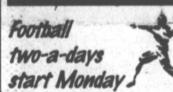


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Fun with KCBD ... Tahoka youth gathered around KCBD News Channel 11 anchors Karin McCay and Abner Euresti to wave to the cameras during Monday night's KCBD Live Community Coverage Tour in Tahoka. The event was held on the lawn of the Lynn County Courthouse, with stories about Tahoka's people and history featured on both the 6 and 10 o'clock news segments. Interviews with Mayor John Baker, long time physician Dr. Donald Freitag, Tahoka Centenarian Trudy Schuknecht, Tahoka Santa Bill Chancy, County Judge H.G. Franklin, TISD coaches and local pharmacist Haney Wells were featured. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

# **Former THS teacher faces** charges of indecency with child

Former Tahoka High School theatre slashed tires, and arrested one person for



## **City Potholes:** A report from the Mayor

Unless you live under a rock, you know the current condition of Tahoka streets. We have worked every sunny weekday and some weekends to make progress in this area. My wife has made great effort to show me a few on Avenue N, that could eat her little blue car. I have a friend who has begun fishing out of some close to his house. One resident suggested we open a new 18+ hole golf course down Avenue D. I found one with its birthday written beside it.

All kidding aside, we are concerned also. We only have a few city employees. The amount of material we can haul each day is limited. What we do not get placed in holes each day, we lose. It is no good the next day. We made the decision at City Hall to use the "hot-mix" process, which gives us a more permanent repair. Cold-mix is quicker, but does not last as well.

We will also give up the shotgun approach to patching the holes. Instead, we will begin patching one street at a time, from one end to the other (east to west) - one north side street, then one south side street. Once that is done, one north-south avenue, until we get caught up. Slow and steady, but we will get this done. This letter is not an excuse, but an explanation and to let you know that the Mayor and City Council hear your concern. Thank you for your patience, as we work through this.

John B. Baker, Mayor



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The Tahoka High School Bulldogs will begin two-a-day football practice on Monday, Aug. 2, to prepare for their 2010 season. Midnight Madness is set for midnight Thursday night (Aug. 5) until 1 a.m. Friday. The Bulldog Booster Club will host "Meet the Bulldogs" at Kelley Field on Thursday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. and the Dogs will travel to Crosbyton Aug. 27 for their season opener.

The Dogs will scrimmage Anton here on Aug. 14, and will travel to Seagraves to scrimmage Stanton and Seagraves on Aug.

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arts/speech teacher Beth LeCocq, 31, was charged with indecency with a child after she turned herself in Friday to Lynn Co. Sheriff's Dept., for charges based in Lynn County. She taught at THS for two

years, resigning at the end of the school year to accept a position in Sundown. School officials in Sundown reportedly say she has already resigned. No other information was available this week. Late afternoon sun temporarily

blinded a driver and caused an accident which injured the driver last Wednesday. Ralph Edwin Robinson, 86, told police he was unable to see a parked car in

the 1900-block of Ave. R, and his 1998 Buick Le Sabre struck the 1994 Chevrolet owned by Elena Martinez of Tahoka. Robinson was treated for injuries apparently not serious at Lynn County Hospital after being transported by EMS ambulance

Tahoka Police Dept. also took a report of criminal mischief regarding assault in regard to a family fight.

Mitchell Elrod showed police Sunday that all four tires on his vehicle had been punctured, apparently with a sharp instrument. No estimate of the damage was listed.

On Saturday, a 47-year-old woman and a 31-year-old woman were arrested for striking each other.

Twenty-eight persons were in Lynn County jail this week, including four held for Lubbock County and three for Gaines County. Charges for which new inmates were arrested included public intoxication, disorderly conduct, warrant on failure to appear and on displaying suspended drivers license, grand jury indictment on possession of marijuana, minor driving under influence plus possession of marijuana, sexual assault, driving while intoxicated, assault, warrant on furnishing alcohol to a minor, and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.



Driver hurt in crash ... The driver of this 1998 Buick Le Sabre was injured when late afternoon sun temporarily blinded the driver, Ralph Robinson of Tahoka, causing his car to strike a parked car on Ave. R.

# **County seeks disaster relief** after flood damage here

Major damage to crops, roads, homes and businesses in Lynn County from heavy rains at the beginning of July has led to the county seeking disaster assistance through the Federal Emergency

Management Agency (FEMA). In addition, Farm Service Agency office in Lynn County has applied for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture disaster relief. County judges in Lynn, Terry and Garza counties have sought the relief.

-County Judge H.G. Franklin has estimated damage-mostly around Draw and O'Donnell and in the southeast portion of the county-at \$4 million to \$5 million, although he stressed that it really is too early to put a monetary value on the losses.

It has / been estimated that more than 100,000 acres of cotton were lost to flooding. There also were six flooded homes in the county, with two houses considered total losses.

