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No fireworks, no outdoor burning of any kind allowed

Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin has issued a Declaration of Disaster and order prohibiting outdoor burning for Lynn Count's unincorporated areas. Fireworks of any kind will

not be allowed anywhere in the county, nor will the sale of fireworks be allowed. In addition, no



TAHOKA, LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

Home destroyed by fire Tuesday

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by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County News

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011

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A home at 1206 South 3rd in Tahoka was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon, with smoke and flames consuming the belongings of a family of three. Cory Lopez and Anna DeLeon, and their 2-year-old daughter lived in the home owned by Anna's mother, Martha DeLeon. Smoke and flames destroyed everything they owned inside the home.

Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department responded to the alarm at 2:30 p.m. when a neighbor noticed smoke coming from the home and called 9-1-1. Tahoka Fire Marshal Jerry Ford told The News that the fire most likely originated from a window air conditioning unit on the west side of the home. No flames were 'visible when firefighters arrived, but black smoke was billowing out of the window above the air conditioner, and when firemen opened the front door, thick black smoke spewed out from within the home that was obviously smoldering. Ford said the house was most likely completely destroyed within, although the exterior

The firemen brought a water hose in through the front door, and attacked the smoldering flames from windows, as well as cutting a hole in the roof to pour water into the home. Firemen were able to contain the flames within the home without it spreading to neighboring homes, which was a fear due to the extremely dry conditions in the area. Extreme heat from temperatures soaring above the 100-degree mark was also a concern for the firefighters in their heavy gear as they battled the fire.

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One volunteer fireman was injured as he rounded the house from a corner and stumbled over a tangle of water hoses, injuring his ankle and unable to walk without assistance. Lynn County EMS transported the fireman to Lynn County Hospital for medical treatment.

Ford said that the homeowner does carry some insurance on the home, but he anticipated it would not be enough to cover the damages. The family reportedly is moving in with other family members until they can decide where to live.

walls remained standing.

outdoor burning of any combustible material will be allowed. The declaration is due to extreme drought conditions that may cause a fire hazard. See more information, page 3.



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Property owner given deadline to remove dilapidated buildings

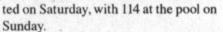
City of Tahoka officials gave a Tahoka property owner 45 days to comply with removing dilapidated housing from his property, in action taken at the city council meeting Monday night. Two vacant houses located at 1706 South 8th Street in Tahoka must be removed within 45 days or the city will take action to tear down the buildings with the owner liable for costs incurred in the demolition project.

Juanel Jones

In other business, Tahoka Mayor John Baker informed council members that he had spoken with a representative of the Texas Water Development Board regarding the city's grant request for replacing waterlines in the city. He said he was informed that the agency is still waiting on the state budget to be finalized by state legislators before allocating any funds. The oath of office was adminis-

tered to Mayor John Baker and council members Rudy Fuentes and Amy Preston, all of whom were declared reelected to serve another two-year term on the board, after running unopposed in the recent election.

City Administrator Jerry Webster reported that the city pool opened last Saturday after repairs were completed on water pipes, and that the pool manager reported 125 patrons were admit-



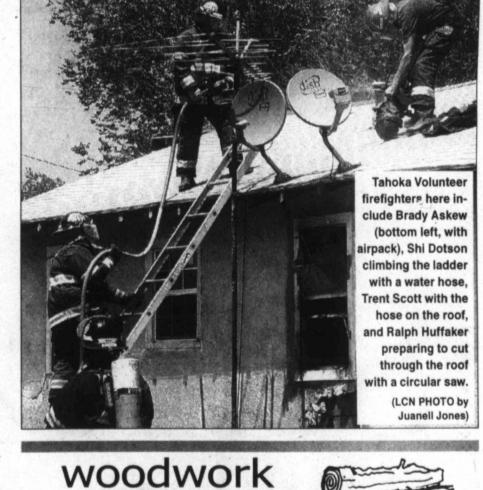
Attorney W. Calloway Huffaker reported on redistricting issues, informing the council that he had looked at the numbers and that redistricting is going to be necessary for city council districts. He asked each council member to appoint two citizens to a redistricting advisory committee for the process. Huffaker will work with city officials as well as the advisory committee in determining the new precinct lines.

