

These pictures were taken at T-Bar Country Club golf course Sunday night, as the soggy weather cleared in time for Tahokans celebrating the Fourth of July to shoot fireworks. Several groups of people gathered at the golf course to send fireworks into the sky, captured here with a digital camera with a "fireworks" setting.



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Try again ... Fireworks show set Friday night

Since the park was under water, Wilson's July 4th fireworks show has been postponed to this Friday night, July 9, when show organizers will try again to celebrate Independence Day with a picnic and fireworks show hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson. The fun starts at 8 o'clock Friday, July 9 at the Wilson City Park, offering free hot dogs and drinks prior to the fireworks show that starts at dark.

"It's a week late, but we can still celebrate America's Independence Day, and we hope that area citizens will come join in the fun," said Sharon Isham, one of the organizers of the event.

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The great independence Day flood

Rain floods roads, causing travel problems

by JUANELL JONES

Travel in Lynn County was no problem during the Independence Day weekend - if your vehicle converted to a boat, that is.

The rains came down in a steady deluge from Thursday through Sunday, with reports of anywhere from 7 inches to as much as 14 inches measured in different areas of the county. Hwy. 380 between Tahoka and Post had several areas underwater, with cars stranded and rescue vehicles working overtime. and U.S. 87 near O'Donnell was a vast lake under several feet of water, with TxDOT eventually closing the road from traffic on Sunday, rerouting vehicles traveling south on Hwy. 87 at Tahoka to detour to Brownfield before being allowed to travel further south.

Two days later, on Tuesday, Hwy. 87 from Tahoka to Lamesa was still closed, although TxDOT employees were pumping water off the main flooded area one mile north of O'Donnell as fast as possible.

"We were able to get a 12-inch pump out of Midland, and it has been pumping 3,360 gallons of water per minute off the road," said Shi Dotson, with the Tahoka TxDOT office. He says they are pumping the water onto County Road 36, which is under water anyway and impassable, and hoped to open Hwy. 87 possibly by Wednesday afternoon if all goes according to plan. He reported that the water was 24-26 inches deep at the deepest flooded area of the road north of O'Donnell.

"TxDOT officials are going up in a DPS helicopter this afternoon (Tuesday) to look at the situation, and my best guess is that by Wednesday morning we can have most of the water pumped off," said Dotson. "Then itwill take several hours to clean up the area and pick up the pipes we are using with the pump. Hopefully by mid-day Wednesday we can have Hwy. 87 open again."

Many of the county roads and several Farm-to-Market roads are also impassable because of flooding. Portions of FM 3332, FM 1054, FM 2956 and FM 1313 are reportedly under water. Officially, FM 3332 and 1313 were still closed to traffic as of Tuesday after-

Crops, roads, vehicles, tractors all were underwater in many areas of Lynn County, and a July 4th fireworks celebration was cancelled at Wilson City Park Friday night, since the park was under water. However, the Independence Day celebration has been rescheduled for Friday, July 9, and area residents are invited to a picnic and fireworks show hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson in a belated observance of America's birthday.

Reports of rainfall varied, with an

(See FLOOD, page 4)



Have boat, will travel ... Angela Traylor from O'Donnell sent this picture of the best way to travel in O'Donnell on July 4th - by boat! This picture was taken beside O'Donnell Oil & Butane on Sunday, when nearly 7 Inches of rain fell, on top of the previous 3-4 inches from Thursday through Saturday. Hwy. 87 was closed due to impassable conditions, and remained closed between Tahoka and Lamesa early this week as TxDOT workers pumped water off the road through a series of pipelines. See more pictures inside.



Flooded roads everywhere ... Water covered many roads in Lynn County after four days of rain fell from Thursday through Sunday. This photo was taken on Hwy. 380 a few miles east of Tahoka Sunday afternoon, where long stretches of road were under water, but just navigable if your vehicle was tall enough. Many travelers were reported stranded in deeper water closer to Post, according to information heard on a (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones) scanner Saturday night.

Dallas Bradley Vaughn

Funeral Services for Dallas Bradley Vaughn, 56, of O'Donnell were held on Wednesday July 7, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Lamesa with Matthew Thompson officiating. Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. He died on Saturday July 3, 2010 in Lamesa.

