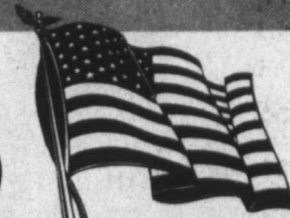




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Cong. Neugebauer's mobile office to visit here Friday afternoon

Congressman Randy Neugebauer invites area residents to visit with his office staff about issues affecting District 19 or any issues with federal agencies, at the next Mobile Congressional Office Hours visit to Tahoka on Friday, July 15. Representatives will be available at the Lynn County Courthouse from 2-3 p.m. in the basement courtroom.

Mobile Congressional Office Hours are neighborhood office hours open to the public to allow citizens to meet with Neugebauer's staff and share their ideas, concerns, and feedback. Representatives will be available to assist with veterans' benefits, social security concerns, and many other issues.

The Lynn County Harvest Festival is Saturday, Sept. 24

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It's a good book ... Zach Garcia (left) looks at an I Spy book with Thomas Sullivan and Diego Pena at the City-County Library's Summer Reading session this week. Garcia is a member of Tahoka High School National Honor Society (NHS), who assist the library with the summer reading program for youth each year, reading stories, playing games and helping the youth with crafts at the library.

Stolen car, other thefts reported in Lynn County

Four thefts were reported in Lynn County during the last week, including theft of a car just south of the Tahoka city limits.

Leslie Paris of Tahoka reported last Thursday that a 1991 Chevrolet Caprice had been stolen from his property south of town. The vehicle was valued at \$2,000.

On July 5 John Fields reported that plow parts stacked outside his barn in Wilson had been stolen, and on July 6 Lester Gicklhorn of Wilson reported a large quantity of steel pipe had been stolen from a location southwest of Wilson. Missing were 40 20-foot joints of 4-inch pipe and five 20-foot joints of 6-inch pipe.

On July 6, about 100 gallons of farm diesel fuel were reported as stolen from a tank owned by Greg Nieman about a mile east of New Home.

Sheriff's officers indicated they had the names of suspects in some of the recent thefts.

Tahoka police this week investigated two domestic incidents and a case of identity theft in which a Tahoka man reported he had been wrongly billed for \$3,800.

The man told police he was not aware of the amount charged to his account until he received a phone call from a collection agency. He said he had cancelled the account in June.

In one of the domestic cases, two teenagers told police they had been as-

saulted by their father. The case was turned over to Child Protective Services for investigation.

Thirty-three persons were in Lynn County jail this week, with 18 of those held for Gaines County and one for Andrews. One person was jailed for driving while intoxicated with a child under age 15 as a passenger plus multiple charges of driving while license was invalid. One was arrested for permitting unlicensed person to drive plus expired vehicle inspection sticker plus no seat belt plus passenger with open container. Others were held for possession of marijuana, public intoxication, no license plate, failure to appear and occupational license.

Rabies clinic set in Wilson Saturday

South Plains Veterinary Clinic will conduct a rabies clinic in Wilson on Saturday, July 16, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Green Building. Entrance will be at the East side door.

Prices for vaccinations for dogs are as follows; Rabies, \$6, DHPPC \$25, DHPPC and Lymes \$37.50, Bordetella \$15, Deworm with Strongid \$10.

Prices for vaccinations for cats are; Rabies \$10, Distemper and Leukemia, \$17.50 each, Deworm with Strongid \$10, and Deworm with Drontal \$20.

Other products will be available and prices will be listed at the clinic.



Rodeo Queen ... Brittany Jonas (center) was crowned Rodeo Queen at the O'Donnell Rodeo July 7-9. Tacla Zepeda (left) and Katy Crutcher (right) were also queen candidates, and all the girls helped support the rodeo by selling advance admission tickets.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

County officials begin budget talks, brag on citizens for obeying laws

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County citizens obeyed the rules on the July 4th weekend, at least as far as the county fireworks ban was concerned. Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin informed commissioners at Tuesday morning's meeting that he and his staff observed no violations of the fireworks ban during the July 4th weekend, and Commissioner Mike Braddock said he wanted the citizens of Lynn County to know that county officials were pleased with citizens for being responsible and observing the fireworks ban and burn ban.

"I just want to say thank you to

who are researching county records this year. County Clerk Susan Tipton told commissioners that her office expenditures for everyday filing and copies had increased dramatically, but so had the revenue produced from the same filing and copies.