Many county roads were closed because of flooding and some were washed out, with five roads scheduled to be reopened this week.

Actual crop loss will not be determined until harvest time when the yield is evaluated.

ANY TIME someone discovers a long-buried shipwreck underwater, or under a beach, it makes an interesting story to most people, including me, because I am always fascinated by such discoveries, and eager for someone to figure out what happened and when.

But who would have ever dreamed that the workers still cleaning up the site of the murders on Sept. 11, 2001, when the twin towers were brought to the ground in New York City by Muslim monsters, would have found the remains of a small ship under the ground where the World Trade Center once stood?

A couple of weeks ago, those workers discovered the remains of a 32-foot ship under the ground, noticed after a backhoe brought up some curved timbers. An archaeologist brought to the scene said the ship apparently was used in the 18th century as part of the fill that extended lower Manhattan into the Hudson River. They are trying to learn more about it, and hoped to recover more of it intact.

The Lynn County Courthouse has been designated as an historical site, and I can't imagine anything other than a really bad tornado which could level it. We pray that will never happen, but if it does, they may discover the remains of a canoe under the building, left over from the last time we had more rain than we did this July.

That would have been the same year Noah left on his big float trip.

SOMEONE at the office was mailed a catalog of Things You Never Wanted Because You Didn't Know They Existed, only they didn't call it that, of course. This is a catalog of items you can order, if you have a lot of room left on your credit card, or in at least one instance, if you are Bill Gates, Donald Trump or one of Obama's czars.

The catalog is called Hammacher Schlemmer, and that's also the name of the company in New York City which sells this stuff. Some of the items in the catalog are pretty strange and some sound pretty good. Here are just a few:

A bladeless fan, a circular thing with no fan blades, but which supposedly blows cool air from a turbine in the base, which draws in air and propels it up to the loop amplifier. Costs \$299.

A ballpoint pen which really is a video camera, clipped into your pocket so nobody will know they are being videoed. Just \$99.

An indoor device which stops dogs from barking in the house. When the dog barks nearby, it emits an ultrasonic sound, which hurts Fido's ears and startles him into silence. Price is \$49.95.

But here's the item that got the attention of the office staff: a twoperson submarine that can descend to a depth of 1,000 feet, a climate-controlled pressure sphere that keeps explorers safe on the ocean floor or wherever, with lights, good visibility, radio and other necessary stuff. It costs a cool two million dollars, so you'd better get your VISA card really paid off before you order.

It says the price also includes "comprehensive training." I'm not sure what that means. Maybe they train you to go two hours without breathing.

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## Gabrielle **Rheanna** Garza

Rosary for Gabrielle Rheanna Garza, 8, of Lubbock was held at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m., Monday in Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church with Monsignor David Cruz officiating. Interment was at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home and Chapel. She died July 14, 2010 in Lubbock.

She was born July 25, 2001 in Ft. Worth. She was a thirdgrader at Willow Bend Elementary School. She was preceded in death by her great grandparents, Guadalupe and Theodora Garza.

Survivors include her mother, Rebecca Garza of Lubbock; her father, Israel Garcia of Lubbock; one brother, Nicolas Gonzales of Lubbock; three step brothers, Daniel, Matthew and Julian Garcia all of Lubbock; maternal grandfather, Tony Garza of Lubbock; maternal grandmother, Andrea Lara (Joe) of Tahoka; paternal grandparents, Armondo and Margaret Lopez of Ropesville; and maternal great grandparents, Juan and Sephina Paiz of Sundown.



The 2nd Annual



Landing zone training ... On July 19, 2010 the Wilson Volunteer Fire Department hosted an Aerocare Landing Zone Training at the Wilson ISD campus. The training for first responders included topics such as activation guidelines, aircraft safety, choosing and establishing a safe landing zone and communications. The class, which was attended by personnel from O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Department, Tahoka Police Department, Lynn County Sheriff's Office and Wilson Volunteer Fire Department, culminated with Aerocare landing their EC-135 helicopter for a hands on tour of the aircraft. Pictured from left are Juan Alvarado, Flight Nurse/Paramedic; Derrek Holden, FF; Craig Wilke, FF Captain; Clyde Wilke, Assistant Chief; Dusty Patterson, FF; Daniel Clark, FF; Curtis Gicklhorn, Chief; Cody Donald, FF; David Maldonado, FF-EMT; Lanny Zant, FF; Vance Laymon, Flight Paramedic; and Pat Gerdaman, EC-135 Pilot. Class instructors not pictured are Bobby Sanchez, Flight Nurse/ Paramedic; and Shirley Scholz, Program Manager-Flight Nurse/Paramedic.

# **Tahoka High School Band starts** summer rehearsals Monday

The THS Band starts preparation for another year of music, both on the marching field and the concert hall on Monday, Aug. 2.

