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Lynn County News office will be CLOSED Monday, July 5

## Go to Wilson Friday night for terrific fireworks show



Lynn County residents should drive to Wilson Friday night for a terrific fireworks show hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson. Their annual Independence Day Picnic and Fireworks Show starts at 8 o'clock Friday, July 2 at the Wilson City Park, offering free hot dogs and drinks prior to the fireworks show that starts at dark.

Bring lawn chairs for seating (and mosquito spray if necessary).

Hometown Heroes pictures from the First Bank and Trust Military Salute will also be on display, and barrels will be available for donations of items to be sent to soldiers overseas. Suggested items include toiletries, snacks and drink mixes. A complete list of suitable items may be picked up at First Bank and Trust locations in Wilson and Tahoka.



One giant leap ... Tahoka All Stars player Jonathan Renteria makes a giant leap to home plate in a Little League All-Stars Tournament game against Brownfield in O'Donnell. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

## County designates third reinvestment zone for wind energy development

Lynn County Commissioners met Monday morning for a public hearing regarding designation of another reinvestment zone for wind energy projects, approving Lynn County Reinvestment Zone No. 3 for wind energy development with Alternity Wind Energy. There were no public comments made at the hearing, and commissioners unanimously approved the designation of an area east of U.S. 87 and north and south of Hwy. 380.

This is the third reinvestment zone designation by the county, which is one of the steps involved in bringing wind energy projects to the area. A reinvestment zone must be designated before tax abatements can be considered, and each reinvestment zone designation is for different areas/companies. The first two zones granted by the county were for WindTex Energy, one in the southeast corner of the county that joins with a wind energy project in the O'Donnell area, and another area east of US 87 and north of Hwy. 380 that is separate from the Zone 3 designation just granted.

None of the wind energy projects

have begun the construction phase as yet.

In other business, commissioners met with a representative from the Cancer Control Center who explained preventative measures for early detection of colon cancer, and commissioners approved a proclamation that Lynn County recognizes the need and declares next year as Colon Cancer Awareness Year.

Budget amendments for all four precincts were approved, moving \$12,000 from Road and Bridge funds to each commissioner precinct. An existing contract for technical service with Computer Express was discussed, and commissioners voted to keep the contract but to renegotiate some changes to the contract regarding outside technical services. Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on his department's activities, and monthly bills were approved.

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

## Former JP sentenced to probation, restitution

Former Justice of the Peace Ginger Henry pleaded guilty in 106th District Court Friday of theft by a public servant and was sentenced by Judge Carter Schildknecht to serve a suspended term of five years, plus a \$1000 fine and restitution of \$10,277.44 to Lynn County.

Virginia Lee (Ginger) Henry, 55, of Tahoka, former Lynn County Precinct 1 Justice of Peace, was indicted in April on felony charges of theft by public servant by a 106th District Court grand jury. The felony indictment charge was on theft of funds between \$1500-\$20,000.

Henry, who was elected to the office in January 2007, was placed on leave of absence in early December 2008 during an investigation conducted by the Texas Rangers. She resigned from the JP office on Dec. 30, effective Jan. 1, 2009. The Texas Rangers and State Attorney General's office handled the case.

In court Friday, Henry's actual sentence was for 10 years in prison, but included the stipulation that the last five years will be dropped when five years of community supervision are successfully completed. The sentence also included 10 days in county jail.

During the last week, Tahoka Police investigated reports of a traffic accident which caused no injuries, a cat biting a small child, and harassment of a young woman by cell phone text messages.

A Tahoka man reported that his 18-year-old daughter had been getting harassing text messages from her former boyfriend, also a Tahoka resident.

Last Friday, a Tahoka woman reported that her daughter, 17 months old, had been attacked by a large gray stray cat. The cat later was trapped and taken to the city warehouse.

On Sunday at the U.S. 87 west access road and Lockwood, a 2010 Ford Focus driven by Penny Ann McWilliams, 36, of Lubbock was involved in a collision with a 2000 Ford Taurus driven by Pablo Herevia, 25, of Tahoka.

Twelve more persons were arrested and jailed in Lynn County during the last week, three of those on charges of organized crime related to delivery of marijuana, less than five pounds.

