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## Waiting on a bus ... One arrest reported

Crime apparently took a holiday in the county last week as the only report available from officers in the various jurisdictions showed an arrest by Tahoka Police, who took an O'Donnell man in custody last Friday evening, charged with public intoxication.

The man was found seated in a yard in Tahoka, next to a flagpole and near an intersection. When police officers asked him what he was doing, he pointed to a stop sign and said he was waiting on a bus.

Lynn County jail was holding 33 inmates this week, including 17 for Gaines County and one for Andrews County. One person was held on charges of driving while intoxicated, unlawfully carrying a weapon, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and forgery of a financial instrument. Others were arrested for theft, hold for immigration authorities, occupational license, public intoxication and driving while license was invalid with previous conviction.

## Weather

| Date                    | High | Low | Precip. |
|-------------------------|------|-----|---------|
| June 15                 | 101  | 68  |         |
| June 16                 | 107  | 68  |         |
| June 17                 | 104  | 72  | Hot!    |
| June 18                 | 103  | 72  |         |
| June 19                 | 107  | 74  |         |
| June 20                 | 99   | 77  |         |
| June 21                 | 92   | 64  |         |
| Precipitation for Jan:  |      |     | 0.01"   |
| Precipitation for Feb:  |      |     | 0.66"   |
| Precipitation for Mar:  |      |     | 0.07"   |
| Precipitation for Apr:  |      |     | 0.00"   |
| Precipitation for May:  |      |     | 0.05"   |
| Precipitation for June: |      |     | 0.30"   |
| Total Precip. for 2011: |      |     | 1.09"   |

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## Drought to blame for burn ban, crop failures, wildfires:

# Fireworks/burn ban extended thru July 5

by JUANELL JONES

Not only will Lynn County residents have to celebrate July 4th without fireworks this year, but everyone in 116 counties in Texas is under the same restrictions, according to information released this week from the Lynn County Judge's office.

"We submitted an amended version (to include both incorporated municipalities and unincorporated areas of the county) of the Declaration of Disaster and Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning for Lynn County to Governor Rick Perry, and he has approved our re-

has only made conditions worse.

Planting deadline for Lynn County was June 10, to be eligible for crop insurance and other programs. Most of the dryland cotton has not come up, but Lynn County producers must wait until June 26 before crop adjusters will inspect failed acres. Because the drought in Texas is so widespread, most dryland cotton acreage in the South Plains is virtually in the same situation, with thousands of acres expected to zero out.

"Some of the dryland acreage in some areas may have gotten enough

"Most of the dryland cotton has not come up ... And, if the cotton crop is zeroed out and there is still no rain, there are not a lot of options for producers here."

— RODNEY SCHOPPA

quest to extend the restrictions through July 5," said Judge H.G. Franklin on Tuesday morning.

It was not an unexpected restriction, as Texas is suffering from extreme drought conditions. The governor's extension of the burn ban prohibits all outdoor burning (unless it is contained in an enclosed container, such as a barbecue grill) as well as the sale/use of fireworks in Lynn County, including the municipalities of Tahoka, New Home, Wilson and O'Donnell, through July 5.

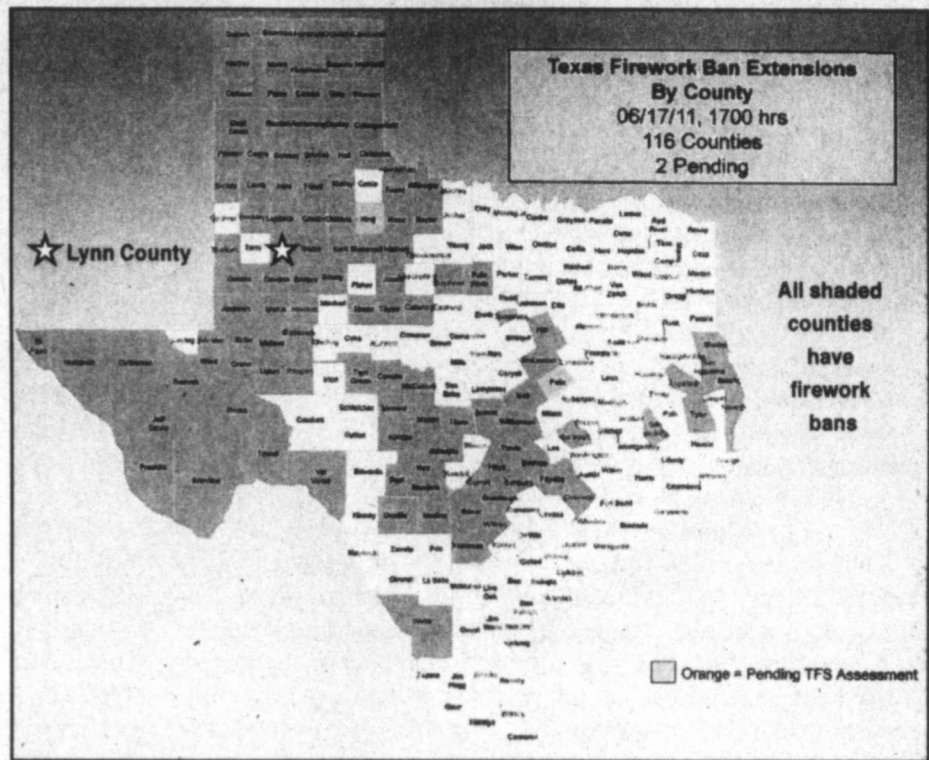
The disaster declaration effectively shuts down all fireworks celebrations in a good portion of Texas, including most of the South Plains area, according to a map released by state officials this week. All but four counties in the Panhandle and South Plains area have requested the designation, and one of those, Kent County, has submitted a request that is pending. Terry County, just west of Lynn County, is one of the few counties that apparently has not requested the fireworks ban extension from the governor's office.