"Last year, from January to June, the county clerk's office brought in approximately \$18,000 in revenue strictly from everyday filings/copies requested in our office. This year, because of the oil and gas companies researching records in the county, the same six-month time period brought in revenue of \$97,000 from everyday filings/cop-

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the people of Lynn County, and want people to know that we do appreciate everyone being responsible and obeying the law, and in keeping our county safe," said Braddock.

Commissioners had a long meeting Tuesday, beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing until 2:30 p.m., with a one-hour break for lunch. Much of the meeting was consumed with budget talks as county officials brought budget estimates to the table for consideration. Several officials from courthouse offices were present to discuss their budget issues with commissioners, and budget talks are expected to continue throughout the month.

One office, that of the county clerk, requested an increase in funding because of the manpower/office supplies needed to handle the heavily increased workload of accessing and copying records for the oil and gas companies

ies," Tipton explained.

The Tuesday meeting included a closed executive session for about a half hour for consideration of the purchase of real property, but no action was taken on property issues when commissioners returned to open session.

Commissioners did approve a new motorgrader purchase for Precinct 2, in the amount of \$143,208 trade difference with the trade-in of a 1998 motorgrader.

Melvin Eaker, auditor for the county, met with commissioners to again discuss the county's need for an internal auditor, a position which would be appointed by District Judge Carter Schildknecht at the commissioners' request. In the past, as county auditor, Eaker has been involved in helping county officials learn the process of

(See County Officials, page 6)

woodwork

by dalton wood



I HAVE HEARD that as a person gets older, they actually lose a little bit of height, and a nice lady I know told me just last week that she measured her height recently and discovered she was almost two inches shorter than she was 30 or 40 years ago.

To know that you are getting shorter as you get older is really depressing if, like me, you are built more like Dorf than Dirk Nowitzki to start with. If you don't know who Dorf is, he is a really short little guy featured in comic videos a few years ago (Dorf on Golf, etc.).

If you don't know who Dirk Nowitzki is, shame on you. Turn in your Texas citizenship. Anyway, he's 7 feet tall, very good at basketball and probably at painting ceilings.

People in American society (and especially native Texans) just naturally place tall men in high regard (at least until they mess up) and consider short men as lesser beings. Big men are supposed to be stronger (they are), smarter (maybe, but not necessarily), more talented, braver, more trustworthy and a lot of other things that they may well be, but which have nothing to do with how tall they are.

Heroes in almost all the books I read are portrayed as over 6 feet tall and mostly bulletproof. And the heroines are never overweight and always beautiful.

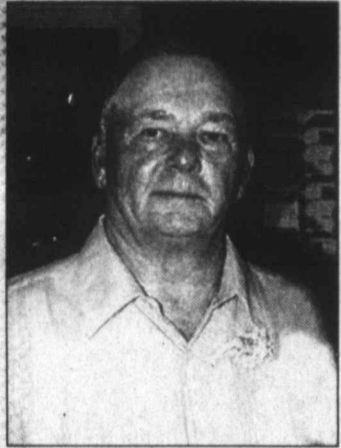
Guys like Napoleon and Audie Murphy probably realized that short men have to be super-good at something just to be considered the equal of their taller contemporaries.

I noticed years ago that when I finally got to the front of the line at concession stands during halftime at athletic events that some guy a foot taller than me standing just behind me was likely to get waited on before I did. Short people get no respect unless they throw a fit (which rarely endures you to anybody).

My taller friends are better than I am at getting things out of the top of the kitchen cabinets. But I've got them beat all to pieces when it comes to stretching out for a nap in the back seat of a Buick.

THE WISEGUY at Wilson says, "Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."

Obituaries



Jerry Don Jolly

Services for Jerry Jolly, 63, of Post, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers. He died Saturday, July 9, 2011.

He was born on May 25, 1948 in Tahoka, to Wes and Dovie Jolly. He graduated from Tahoka High School. He was employed as a deputy sheriff in Post, and a police officer for the Snyder Police Department serving from 1969 until 1978. In 1978, he moved to Lubbock and was employed by Treasure Island Golf Course, Pine Hills Golf Course and the Brownfield Country Club until 1988. He retired from Poka Lambro Telephone Coop in 2010 after serving 21 years as a telephone systems technician. He married Donna Jolly on September 4, 1998 in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

Survivors include his wife, Donna; daughters, Myrna Day and Lori Edwards and husband, Luke; step-sons, Chad Stuckwish and wife, Cayla and Shane Stuckwish and wife, Julie; one sister, Francis Thomas of Tahoka; four brothers, Dobb Jolly and Bobby Jolly, Sr., both of Tahoka, Dwayne Jolly, and Larry Jolly, both of Lubbock; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Sonny.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.