The council voted to contract with Joe F. Hays, CPA, to conduct the city's annual financial audit. Council members approved two resolutions, one having to do with formally authorizing participation in the construction costs for the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority project, which council members had agreed upon in an earlier meeting, and another resolution denying proposed tariff sheets with SPS. Monthly bills were approved as presented.

Mayor Baker led the meeting with council members Rudy Fuentes, Ronny Jolly, Amy Preston and Jeff Martin present, as well as Webster and other city officials. Councilman Ray Box was absent.



Get rid of it ... This is one of two vacant houses located at 1706 South 8th Street in Tahoka that city officials told the owner must be removed within 45 days. Yellow tape is stretched across the entrances designating the dilapidated property. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



OUT IN MACKENZIE PARK in Lubbock a theater group has started a production of the musical "Annie," and it will be offered a few times this month and next. Although I haven't seen it, it's probably pretty good.

A newspaper story about the musical brought back memories of the Little Orphan Annie comic strip which I once enjoyed as a youngster, as it was published in daily newspapers all over the country, and was especially popular in the 1940s and 50s.

The main thing I remember about Little Orphan Annie was that she and her dog, Sandy, and benefactor Daddy Warbucks, had no eyeballs. All the characters in the comic strip, drawn by Harold Gray, just had vacant circles for eyes. Even as a kid, I used to wonder how they could tell where they were going.

by dalton wood



There was another character, an 8-foot native of India named Punjab, in the comic strip for awhile, but he eventually disappeared (probably to play with the Lakers in Los Angeles). I vaguely

recall seeing a movie about Annie; I think it starred Carol Burnett, although surely she didn't play the role of Annie, or Daddy Warbucks or Punjab.

Gray died in 1968, but the comic strip was continued until last year. If the musical or the comic strip were accurate, they would have shown Annie to be about 90 years (the dog Sandy, too).

Anyway, if you go to the musical in Lubbock, I'm sure you will find Annie still singing happily at 90 years of age, which just goes to show that this is the kind of spirit that promotes longevity.

THE LADY ON LOCKWOOD poses this question: "Is it just me, or do buffalo wings really taste just like chicken?"

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RYAN GASS and MONICA MCNEELY

Couple announces engagement

Dwayne and Joann McNeely of Tahoka announce the engagement of their daughter, Monica L. McNeely to Ryan M. Gass of O'Donnell. He is the son of Jerry and Sherry Gass of O'Donnell.

The couple plans to marry June 25, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church of O'Donnell.



LOUIS GONZALES and ABIGAIL HENDERSON

Henderson-Gonzales announce engagement

Paul and Cara Henderson announce the engagement of their daughter, Abigail Henderson to Louis Gonzales, son of Rigo and Lupe Avila, all of Tahoka.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Nancy Monk, Donnie Adams and Grace Caswell. She is a 2006 graduate of Tahoka High School and is a Sergeant at the Lynn County Jail.

Gonzales is a 2007 graduate of Tahoka High School and is employed by Contractors Insulation in Midland. He is the grandson of Maria Gutierrez and Juan Gutierrez.

The couple plans to marry on August 6, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka.

Theft, burglary, accident reported

Two Tahoka residents driving vehicles in a funeral procession were involved in a minor collision on U.S. 87 east access road last Thursday, with no injuries reported in the accident.

Driver of a 2005 Kia Sedona was Debbie Garcia Saldana, 30. Driver of a 2002 Jeep was Cayetano Calzoncit Jr., 30.

Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. this week was investigating reports of a theft and a barn burglary.