A 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 is also cancelled, although the church is sponsoring a live music event instead, on Friday, July 1

rain to bring it up, but if it doesn't rain it won't make," said Rodney Schoppa, executive director of the Lynn County Farm Service Agency in Tahoka. "All the surrounding counties are in the same boat as Lynn County, with the dry conditions causing problems not only with the dryland acreage but with the irrigated acreage as well. All the counties have different dates for crop adjusters to begin inspecting failed crops, and I have been told that many of the insurance companies are bringing in additional adjusters from east Texas in order to handle the load here," he added.

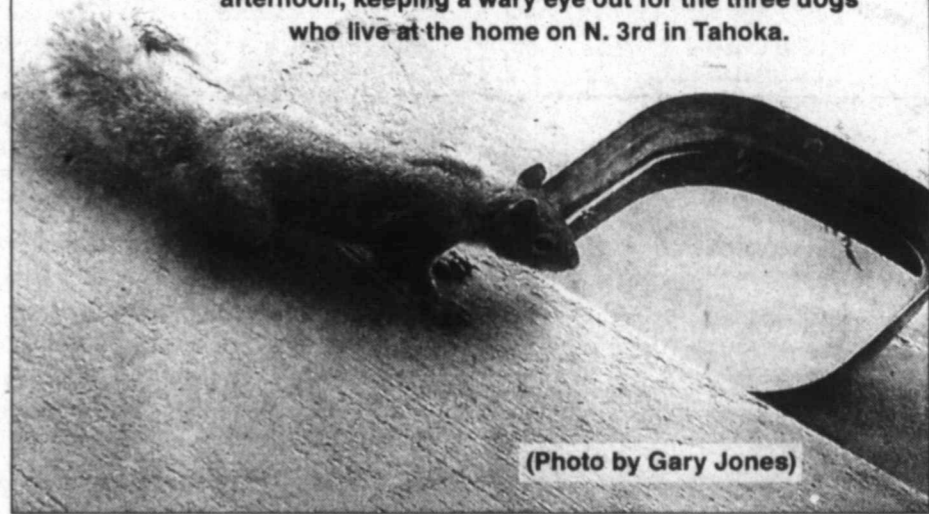
"And, if the cotton crop is zeroed out and there is still no rain, there are not a lot of options for producers here," said Schoppa. "If it rains enough, some may be able to plant grain sorghum or a cover crop to keep it from blowing, but if it doesn't rain there's not a whole lot they can do," he predicted.

Some areas of the county did receive a small amount of rain, measured officially in Tahoka at 0.28 inches on June 10, but no significant rainfall has accumulated this year. February shows the highest precipitation count for the year at 0.66 inches in Tahoka, but really no significant rainfall has been received since last September, when Tahoka recorded about 2.5 inches of rain.



## Where's the water?

Texas wildlife, including the squirrels, are getting braver as they seek out water. This squirrel dared to approach the dogs' water bowl for a drink one hot afternoon, keeping a wary eye out for the three dogs who live at the home on N. 3rd in Tahoka.



(Photo by Gary Jones)

## woodwork

by dalton wood



MY COMPUTER talks to me, usually with some message that pops up on the screen, but sometimes in an audible (but often not understandable) voice. But lately I find myself talking back, even though it's just a machine and doesn't really care what I say.

I fear that I'm getting as illogical as some people I know (mostly guys) who yell at their TV sets when their favorite sports teams are losing. It doesn't help the situation, but at least they get to vent some of their frustrations, so maybe that works for me when I start arguing with my computer.

Computers are wonderful things, which really help a lot, except when they mess up and refuse to do what they are supposed to. One guy I know said he wants a DWIM button on his computer keyboard, explaining that the letters stood for Do What I Mean.

Once when I was trying to print something from my computer, a message came up which said, "Cannot find printer." I pointed six inches to the right of the screen and said, "It's right there, you stupid machine."

Sometimes a message comes up saying "You do not have enough memory to complete this operation." I know my memory isn't as good as it once was, but that's still a pretty ugly thing for my computer to say to me.

Occasionally a little window will pop up advising me of an error, accompanied by an audible female voice which says "Bollard—it's not my fault." My daughter told me that the voice is not saying "bollard," but something else. I don't remember what; it still sounds like "bollard" to me.

I have received messages like "Please close all windows and restart." I don't mind restarting the computer, but all my windows stay closed as long as the air conditioning is working.

Most annoying is when I'm trying to get something done and it refuses to do anything and then comes up with a little window which says simply "Error 146," or something similar, with no clue about what that means. The only way I know to find out would be to call Steven Jobs or Bill Gates, and I can't get either one of them to accept my calls.

I may have to get a new computer some day, because I just might kill the smart-mouthed one I now have.

at the Wilson City Park. Live musical 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.