The new arrests coupled with normal releases, left the jail population at 38 early this week, with 10 of those held for Lubbock County.

The latest arrests also included these charges: resisting arrest/interference with public duties, warrant on violation of promise to appear/warrant on application to revoke probation on drunk driving conviction, judgment on theft by public servant, driving while license invalid/enhanced, warrant on application to revoke probation on conviction of displaying fictitious license plate, assault on a public servant plus resisting arrest, warrant on theft over \$50 and less than \$500, accident involving injury or death plus DWI second offense, warrant on evading arrest with vehicle plus assault/domestic violence.

## Tahoka man gets multiple snake bites

O.R. "Pug" Parker of Tahoka was airlifted to a Lubbock hospital last Thursday evening after he was bitten on the hand multiple times by rattlesnakes. Parker, 87, had gone to his farm north of Tahoka, and was working on a fence gate. Looking for a screw, he stuck his hand into a bin in a compartment on the back of his camper, apparently thrusting his hand into a nest of baby snakes and a mother snake.

He was bitten 9 times, doctors determined, with one bite from the mother and the rest from the babies. Doctors also said that the bite of a baby snake is much worse than the bite of an adult snake because baby snakes don't evaluate how much venom to put into a victim.

Parker's wife, Billie Wayne, immediately drove him to the hospital in Tahoka and then he was airlifted to a Lubbock hospital, where he is undergoing treatment. It was reported that his left hand and arm were extremely swollen, and the swelling moved up into his shoulder and chest, and he was given numerous bags of anti-venom. His problems are complicated by other health issues as well, and Parker remains in the hospital this week.

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 23	92	70	
June 24	90	69	
June 25	93	69	
June 26	94	69	
June 27	91	70	0.16"
June 28	74	65	0.22"
June 29	79	65	0.05"

Precipitation for June:	5.03"
Precipitation for May:	0.80"
Precipitation for Apr:	7.02"
Precipitation for Mar:	3.65"
Precipitation for Feb:	2.48"
Precipitation for Jan:	1.91"
Total Precip. year to date:	20.89"

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Purchase made with help of community ... A new computerized Radiography scanner has been installed at Lynn County Hospital, purchased with funds raised at the annual Fun/Food Festival fish fry and auction. It is anticipated that the new scanner will greatly increase the quality of x-ray images at the local hospital. Pictured with the scanner is Malena Vitolas, RT Manager, who expressed her thanks to the community and LCHD for providing the funds to purchase the new equipment. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

## woodwork

by dalton



SEVERAL DAYS AGO as my wife was driving us down U.S. 87 toward Lamesa, I looked up at the sky and noticed what appeared to be a huge hand formed in the white clouds. Later I saw what looked to me like the outline of a dog, with feet, snout, body and tail.

"Do you suppose any kids these days sit around and look at the sky to see what images they can pick out of the clouds?" I asked.

"I doubt it," she replied. "Now they probably just play video games on computers or TV, and never think about anything in the sky." She added that when she was a child, she used to spend hours at a time just looking at the clouds, and I remember that I did that, too. Sometimes two or three of us youngsters would just sit or lie down in the shade outside in the summer and see who could spot the most interesting formations in the clouds.

Those were magical times, and I sort of believe that kids who used their imagination like that to entertain themselves may have benefitted more than the youngsters today who spend all their time with video games, mostly pretty violent in nature.

Of course, we didn't have any of the technological knowledge children acquire so rapidly these days. But what we saw in the clouds, although we knew it wasn't real, was interesting.

The Bible and a folk song say Ezekiel saw a wheel "way up in the middle of the air," and my brother, who was an airlines pilot, always thought Ezekiel saw a flying saucer sent by aliens (the kind who came from the stars, not those who cross over the Rio Grande into Arizona).

Gene Autry saw a gold mine and Judy Garland saw rainbows in the sky, and hundreds of songwriters and lovers saw things in the moon that never were verified by Neil Armstrong.

So there are wondrous things to be seen in the sky, and youngsters and other people who look up at the clouds have few limits on what the imagination can offer, and there are no limits to places you can go in your mind.