Bobbie Jean Phipps

Services for Bobbie Jean Phipps, 83, of Columbus, Tx will be held Thursday, July 14, 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Columbus, with Pastor Victor Morrison officiating. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 15, in Tahoka City Cemetery. She died July 11, 2011 in Columbus.

She was born February 23, 1928 to John W. and Bertha Mae (Swope) Minor in Tahoka. She worked in the secretarial field for many years. On February 1, 1960 she married Glenn Phipps.

Survivors include her husband, Glenn Phipps of Columbus; three sons, Gary Don Ratliff and wife Billie of Pflugerville, Lary Gene Ratliff and wife Susie of Columbus, Thomas Wayne Ratliff and wife Brenda of Midland; two step-sons, Kenneth D. Phipps and wife Shirley of Clovis, NM and Glenn D. Phipps and wife Sherri of Arlington; sister-in-law, Margaret Minor; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, John Max Minor, Joe Don Minor, A. J. Minor, Jack W. Minor, and James Minor, and a sister, Jewell M. Bairrington.

Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church, 1700 Milam St., Columbus, TX 78934.



Improvements ... First Baptist Church in Wilson has recently improved the back entrance to their fellowship hall by making it more handicapped accessible, and added a porch roof as well. These pictures show the work in progress, and the results of the hard work.

(Photos by Marsha Blackstock)

Barham Foundation fundraiser to benefit fire departments, EMS, local scholarships

The 3rd annual Douglas G. Barham Foundation fundraiser, slated this year for July 29-30, will benefit all four volunteer fire departments in Lynn County, as well as the Lynn County EMS, and scholarships for county youth as well as the Barham children scholarships. Funds have already been earmarked for these organizations, and the foundation is considering donations to other nonprofit organizations in the county as well.

"This week, the Douglas G. Barham Foundation will contribute \$1000 each to the volunteer fire departments in Tahoka, O'Donnell, Wilson and New Home, and another \$1000 to Lynn County EMS," said Claudia Guin, who was recently named as President of the foundation board. "It is our goal to benefit this community that Doug Barham was a member of for so many years, and it is a fitting way to honor his memory," she said. Additionally, the foundation provides ongoing scholarships to the Barham children as they attend college, and for local youth scholarships benefiting Lynn County students.

Last year, the foundation sponsored two \$1500 scholarships, including an FFA schol-

arship for a Lynn County youth, and a scholarship for a Tahoka athlete. Additionally, the foundation sponsors a 4-H scholarship, open to any Lynn County 4-H senior who attends one of the schools in Lynn County.

This year's fundraiser is scheduled for July 29-30 at T-Bar Country Club. The two-day event will include a Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament starting at 7 p.m. on Friday night (\$20 buy-in donation). Saturday events include a 4-man golf scramble (tee off at 9 a.m.) for \$100 per person donation, a barbecue dinner on Saturday from 3-7 p.m. for a \$15 per person donation, and silent auction from 3-7 p.m. and live auction from 6-7 p.m. To enter the golf tournament, email Alan Curry at alcurry@sbcglobal.net, or Mike Rivas at rivas6566@sprint.blackberry.net. All funds raised at the two-day event will benefit the Douglas G. Barham Foundation.

Anyone interested in donating an item for the auction, or wanting more information, may contact Claudia Guin at 535-1477.

The foundation has reorganized with a new board of directors and new officers for this year, and a new focus of benefiting the local community with foundation fundraisers. Claudia Guin is the new President, with Alan Curry serving as vice president, and new members Bill Miller and Mike Rivas serving

Brisket dinner to benefit Elora Rosales this Sunday

A brisket dinner and raffle will be held on Sunday, July 17, to benefit Elora Rosales, 18, daughter of Chris and Mary Rosales of O'Donnell. She was diagnosed with stage 3 cancer following her graduation from O'Donnell High School and the benefit is to help cover medical costs for treatments.

The community wide gathering will be held at the O'Donnell Community Center, located at 100 Nassau Road, from 11:00 a.m. til 2:00 p.m. Crystal River will be performing in the park.