A countywide burn ban also remains in effect, as directed by the Lynn County Commissioners Court at a recent meeting. Lynn County, along with the rest of the state of Texas, continues to suffer from extremely dry conditions exacerbated by 100+ degree days. According to the Texas Forest Service website, 222 of the 254 counties in Texas are reporting burn bans.

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.

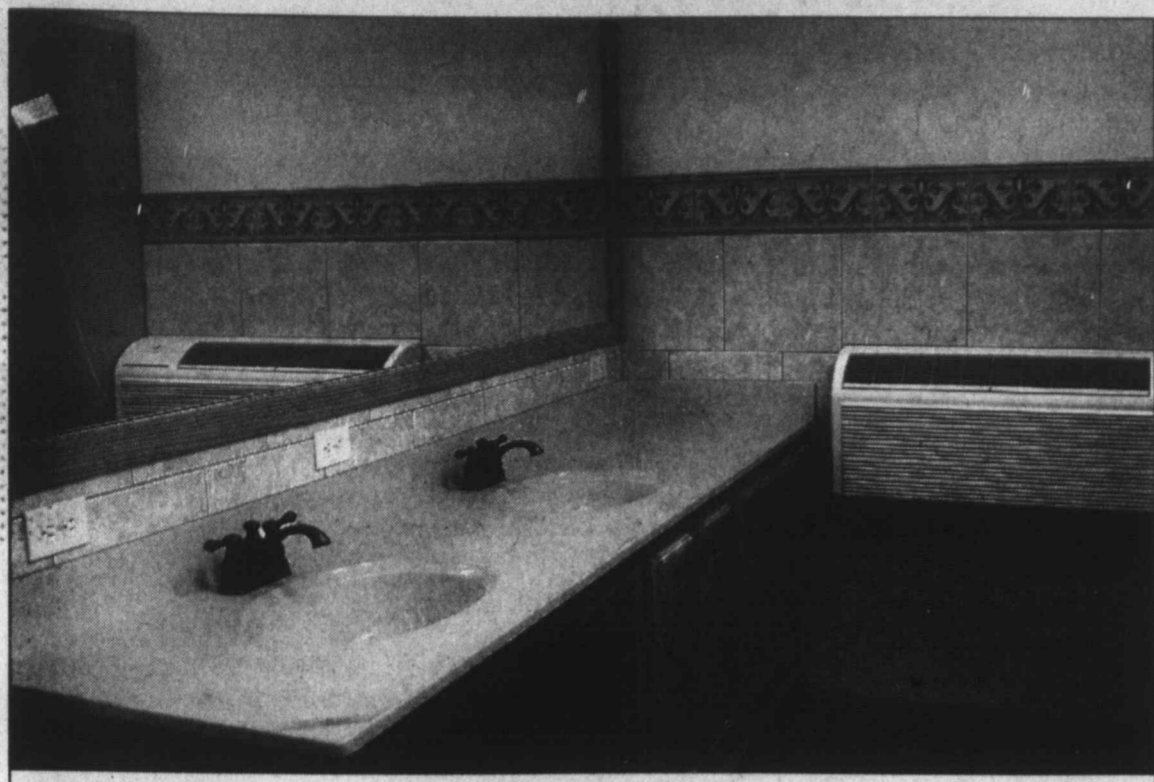
Ag producers in the county are suffering as well, planting the 2011 cotton crop with low expectations. Dryland acres make up approximately 65 percent of Lynn County's 300,000 acres of cotton. Along with the extreme drought conditions, growers have faced the relentless wind, which

Fire departments in Texas have been nearly overwhelmed in fighting wildfires this year, with fires consuming millions of acres. Since fire season started on Nov. 15, 2010, Texas Forest Service and fire departments throughout the state have responded to 12,362 fires that have burned 3,080,013 acres, according to the Texas Forest Service website. Critical fire weather conditions are still predicted across a large portion of Texas, with the Texas Forest Service responding Monday to 12 new large fires. Texas Forest Service currently is responding to 20 fires that have burned 76,042 acres, according to their website.

The Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department has answered 39 fire calls this year, of which a significant portion were grass fires or wildfires, or assisting other area fire departments with wildfires. Bill Schoemann, with the Tahoka VFD, says that the department has fought 29 wildfires this year, and six structural fires.

Burn bans, wildfires and crop failures are just a few of the woes that can be blamed on the Texas drought. The bottom line is, Texas needs rain.





**New addition ... First Baptist Church, Wilson, has added convenience to its facilities by building additional restrooms just off the foyer on the ground level. If everything goes as planned the additional restrooms will be utilized during the week of June 20-24 during Vacation Bible School. Billy Parmer is pastor.**