MR. and MRS. CHARLES POTTS

**Couple to celebrate 60th Anniversary**

Charles and Gertrude Potts, of Hartshorne, OK, formerly of Tahoka, will renew their vows and celebrate 60 years of marriage on Saturday, July 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Hartshorne.

The celebration will be hosted by their children, Charles Potts, Jr. and wife Sondra of Lawton, Ok; four daughters, Phyllis McClode and Vern Younger of Hartshorne, Ok, Nina Truedell and husband Paul of Macks Creek, Mo., Beverly Canaga and husband Ross on Winnsboro, and Linda Ferguson and husband Edward of Colorado City.

**Buy tickets now for O'Donnell's Centennial chuck wagon dinner**

Anyone wanting to dine chuck-wagon style at O'Donnell's Centennial Celebration on Saturday, July 10 must buy their tickets in advance, to allow for planning, according to sponsors. The Grubelnik Chuck Wagon Dinner is set to begin at 12 noon at the Community Center on Nassau Road. Call Frances Stephens at 806-428-3335 to reserve tickets. Tickets are \$15 each, and checks can be made payable to the O'Donnell Centennial Celebration, attention Frances Stephens, P.O. Box 306, O'Donnell, Tx 79351.

The menu, which will all be cooked onsite by the Grubelnik chuck wagon chefs, includes chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, brown beans, sour dough rolls, and peach cobbler.

Afternoon festivities of the 100th year celebration begin at 1:30 p.m. See a Precious Treasures display and Horse Shoe western art by George Davis of Clovis, NM at the Masonic Lodge, and O'Donnell Museum

will have several special displays depicting O'Donnell's history. Downtown events include live displays of cream separating and butter churning, buggy rides, trick roping, lye soap making, and free lemonade and water.

At 3 p.m. there will be a commemoration of the arrival of the first train in O'Donnell, with guest speakers and entertainment. Fun games for the young and young-at-heart include hopscotch, drop the hankie, jump rope, horse shoe and washer pitching, tops, yoyos, and ring games.

The Rodeo Parade starts at 6 p.m. Saturday will also conclude the final night of the "Biggest Little Rodeo in Texas" slated for July 8-10 at the O'Donnell rodeo grounds.

An additional Centennial Celebration is also being planned for Saturday, Sept. 11, in conjunction with O'Donnell Homecoming events on Sept. 10.



KATHERINE SKALSKY and MATTHEW SANDERS

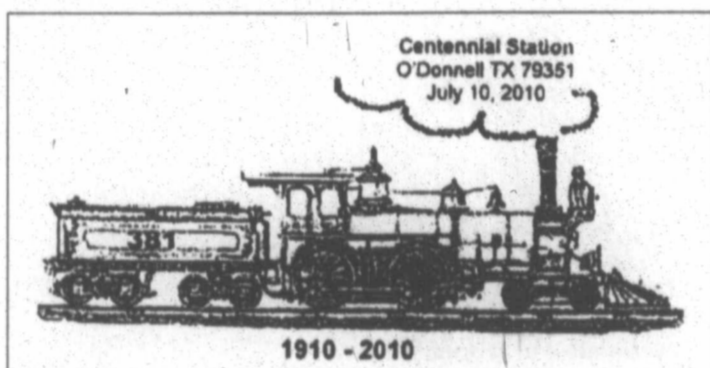
**Couple announce engagement**

Sue Skalsky of Hartley, is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Katherine Skalsky, to Matthew Sanders, son of Steve and Judy Sanders of Tahoka.

The future bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Hartley High School and received her Associates Degree in Radiography from Amarillo College in 2005. She is currently employed at B&W Pantex.

Sanders is a 2001 graduate of Tahoka High School and received his Bachelors Degree in Finance from Texas Tech University in 2005. He is currently employed at FirstBank Southwest.

The couple plan to marry on September 4, 2010 at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas and will reside in Amarillo.



**Pictorial postmark ...** This special pictorial postmark will be available for O'Donnell's Centennial Celebration featuring the first train that arrived in O'Donnell in 1910. The centennial postmark will be available on July 10, 2010 during the Centennial Celebration, to be stamped on postcards or envelopes. Any mail-in request will be accepted for 30 days after the event, by mailing the request to: Centennial Station, Postmaster, 809 Doak Street, O'Donnell, TX 79351-9998.