Donations will be accepted at the dinner or can be mailed to Danna Brownlow, 1009 Standefur, O'Donnell, Tx. 79351. For more information, call 806-201-0418.



ELORA ROSALES

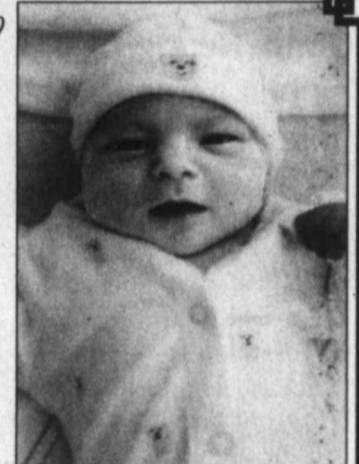
Braelyn Nicole Martinez

was born Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 6:12 p.m. to

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING of the Board of Trustees Tahoka Independent School District

July 14, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.
2129 N. Main, Tahoka, Texas

Notice is provided that the Board of Trustees of the Tahoka Independent School District will hold a public hearing on July 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at 2129 N. Main, Tahoka, Texas to offer the public an opportunity to provide comments regarding the proposed budget for the 2011-2012 school year.

Aviso de Audiencia Pública Del Consejo de Administración Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tahoka

14 de Julio de 2011 • 6:00 p.m.
2129 N. Main, Tahoka, Texas

Se comunica que el Consejo de administración del Distrito escolar independiente de Tahoka se reunirá el 14 de Julio de 2011, a las 6:00 p.m. en 2129 N. Main, Tahoka, Texas, para dar al público la oportunidad de ofrecer comentarios relativos con respecto al proyecto de presupuesto para el periodo 2011-2012 año escolar.



LEXI WIED AND BRADLEY SIBERT

Couple announces engagement

David and Nan Wied of New Home announce the engagement of their daughter, Lexi Marie, to Bradley Franklin Sibert, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Scott Sibert and Ms. Libby Sibert of Odesa.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Texas Tech University and Texas A&M graduate school, is currently employed by The University of Texas of the Permian Basin. The future bridegroom is a graduate of Texas A&M University and is employed by Cisco Equipment.

The couple will marry on August 13 at the First Baptist Church of New Home.

Cinco de Mayo event a possibility next year

Anyone interested in a pending Cinco de Mayo event in Tahoka next year, please contact Carlos Moralez at 806-577-9248.

VBS at Tahoka FUMC set August 1-5

Vacation Bible School at the First United Methodist Church, 1801 Ave. J in Tahoka, will be held August 1-5. Supper will be served each evening at 5:30 p.m., and classes will begin at 6 p.m. This entire family is invited, as adult classes will also be offered. The theme is "Shake it up Café - Where kids carry out God's recipe."

A nursery will be provided. If you have children that will be in the nursery, please call ahead of time. For more information call 806-561-4503.

Back to School event offers supplies to needy

South Plains Community Action will be taking applications to provide backpacks with school supplies for needy and low income households for the upcoming school year. All funds for the supplies were donated by local businesses and individuals.

Applications will be taken from July 18th thru July 21st. All applications will be taken at the Spartan Building located at 1629 Ave J. Applicants must provide proof of Chip/Medicaid, Food Stamps, Tanf, or provide 30 day proof of income. If you would like donate, or for more info, call (806) 998-4521.



KORDELL BAKER

Kordell Baker is All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy has named Kordell Briscoe Baker, an incoming sophomore at Tahoka High School, as an All-American Scholar At-Large Award Winner. Baker, will appear in the All-American Scholar official yearbook, which is published nationally.

This award is a prestigious honor given to fewer than 10 percent of American high school students. Criteria includes a student's grade point average, achievements, and a well-balanced academics and extracurricular activities.

Baker is the son of Bianca Baker of Tahoka and the late David A. Baker Jr. His grandparents are Peter and Joan Cirillo Jr. and the late Jeannine A. Cirillo of Johnstown, NY, and Jean Baker and the late David A. Baker Sr. of Montgomery, AL.

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Tahoka 3-D band places three performances in finals of State OPS

The Tahoka High School 3-D Band for the very first time ever has placed three performances in the state finals of ATSSB's Outstanding Performance Series (OPS). Each year those bands from 1A-3A may submit up to three different recorded performance pieces for competition.