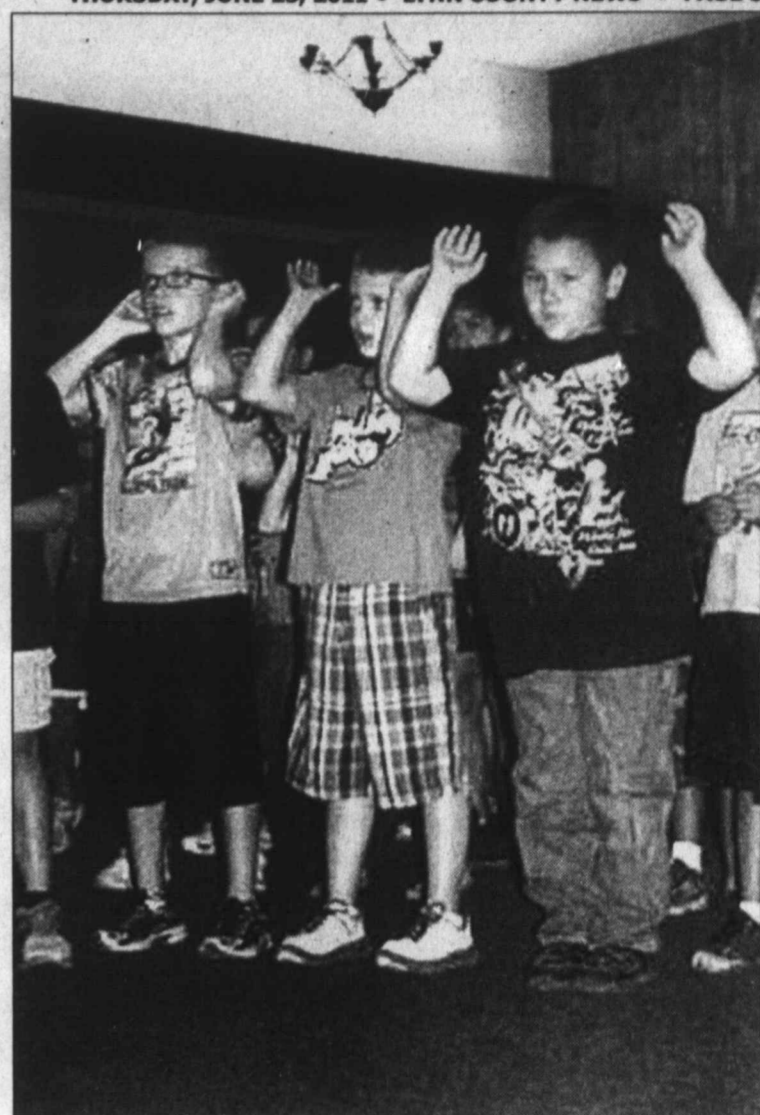
### H.O.M.E. seeking volunteers for June 25

H.O.M.E. (Hands on Mission Evangelism) is looking for volunteers to assist with roofing a home here in Tahoka on Saturday, June 25 at 7:00 a.m. instead of 8:00. We will begin earlier due to the triple digit heat.

"We are needing volunteers to help remove the old roof and put on the new one in the same day," said a H.O.M.E. spokesperson.

For more information or questions, call 806-561-2266.

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**Singing at VBS... Alex Tew, Jody Nevill, and Nathaniel Sullivan sing together at Vacation Bible School that was held at First Baptist Church, Tahoka June 6-9.**

## Pages from the Past...

By Vondell Elliott  
The following excerpts were taken from past issues of THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS.

### Mrs. Fenton is Given Order for 1,000 No. 3 Cans of Peas

Mrs. R.W. Fenton Sr. on Wednesday received an order from Mr. Duncan, manager of the Dining Hall at the A&M College, for 1,000 No. 3 cans of cream peas. She has recently filled orders also from the Hilton Hotel and the Glorietta Café in Lubbock.

Mrs. Fenton recently succeeded in standardizing her canned peas and her products have been receiving much favorable comment.

- Sept. 14, 1933

### Acrobatic Auto is Some Flip-Turner

After purchasing a brand new Ford car in Lubbock Wednesday, W.B. Cheatham of the Joe Stokes Community started for Tahoka. About 3 miles north of this city it is said that he got into a race with a Chrysler. Possibly he was making in the neighborhood of 80 miles per as he approached the second turn in the highway two miles north of town. At any rate he was unable to successfully negotiate the turn and suddenly found himself and car turning somersaults like a circus acrobat. Over and over it went three times, he says, and sometimes he was lying down and sometimes he was standing up. When the acrobatic machine got ready to stop, it stopped on its feet raring to go again.

We did not learn the exact extent of the damage to the car but it was comparatively light. Mr. Cheatham and a young man companion were both slightly bruised up and terribly shocked but where otherwise unhurt.

The odometer on the car showed that all together it had run only 40 miles.

- Oct. 12, 1933

### Route No. 3 out of Tahoka said to be Longest in Entire United States

Rural route No. 3 out of Tahoka on which L.D. Gildersleeve is the carrier, is said to be the longest rural mail route in the United States. At least this is the information which has been given to Postmaster H.M. Larkin. The route is 92.52 miles long. Mail is delivered to 171 boxes on this route, serving 245 families and a total of 826 patrons.

- March 15, 1934

### Tahoka Telephone Directory Information - Staked Plains Telephone Company:

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**OFFICE HOURS:** 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Office will be closed Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Calls answered after 9:30 p.m. only for Physicians or in case of accident. Rent due one month in advance.

Ring off when through talking.

- March 1, 1907

### Total Rainfall in 1941 is 41 Inches

When the final returns were in it was found that 40.98 inches of rain had fallen in the editor's rain gauge during the year 1941.

In some parts of the county, the rainfall obviously exceeded that figure by several inches ...

But 41 inches is more water than ever fell before, since records have been kept in any community in Lynn County ...