**ADOPT A PET!**

Lynn County Animal Shelter lists adoptable pets online at [www.Petfinder.com](http://www.Petfinder.com). At the website, simply enter Tahoka, TX in the location box to bring up photos and lists of adoptable pets at Lynn County Animal Shelter and surrounding areas.

Lynn County Animal Shelter  
Abbey Redman, Director  
806-561-4056

**Senior Citizens MENU**

**JULY 5-9**

**Monday:** CLOSED Happy 4th of July

**Tuesday:** Hot open-faced turkey sandwiches, oven fries, cucumber & red onion salad, cranberry, fresh fruit

**Wednesday:** Chicken & cheese enchiladas, Mexican rice, red beans, lettuce & tomato, brownies

**Thursday:** Baked ham, mac & cheese, tossed salad, bread, fruit cocktail

**Friday:** Chicken fried steak w/ gravy, baked potatoes, cauliflower w/ cheese sauce, tapioca pudding

**Reminders and Activities:**

- Mark your calendars: Sunday, August 8! The Senior Citizens Center will be hosting, we hope this will be an annual event, to benefit The Center Meal Program. There will be food, giveaways and live local entertainment. Please make plans to attend and support the continued good works of the Senior Citizens Center. An invitation will be extended to all the residents and business owners of Lynn County to attend and support the continued good works of the Senior Citizen Center.
- Special Request: The Senior Citizen Center homebound program is in need of a new delivery vehicle. If you have a late model jeep, Explorer or similar vehicle that is in good working condition that you would consider donating, please contact Bianca at 561-5264.
- Weekly domino night, Mondays at 6:00. Everyone is invited to join in!
- Our cookbook, "Timeless Treasures" is available for \$12 each at the Center, Lynn County News, Virginia's Beauty Salon, Huffaker Law Office and the City/County Library.
- Remember your Senior Citizen center if your garden bounty is especially overflowing this year. We graciously welcome all fresh fruit and vegetable donations.

**FBC LUNCH MENU**

**JULY 6-9**

**Monday:** Holiday

**Tuesday:** Pizza, salad, fruit, milk

**Wednesday:** Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

**Thursday:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, bread, fruit, milk

**Friday:** Hot dog, carrot sticks, fruit, milk

Free lunch is served from 12:00-1:00 daily at the FBC play

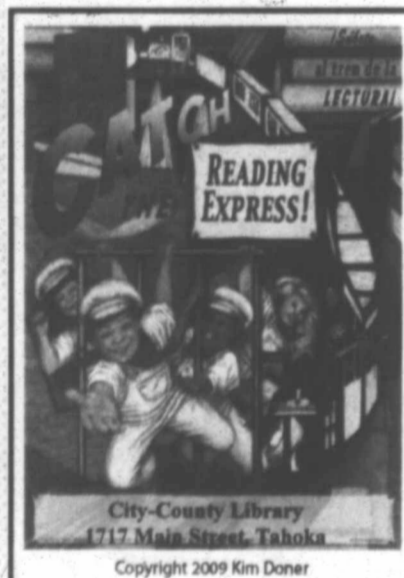
area, located behind the church or (Fellowship hall if weather is bad) for all children ages 1-18.

For questions or more information contact First Baptist Church at 561-4557.

**Pleasant Grove MENU**

**Sunday, July 4th Menu:** Fried chicken, chicken fried steak, pork chops, macaroni & tomatoes, fried okra, mashed potatoes and dessert.

Call in orders at 561-1019.



**It's Almost Time For Summer Reading at the City-County Library!**

Let's learn all about trains and the places they can take you!

Kids who will be in grades 1-5 in the fall of 2010 will have programs from 10 a.m. to noon on the following dates:

Monday, July 12  
Monday, July 19  
Monday, July 26

Kids who will be in Kindergarten or younger in the fall of 2010 will have programs from 10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday, July 13  
Tuesday, July 20  
Tuesday, July 27

For more information contact the library at 561-4050:

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Annual Independence Day Picnic & Fireworks Show**

**Wilson City Park • Friday, July 2nd**

**FREE Hot Dogs and Drinks at 8:00 p.m. Fireworks start at Dark**

**BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND ENJOY!**

*We join First Bank & Trust in saluting our Military!*

Hometown Heroes photos will be on display.