At the Region Level, two marches in each division are selected to advance and three concert pieces are selected to advance to Area. At Area, two marches in each division again are selected to advance to State and three concert pieces in each division advance to State. At Area Tahoka's march, "3-D Galop," placed second in the 1A division and consequently advanced. Tahoka's two concert pieces, "Escape from the Deep" and "The Steppes of Russia" placed first and second in the 1A Area concert competition and therefore advanced to State.

On July 24 at the Texas Bandmasters Association Convention, all the OPS state final-

ists will be judged and the results announced there.

Over seven different years, starting in 2000, Tahoka has placed 10 performances in the OPS State Finals, with '07-'11 being consecutive. In '09 two placed fourth and in '10 the Tahoka 3-D Band's march was first runner-up in 1A.

"Words cannot describe how proud we are of the young people in the 2010-2011 Tahoka 3-D Band and their phenomenal accomplishments," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith. "They are to be highly commended for their hard work and musicianship. Tahoka is a name recognized throughout the state because of these young people."

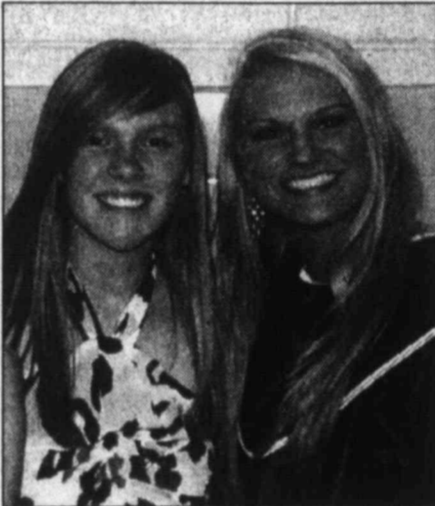


Fun for food ... Admission to a community swimming party Friday night at the Tahoka City pool was six cans of food per person, and brought a good turnout to the pool. The Carlos Moralez family sponsored the fundraiser, and donated all the food to the local senior citizens center. Lynn County Pioneers Center Director Blanca Baker told The News that the event brought in 11 boxes of canned food for the center, and expressed her appreciation to the community, and to the Moralez family for sponsoring the fun night.

Jet ski accident injures two daughters:

Fundraiser dinner set to aid local family

A fundraiser dinner will be held Sunday to aid the Kirk Pierce family whose two teenage daughters were both injured in a jet ski accident during a family reunion recently. The oldest daughter, Brantley, 17, a recent graduate of Tahoka High School, and her younger sister, Kasadee, 15, were both injured at a lake in Austin on June 27.



KASADEE AND BRANTLEY PIERCE

The girls were placed in two different hospitals in Austin, with Kasadee released July 7 from a children's hospital after

having surgery to repair a broken leg. She is staying with relatives in the Austin area until the Pierce family can return to Tahoka. Brantley has spent the past 2-1/2 weeks in Breckenridge Hospital in Austin having gone through at least 10 surgeries to date, to save and repair her lower leg.

All proceeds from a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, July 17 will go to the family to help with expenses. The meal will be served at the Tahoka Life Enrichment Center, 1717

Main Street (enter on west side of building). The meal will include spaghetti, salad, bread, drink and dessert and will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted at the door, with dine in or carry out plates available.

Additionally, bank accounts accepting donations for the family have been opened at each of the two Tahoka banks, called the "Pierce Family Fund" if anyone wishes to help in that way. Donations can be mailed to these accounts at: First Bank & Trust of Tahoka, c/o "Pierce Family Fund", P.O. Box 4550, Tahoka, TX 79373, or to The First National Bank of Tahoka, c/o "Pierce Family Fund", P.O. Box 1030, Tahoka, TX 79373.

There will be a Bake Sale Friday, July 15 at the Tahoka Thriftway, starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending when all items are gone. Anyone wanting to donate baked goods for this event may contact Mark and Tina Wuensche, or Kalee Wuensche, at 561-4441 (home) or 577-3497 (Mark's cell).

Cancer Fighters Unite

Anyone is invited to come join this Cancer Support Group, which will meet once a month, beginning Monday, August 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the Sweet Street Baptist Church.

For more information, call Lynn Long at 561-5320 or 786-7776.