The precipitation by months, as registered by the News rain gauge was as follows:

January .56, February 1.38, March 2.71, April 2.63, May 11.09, June 4.05, July 2.60, August .46, September 6.30, October 8.61, November .13, and December .46.

- Jan. 2, 1942

### Boxing Tournament to Open Monday 82 Fighters Enter Golden Gloves Meeting Here

Some of the best boxers on the South Plains are entering the Tahoka boxing tournament which is scheduled to begin Monday night and continue through Wednesday, January 21 at the local gymnasium.

A few of the boys that have sent in their entries are Tech McLaurin, O'Donnell flash, who is considered a top ranking

welter weight; Dale Odom, another boy who is popular in fight circles; and Glen Bratcher of Draw who will represent Tahoka. Several Lubbock fighters are entering the tournament. Competition promises to be strong in each division. - Jan. 16, 1942

### Train Almost Gets Geo. Short

George Short is hustling around about as fast as ever, but he came near being stopped cold Monday.

And thereby hangs a tale.

Mr. Short had been having some feed ground at Burleson's feed plant. As he was leaving the mill, he drove his car out onto the railroad track. It happens that the Blueweed Special was steaming down the track, unbeknown to George, at the same instant. Before George could say Jack Robinson, the train has bashed in the side of his car and flopped the car, George and all, over on the ground.

The boys at Burleson's dashed to the rescue, but you can't hurt old George. And he's still driving the car. - Jan. 16, 1942

### Skunk Kills Chickens

A.D. Schaffner warns farmers to be on the lookout for skunks in their chicken pens. He has learned the hard way.

On two nights recently Mr. Schaffner lost a total of 285 chicks seven weeks old.

- May 21, 1943

### Grasshoppers are Threat to Crops

Grasshoppers!

That's the newest threat to Lynn County's 1942 crops. Millions of them are reported to be hatching out. Many farmers are already poisoning, and many more will start next week ...

A mixing station [for the poison] has been established in the Cade building on the south side of the square, where the poison is being mixed with bran, or bran and sawdust, or bran and hulls, and water.

[County Agent Don] Turner says the hopper infestation is worst in the northeast quarter of the county and around Dixie and New Home. However they are bad in other portions. Just what effect they will have on the crop is not known. In places, they have already wiped out or badly damaged crops that are up.

- May 15, 1942

### Santa Fe Timetable

Leaves Lubbock at 8:00 a.m. Arrives at Tahoka at 11 a.m. Leaves Tahoka at 1 p.m. Arrives at Lubbock at 4 p.m. Daily except Sunday until further notice.

- June 24, 1910

### Library summer reading program set for July

It's almost 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 11. This year's theme is "Dig Up A Good Book!" 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.

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

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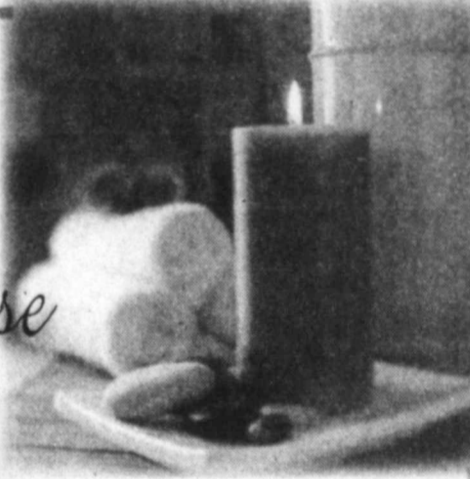
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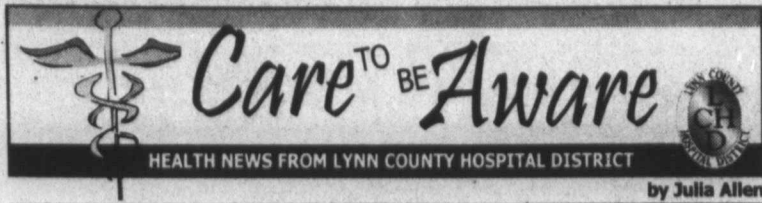
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**Heat Stroke (aka Sun Stroke)**

Last week we talked about heat exhaustion, a medical problem related to high temperatures. This week we learn about heat stroke, a much more serious problem that happens when the weather gets hot. Heat stroke, according to medicinenet.com is a form of hyperthermia, an abnormally elevated body temperature (above 104°F) with physical symptoms that can result in brain damage, organ failure or even death.

Common symptoms and signs of a heat stroke include high body temperature, hot red or flushed skin without sweating, rapid pulse, difficulty breathing, strange behavior, hallucinations, confusion, agitation, disorientation, seizure and/or coma.

First and foremost, if you feel yourself or someone else is having a heat stroke call 911 immediately. Next, try to cool down by moving to a shady area or indoors, remove clothing; apply cool water to skin, fan the body to promote sweating and if possible place ice packs under armpits and groin area. Drink cool water or a cool beverage that does not contain alcohol or caffeine. Monitor the body temperature and keep efforts up until the body temperature drops below 102°F.

The elderly are at greatest

risk for heat stroke, followed by infants and children. Most infant and children's heat strokes occur because children are left unattended in a locked car. With the heat wave we are experiencing right now it only takes 15 minutes for the temperature inside a car to reach 140°F. It is recommended that you keep your unoccupied car locked at all times so children do not accidentally get caught inside. Older children and teens are at risk if they train in hot environmental conditions.

