2009-2010

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Tahoka Band Boosters will form bags, and have made regular meet Thursday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center at of the boosters' major fundraisers 1717 Main Street. "This is a very each"year are the football concesrtant meeting as we begin sion stand and annual golf tourna-

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our preparations for the 2009-2010 school year," said a representative.

All parents and guardians of Tahoka band students in grades 6-12 are invited to attend, as are any others interested in supporting our outstanding band program. Band Boosters work throughout the year to provide "extras" for all band students including scholarships for band camp. In the past, the organization has helped purchase the instrument/equipment trailer, uniment. Last year the group also hosted a successful pancake supper.

In addition to financial contributions, Boosters help out with uniform distribution each year for the high school band and coordinate the bus sponsors for band trips.

"The Tahoka Band Program is an awesome example of Dreamin', Darin' and Doin', and Band Boosters are committed to keeping alive the 3-D spirit," said a booster member.

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Rodeo gueen and court ... Kaimi Williams (center) was crowned Rodeo Queen at the O'Donnell Rodeo last week. Somer Seely (left) and Jacie Cloud (right) were also queen candidates, and the three young ladles assisted with the three-day event at the Rodeo Arena.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



Barrel race ... Friday night at the O'Donnell Rodeo offered a good show, with a good number of contestants In several events. Shown here is a rider in the barrel race event. (LCN PHOTO by Vondell Elliott)

Feds offer \$500 wild horse adoption incentive program

Get paid to adopt a wild horse? Yes! Adopters of selected adult wild horses can receive a one-time allowance of \$500 from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to help offset the cost of keeping the animal

Management (BLM) will hold a wild horse adoption in Lubbock.

Fairgrounds will feature over

70 animals, including some for

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adoption. Under this program, all standard adoption rules and fees apply. The \$500 payment is made when adopters receive title to their animal after one year. Adopters simply return their title application to BLM,

The U.S. Bureau of Land along with an incentive voucher (which they receive at the time they adopt), and in a few weeks

Comptroller to conduct reviews for **Appraisal District**

(AUSTIN) - The Texas Legislature, in House Bill 8, gave Texas Comptroller Susan Combs the responsibility of reviewing the performance of each county appraisal district at least once every other year. In the off years, the Comptroller's office will conduct a property value study to determine the taxable value in each school district. The new law goes into effect Jan. 1, 2010.

"We look forward to working with appraisal districts in our reviews and value studies to ensure fair and accurate appraisals," Combs said. "Texas taxpayers expect and deserve efficient service and uniform appraisals so property taxes are shared equally among taxpayers."

The reviews will cover each appraisal district's governance, taxpayer assistance, operating and appraisal standards, procedures and methods. If an appraisal district fails to comply with the Comptroller's recommendations within one year, the Board of Tax Professional Examiners or a successor agency must take action necessary to ensure compliance

HB 8 also changed the Comptroller's school district Property Value Study from an annual study to a study that must be conducted once every two years, except when the study finds invalid values for

USDA helps landowners with options for expiring CRP land

Area farmers are facing some big decisions on what to do with their land as hundreds of thousands of acres of USDA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts are due to expire in the next few months

USDA personnel from the Farm Service agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service are in the latest stages of finalizing guidance and options for producers with expiring conservation reserve program (CRP) acres.

On July 8, 2009, personnel from both agencies in the Panhandle and South Plains regions met in Lubbock to discuss how to best serve farmers and ranchers for CRP land mpiring from the program.

"With so many landowners ing into our offices seeking help, uniform guidance among agencies is critical for landowners and producers to make the best decisions for land that's coming out of the program," said Mickey Black, NRCS assistant state conservationist for field operations in Lubbock.



Ride 'em cowboy ... Two contestants entered the saddlebronc event at the O'Donnell Rodeo on Friday, with one pictured here (Cody Anthony or Cory Gray, not sure which rider). (LCN PHOTO by Vondell Elliott)

The bill created a nine-mem-

a school district, at which time a study will be conducted annually until the values are valid. The requirement for a biennial - rather than an annual - study will free up. Comptroller resources to do a more intensive Property Value Study in approximately half the school districts each year.

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ber Comptroller's Property Value Study Advisory Committee to consult with the Comptroller prior to the adoption of study rules. The Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives will appoint one member from the House; the Lieutenant Governor will appoint one member from the Senate; and the Comptroller will appoint two members representing appraisal districts, two members representing school districts and three members who are Texas taxpayers or have expertise in school district taxation or ratio studies

Dog Dip, Shot Clinic to be Saturday

The Tahoka Rotary Club will sponsor a Dog Dip and Shot Clinic on Saturday, July 18, at the Tahoka Mini Park from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Rabies shots will be available for \$10 and a flea and tick dip for \$5. Other vaccines will also be available.