Last year's 3-D Band placed its recording of its contest march, "Big Cage Galop" in the state finals of the ATSSB Outstanding Performance Series, which is the sixth time and seventh piece to make it to state. In addition, the Band's UIL performance made the finals of the TMEA 1A Honor Band competition. Both of these will be judged this Sunday at the Texas Bandmasters Association Convention in San Antonio.

The rehearsal schedule for the next three weeks follows. Thurs., July 29: 2:00-5:30 p.m. make new signs for the band hall (open to everyone).

Fri., July 30: 10 a.m.-12 noon freshmen & SITG marching fundamentals (even those who marched last year); wear tennis shoes, no flip-flops or sandals.

Mon.-Thurs., Aug. 2-6: 2:00-3:00 p.m. check out instruments; 3:00 p.m. freshmen & SITG marching fundamentals; 3:30-4:30 p.m. rehearse inside, everyone; 4:30-5:15 p.m. marching practice for everyone; no flipflops or sandals; 5:15-6:00 p.m. SITG marching; 7:30-8:15 p.m. -inside; 8:15-9:00 p.m.-marching practice for everyone; 9:00-9:30 p.m.- inside. Tues., Aug. 10: 3:30 p.m.-

Mon., Aug. 9: (notice time

changes) 7:00 p.m.-freshmen &

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Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser Leadership Workshop at Coronado High School - Band Council Plus. Leave: 3 p.m.

side; 7:30-9:30 p.m.-learn drill.

White Funeral Home owner Billie White-Everett retires after 62 years of service to the industry

Billie White-Everett, longtime owner of White Funeral Homes, has retired after 62 years of funeral service, and was honored with a surprise retirement party on July 23, 2010 at White Funeral Home in Lubbock, Texas. The staff presented her a plaque that read, in part: "This plaque is presented in appreciátion for 62 years of untiring service and loyalty to the funeral service industry. Your knowledge, guidance, and friendship will long be remembered, your dedication and leadership will long be followed upon."

As a young woman, Billie Frances Reed worked at a drug store in Littlefield, where she met and eventually married

### drill.

Wed., Aug. 18: 4-6:15 p.m. rehearse inside.

Thurs., Aug. 19: 17:00-8:15 p.m. learn new drill; 8:15 p.m. swimming party for all band members & SITG.

Mon., Aug. 23: 7:00-9:00 p.m.-regular weekly practice rehearsal.

Each band student should have received a letter with the above details, if not, please contact Mr. Rhodes or another band member.

This coming year is going to be challenging as the band seeks to extend its winning tradition. The THS band will entertain with music of the 21st century. Starting the show will be music of Green Day's "Know Your Enemy" followed by their ballad, "21 Gun." As a change of pace, Ricky Martin's "Livin' La Vida Loca" is next and it concludes with Lincoln Park's "New Divide."

Thurs., Aug. 12: 7:00 p.m.-Mark Saturday, October 16, on your calendars as that will be the day when the Tahoka 3-D Band performs at the UIL. All of Region 16 knows of the Fri., Aug. 13 (no rehearsal)tremendous support that Tahoka gives the 3-D Band, which contributes greatly to its success. "Mr. Smith and I are looking forward to this coming year Mon., Aug. 16: 7:00 p.m. inand the vast opportunities open to this year's band," stated di-Tues., Aug. 17: 7:00 p.m. inrector Carroll Rhodes. side; 7:30-9:30 p.m. learn new



Retiring ... A surprise retirement party in honor of Billie White-Everett was held July 23, 2010 at White **Funeral Home in Lubbock.** The staff presented her with a plaque in appreciation for her 62 years of untiring service and loyalty to the funeral service industry.

Martin Melton White. In 1947, Martin graduated from Mortuary School in Houston, and began working for the funeral home in Littlefield, and this is where their service in the funeral home industry began.

In 1955, the couple took an opportunity to manage the local funeral home in Tahoka, making their home here and raising their four children Richard, Randy, Gary and Kim. In 1959, Billie received her funeral director's license and that begana tradition of many years of funeral service.

Billie and Martin purchased Stanley Funeral Home in 1962, located on Main Street in Tahoka. They worked as a husband and wife team until the sudden and unexpected passing of Martin in 1972, after which she alone headed White Funeral Home.

In 1983, Billie married Don Everett, a rancher who also began a new career as a financial advisor and assistant in overseeing White Funeral Home's operations. As the business began to grow another location was built in Idalou, opening on January 1, 1987

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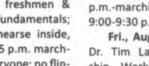
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Friday & Saturday, July 30-31 T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka

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**Big peach** ... Rebecca **Dimak of Ta**hoka took this picture of a big peach she picked from a peach tree in her yard, about the size of the softball pictured here.

In August of 1994 the Henderson Funeral Home on Broadway in Lubbock became vacant. Billie and Don purchased this funeral home and after remodeling they opened White Funeral Home of Lubbock on January 1, 1995

Billie and Don have owned and operated funeral homes in Lubbock, Floydada, Lockney, Idalou, O'Donnell, and Tahoka: Billie's motto has always been; "We care for yours as we would have ours cared for."