The best way to avoid a heat stroke is to not have to be outside in the heat, but if you have to be the most important thing you can do is to keep hydrated and take plenty of breaks. Wear hats and light colored clothes. Drink plenty of water or/and avoid alcohol and tea which can lead to dehydration.



**DONATIONS**

to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are greatly appreciated.

**LCHD EMS**  
Box 1310, Tahoka, TX



**Updated pool ...** Children swimming and playing in the Tahoka City Pool probably don't notice it much, but city officials are proud of the new stainless steel gutter that replaced the broken tiles around the inside edges of the pool, making the pool a safer place for pool patrons. The pool is open Wednesday-Sunday from 12:30-5:30 p.m., at 1715 South 8th Street.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

**Open house set at new facility**

Area citizens are invited to a Grand Opening and Open House this Friday at the Healing Arts Center in Tahoka, with ribbon cutting ceremonies slated for 3 p.m. and Open House from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

The Healing Arts Center Holistic Medical Spa is located at 2305 Lockwood, with parking available in the rear (alley entrance). Mary Gayle Raindl, owner, invites citizens to tour the new facility and register to win over \$2,000 in door prizes.

The center features treatment rooms for massage therapy, chiropractic treatments, yoga classes and other services.

**TISD sets meeting to discuss budget**

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 14 to discuss the school district's budget that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited at the meeting, which will take place at the Harvick Educational Center at 2129 Main Street.

According to school officials, the 2011 budget under consideration is a decrease of 5.41 percent from the preceding fiscal year.

**BANNED IN LYNN COUNTY:**

- All fireworks
- Outdoor burning (unless in an enclosed container, such as a BBQ grill)



**Matthew McLelland**

**McLelland is A&M grad**

Matthew McLelland graduated from West Texas A&M University on May 14, 2011 with a Bachelor's Degree in Ag Education.

He will be attending Texas Christian University in the fall and is enrolled in the Ranch Management Program.

He is a graduate from Tahoka High School and is the son of Frank and Jenni McLelland of Tahoka.

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**LETTERS to the EDITOR**

**Thankful for community**

We just want to send a special thank you to our family, friends and this wonderful community that has helped us with the donations, items, thoughts and prayers we have received this past week. We lost our home due to a fire.

This community will always have a special place in our hearts. Also, a special thank you to the Jim Rudd Unit in Brownfield. No words will ever express how thankful we truly are.

*Cory Lopez,  
Anna DeLeon & family*

**Local law officers were kind in delivering terrible news**

This letter is in response to last week's letter to the editor in which the protocol of the Tahoka Police Department/Sheriff's office methods of notifying a family about a deceased was in question.

Mario Chapa's family was NOT notified of his passing via a telephone call as so stated in the letter. I am not sure where that information was obtained but it is incorrect. The events of that tragedy unfolded, I'm sure, at what seemed like a blur to the family. There were several phone calls made to our local hospital, the JP's office and finally to the Sheriff's office. All stated, "They had no information to give them."

The call that finally notified them that he had passed was from a sister at the hospital where Mario was airlifted. Upon calling the Sheriff's Office, Chief Deputy Abraham Vega took the call, only telling them that he was on his way to the house to speak with the family. Upon his arrival, he offered his condolences and answered any questions the family had, with care and compassion. At no time did he or anyone in that department, tell them over the phone that Mario had passed.

Also, the statement made about the local newspaper printing "facts" about his death, although hurtful and painful to read, was truthful. His obituary stated nothing about his manner of death only the normal information that an obituary would read.

The paper prints the news and it is no different than what the Lubbock newspaper has printed about remains found in murder cases. Fortunately, we live in a country where we have Freedom of Press and the right to be informed. It is unfortunate though, when it is one of our own, it hurts.

Stina and I have been best friends since first grade and Sara and John always treated me like one of their own kids. I love them very much and my heart hurts for them. We can only be consoled by the fact that Mario was a Christian and we will all see him again one day.

*Brenda Dotson*



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**Notice**

**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 proposals. 24-2tc

NO. 11-05-06789

AMY JO CORRALES, JENNY KRAMER AND BECKY CLARK-HERMOCILLO, PLAINTIFFS  
v.  
UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF NORMAN CLARK TRUST, DEFENDANTS § IN THE DISTRICT COURT § § § 106TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT § LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

To Unknown Beneficiaries of Norman Clark Trust, defendants in the herebefore styled and numbered cause:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, that day being May 31, 2011, in the 106th District Court of Lynn County, Texas, at the county courthouse, 1501 S. 1st, in the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas. The case is No. 11-05-06789, styled Amy Jo Corrales, Jenny Kramer, and Becky Clark-Hermocillo, plaintiffs v. Unknown Beneficiaries of Norman Clark Trust, defendants, and the petition was filed on May 31, 2011. The attorney for the plaintiff is James Craig, P.O. Box 1308, Tahoka, Texas 79373. The nature of the suit is as follows:

The construction of a trust as set out in that certain Mineral Deed dated May 11, 1973 to James Wilfred Gates, Trustee from Norman Stanton Clark and wife, Mary Lou Clark and recorded at Vol. 202, Page 412 of the Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas; specifically, Plaintiffs are requesting the court to declare the identification of the beneficiaries of said trust and the disposition of the trust.