Barrels will be available for donations of items to be sent to our soldiers overseas.

Suggested items include: Toiletries, Snacks, Drink Mixes ... more complete lists of suitable items can be picked up at First Bank & Trust, Wilson and Tahoka. NO GLASS CONTAINERS, PLEASE.

**Obituary Notices -- POLICY --**

There is no charge for obituary notices, subject to editing. If you wish the obituary to read exactly as sent, there is a \$35 fee. Photos may be included at no additional charge. The Lynn County News will publish obituaries with any connection to Lynn County. Information may be sent to The Lynn County News, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373, faxed to 806/561-6308, or e-mail: [LynnCoNews@poka.com](mailto:LynnCoNews@poka.com).

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**Dominoes anyone?...** This grandson/grandfather pair has traveled across Texas, stopping at each county courthouse, setting up, and playing a game of dominoes. In front of the Lynn County Courthouse is Blaine Rhodes, (left) of Winnie, and Travis Pair of San Marcos, who have covered 170 out of 254 counties and counting. The pair has been traveling during spring break and when school is out for the summer. After leaving Tahoka on Tuesday afternoon, they were going east towards Post.

(LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

### Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department has 20 members

Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department has long served the citizens of Tahoka and Lynn County, comprised of 20 men who volunteer their time and expertise to prepare and train as firemen, and who meet every other Monday evening for two-hour training sessions for training and certification.

Steve Sanders is Fire Chief, and the department currently has six vehicles including a 5,000-gallon tanker truck to haul water, a pumper truck, two brush trucks for grass fires, one rescue truck, and an old converted ambulance that hauls men and/or equipment. In addition, the department recently acquired an old army truck from the U.S. Forestry Service, at no cost, which they are converting for usage in fighting grass fires.

Other members of the Tahoka VFD are Ross Aten, Vernon Baker, Aaron McClesky, Brady Askew, Heath Brewer, Scott Dimak, Shi Dotson, Robert Guierrez, Kent Stone II, Ralph Huffaker, Kevin Larpenfer, Jeff Martin, Eric Prieto, Bryan Reynolds, Bill Schoemann, Trent Scott, Davy Stone, Clay Taylor, and Matt Taylor.



**Volunteer firemen retire ...** Four longtime members of the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department retired from service during the last year, representing a total of 109 years of service to the local fire department. Math Bartley (left), former fire chief, had 32 years of service, from 1977-2009; Brad Hammonds served 25 years, from 1985-2010; Tony Botkin had 23 years of service, 1987-2010; and Tommy Botkin (far right), served 29 years on the Tahoka VFD, from 1981-2010. The four were honored recently at a VFD meeting on June 21, and presented with honorary belt buckles featuring the VFD logo and their names and dates of service.



**Tag, you're out ...** Tahoka All Stars player Aaron Olivian tags out a runner in a Saturday game in a Little League All-Stars Tournament in O'Donnell this past weekend.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

**WARNING: All Animal Owners**  
**IT IS AGAINST THE LAW: DOGS ON CHAINS**  
 It is against the law under certain circumstances to restrain an animal by rope/chain or other tethering device. Dogs may be restrained by a fenced yard, kennel or running line.  
**Failure to comply will result in removal of the animal and legal action.**  
**Lynn County Animal Control**  
 Abbey Redman, Director  
 806-561-4056

### Order Food From "Provider's Pantry"

"The Provider's Pantry" food ministry, under the direction of Tahoka Trinity Church, will be accepting monthly food orders at Tahoka Trinity Church on Friday, July 9th from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Orders using Lone Star cards will also be taken at this time.

This will be the last date to pay and place orders for the month and no orders will be taken after 6:00 p.m.

Distribution of food boxes will be Saturday, July 24, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Tahoka Trinity Church, 1925 Lockwood. For more information, contact Polly Smullen at 786-5349 or Charlene Williams at 759-4565.