On June 9, Bennie Edwards reported a 250-gallon propane tank stolen from his property on FM 2053 about four miles west of O'Donnell.

Mac Bevers of Wolfforth reported the barn burglary Sunday. Missing from Bevers' property on FM 179 about a mile south of the Lubbock County line were a Lincoln arc welder and a set of 50-foot welding leads, and a hand grinder. The stolen items were valued at \$600.

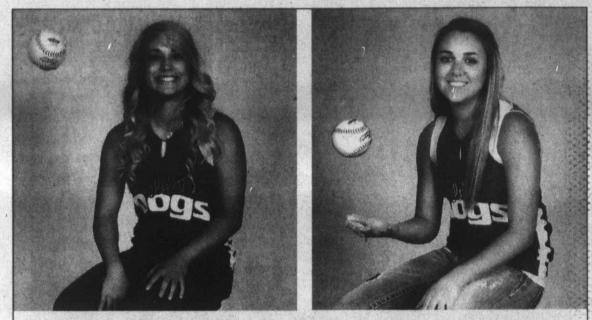
Eight persons added to the list of inmates at Lynn County jail during the week left the total jail population at 25, with 19 held for Gaines County and one for Andrews. Two were jailed for driving while intoxicated, and others for possession of controlled substance, cruelty to non-livestock animals, failure to identify plus hold for Border Patrol, theft and driving while license invalid with previous conviction.



Charlie Cadin Craig

Gerald and Traci Craig of Fredericksburg announce the birth of a son Charlie Cadin Craig, born May 26, 2011 at Hill Country Memorial Hospital in Fredericksburg. He weighed 3 lbs, 15.7 oz and was 17-3/4" long.

Grandparents are Winford Craig of Tahoka and Sherry Pearce of O'Donnell.



All-State honors ... Two graduating seniors on the Tahoka Lady Softball team were named to the All-State Softball Team by the Texas Girls Coaches Association last week. Brittani Ford (left) played shortstop for the Lady Bulldogs, and is the daughter of Sam and Michelle Williams. Nikki Box (right) was a pitcher for the team, and is the daughter of Ray and (Hammertime Photos by Abraham Vega) Cathy Box.



Heat Exhaustion

As the temperatures rise we have several health related issues that need to be of concern. One really important one to keep in mind is heat exhaustion which is a heat-related illness that may occur after you've been exposed to high temperatures for several days and have developed dehydration which is an inadequate or imbalanced replacement of the fluids and

electrolytes you've lost through

excessive perspiration. According to WebMD there are two types of heat exhaustion: Water depletion and Salt depletion. Signs of water depletion include excessive thirst. weakness, headache, and even loss of consciousness. Signs of salt depletion include nausea and vomiting, frequent muscle cramps, and dizziness. Heat exhaustion is not as se-

rious as a heat stroke but should not be taken lightly because if it is not taken care of it can lead to heat stroke. The most common signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion include: confusion

not get inside find a cool shady space. Drink plenty of water, remove any tight or unnecessary clothing, take a cool shower, bath or sponge bath and use fans or cooling towels to bring down the body's temperature.

If the symptoms do not get better within 30 minutes contact a doctor. Remember untreated heat exhaustion can progress to heat stroke. Your body will be more sensitive to the heat so it is best to avoid getting hot again for at least a week and avoid strenuous exercise too.



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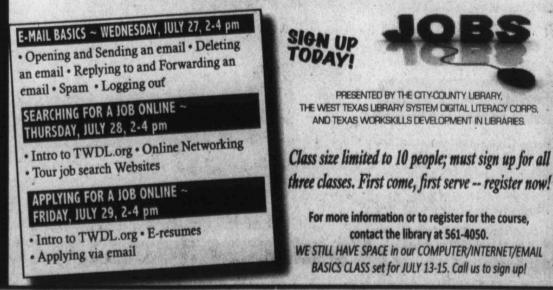
If you suspect someone or yourself of heat exhaustion symptoms get out of the heat immediately and rest, in an airconditioned space. If you can-