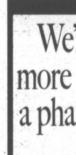
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Bunny Bungalow ... Library volunteer Rebecca Dimak captures the imaginations of these young children as she reads "Bunny Bungalow" to them at the City County Library's Summer Reading Program on Tuesday.



### Wear that Sunscreen

With the hot weather in full swing and more direct sunshine exposure and outdoor activities going; it's a good time to remind everyone to put on the sunscreen. The US Dept. of Health and Human Services makes these recommendations. When to Apply Sunscreen

· Apply sunscreen approximately 30 minutes before being

in the sun (for best results) so that it can be absorbed by the skin and less likely to wash off when you perspire.

· Remember to reapply sunscreen after swimming or strenuous exercise.

• Apply sunscreen often throughout the day if you work outdoors, and wear hats & protective clothing. This includes all the farmers out there.

### **How To Apply Sunscreen**

· Shake well before use

skin exposed to the sun, including the ears, back, shoulders, & the back of the knees and legs. Don't forget the lip balm with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30.

· Apply thickly and thoroughly. Be careful when applying sunscreen around the eyes. What To Look for When You **Buy Sunscreen** 

· Pick a broad-spectrum sunscreen that protects against UV-A and UV-B rays and has a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30.

 Read product labels. Look for a waterproof brand if you will be sweating or swimming. Buy a non-stinging product or one specifically formulated for your face.

· Buy a brand that does not contain para-aminobenzoic acid (PABA) if you are sensitive to it. • Try a sunscreen with different chemicals if your skin reacts badly to the one that you are using. Not all sunscreens have the same ingredients.

· Use a water-based sunscreen if you have oily skin or are prone to acne.

· Be aware that more expensive does not mean better. Although a costly brand might feel or smell better, it is not necessarily more effective than a less expensive product.

· Check the expiration date because some sunscreen ingredients might degrade over time.

We all need to be aware of the importance of sunscreen for our children. Each year skin cancers from sun exposures are on the rise, affecting more and more younger people. Start the practice of applying sunscreen to your children daily as you help them brush their teeth in the morning. Soon it will just become routine. Good luck and safe sunning!

## **Rent booth space** now for county **Harvest Festival**

Reservations are currently available for those wanting to rent booth space for the 2010 Lynn County Harvest Festival, to be held Saturday, Sept. 18 in Tahoka. Booth space rents for \$30 each, and must be reserved by calling Rebecca Ingle, Booth Chairman, at 561-4440 (leave message if no answer). An additional \$10 fee will be added for booths requiring electricity.

Booth space is rented on a first-come, first-serve basis, and food items are not duplicated in other booths. Booths open at 10 a.m. and remain open throughout the day.



### **Benjamin Logan Watts**

Michael and Blanda Watts of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Logan Watts, born on June 23, 2010 at 10:51 a.m. in Lubbock. He weighed 7 lbs and 7 oz and was 18-1/2 inches long. He has twin brothers Caleb and Joshua.

Grandparents are Tommy and Mary Watt of Ft. Worth and B.L. and Pam Miller of Tahoka; and Nannie Gayle, of Tahoka.