**VBS swimmers...** Callie Nevill and Noah Williams enjoy fun in the sun at the city pool, at a swimming party provided by Tahoka First Baptist Church to conclude Vacation Bible School.

(Photo by Carol Harbison)



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- TYSON GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH ... **\$2<sup>99</sup>**
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- TYSON CHICKEN BISCUIT ..... **\$2<sup>29</sup>**

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- WIRED ENERGY DRINK 16 OZ. / 1 @ REG. PRICE OR ..... **2 FOR \$2<sup>00</sup>**
- SOBE LIFE WATER 20 OZ. .... **99¢**
- AQUAFINA 20 OZ. .... **99¢**
- TAMPICO ASSORTED FLAVORED DRINKS GALLON ..... **2 FOR \$3<sup>00</sup>**
- PLAIN'S ASSORTED FRUIT DRINKS GALLON ..... **2 FOR \$2<sup>22</sup>**
- BLUE BUNNY CHAMP CONES VANILLA OR CARAMEL BUY ONE GET ONE FREE
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- COLORTEX BATHROOM TISSUE 4 ROLL PKG. .... **99¢**
- COLORTEX MOPPER TOWELS SINGLE ROLL PKG. .... **99¢**



**Peeps win 2nd ...** The Tahoka Peeps placed 2nd in their Third Annual Peeps Invitational Softball Tournament held last weekend. The Peeps overcame tough competition in scorching heat, falling only to Lubbock Christian Knockouts. Coach Paul Henderson praised the Peeps' effort and performance in all five hard-fought games. Pictured in back from left are Shelby Fant, Shelbee Forsythe, Coach Paul Henderson, Coy Mercer, Amanda Hill, and Megan Alvarado; standing in front from left, M'Lin Hill, Miranda DeLeon, bat boy Paxton Gwin, Laura Henderson, Kara Larpenier, Caley Bingham, and Marissa Wright; and seated in front, Maci Dimak. The Peeps would like to thank Leighton Knox with Wildcat Mfg. and Fitness, and Rusty Cook with Quick Stripe Paving for their generous support.

**T-Bar sets member-member golf tourney, annual meeting**

T-Bar Country Club will have their Member-Member golf tournament and Annual Meeting on Friday and Saturday, July 10-11. Tee times for the tournament on Friday are 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and entry fee is \$50 per person.

T-Bar Country Club's Annual Meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 10. To enter the tournament, call Cherry at T-Bar at 998-5305.

**Auction funds new scanner at hospital**

Funds from the annual hospital benefit auction and fish fry have been used to purchase a new computerized radiography scanner at Lynn County Hospital, administrator Jim Morris advised hospital board members last Thursday.

Morris said the scanner will "greatly increase the quality of x-ray images" at the facility.

At the regular monthly meeting of the board, trustees approved a resolution of support to maintain the hospital's Level IV trauma designation with the state, a necessary step for the trauma level designation application, a process which takes place every two years.

The board also approved a nurse staffing policy that addresses the hospital's plan for nurse-to-patient coverage as well as preparing for additional coverage if needed.

A Lynnwood rate review was tabled until the next meeting, and the transition to a new EMS director was discussed.

All board members were present, with President Jerry Ford presiding. Others present were members Cal Huffaker, Jannis Horwood, Frances Truehart, James Craig, Victoria Baker, and Nancy Guilliams.



**Ball handler ...** Caley Bingham makes a throw on Saturday in a summer softball tournament held in Tahoka. Caley is a member of the Tahoka Peeps team, which won second place in the tournament. There were six teams in the tourney, including a Tahoka JV team and teams from Levelland, Muleshoe, Sudan, and Lubbock Christian. The Tahoka Peeps team is comprised of girls in 7th-8th grades. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

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1617 MAIN STREET, TAHOKA

**Guitarist in world competition performed here**

Dustin LeRoy Garrett of Lubbock has won a couple of guitar competitions in the "King of the Blues" world guitar competition event, winning the Lubbock and Austin competitions at Guitar Center stores' nationwide event. He is now in line to compete July 16 in Dallas, one of five regional competitions from which five finalists will advance to competition in Hollywood in September.

Tahokans may remember Garrett from his performances here for three years running at the NAS Chili Cookoff and Music Festival held in July. He headlined the musical portion of the event for three of the annual events, the last of which he performed in 2007.