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LOOKING FOR A JOB? Find out how to search for and apply for a job online with FREE classes at the City-County Library



Gearing up ... Tahoka Volunteer firemen assist each other with their gear before fighting the house fire at 1206 South 3rd on Tuesday. Pictured here, Trent Scott assists Brady Askew with his airpack. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



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Grand Opening... J & B Auto Detailing/ Car Wash had its grand opening on Tuesday, June 14, in Tahoka. Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday with City Officials and Mayor present. Pictured from left is City Administrator, Jerry Webster, Gloria DeLeon, Bobby Joe Pesina, Owner, James Pesina, Joey Montez, Meguila Gomez, Tiffany Dominguez, Julia Allen, Mayor, John Baker and Cissy Ersland.

No fireworks, no burning allowed in Lynn County

ebrated without fireworks this year in Lynn County's unincorporated areas, as Lynn County officials have issued an order prohibiting the sale and/or use of any and all fireworks, and a countywide burn ban continues due to the extremely dry conditions in the area. Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin has also issued a Declaration of Disaster prohibiting outdoor burning anywhere in Lynn County's unincorporated areas, that includes the fireworks prohibition.

July 4th will have to be cel-

The disaster declaration was signed Monday, June 13 and takes effect immediately for a period of seven days. The action also activates the Lynn County Emergency Management Plan, according to the document filed in the Lynn County Clerk's office. County officials have submitted the declaration to the Governor's office requesting Gov. Perry, who has the aùthority, to extend the disaster declaration through the July 4th holimusical entertainment and hot dogs will be offered from 6:00-9:30 p.m., but no fireworks will be displayed. A sponsor did say that the church may sponsor a fireworks show in the fall, depending on weather conditions. O'Donnell city officials also say fireworks are prohibited due to the burn ban.

A countywide burn ban, already in effect, was continued by approval of the Lynn County Commissioners Court at their Monday meeting. Lynn County, along with the rest of the state of Texas, continues to suffer from extremely dry conditions exacerbated by near-100-degree weather for many days. No significant rainfall has been measured in the county during the first six months of 2011, with accumulations from the Tahoka collection site at just over an inch for the year so far.

In other business at the Monday session, commissioners approved a motion to begin accepting bids for a new maintainer for Precinct 2, and approved monthly bills. Judge Franklin led the meeting with all commissioners' present including Keith Wied, Mike Braddock, Don Blair and Danny Martin.

Don't Skip Medicine Cabinet During Summer Cleaning

When is the last time you looked through your medicine cabinet closely enough to inspect prescription expiration dates in tiny print?

Michael Veronin, Ph.D., associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences at the Texas A&M Health Science Center Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy, said the quality of your health depends on routinely inspecting your medications.

"A medication could degrade into an undesirable byproduct," Dr. Verorin said.

"The most common example of this occurrence is aspirin. If aspirin is kept beyond the expiration date, it turns into a byproduct called 'acetic acid' that smells like vinegar."

Dr. Veronin said expired medications pose the greatest health risk for patients with critical conditions such as heart disease or high blood pressure.

"The medications lose their potency and will not work so well, which can have adverse effects," Dr. Veronin said. "If you are taking something for your heart such as an anti-arrhythmia drug, you also want to make sure it is maintained and stored properly by avoiding heat, light and moisture."

When disposing of your expired prescriptions, it is also important to follow the proper

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slide at First Baptist Church, Wilson, after a recent upgrade of their playground area, just in time for Vacation Bible School. VBS is scheduled for June 20-24. Kent Porter and his son Tyson Porter did the work of repairing and restaining of the current equipment in addition to putting together the new area that will be used by the younger children. Cheyene is the daughter of Tyson and Cara Porter.

disposal guidelines issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. These guidelines prohibit the flushing of most prescription drugs down the toilet, recommending instead that drugs be mixed in a sealed bag with undesirable substances such as cat litter or used coffee grounds.