He was born on August 3, 1953 in Lubbock to Sue and George Don Vaughn. He graduated from Lamesa High School in 1971. He married Nell Knust on August 11, 1973, they were married for 36 years. He earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Agriculture Economics from Texas Tech University.

He is survived by his wife Nell Vaughn of O'Donnell; children, Wade Vaughn and Kyle Vaughn both of Lubbock; his parents, Sue and George Don Vaughn of Lamesa; sisters, Brenda Sykes and husband, Jack, of San Angelo, Babette Vaughn and husband, Bubba Holloway of La Porte; brother, Bruce Vaughn and wife Cathy of O'Donnell.

The family suggests memorials to First Presbyterian Church, 1305 N. Ave. G Lamesa, TX 79331 or a charity of your choice.

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Mahota Lee Williams

Services for Mahota Lee Williams, 84, of Lubbock, were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 1, 2010 at Church of Christ in Tahoka, with Ron Fant officiating. Interment was at Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka. She died on June 29, 2010. Arrangements were under the personal care of White Funeral Home in Lub-

She was born in Anson on July 19, 1925 to Charles and Lila (Morgan) Roseberry. She worked as a Licensed Vocational Nurse until retiring in 1987. She was a member of South Side Church of Christ in Lubbock.

Survivors include her daughter Tonya Kay Baker of Tyler; two sons Terry Williams of Lubbock, and Larry Williams of Lawton, OK; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and two brothers Jerry Roseberry of Fort Worth, and Jack Roseberry of Lake Leon, formerly of Tahoka.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter Sonya Williams; one son Danny Carroll Williams, one brother Charles Roseberry and one sister Jean Burris.

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Stennett-Anderson vows exchanged in double-ring ceremony

Courtney Leigh Stennett of Tahoka and H. Bryan Anderson of Rock Hill, SC were united in marriage at 6:00 p.m. Saturday April 24, 2010 at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka. Richard Harbison of Tahoka officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Betty Stennett of Tahoka and the granddaughter of Arlen and Ernestine Stennett of Acuff and the late Novis Curry of Tahoka. The groom is the son of H. Brad and Ellen Anderson of Spartanburg, SC and the grandson of Ben and Phyllis Anderson and Henry and Sandy Boykin of Camden, SC.

Escorted by her father, Gary Stennett, the bride wore a beaded tiered tulle gown with a sweep train. The ivory gown featured a full skirt with sophisticated tulle tiers and a strapless bodice with a sweetheart neckline and a beaded waist detail.

Maid of Honor was Bonnie Stennett and Matron of Honor was Stephanie McFadden, both of Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Kalie Thompson of Dallas, Ashleigh Wilcox and Elizabeth Gutierrez, both of San Angelo, D'Lyn Gill of New home and Ann Marie Molina of Colorado

H. Brad Anderson of Spartanburg, SC and Matt Welch of Twinsburg, OH served as best men. Groomsmen were Chann Carrol, Chris Carrol and Jesse Schlisher, all of Rock Hill, SC, Henry Anderson, Spartanburg, SC, and Kevin Anderson of Columbia, SC.

M'Kenna McFadden, niece of the bride was flower girl and Cameron McFadden, nephew of the bride, served as ring bearer. Both are from Lubbock.

Soloists were Byron Norwood of Tahoka, H. Bryan Anderson (groom), Jesse Schlisher, Chann Carrol, Chris Carrol and Matt Welch, all of Rock Hill, SC, and Henry Anderson of Spartanburg, SC.

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A reception was held at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Tahoka.

Following a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple will reside in Rock Hill, SC. The groom is a 2003 graduate of Clemson University and is employed by Action Industrial Group. The bride is a 2004 graduate of Angelo State University and is employed through CoCo Pilates.

The bride and groom were honored June 12, 2010 with a reception in Fort Mill, SC. The reception was given by the groom's aunt and uncle, Phil and Zan Baity.