DONATIONS to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are

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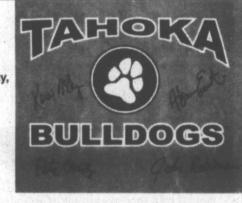
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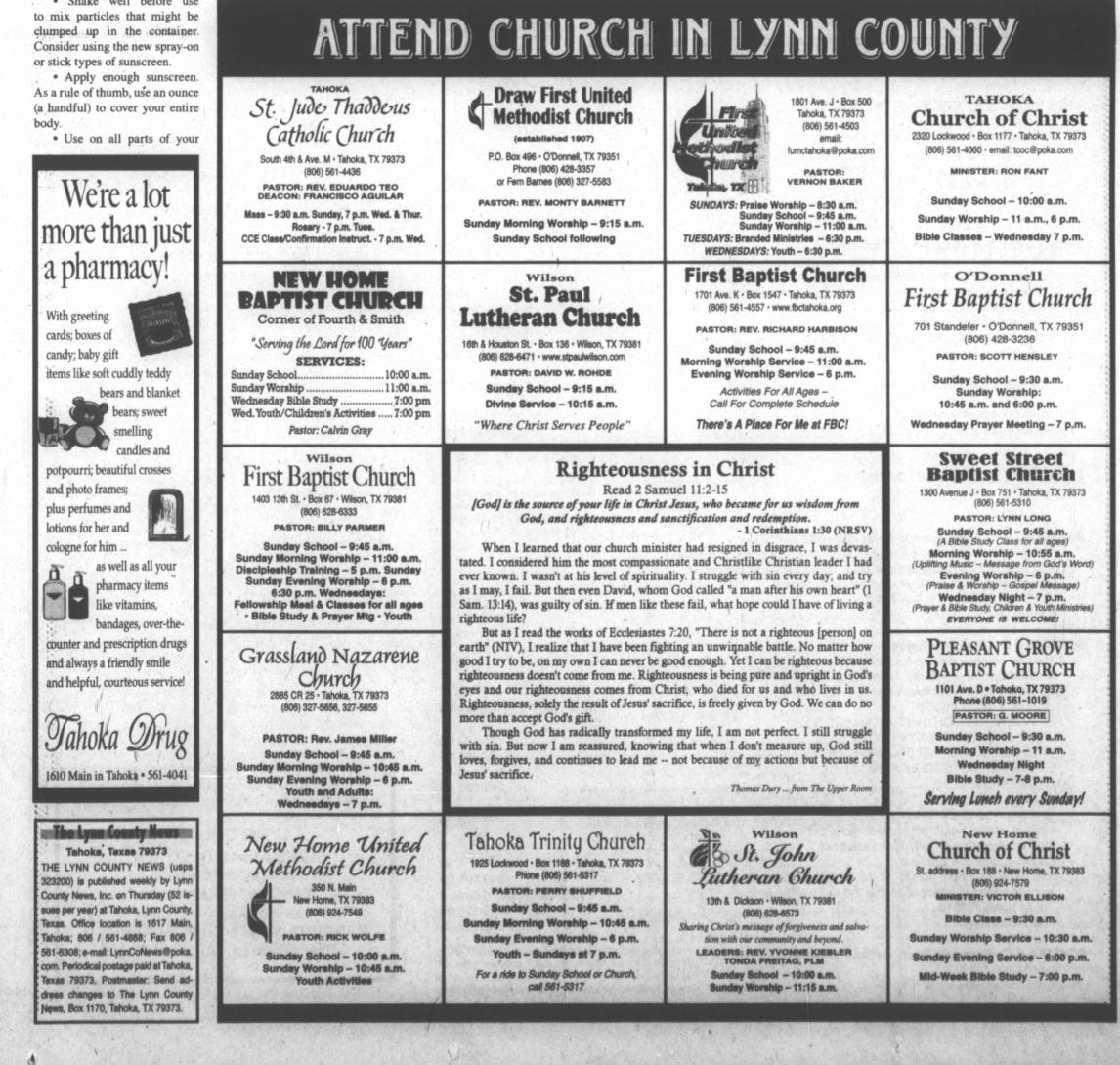
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Energy efficient upgrade... New energy-efficient windows and doors were installed at Tahoka City Hall last week, replacing the 57-year-old original windows and doors in the 1953 building that houses city offices. Funds for the project came from an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant passed down to the state from federal stimulus money, according to Mayor John Baker. City Administrator Jerry Webster said the grant was for \$23,030, and that the new energy-efficient windows and doors should significantly reduce energy bills for City Hall. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

**New Design** for Pride Corp... KCBD **News Channel 11** crew, Karen McCay, John Robinson, **Abner Euresti** and Pete Christy, chose this design out of three for the new PRIDE **CORPS** t-shirt for the upcoming



school year. Pride Corps is sending t-shirts to the News Channel 11 anchors for their help in choosing the design. The shirts, as well as tie-dyed t-shirts, can be ordered on Back-to-School night to be set at a later date or by calling Virginia Lee at 535-5854.



# Spanish-speaking Interpreter hired for county court

Lynn County Commissioners met Monday morning to consider several issues, moving to accept a contract with Max Mendieta for his services as a Spanish interpreter/translator the needed in County Court. The contract will begin Aug. 1, 2010 and end July 31, 2011, at the price of \$25 per defendant. All four commissioners voted in favor of the motion. The services will be for county court only, not for district court, according to minutes from the commissioners meeting.

In other business, the county was presented a safety award for the year 2009 by Ron Sheffield, Loss Control Representative from Texas Association of Counties. Bryan Reynolds and Amy Baugh gave commissioners an update on all activities pertaining to the AgriLife Extension Office, and monthly bills were approved.

Commissioner Mike Braddock moved to set a limit of \$1,200 per county employee to contribute as a participant in a Medical Reimbursement Plan through a National Family Care health savings plan, which commissioners unanimously approved. The health savings plan will be offered as an option to county employees.

Commissioners approved a contract setting a \$2,500 fee for a permit for installation of pipe-



Welcome to Tahoka ... A good crowd of Tahoka citizens welcomed KCBD to town Monday night for KCBD's Live Community Coverage Tour in Tahoka. A portion of the crowd is pictured here in front of the Lynn County Courthouse, ready to cheer for the KCBD cameras. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

lines in Lynn County, to allow the City of Lubbock to apply to cross county roads with a pipeline. The contract is similar to one signed by Garza County for the same purposes.