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, that day being the 31 day of May, 2011, a default judgment may be taken against you.

Signed and sealed on June 1, 2011.  
Lonneta Hudgens, Deputy  
Sandra Laws, Lynn County District Clerk  
Issued on June 1, 2011. 24-4tc

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET**

The Tahoka Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. July 14, 2011 in the Board Room, Harvick Educational Center, 2129 Main St., Tahoka, Texas.

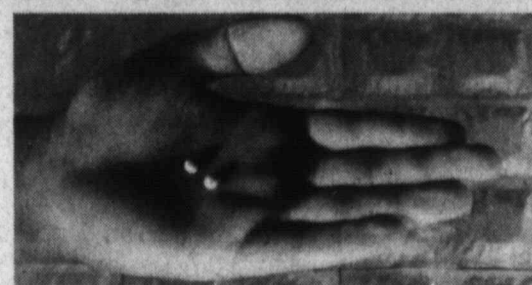
The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

**COMPARISON OF PROPOSED BUDGET WITH LAST YEAR'S BUDGET**

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

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#### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock  
Contract 6229-19-001 for FLEX BSE AND 2-COURSE SURFACE TREATMENT IN LYNN County, etc will be opened on July 20, 2011 at 11:00 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$142,187.05.

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](http://www.txdot.gov) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
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| Constr./Maint. Division<br>200 E. Riverside Dr.<br>Austin, Texas 78704<br>Phone: 512-416-2540 | Lubbock District<br>District Engineer<br>135 Slaton<br>Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771<br>Phone: 806-745-4411 |

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. 25-2tc

### TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER AMENDMENT

PERMIT NO. WQ0010624001

**APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.** City of Wilson, P.O. Box 22, Wilson, Texas 79381-0022, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment to TCEQ Permit No. WQ0010624001, to authorize a change in treatment process from Imhoff tank to a pond system, change in method of effluent disposal from evaporation to surface irrigation and an increase in the daily average flow from 58,000 gallons per day to 60,000 gallons per day. The City of Wilson also requests authorization to irrigate 40 acres of non-public access agricultural land and provide effluent storage in the final phase. The current permit authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 58,000 gallons per day via evaporation which is continued in the draft permit as the interim phase. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into waters in the State. TCEQ received this application on December 28, 2010.

The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located approximately 0.6 mile west of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 400 and Farm-to-Market Road 211, and approximately 900 feet south of Farm-to-Market Road 211 in Lynn County, Texas 79381. The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located in the drainage basin of Double Mountain Fork Brazos River in Segment No. 1241 of the Brazos River Basin.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Wilson City Hall, 1601 10th Street, Wilson, Texas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING:** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

**TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST:** your name; address, phone number; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number, and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at [www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html) within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.TCEQ.texas.gov](http://www.TCEQ.texas.gov).

Further information may also be obtained from City of Wilson at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Josh Isham at 806-628-6221.

Issued June 3, 2011

### HPWD revises proposed amendments to district rules

A revised set of proposed draft amendments to the Rules of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 are now available for public review and comment prior to two public hearings set for June 27 in Dimmitt and Levelland.

The first public hearing is scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m. at Dimmitt Middle School Auditorium, 1505 Western Circle in Dimmitt. A second hearing will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Levelland Middle School Auditorium, 1402 E. Ellis Street, in Levelland.

The High Plains Water District ("District") is amending its rules to implement the "50/50" management goal in response to state statute requiring the setting of desired future conditions for the Ogallala Aquifer within the District's 16-county service area. The "50/50" Management Goal refers to a goal, adopted by the District Board of Directors, to have at least 50 percent of the groundwater in storage in the aquifer in 2010 available for use in 50 years (2060).

In March, the District's Board of Directors held five public meetings to receive comments on the initially-proposed draft rules amendments. A grand total of 1,300-1,500 persons attended the meetings.

"Several areas of concern about the initial proposed draft rule amendments were identified through oral and written comments. The District's Board of Directors was receptive to all comments and they believe the revised proposed rule amendments address those concerns. District residents are asked to look over this second set of proposed rule amendments and offer any comments they may have—either in person at the public hearings, by mail during the comment period, or both," said General Manager Jim Conkwright.

The revised proposed draft rule amendments may be downloaded from the District web site at [www.hpwd.com](http://www.hpwd.com) or a hard copy is available by contacting the District office at (806) 762-0181.

Written comments regarding the revised proposed draft rule amendments should be sent to Jim Conkwright, High Plains Water District, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX 79411-2499. All written comments must be received at the District office by 5 p.m. on July 11.

### Lynn County groundwater levels increase

Groundwater levels of the Ogallala Aquifer showed an average decline of -0.05 of a foot in 2010, according to data collected during annual Winter Water Level Measurements made by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

However, measurements showed groundwater level increases in five of the 16 counties within the district, including Lynn County with an increase of 4.76 feet.

Swisher County showed an increase of 2.40 feet; the portion of Armstrong County within the district had an increase of 0.75 of a foot; Lubbock County had an increase of 0.66 of a foot; and the portion of Floyd County within the district with an increase of 0.35 of a foot.