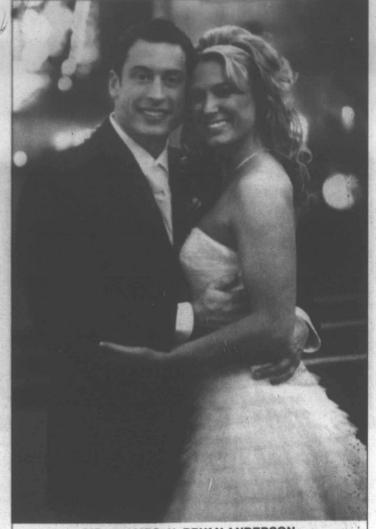
City Pool open to **public Friday Night**

The Tahoka City Pool will be open to the public Friday evening, July 9th, from 7:00 p.m. til 11:00 p.m. The entry fee will be four donated canned goods per person. Local DJ, Edward Gomez, of "Take Me Back Music" will be providing the music for entertainment. Free hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

Other locals giving of their time to helping us make this a community family fun night are; A & R Roofing, Hernandez Tire Service, Tahoka Body Shop- Joe Barrientez, Gabriel Guerrero, Ricky Benavidez, Tino Deleon and his crew, Reggie Moore, Jr. and family, Tony Calvillo and family, Eugene Tomano and family, and also Richard Calvillo (Calvillo Funeral Home-Lubbock).

Bianca Baker, Director of the Lynn County Senior Citizens and staff will set-up dropoff collection containers. Ms. Baker is pleased and appreciative of this event. All canned goods will benefit the Senior Citizens Center.

The Carlos Moralez family is sponsoring and coordinating this event. "All area residents are invited and welcome to come join our family," said Mo-



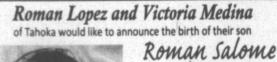
MR. and MRS. H. BRYAN ANDERSON

Rabies Clinic set in Wilson

A pet rabies clinic will be held in the City of Wilson on Saturday, July 10 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at City Hall, side door of the Green Building.

Vaccines include rabies \$10, DHLPPC with or without Lymes \$37.50; De-wormer is \$15.00. Assorted pet supplies and flea and tick products will also be available for purchase.

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





Lopez Born June 29, 2010 at 5:12 p.m. in Lubbock 8 lbs., 6 oz. • 20-1/2 inches **GRANDPARENTS:**

Joey & Mary Helen Barrientez and Fabian & Esperanza Toscano, all of Tahoka; Raul & Sara Lopez of **GREAT-GRANDPARENTS:** Arnold & Carol Hernandez of Lub-

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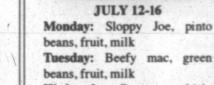
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Free lunch is served from 12:00-1:00 daily at the FBC play area, located behind the church or (Fellowship hall if weather is bad) for all children ages 1-18. For questions or more information contact First Baptist Church

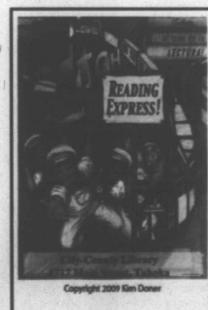




Wednesday: Parmesan chicken, mashed potatoes, bread, Thursday: Hamburger, pork n

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at 561-4557.



For more information contact the

library at 561-4050.

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 10a.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 10a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the following dates:

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

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gift card, and other prizes include a \$400 gift card, a \$300 gift card, a \$200 gift card, and

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to those in attendance.

A \$1 raffle ticket is being

for July 11

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DO YOU KNOW anybody whose home or vehicle is not air-conditioned, or anyone who doesn't own a television set, cell phone or even a computer? Maybe you do, but they are rare these days, although I learned that a 2005 survey indicated that only 76 per cent, or three out of every four Americans own computers.

I would have figured that figure to be higher. All of my close friends and relatives own computers and can be reached by e-mail, except this one couple who live at Silverton and refuse to get one. (I don't know why, either. He could afford it, but just doesn't like the idea of computers).

This friend does have a cell phone, although he resisted that idea for a while-I think he believed a cell phone was a land line into the Briscoe County jail

Anyway, I have a feeling that every person in the world over the age of 10 has a cell phone, except for a few people who just don't

The thing is, most of us accept something new, like TV, or air conditioning in cars and homes, as a luxury, then quickly it becomes a necessity we just can't do without. I remember when cars and homes weren't air conditioned, but once we had those things, we considered them necessary. We all now feel very put out when any of those things fail.