An agreement to conduct

joint elections with the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District with the Nov. 2 General Election was approved. Commissioners also worked on the 2010-2011 budget before adjourning at noon.

Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin presided with commissioners Mike Braddock, Don Blair, Keith Wied, and Brad Hammonds present, as well as other county officials.



FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY with coleslaw & hushpuppies from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 1 Menu: Fried chicken, smothered pork chops, sweet potato casserole, greens, navy beans, corn, mashed potatoes, banana pudding.

Call in orders at 561-1019.

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### EFFECTIVE TAX RATE NOTICE OF

This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for LYNN COUNTY for the five taxing entities listed below. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:	LYNN COUNTY	LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT	CITY OF TAHOKA
Last year's operating taxes\$	2,389,158.59	774,326.32	459,524.84
Last year's debt taxes	294,060.35	0	0
Last year's total taxes\$	2,683,218.94	774,326.32	459,524.84
Last year's tax base\$	311,603,640.00	312,922,335.00	61,513,573.00
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SCHEDULE A - Unencumbered Fund Balances The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation. TYPE OF PROPERTY TAX FUND BALANCE	2009 taxes by \$21,642. GENERAL 888,713.00	\$0.237543 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2009 taxes by \$6,356. GENERAL 0.00	value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2009 taxes by \$4,534. GENERAL 20,000.00
STATEMENT OF INCREASE / DECREASE	If LYNN COUNTY adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.826414 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to	If LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of	If CITY OF TAHOKA adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$ 0.756543 per \$100 of
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= This year's effective tax rate\$ (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	0.826414/\$100	0.237543/ \$100	0.756543/ \$100
<ul> <li>This year's adjusted tax base\$         (after subtracting value of new property)</li> </ul>	324,528,730.00	325,876,750.00	60,705,090.00
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE: Last year's adjusted taxes	2,681,951.58	774,099.46	459,260.25





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Treasure finder ... Emily Byrum (right) found the KCBD Finders Keepers treasure after just one clue released at noon Monday, rushing to the courthouse after she read "For News Channel 11's Tahoka treasure, stand Mainly between the Ones, and set your gaze southward." So, standing on Main Street between N. 1st and S. 1st, and seeing the courthouse, she searched until finding the blue bag on the unused third floor, inside the old jall cell. KCBD's Abner Euresti gives Emily a chance to speak as a representative from Anderson Bros. Jewelers presents a diamond necklace valued at \$2500 to Mrs. Byrum.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



# Effective tax rates published for county, hospital and cities

Lynn County Appraisal District is publishing the effective tax rates for the cities of Tahoka, New Home and Wilson, Lynn County Hospital District and Lynn County taxing entities in this issue of The News. An effective tax rate is the rate it would take to impose the same

total taxes as the previous year. All taxing entities are in the process of discussing budgets and will soon propose tax rates for the upcoming year, based on projected costs and operations figures in each entity.

Lynn County currently has a tax rate of 86-cents (.861100)

per \$100 of property value, and this year's effective tax rate is four cents lower, at 0.826414, according to the figures released by the Appraisal District. The effective tax rate is the maximum rate allowed unless the taxing entity publishes notices and holds hearings, so even if

the county chooses to keep the same rate of .861100 it would be considered a tax increase because of the effective tax rate set at 82-cents.

Marquita Scott, Chief Appraiser at Lynn County Appraisal District (LCAD), said the reason for the county's effective tax rate being a lower figure is due to several factors. "The biggest factor is in our mineral values," she told The News. "Mineral values increased, and also there is one new well in the county. Last year's mineral value was \$24 million for Lynn County, but this year the mineral value is \$37 million," she explained.

She also said that utility values increased somewhat for the county, and that there is \$2 million in new property values, including new buildings or improvements on existing properties. Residential market values in the county remained about the same, but there was a \$2 million increase due to the 10 percent cap on property values - that is, residential properties whose value increased again this year because values may only increase by up to 10 percent each year until the property reaches its market value, and certain properties that were capped last year had the additional value added this year. Lynn County Hospital District's effective tax rate is 0.237543, about a penny lower than the current tax rate of 0.247450. The City of Tahoka, however, showed about a penny increase in its effective rate of 0.756543 compared to the current tax rate of 0.747030.

### NOTICE OF EFFECTIV RAT

This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for LYNN COUNTY for the five taxing entities listed below. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:	CITY OF NEW HOME	CITY OF WILSON	
Last year's operating taxes\$	33,977.73	77,950.47	
Last year's debt taxes\$	0	0	
Last year's total taxes\$	33,977.73	77,950.47	
Last year's tax base\$	7,536,204.00	10,008,920.00	
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"The City of Tahoka lost some value, from taking some properties off the tax rolls due to foreclosures, and a slight decrease in utility values," said Scott.