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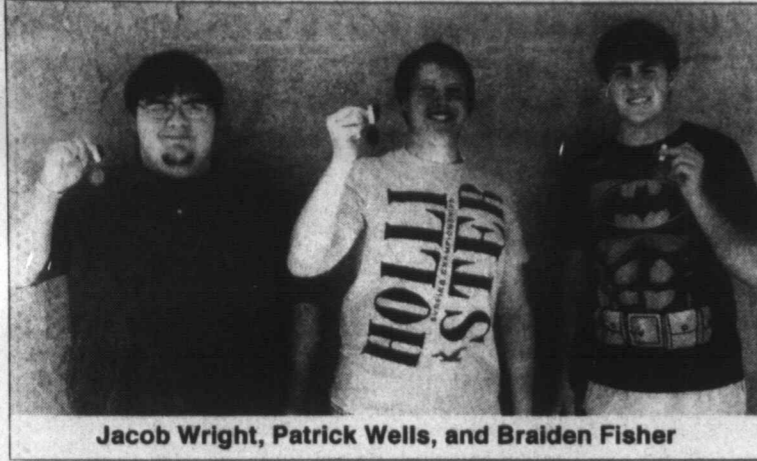
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19th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



Jacob Wright, Patrick Wells, and Braiden Fisher

3-D Band students win medals

Braiden Fisher, Patrick Wells, and Jacob Wright show off the medals that they earned May 30 at the Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest in Pflugerville.

Both Braiden and Patrick earned Silver medals or an "Excellent" rating for their solos; Braiden on a vocal solo and Patrick on a piano solo (his fourth consecutive one at State).

Jacob Wright earned a Gold medal or a "Superior" rating on his vocal solo. In addition to the woodwind trio of Jacob Wright, Braiden Fisher, and Hannah Thomas earned an "Excellent" rating and the woodwind ensemble of Jacob Wright, Sarah Freitag, Cort Fisher, Ariana Monsivais, Abigail Santos, Hannah Thomas, Susie Lara, Mady DeLeon, Kaitlyn Lehman, LisaMarie Alvarado, Josh

Miller, Caitlynn Martin, Nick Aguirre, Alex Rodriguez, and Stevi Moya earned an "Excellent" rating.

"We are proud of each and everyone who went and competed for this is the best of the best at State," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith. "To earn a 'I' at State is a great honor as most judges only give out 4-7 ones out of 50 competing on any given day."

Sweet Street VBS set July 25-29

"Rev it Up for Christ" is the theme for Vacation Bible School to be held July 25-29 at Sweet Street Baptist Church, located at 1300 Ave. J in Tahoka.

Classes will be held from 6:00-8:30 p.m. each day for children ages 4 years through 5th grade.

New Home Church of Christ sets July 17-20 VBS

"Kingdom Kids", the VBS theme for the New Home Church of Christ vacation Bible school for toddlers and children thru 6th grade, will be held July 17-20. The kick-off and cookout will be held Sunday evening beginning at 5:00 p.m.

VBS will begin at 6:00 p.m. from July 18-20. For more info, contact the church at 924-7579.

FUN FACTS

In the 1940s, the FCC assigned television's Channel 1 to mobile services (two-way radios in taxicabs, for instance) but did not renumber the other channel assignments. That is why your TV set has channels 2 and up, but no channel 1.

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Tahoka ISD budget hearing set tonight

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing tonight (Thursday) for comments on the proposed budget for the 2011-2012 school year. The public is invited to attend the hearing at 6 p.m. at the Harvick Educational Building, 2129 N. Main, in Tahoka.

USDA crop certification deadline is July 15

Lynn County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rodney Schoppa, reminds producers that the annual crop certification deadline for spring-seeded crops is July 15, 2011.

Producers who file accurate and timely reports for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage can prevent the potential loss of FSA program benefits.

"I encourage all producers to visit the Lynn County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the July 15 deadline in order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements," said Schoppa.