The very first car I ever owned, a 1940 Chevrolet bought in 1950, was not air-conditioned. It was not much of anything, but I was very proud of it, and later I bought a little window unit with a fan, which turned when the car was moving, and which held ice or ice water. This would cool off the inside of the car a little, and those of us who had to ride inside it were glad. I think I rode in a really air-conditioned car the first time in 1957, cooled by a unit that took up a lot of room

Before that, my parents and grandparents grew up in an era that had no TV, air conditioning or computers, and did very well without those things. There were some bad things that hadn't been invented yet, too, like AIDS, cholesterol and trillion-dollar bailouts of big shots at the expense of the public.

On the whole, those must have been the good old days.

THE ARK I was trying to build behind my house is mostly gone. The wooden parts all floated away last week, and I couldn't get the metal pieces to stick together before the flood. I couldn't locate an ark welder.



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Tuesday: Beef stroganoff, salad, steamed broccoli, rolls, cake Wednesday: Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, biscuits, peach crisp Thursday: Baked pork chops, pasta salad, green beans, rolls,

sweet & saltines Friday: Carne con papas burritos, Spanish rice, red beans, lettuce & tomato, Jell-o

Summer reading program begins at local library

It's time again for the City-County Library's annual summer reading program which will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays in July with the first event slated for Monday, July 12. This year's theme is "Catch the Reading Express" and will feature several activities for kids ranging in age from toddlers up to the fifth grade. All programs will take place throughout the Life Enrichment Center, at 1717 Main in Tahoka.

The programs for children who will be in Kindergarten through fifth grades will take place from 10:00 a.m. to noon on the following Mondays: July 12, July 19, and July 26. Programs will feature reading, games, crafts, and refreshments. Adults must accompany all children in the Monday programs through the registration process upon their first visit so that emergency contact information may be collected. After registration, children may be left in the care of

the library staff and volunteers. The programs for children ages five and under will be more story time in nature and will take place from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on the following Tuesdays: July 13, July 20, July 27. All children in the Tuesday programs must be accompanied by someone aged 12 or older who will stay with them for the duration of the pro-

gram. Library Director Claudia Guin said, "Because of space and budget constraints, we will be limiting the number of children in each program. There will be no pre-registration, we will operate on a first come, first served basis. The Monday programs will be limited to the first 50 children and the Tuesday programs will be open to the first 25 children."

For more information, call the library at 561-4050.



Tahoka Stars are #1 ... The Tahoka Stars team participated in the Caprock Firecracker Open Basketball Tournament in Lubbock over the 4th of July weekend, taking home 1st place. Team members are Michaila Lopez, Taylor Morin, Haley Stephens, Andrea Garcez, Yulissa Villegas, Miranda Deleon, Clarissa Lopez, Maci Dimak and Kelsi Hilger. They are coached by Michael Deleon and Tony Rodriguez.

Sorry, road closed

... TxDOT employees have been busy diverting traffic off U.S. 87 at Tahoka since Sunday, when flooding created impassable conditions near O'Donnell. Southbound traffic was stopped at the intersection of Hwy. 380 and the U.S. 87 access road in Tahoka, and detoured to Brownfield for anyone heading towards Lamesa. Traffic was also being detoured from Lamesa, with the Hwy. 87 northbound traffic also closed. The detour route was continued through Wednesday morning as of press time, but TxDOT officials were hopeful that the road would be reopened by Wednesday afternoon.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



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A Place for You

Read John 14:1-9

Jesus said, "I am going there to prepare a place for you."

especially spending time with our grandchildren -- a boy almost five and a girl almost

answered, "Yes, but it's big enough for us and also for you when you come." Then he

surprised me by asking, "If I came to live with you forever, would you have a room for

assurance comes from the words in today's reading. God has plenty of room for all of

us. Jesus said he would have told the disciples if this weren't so. He also said he would

to live with us forever, when we go to live forever with our heavenly Father, we will find

prepare a place for each one and come back to take them to be with him forever!

My husband and I love having our daughter's family come from Texas for a visit,

On one visit our grandson commented that our house isn't a really big house. I

Just as I assured our young grandson, we are assured God has a place for us. This

Just as I assured my young grandson that we would have room for him if he came

Prayer: Christ Jesus, in you we have eternal life. We trust that your words are true and

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Wednesdays - 7 p.m.

350 N. Main New Home, TX 79383 (806) 924-7549

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Tahoka Trinity Church 1925 Lockwood · Box 1168 · Tahoka, TX 79373 Phone (806) 561-5317

PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Youth - Sundays at 7 p.m.