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• The sale and/or use of any and all fireworks."

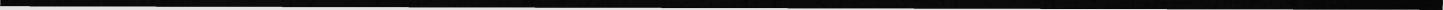
All four incorporated municipalities within the county, including the cities of New Home, Wilson, Tahoka and O'Donnell, have their own rules governing the use of fireworks. The Ćity of Tahoka already prohibits fireworks or burning of property within city limits, by city ordinance.

Commissioner Danny Martin reported that the fireworks event usually sponsored in New Home will not be held this year, and the fireworks show sponsored annually in Wilson by St. Paul Lutheran Church will also be cancelled, although the church is sponsoring a live music event instead, on Friday, July 1 at the Wilson City Park. Live

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House fire ... Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to a house fire at 1206 South 3rd on Tuesday afternoon. Pictured here are Kent Stone II, with the water hose, and Davy Stone heading around the corner of the house. The fire destroyed all the contents of the house where a family of three lived. (Story on page 1). (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



JUNE 20-24 Monday: Cheese quesadillas, Mexican rice, green salad, cinnamon applesauce

Tuesday: Baked potato, toppings: chili & cheese, broccoli w/ cheese sauce, butter, sour cream, salad, cookies Wednesday: BBQ chicken, red

beans, coleslaw, biscuits, birthday cake Thursday: Chicken pasta bake,

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vegetable medley, garlic bread, chocolate pudding Friday: Chef salad, cornbread,

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· We celebrate June birthdays Wednesday! Birthday people eat for free! Those celebrating birthdays are: Bianca Baker, Quaydene Caswell, Bill "Fuzzy" Chancy, Gloria Garza, Mary Gutierrez, Loamuh Harston, Johnette Havens, Lou Ann McGowan, Barbara Morton, Ja-

Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

books are available for \$12 each at the Center, Lynn County News, Huffaker Law Office,

Tahoka MS, High School honor rolls

The Tahoka Middle School Honor Roll for the final six weeks is as follows; 6th grade: Alicia Broun, Olivia Hammonds, Kylynn McCleskey, and Grant Tekell. 7th grade: Ian Cobb, Miranda DeLeon, Andrea Garcez, Grant Garvin, Hannah Hammonds, M'Lin Hill, and Clarissa Lopez. 8th grade: Elvia Aguilar, Lindsey Cobb, Jeremiah DeLeon, Domenique Herrera, and Roman Parmer.

High school Honor Roll, 9th

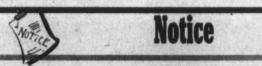
Hunting video collection offered at **City-County Library**

Looking for adventure? Can't afford a big game hunting expedition? Live vicariously through videos available from the City-County Library.

Tahoka resident Wayne Huffaker has been a life-long hunter, traveling the world in search of game. He has tracked prey in the United States and Canada, and has spent the past few years pursuing big game in Africa, including elephants, leopards, zebras, and hippopotamuses. Huffaker's passion for the hunt has led him to collect a large assortment of DVDs relating to the subject, which he has loaned to the library's video collection.

"We are very excited that Mr. Huffaker has loaned his video collection to the library so that others may enjoy and learn from them as he has," said library director Claudia Guin. "It was very generous of him to offer us this opportunity and I hope that local hunting enthusiasts will take advantage of it." The videos will be presented as a special feature and will be available for check out from the library for a limited time; regu-

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grade: Zach Garcia, Gretchen Henley, Carson Lehmann, Brittney Liggins, Kayla Long, Harley Reynolds, and Logan Tekell. 12th grade: Taryn Bishop, Nikki Box, Jeremy Ersland, Kadi Larpenter, Sabrina Moralez, Michael Paris, Caleb Renfro, Kaitlyn Reno, Monica Strickland, and Patrick Wells.