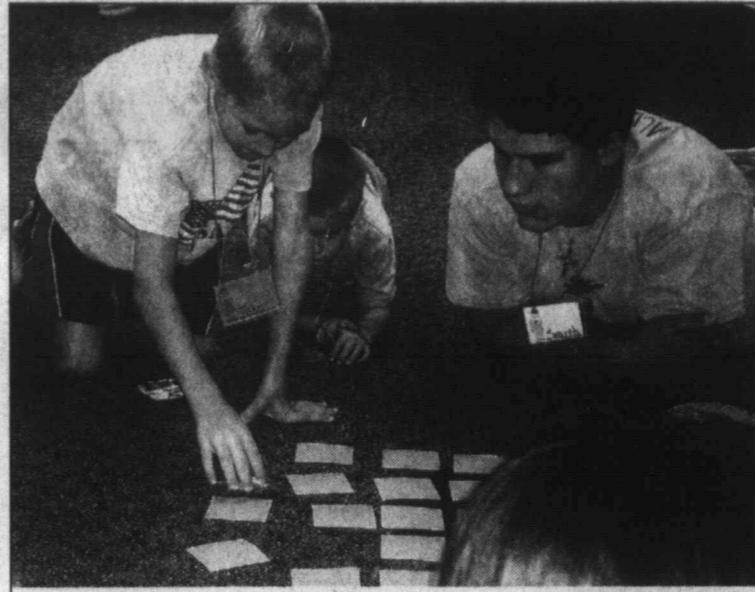
Considering the current drought situation in Texas, producers are also reminded to report crop losses insured through Federal Crop Insurance and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) within 15 days of the disaster or after the loss is apparent.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the Lynn County FSA office at 806-998-4501.

USDA-FSA to host four webinars on hispanic and women farmer and rancher claims process

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Juan M. Garcia announced four webinars (internet-based) to discuss the USDA Hispanic and Women Farmer and Rancher Settlement Claims Process and current FSA loan programs. They are scheduled for July 14, 28 and Aug. 11 at 7 pm.

On February 25, Secretary



Concentration ... Smith McLelland (right) and Talon and Weston Ausbern (left) play a "Greek Gods" concentration card game at the City-County Library Summer Reading session this week. McLelland is a member of Tahoka High School National Honor Society (NHS), who assist the library with the summer reading program for youth each year. One of this year's themes is Greek Gods.



Hidden pictures ... Zoe Wilborn and Zoey Redman look for the hidden pictures in an "I Spy" book at the City-County Library, during the Summer Reading program.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Thank you to the Lynn County News, and officers Tom Tejada and Rudy Tejada, Jr., the City Of Tahoka and to all who donated and participated in this annual event.

The Carlos Morales family

Prayer for rain

Dear Editor and Fellow Citizens,

I saw this prayer in the Fredericksburg newspaper and wanted to share it. It is just as dry there as it is here. Though we don't have hills and rivers, I think this would be appropriate for us also.

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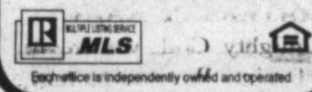
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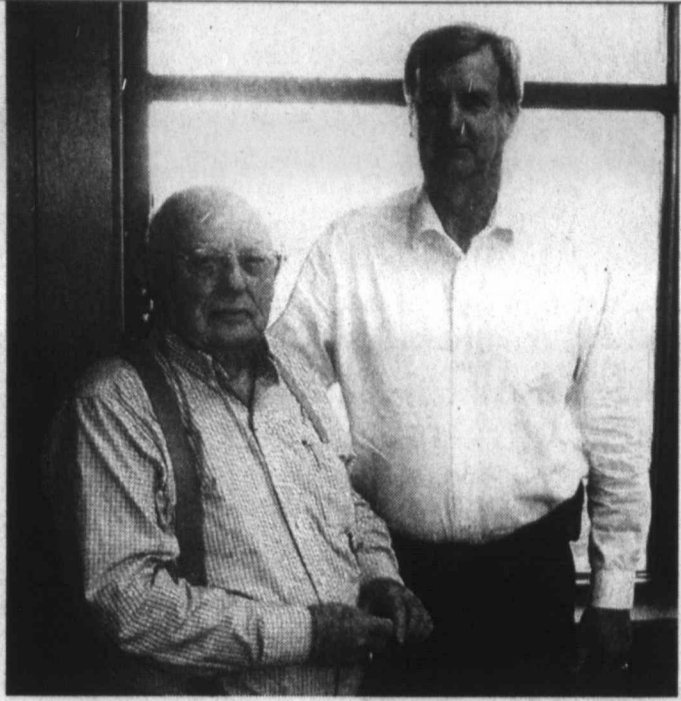
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A job well done ... Tahoka Mayor John Baker (right) thanks Larry Hagood for 16 years of service representing the City of Tahoka as their representative on the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority Board of Directors. City officials expressed their appreciation to Hagood and presented him with a small gift Monday.