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16th & Houston St. - Box 136 - Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 · www.stpaulwilson.com PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.

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O'Donnell First Baptist Church

701 Standefer • O'Donnell, TX 79351 (806) 428-3236

PASTOR: SCOTT HENSLEY

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.

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- John 14:2 (NIV)

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Bible Class - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service - 6 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Wilson St. John Lutheran Church

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(806) 561-4060 · email: tcoc@poka.com MINISTER: RON FANT

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official 8.31 inches reported in Tahoka. John and Lisa Hawthorne reported 11.5 inches in a day and a half measured at their home 8.5 miles east of Tahoka, off Hwy. 380. The Draw area reportedly received 14-15 inches of rain.

The West Texas Mesonet website reported 10.11 inches for July 1-4 at the O'Donnell mesonet, which is one mile north of O'Donnell, including 6.73 inches on Sunday, July 4 when a lake formed over Hwy. 87 and forced the road closure. The Tahoka mesonet, about 3 miles northeast of Tahoka, reported 8.73 inches from July 1-4, and 8.31 inches was measured in Tahoka by Haney Wells, who reports to the National Weather Service.

Many playa lakes are full, with a lot of new lakes formed in low-lying areas, and the sounds of thousands of frogs croaking can be heard at night especially.

Some reports of snakes in town have also been heard early this week, as the reptiles are apparently seeking higher and drier ground. Joe Mercer, at 2519 N. 2nd Street in Tahoka, found a dead rattlesnake Sunday afternoon in their storage shed in the back yard, apparently killed by some other animal as its stomach was slit. The 14-inch snake had three rattles on its tail.

And at 1820 South 1st Street in Tahoka, David Perez found a rattlesnake at 5:15 a.m. Tuesday in the enclosed porch of his house, trying to get in through the front door. He called a friend, Cesar Sauceda, and the two men killed it with a hoe as it tried to hide under a desk on the porch. His wife, Maribel, reported that the snake was about two feet long and had 6 rattles on its tail.

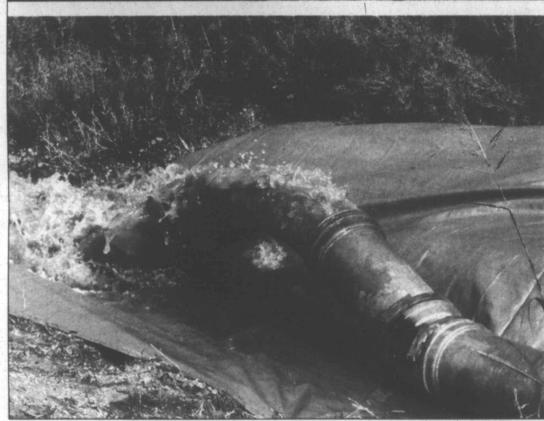
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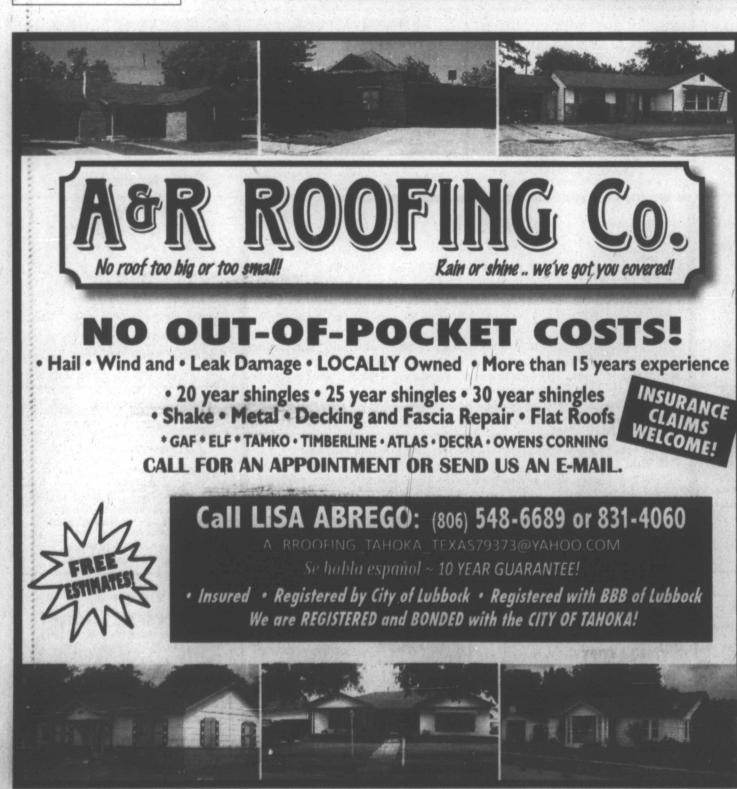
> Coming on July 26: KCBD's Community Tour will be in Tahoka Watch for upcoming details!