**New Home Dodgers...**The Dodgers Little league team consisted of 1st and 2nd graders from New Home and had a record of 7-3 for the season. The team was coached by Brett Parker and Justin Parker. Pictured on back row from left are Brady Parker, Sam Kirkland, Trevor Lehman, Sunny Torres and Jake Tabor. Front row from left, Bryce Parker, Jordan Moore, Noah Mojica and Hunter Reimer. (Not pictured is Regan Meunier)

## Local landowners to meet: Meeting tonight to address protecting local water rights

A meeting of any interested citizens, including area landowners, will be held at 6 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at The Center for Housing and Community Development, 1400 Ave. K in Tahoka, to offer information about protecting water rights. The meeting is sponsored by local representatives of the PWRC (Protect Water Rights Coalition), a group of landowners and citizens who are concerned that the government may soon take action to take away water rights

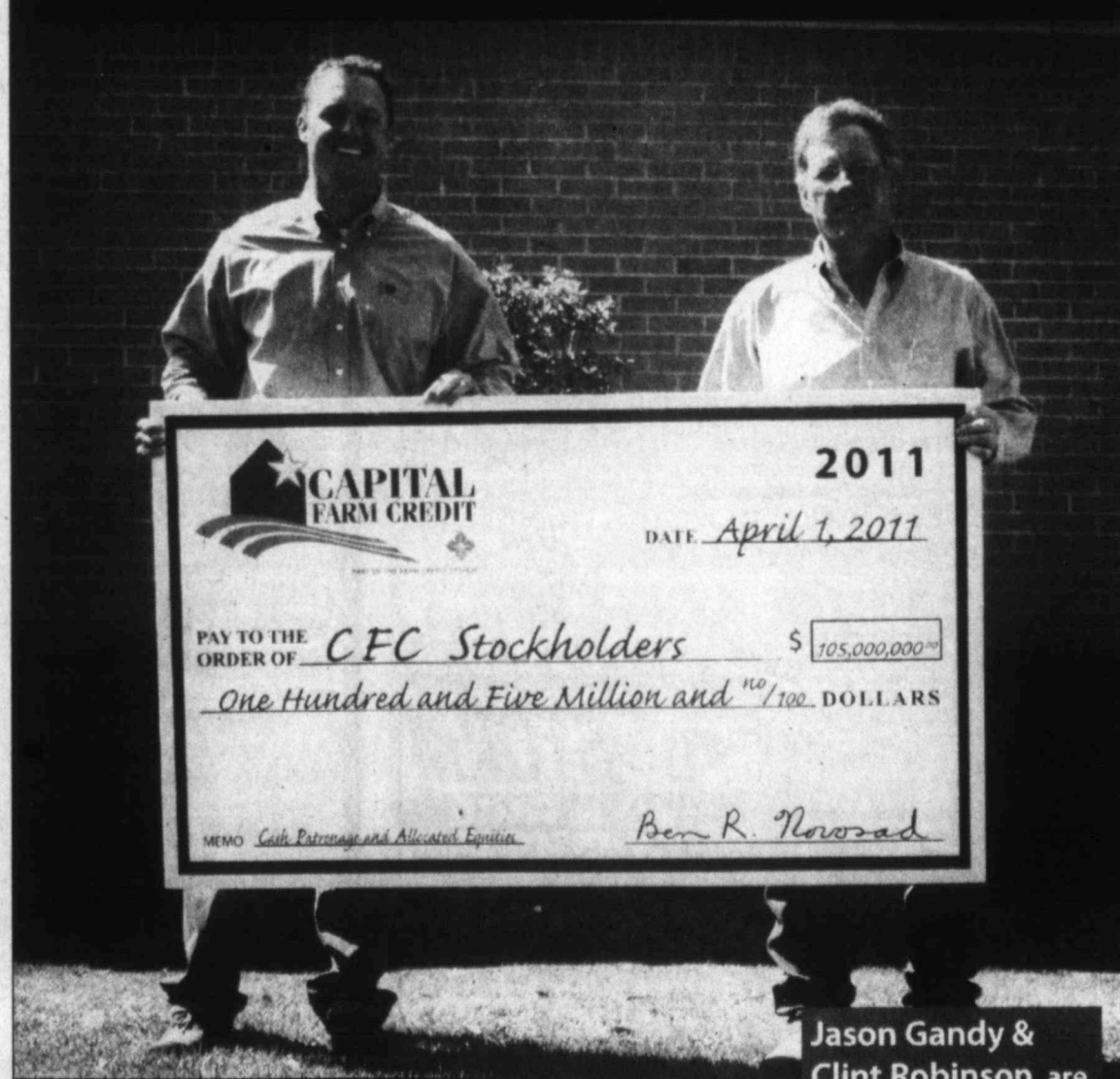
from landowners. "Several representatives of the PWRC will lead an informal question and answer format about the coalition and its purpose, what the water districts are doing to mandate government control over water rights, and what the state is imposing," said David Ehlers, a local representative of the PWRC. "Mandates may include water meters on all watering devices, including wells, at considerable expense to ag producers. This meeting

is open to the public and we invite any interested citizens to attend," he added.

The PWRC has engaged an attorney with expertise in water rights issues, said Ehlers. Thursday night's informative session is expected to provide information on the issue as well as options for landowners in protecting water rights.

Ehlers said that more information is available at the PWRC website, [www.pwrc.com](http://www.pwrc.com), or call Ehlers at 548-4795.

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