BID NOTICE

Tahoka I.S.D. is considering sealed bids for milk products FOB our facility. For information, contact the Tahoka I.S.D. Business Office at P.O. Box 1230; Tahoka, TX 79373 or phone number 806-561-4600 or fax number 806-561-4160. Sealed bids will be accepted at the above address until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2011. Envelopes should be marked: MILK BID. Any bids received after the deadline will be returned unopened. The board reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals. 24-2tc

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL

Tahoka I.S.D. Board of Trustees is considering proposals for commercial property and fleet insurance. For information, contact the Tahoka I.S.D. Business Office at P.O. Box 1230; Tahoka, TX 79373 or phone number 806-561-4600 or. fax number 806-561-4160. Proposals will be accepted at the above address until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2011. Envelopes should be marked: Property/ Fleet Insurance Proposal. Any proposals received after the deadline will be returned unopened. The board reserves the right to reject any and/or all propos-24-2tc als

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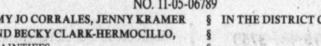
The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality*(TCEQ) has notified the Tahoka Public Water System that the drinking water being supplied to; customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminate Level for nitrate. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for nitrate at 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on a single sample, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL Analysis of drinking water in your community for nitrate indicates a compliance value of 15mg/L for the monitoring period 10/1/2010- 12/31/2010.

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. If your child is under the age of six months, the child must be given an alternative water supply forany consumption. Boiling the affected water is not an effective treatment for nitrate removal.

Most consumers do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you. At this time, the health effects to fetuses of pregnant women is unclear. If you are pregnant, you may also choose

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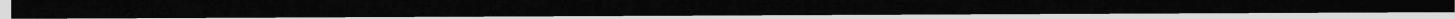
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Grass fire ... Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. was kept busy this week, answering an alarm for a grass fire just off Hwy. 87 about 7 miles south of Tahoka on Monday, and fighting a house fire on Tuesday. In this photo, firemen have just about contained the flames in the grass fire that occurred about noon Monday. The quick response from the department kept the blaze from spreading in windy conditions, with assistance from a maintainer cutting firebreaks. Smoke drifted across Hwy. 87 but was not so thick that traffic was affected.

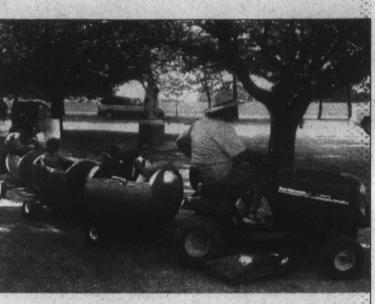
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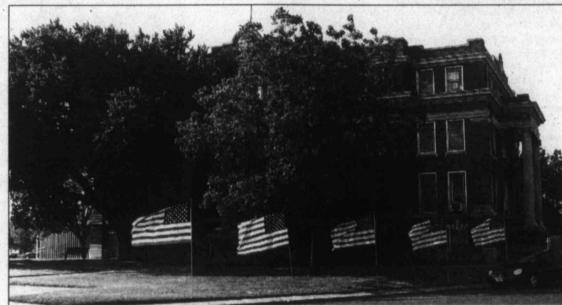
OISD board to consider tax ratification election

O'Donnell Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet tonight (Thursday) to consider setting in motion a proposed tax rate of \$1.17 that will trigger a tax ratification election process, just as Tahoka ISD has undertaken.

OISD already has a current tax rate of \$1.170053, which includes a Maintenance and Operating (M&O) tax rate of \$1.04 (the maximum rate allowed by law without voter approval) and an Interest and Sinking (I&S) fund tax rate of \$0.130053 which is used to be pay for bonded in-



Fun at the Jamaica ... O'Donnell's St. Pius Catholic Church hosted their annual Jamaica celebration last Sunday, with activities offered for all ages. In this photo, parishioner. Steve Gomez of O'Donnell is providing train rides for area children who attended the event held at the downtown park





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