The City of New Home's effective tax rate is 0.456017, a very slight increase over the current rate of 0.450860. The City of Wilson's effective tax rate is 0.77389, which is a slight decrease from the current rate of 0.778810.



Lynn County Animal Shelter lists adoptable pets online at 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

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Sport talk ... KCBD's Pete Christy spoke with Tahoka High School basketball coaches Brandon Lee (left) and Bric Turner (right) about their upcoming programs, during KCBD's Live Community Coverage Tour in Tahoka Monday night. Lee, an assistant coach last year, is head boys basketball coach for 2010-2011, and Turner is new to Tahoka ISD, as the new head girls basketball coach. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

### **Puppets** featured in Nazarene VBS

The Grassland Nazarene Church will offer Vacation Bible School for children ages pre-K through 6th grade on Aug. 2-6 from 9 a.m. until noon. Theme of the VBS is "Feedom Safari." featuring "The Little Bits Puppets."

Bible stories, music, games and more will be part of the fun

The church is located at 2885 CR 25. Call 327-5656 for a ride to VBS.

### **Draw Cemetery** seeks donations The Draw Cemetery is

in need of donations. Recent heavy rains have required that more work be done on graves and mowing the grounds.

Please send donations to Draw Cemetery Fund c/o Draw United Methodist Church, 2747 FM 1054, Tahoka, TX 79373. Please make the check out to the Draw Cemetery Fund and not the Draw United Methodist Church

Your donations will be greatly appreciated.



## **Community meeting** to address health, safety needs here

A Lynn County Community Stakeholder Forum will be held Tuesday, Aug. 3 from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Life Enrichment Center, 1400 Ave. K. in Tahoka, with all interested citizens invited to attend to work together to improve the health of Lynn County.

The purpose of the forum is to provide the community with a statistical summary of the county's health status, identify important health issues to address, and generate ideas from the community on ways to address the needs of the county. Please make plans to attend to work together to improve the health of Lynn County.

For more information contact Devon Casey, Texas Department of State Health Services, 806-783-6481, or devon. casey@dshs.state.tx.us.



August 2-6 Monday: Beans & cornbread, squash & tomato casserole, fruit salad

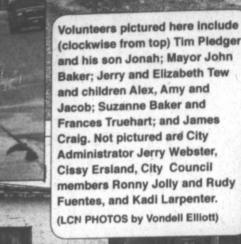
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Tuesday: Hot steak dinner, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, apricot cobbler

Wednesday: Baked ham, broccoli & rice casserole, sliced tomatoes, rolls, chocolate pudding

Thursday: Chicken & potatoes, sweet peas, carrot & raisin salad, biscuits, cake

Friday: Fried tilapia fish,



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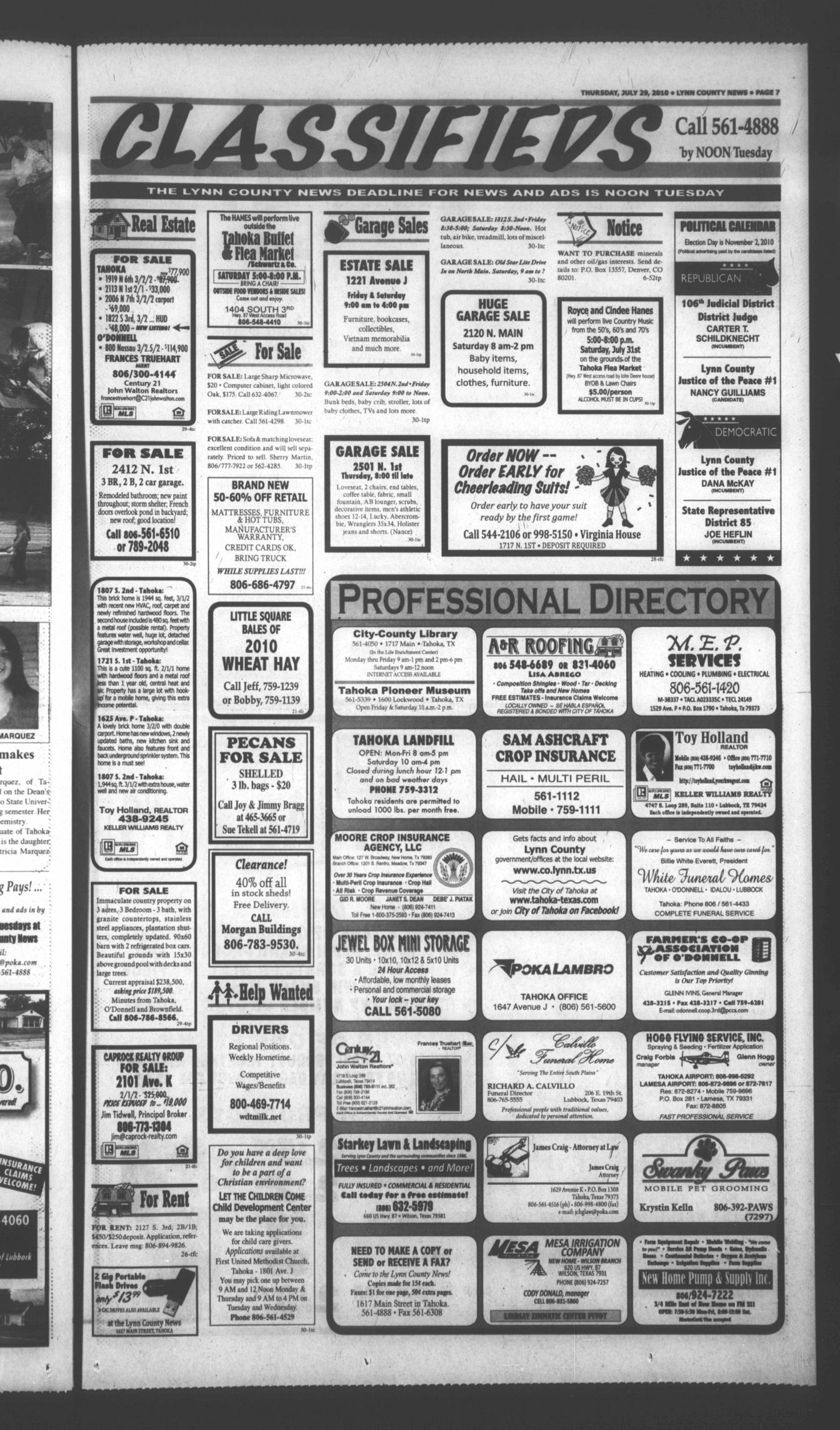
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KCBD anchors ... KCBD News Channel 11 anchors Karin McCay and Abner Euresti are pictured in front of the Lynn County Courthouse Monday night during KCBD's Live Community Coverage Tour in Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