Reserve Booth Space at Lynn Co. Harvest Festival on Saturday, Sept. 26 - Call 561-4440 -

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE



THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF LYNN

DATED July 2, 2009, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter styled and numbered causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on July 2, 2009, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in August, 2009, the same being the 4th day of August, 2009, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Tahoka, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Lynn and the State of Texas, to-wit:

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program aims to increase placement of older horses into private ownership, greatly reducing BLM's holding costs, enabling more effective management of this valued resource on the public range. The incentive applies only to mature horses (4 years old +). Younger horses (under 4 years old), burros, and trained animals tive.

are not eligible for this incen-This program is being conducted on a trial basis in the BLM-New Mexico region only, which also includes Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. The next adoption opportunity in Texas will be in Lubbock, July 16-18, at the Panhandle-South Plains Fairgrounds. Approximately 10 eligible adult horses will be available. Dozens of younger wild

July 16-18. The three-day event they receive ownership papers and a check for \$500. at the Panhandle-South Plains

> The only additional requirement to receive payment is that a licensed veterinarian must attest to the animal's fitness on the completed title application. If for some reason the adopter must relinquish the animal within one year (that is, return it to BLM), the allowance cannot be paid. The same is true if the animal dies before title is issued.

The idea behind this incentive is to limit the number of older horses that BLM must care for in contracted pasture facilities - at considerable taxpayer expense. If successful, this program could expand nationally, reducing the pressure on BLM to sell or euthanize excess horses, and freeing up critical resources needed for on-the-range management.

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

Adopt a Wild Horse or Burro

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The bulk of the CRP acres are in the High Plains region of the state where there is significant concern about the future of the conservation on the land. According to FSA records, over 78,000 acres expired in 2008, with an additional 680,000 to be expired in October of 2009, and over 507,000 acres in October of 2010.

FSA State Executive Director Juan Garcia addressed 150 FSA and NRCS employees in the region saying, "Many producers are going to be faced with changes, and it's up to all of us to educate the general public and provide landowners with the options available to help them

"This is a serious issue," said Garcia. "The NRCS and FSA offices are making a joint effort for a successful outcome.

According to Garcia, FSA will

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land production," said Don Gohmert, NRCS State Conservationist. "Most of the acres in the CRP

program are classified as Highly Erodible Land (HEL)," said Gohmert. "This type of land is very susceptible to wind and water erosion.

NRCS and FSA will encourage producers to keep the permanent grass cover, however, in cases where the landowners' decide to plow up the grass; the NRCS will provide alternatives to help landowners understand the need to meet certain measures that ensure those acres will not erode beyond a level that the soil can tolerate. These alternatives will help the producer apply best management practices to meet conservation compliance requirements.

Conservation compliance, which began with the 1985 Farm Bill, is still in effect. Compliance means that farmers need to control erosion on highly erodible land, which includes CRP acres, in order to stay eligible for USDA program benefits, including farm loan programs, disaster assistance, commodity price supports, and conservation programs.

According to NRCS, the most common ways farmers get out of compliance with USDA is by eliminating soil-conserving crops, such as forage species, and adding a tilled crop.

When the farmer changes his soil cover from permanent grass to annually-tilled crops, he/she should always consider conservation com-

residue-producing crops like wheat or sorghum, or the installation, repair and maintenance of structural practices like terraces.

FSA and the NRCS, working with the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), urges producers to contact someone at the local USDA service centers to discuss expiring CRP options and to check on eligibility for USDA benefits.

For more information, call the USDA Service Center in your county, listed under USDA in the Yellow Pages, or access the information on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

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Lynn County Appraisal District v. Henry Valdez, Mary Valdez, 2109 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in its capacity as receiver for and in its corporate capacity as liquidator of American Savings & Loan, Lienholder, Henry Valdez, Jr., Sally Castano FKA Sally Ann Valdez AKA Sally Valdez, David Valdez, Nancy Ann Jolly, AKA Nancy Jolly and Joe Andrew Valdez AKA Joe Valdez

East ½ of Lot 2, Block 25, Original Townsite of the City of Tahoka.

Lynn County Appraisal District v. Antonio Anchando, 04-06-02294 Joey Barrientez and Mary Barrientez

the West ½ of Lot 5, Block 15, Original Townsite to the City of Tahoka.

Lynn County Appraisal District v. Linda Garcia 05-02-02328

Lots 10, 11, and 12, Block 113, Original Townsite to the City of Wilson

Lynn County Appraisal District v. Rogelio Perales, Yesenia 06-03-02379 Flores and State National Bank of O'Donnell, Lienholder (In Rem Only)

Lots 1, 2 and 3 and the East ½ of Lot 4, Block 135, Original Townsite to the Town of O'Donnell

Lynn County Appraisal District v. Denise Trujillo f/k/a 05-08-02364 Denise Dotson, Ind. & d/b/a/ Black Hat Barber Shop, Joel Dotson, Conseco Finance Servicing Corporation Lienholder (In Rem Only) and Green Tree Servicing, L.L.C., Lienholder (in Rein Only)

Mobile Home located on Lot 6, Block 76, Original Townsite to the City of Tahoka, "Crestridge", 28' x 60' Label #NTA0781474, NTA0781475, Serial #CRH1TX8528A & B

Lots 1 and 2, Block 131, Original Townsite of the Town of Wilson

Lynn County Appraisal District v. J.L. Evans 08-04-02436

a 300' x 130' tract of land, more or less, out of the Southwest ¼ of the GC & SF Ry Co. Survey #505, Block 1, out of Abstract 64

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein. may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penaltiesand interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together: with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED July 2, 2009, at Tahoka, Texas

Jerry D. Franklin SHERIFF, Lynn County, DEPUTY Texas

You may contact the Plaintiff's attorney at 325-672-4870

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