Pumping water off U.S. 87 ... TxDOT officials closed U.S. 87 from Tahoka to Lamesa Sunday through at least Wednesday at press time, after flooding rains made the road impassable a mile north of O'Donnell as well as in several other flooded areas in the 30-mile section. Pictured here is a 12-inch pump borrowed from Midland that pumped 3,360 gallons of water per minute off the road, piped from a section of Hwy. 87 one mile north of O'Donnell to County Road 36, which Shi Dotson with the Tahoka TxDOT office said was under water anyway and impassable. "My best guess is that, if all goes according to plan, we should be able to open Hwy. 87 to traffic by mid-day Wednesday (July 7)," Dotson told The News. Travelers on U.S. 87 were being detoured at Tahoka to drive west to Brownfield where they could take FM 137 south to Lamesa. (Photos submitted by Shi Dotson, TxDOT)







O'Donnell Centennial Celebration events set for Saturday, July 10

O'Donnell will commemorate its 100th birthday with a special Centennial Celebration this Saturday, July 10, and citizens of Lynn County are invited to participate in the fun. The birthday party will kick off with a Grubelnik Chuck Wagon Dinner at 12 noon at the Community Center on Nassau Road, but anyone wanting to purchase the chicken fried steak dinner must purchase tickets in advance by contacting Frances Stephens at 806-428-3335. 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. Due to limited parking at the community center, a shuttle will be provided from remote parking areas.

Afternoon festivities of the 100th year celebration begin at 1:30 p.m., with events set downtown as well as at the Masonic Lodge and O'Donnell Museum.

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. Down-. town events include live displays of cream separating and butter churning, buggy rides, trick roping, lye soap making, horse shoeing by the Rowlans: of Idalou, 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.

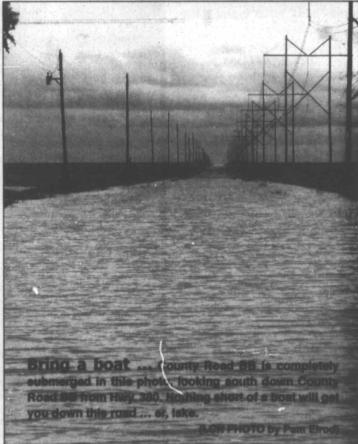
The Rodeo Parade starts at 6. p.m. Saturday will also conclude the final night of the "Biggest Little Rodeo in Texas" slated for July 8-10 at the O'Donnell rodeo grounds.

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

Snake in the house ... **David Perez found** this rattlesnake at 5:15 a.m. Tuesday In the enclosed porch of his house at 1820 South 1st Street In

Tahoka, trying to get in through the front door, apparently seeking dry ground after the rains soaked the area. He called a friend, Cesar Sauceda, and the two men killed it with a hoe as it tried to hide under a desk on the porch. The snake measured two feet long and had 6 rattles on its tall. (Photo submitted by Maribel





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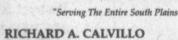
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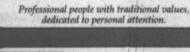
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Identity theft, family altercation reported

During the last week Tahoka Police investigated a report of identity theft and an incident of family violence resulting in no apparent serious injuries.

Last Wednesday a Tahoka man told police that he had received a phone call from a collection agency advising him that his account had been turned over to them because he owed Chase Bank in California \$178 in interest on a checking account. The Tahoka man said he called the bank to advise that he had never had an account with them and had not given anyone permission to use his identity.

On July 4th, police were called to a residence in Tahoka where a woman stated that her common law husband had struck her in the face. She told officers she would file charges.