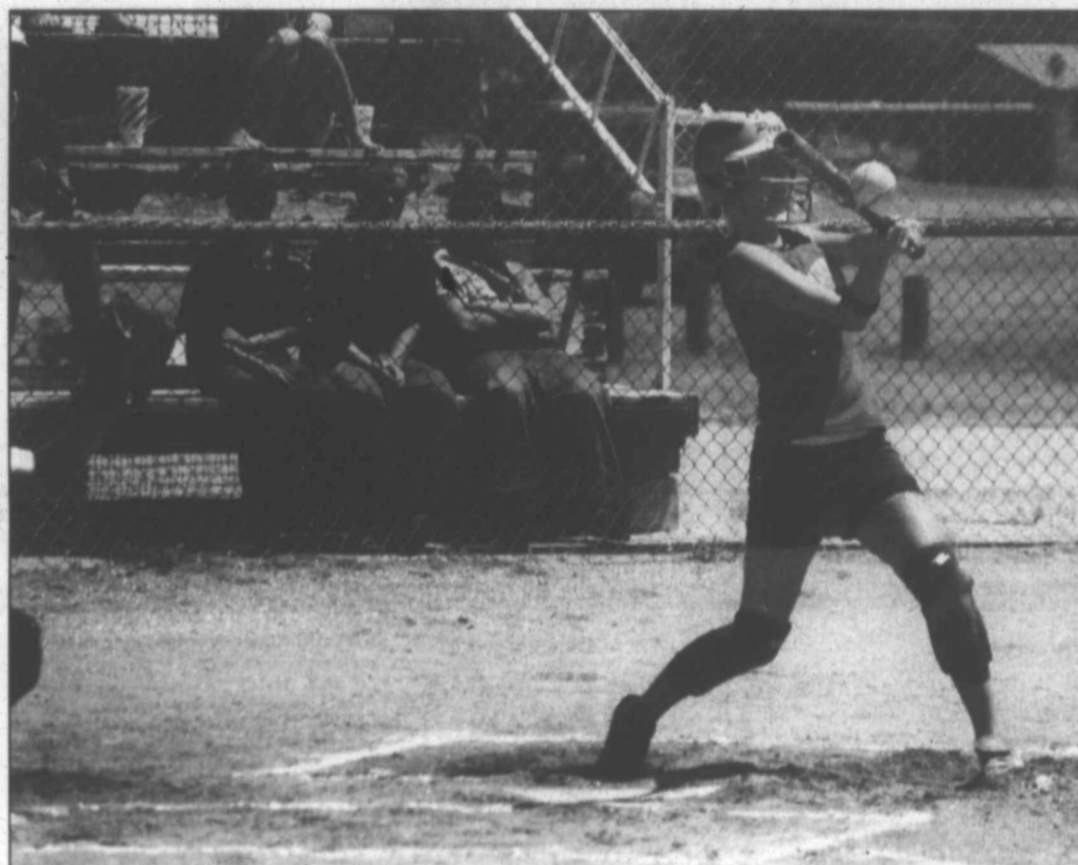
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## Rep. Heflin hosts West Texas Agriculture Issues Summit with near-capacity crowd attending

(Crosbyton - June 28, 2010) State Representative Joe Heflin hosted the first-ever West Texas Agriculture Issues Summit at the Plainview Civic Center earlier this month. Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples presented the keynote address, and a number of other government and agriculture industry leaders addressed current issues facing agriculture in West Texas for a near-capacity crowd.

Legislative redistricting was

a dominant topic, with State Senator Robert Duncan (Lubbock) saying that legislative seniority within the West Texas delegation will play an important role in assuring that West Texas retains maximum representation in Austin. Redistricting affects things like the amount of federal funding a region will receive, and that always impacts infrastructure such as schools, roads and utilities, Duncan said. "Our challenge," he said, "will be to preserve as many seats as we

can (for West Texas)."

Commissioner Staples told the group, "We need policies that will support urban and rural Texas...and then we need to remind our urban neighbors that...we need policies that continue to support production agriculture.... We need to continue to look for technology and assure that's being dispersed to rural areas. That's why we need to keep our taxes low so that we can attract jobs and businesses and investment to rural areas," he added.