Jay Dee House named city's representative to CRMWA board

Tahoka City Council met Monday night, appointing Jay Dee House as the city's representative to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA) Board of Directors. House takes the seat vacated by Larry Hagood, who is retiring after 16 years of serving the city on the CRMWA board. Mayor John Baker expressed appreciation to Hagood on the city's behalf at the meeting, and presented him with a small gift from the city. House will begin his term on the CRMWA board

beginning Aug. 1. In other business, the council also made another board appointment to replace a vacancy on the ACT (Advancing the Community of Tahoka) Board. Shannon Lawson was appointed to the board to replace Roosevelt Moore, who is stepping down. The ACT Board is responsible for bringing project options to the city council for using the 4-B half-cent sales tax funds collected in Tahoka. City council member Amy Preston was reappointed as the

Senior Citizen MENU

July 18-22
Monday: SPAG meal: Roast pork, sweet potatoes, succotash, whole wheat rolls, banana pudding
Tuesday: Turkey chef salad, crackers, summer fruit assortment
Wednesday: Meatloaf, Au gratin potatoes, green beans, rolls, soccer practice bars
Thursday: Hamburger mac casserole, mixed green salad, wheat bread, pears
Friday: Baked chicken, egg noodles & broccoli, salad, biscuits, cheesecake pie

Special Request: The Senior Citizen Center's homebound program is desperately in need of a delivery vehicle. If you have a jeep, Explorer or similar vehicle that is in good working condition that you would consider donating, or selling very cheap, please contact Bianca at 561-5264.

- Stay tuned for details on our special summer event (HINT: Rosie's scrumptious dressing will be featured) that we will be hosting in August to benefit the Senior Citizen Center meal programs. An invitation will be extended to all the residents and business owners of Lynn County to attend and support the continued good works of the Senior Citizens Center.
- Handquilted Baby Quilts for sale: Starting at \$50. Available at the center.
- NOTICE: NO BINGO IN JULY.** We will resume in August.
- Please remember the Senior Citizen Center if your garden bounty is especially overflowing this year.
- Feed our community: Under the age of 60, a ten day ticket for a suggested donation is \$50, Senior Citizens ticket, \$35.

Mayor Pro Tem for the city, in the event the Mayor is unavailable.

Monthly bills were paid, and city officials reported on various departments. All council members were present at the meeting led by Mayor John Baker, including Amy Preston, Rudy Fuentes, Ronny Jolly, Jeff Martin and Ray Box, as well as City Administrator Jerry Webster and others.



2011-2012 Officers ... New officers for 2011-2012 were installed at Tahoka Masonic Lodge #1041 on July 5, 2011. Pictured from left are Gene Ingle, Chaplain; Ed Follis, Jr. Deacon; Pete Platak, Sr. Deacon; Randy Byrum, Jr. Warden; Tom Lusk, Sr. Warden; and Richard Bruns, Worshipful Master. Not pictured is Doug Taylor, Treasurer; Leighton Knox, Secretary; and John Fabricatore Tyler. The next meeting will be August 2, at 6:30 p.m.

County officials ...

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financial accountability and the protocol of how finances are reported. That is something, he says, that he will not be allowed to do anymore, and that the county will be required to have a person, such as an internal auditor with a background in auditing/financial issues, to be accountable for the county's financial practices.

"As independent auditors for the county, we are required to be more independent and not be so involved in managing the county's financial accountability issues," Eaker explained. "Lots of things have changed, and as your independent auditor I need to not audit a county that I have prepared - you need an internal auditor to insure that each county office is doing things the way they are supposed to, and to prevent fraud. The county has to have someone with expertise in financial matters to be financially accountable for auditing purposes," he added.

"And, this will save my time (for which the county pays the auditing firm) and will eventually save you money in the long

run ... it won't be dollar for dollar in the first year, or even in the second year, but long term it should. I don't think you will be spending any more than you do now overall. And, the compliance controls will be there for each county office, and this is something that has to be in place," Eaker added.

Commissioners did not take any action on hiring an internal auditor, but said they would

place the issue on their next agenda. Eaker said the position should be filled by September if possible.

Commissioners approved monthly bills before adjourning the meeting at 2:30 p.m. County Judge H.G. Franklin led the meeting with all four commissioners present, including Keith Wied, Danny Martin, Don Blair and Mike Braddock, as well as other county officials.

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