Only four persons were added to the list of inmates at Lynn County jail last week, charged with expired drivers license plus no liability insurance, application to revoke probation on driving while intoxicated with a child passenger, DWI with an open container, and judgment on DWI with a child passenger.

Early this week, 36 persons were in county jail, with nine of those held for Lubbock County.

The Sheriff's Dept. answered 250 calls in June, including 105 for Tahoka Police Dept., 119 for Lynn County, 7 for O'Donnell, 15 EMS calls, and 4 for Tahoka Fire Dept.



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Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF NEW HOME

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM The City of New Home will hold a public hearing at 5:05 p. m. on July 14, 2010 at City Hall, 106 E. Broadway, New Home, Texas in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizens participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Jammie Clem, City Secretary, at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For further information, contact Jammie Clem, City Secretary at the City Hall, (806) 924-7514.

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 Wolfforth, 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.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Commerce and contained in the Contract Documents must be paid on the project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion,

Attention is called to General Condition 309, "Restrictions on Public Buildings and Public Works Projects". The Bidder certifies by the submission of its bid that it:

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2. Has not and will not enter into any subcontract with a subcontractor of a foreign country included on the USTR list.

3. Will not provide any product of a foreign country included on the USTR

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 27-1tc

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

> CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

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Contract 6210-82-001 for MOWING THE RIGHT OF WAY in GARZA County, etc will be opened on August 11, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$321,640.00

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 33298

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2010 RODEO QUEEN CANDIDATE



Rodeo set July 8-10 in O'Donnell

O'Donnell's Annual "Biggest Little Rodeo in Texas" will be held July 8-10 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 Rodeo Queen candidates. There two queen candidates for the 2010 rodeo, Somer Seely and Skylar Mills. Sealy, a junior at O'Donnell High School, is the daughter of Brett and Tammy Sealy. She is sponsored by the O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Department. Mills, a senior, is the daughter of Rachelle Cypert and Channon Reese. She is sponsored by O'Donnell FFA. Last year's Rodeo Queen, Kaimi Williams, daughter of Kirby and Kim Williams, will crown the 2010 queen.

The Six White Horses from Hardin Simmons University will be featured at the parade on July 10. The rodeo is UPRA, TCRA and NMRA approved, with stock from the Champion

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POLITICAL CALENDAR

Election Day is November 2, 2010 (Political advertising paid by the candidates listed)



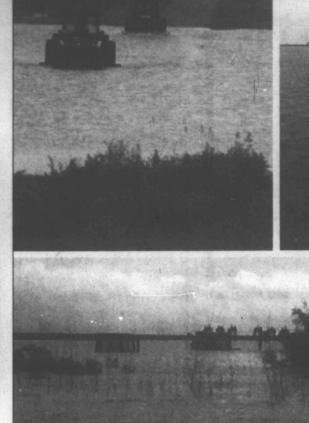
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Roads, crops, tractors all underwater ... Marty and Dina Hammonds sent these pictures to The Lynn County News of their land east of Tahoka, showing two tractors almost completely underwater in a field, and road conditions on FM 2956 and FM 3332 that are impassable. "We are assuming we have as much as 800+ acres under water. Our only way out is to go south to FM 213 then to 87 to get to Tahoka," said Mrs. Hammonds. "We have three areas on FM 2956 that are impassable at this time. We have two tractors under water (one tractor is Marty's and the other is Edgar's). The picture of the pivot is one of ours that is on FM 2956. That whole quarter section is under water as well. The last picture is FM 3332 by our house. FM 3332 closer to 87 is impassable with possibly as much as 10 feet of water over road," she added. She said they were actually going to borrow a boat on Tuesday to get to the two tractors under water and see what could be done about retrieving them. (Photos submitted by Dina Hammonds)

Cotton meeting set in Tahoka July 16

A cotton meeting for area cotton producers is set for Friday, July 16 beginning at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Farmers Coop Gin in Tahoka. The meeting is sponsored

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All donors past and present are asked to come lend a hand. The need for blood is constant, and volunteer blood donors contribute to nearly all the blood used for patient care in the United States. Only five percent of the people who are eligible to donate actually do give blood on a regular basis.

"If all who are eligible to donate would do so on a regular basis, three to four times a year, blood needs could be met and shortages could become a thing of the past," said spokesman, Brandon Baker.

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Other topics will include an insect update, cotton agronomy overview, and current crop situ-

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