Other speakers and topics at the summit included State Representative Joe Pickett (El Paso) on transportation, Representative David Swinford (Dumas) on wind energy, and Representatives Hardcastle (Vernon) and Heflin on other alternative energy sources, including solar, nuclear, and coal. Eric Beverly of the Texas Department of Rural Affairs spoke on rural economic development, and Texas Farm Bureau Legislative Director Billy Howe addressed water issues.

The group was welcomed by Plainview Mayor John Anderson, and Rep. Heflin thanked the speakers as well as the local community leaders and involved citizens who attended the summit. "We have a new session coming up in 2011," Heflin said, "and the representatives and senators really want to know what agriculture and local communities see as the main issues for the coming session."

Rep. Heflin represents Texas House District 85. He may be reached at his Capitol Office in Austin, 512-463-0604, at his District Office in Crosbyton, 806-675-0017, or in Big Spring, at 432-213-2897.

### Notice

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

The County of Lynn - Grassland Water Supply Corporation, TxCDBG #728261, will receive bids for construction of Water System Improvements until 2:00 P.M. on the 27th day of July 2010 at the Lynn County Court House, Office of County Judge H.G. Franklin, 1501 1st St. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1167, Tahoka, TX 79373, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids are invited for the construction of the following:

#### Water System Improvements

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, are available at the office of OJD Engineering, Inc., 502 N. Dowden Rd. Suite 102 Wolforth, Texas, 79382, Phone 806-791-2300, Fax 806-791-2301. Documents may be purchased at a cost of \$50.00 per set. This fee is not refundable. Questions concerning this project should be addressed to Michael J. Adams P.E.

A Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the bid, issued by an acceptable surety, shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to County of Lynn, or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

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The County of Lynn reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the County of Lynn for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to awarding of the contract.

County of Lynn H. G. Franklin, County Judge June 22, 2010  
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Alyssa Barton

**Reserve Grand Champion ... Landry Barton of O'Donnell had the Reserve Grand Champion Prospect Steer in Ring A at the Golden Spread Classic Steer & Heifer Show on June 26.**

Landry Barton

## Hope Lodge offers free cancer patient lodging

The American Cancer Society opened the doors to Texas' first Hope Lodge on Tuesday, June 29 with ribbon-cutting ceremonies officiated by Lubbock dignitaries, who officially introduced Hope Lodge to Lubbock.

Located at 3511 10th Street in Lubbock, this "home away from home" will offer 11,680 nights of free lodging each year for cancer patients who must travel more than 40 miles one-way for treatment.

The facility offers 32 new and spacious private guest rooms, a kitchen, dining room, laundry facilities, library, prayer room, activity room, day rooms and a living room.

Each year, an estimated 2,200 patients travel more than 50 miles one-way to Lubbock for cancer treatment. These patients can spend days, weeks, even months away from home. The emotional and financial toll of the loss of income, medical bills, hotel rooms and dining out can be staggering. Some of these patients may even forego the most effective treatment due to the mounting costs. Hope Lodge Lubbock will save cancer patients an estimated \$1.3 million annually in hotel expenses.

"When the best hope for recovery lies with a cancer center far from home, Hope Lodge provides a comfortable, nurturing environment where patients and caregivers can stay during treatment and focus on what is most important - fighting cancer," Mike Dany, Society Chief Executive Officer - High Plains Division said. "We are proud to help demonstrate our continued commitment to reducing the cancer burden by opening this home away from home for cancer patients in West Texas and beyond."

Including Lubbock, there are 30 Society Hope Lodges nationwide -- in 16 states and Puerto Rico. Hope Lodges provide more than comfortable lodging; they also provide trained staff that offer emotional support, critical cancer care information and compassion. The lodges serve a unique role in bringing together cancer patients and caregivers who emotionally support each other and learn from one another.

Hope Lodge Lubbock is unique. It is the first Hope Lodge in Texas and also being located outside a major metropolitan area. Typically, Hope Lodges are located in larger cities, but it was medical professionals and community leaders in Lubbock who recognized the tremendous need.

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