**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)

Dist/Div: Lubbock

Contract 2184-01-008 for REHABILITATION OF EXISTING ROADWAY in LYNN County will be opened on August 11, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

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: 33470

### State Office

- Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540
- Lubbock District District Engineer 135 Slaton Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771 Phone: 806-745-4411

Dist/Div Office(s)

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 29-2tc

# THS cheer team to host cheer clinic Aug. 2-6

Tahoka High School Varsity Cheerleaders will host a Cheer Clinic Aug. 2-6 for girls ages 3-12 years old. The cheer clinic will be held from 10 a.m. until 12 noon Monday through Friday. Cost is \$30 per girl.

A registration form is available in *The Lynn County News*, which may be completed and brought with the \$30 registration fee on Monday morning.

For more information, call Kalee or Tina Wuensche at 561-4441 or Karen Huffaker at 561-4302.



## Fireworks show set for Aug. 7 at Wilson Park

St. Paul Lutheran Church has rescheduled their community picnic and fireworks show for Saturday, Aug. 7 at the Wilson City Park, hoping that the third time is the charm in rescheduling their July 4th fireworks show. Due to rain and flooding, the fireworks show originally set for July 2 and then again July 9 will be held on Aug. 7.

Free hot dogs will be served starting at 8 p.m., and the fireworks show starts at dark. Bring lawn chairs for seating.

# 4-H to host golf tournament on August 14

Lynn County 4-H will be hosting a 4-person open scramble golf tournament that tees off at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 14 at T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka. Cost for the event is \$120 per team, which includes a meal.

Cash prizes will be paid back to teams along with contests for the longest drive and closest to pin. Over \$1,200 was paid out last year to golfers. Door prizes and raffle tickets for a 3-day -2-night stay at the Innsbrook Village Condos in Ruidoso will be available.

All proceeds will benefit Lynn County 4-H members.

• For more information or to sign up, contact T-Bar Country Club at 806/998-5305.



Puppet show ... Pedro and Pierre, two of the three little pigs, talk to the wolf, Fang, in a puppet show presented at the City County Library's Summer Reading Program on Tuesday this week.

# Doug Barham Foundation fundraiser set July 30-31

The 2nd annual Doug Barham Foundation fundraiser will be held Friday and Saturday, July 30-31 at T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka, with everyone invited to come join in the fun. Events include a Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament at 7 p.m. Friday, a 4-Man Scramble golf tournament that kicks off at 9 a.m. Saturday, a barbecue dinner from 4-7 p.m. Saturday (\$15 per person), Silent Auction 3-7 p.m. Saturday, and Bingo from 1-4 p.m. Saturday. Fun and games for the entire family will be offered Saturday, so bring the children too.

Sign up for the golf tournament by contacting John Curry at 325-518-4447. The tournament is \$100 per person, no need to assemble an entire team.

Buy-in for the poker tournament (for fun only) is a \$20 raffle ticket purchase.

All proceeds raised with go to the Douglas G. Barham Foundation.

For more information see the Doug Barham Foundation on facebook.

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