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Community Blood Drive slated Tuesday

United Blood Services invites everyone to be part of the Tahoka Community Blood Drive, Tuesday, June 26, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church (Fellowship Hall), 1701 Ave K, in Tahoka.

Each donor will receive a Freedom t-shirt and be entered into a drawing for a new iPad.

To donate blood, donors must be at least 16 years of age, be in good health, and have a valid photo ID.

To schedule an appointment, please contact Retha Pittman at 561-4211 or log onto www.BloodHero.com

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State winners ... Madison Lockaby and Taya Bishop, members of Lynn County 4-H, won State in the "Share the Fun Vocals" contest held at the State 4-H Round-up in Lubbock last week. The duo performed "Boy Trouble Medley" including Adele's "Rolling in the Deep," Martina McBride's "God Fearing Women" and Kelly Pickler's "Tuff" for a large enthusiastic crowd at the United Spirit Arena at Texas Tech University. Madison is the daughter of Todd and Kristi Lockaby, and Taya is the daughter of Billy and Jana Bishop, all of Tahoka.

Celebrating a Century!

Tahoka Masonic Lodge to celebrate 100th year

by JUANELL JONES

Members of the Tahoka Masonic Lodge #1041 are observing a milestone of historical significance this week, celebrating their 100th year in ceremonies slated for Saturday afternoon. The Tahoka Masonic Lodge 100th anniversary party will be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 23, 2012 in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, for members, guests, and dignitaries from the Masonic organization, and the public is invited to attend.

Representatives from The Grand Lodge of Texas will present a commemorative 100-year certificate to the Tahoka Lodge in ceremonies to be conducted at 2:30 p.m. during the anniversary event. Tahoka Mayor John Baker will also present a Proclamation from the City of Tahoka in honor of the Masonic Lodge's centennial celebration.

Currently there are 39 on the local Lodge membership list, including the 2012 officers: Richard Bruns, Worshipful Master; Pete Piatak, Sr. Deacon; Ed Follis, Jr. Deacon; Tom Lusk, Sr. Warden; Randy Byrum, Jr. Warden; Doug Taylor, Treasurer; Leighton Knox, Secretary; Gene Ingle, Chaplain; and John Fabricatore, Tyler.

Officially, The Grand Lodge of Texas of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons chartered the establishment of the Tahoka Masonic Lodge #1041 on Dec. 7, 1911, and members began meeting in January 1912. J.H. Edwards was Master, J.N. Elliott was Senior Warden, and J.W. Thomas was Junior Warden, according to information recorded on the official document that is displayed on the wall of the Lodge.

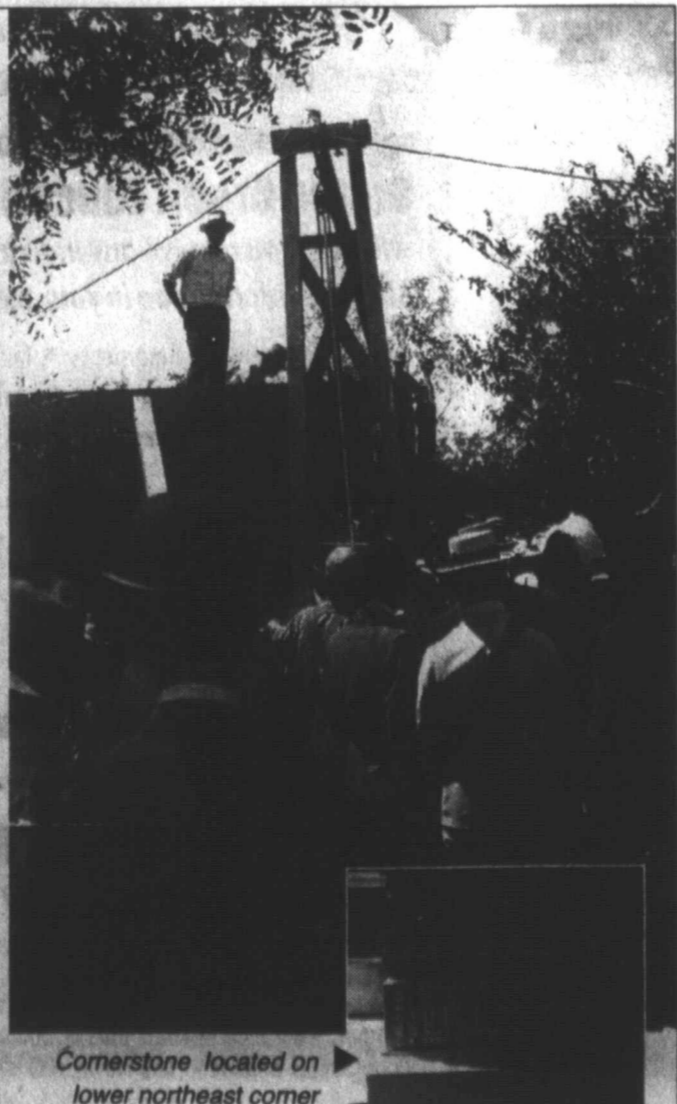
(See *Masons Celebrate*, page 4)

Masons lay courthouse cornerstone

Tahoka Masons are a part of the history of Tahoka, pictured here in 1916 laying the cornerstone for the construction of the Lynn County Courthouse.

(Photo courtesy of Pioneer Museum)

In the lower right is a photo showing the cornerstone in the northeast corner of the courthouse, today. The cornerstone lists the County Judge and Commissioners at the time the stone was laid, as well as the architect and contractor for the construction project.



Cornerstone located on lower northeast corner

Two more principals resign here; TISD Board to seek replacements

Tahoka Independent School District will begin the 2012-13 school year with a whole new slate of administrators over school campuses, with the resignations of both the Tahoka High School and Tahoka Middle School Principals accepted at the June 14 board meeting. Jason Powell just came on board as the Tahoka Elementary Principal this month, after the resignation of Alecia Hancock at the end of the 2011-12 school year. The Board will be looking to fill the principal positions at middle school and high school before the new school year begins.

High School Principal Michael Norman, who has been with TISD for two years, is resigning at the end of June, and he is reportedly accepting a position as principal at Wellman ISD. Middle School Principal Tom Thomas' resignation is effective at the end of July after five years with the district, and he is reportedly accepting a position as principal at Bean Elementary in Lubbock. In

addition, the board accepted the resignation of Corey Cunningham, who was head girls track coach and cross country coach, and taught accounting/economics and government.

The board went into executive session to discuss personnel, and upon returning to open session approved contracts for seven new teachers for the 2012-2013 school year. Probationary contracts were offered to Emilia Garcia (Kindergarten), Jeni Hammonds (Technology/Reading Specialist), Andrew Knake (High School Math), D'Lynn Gill (Pre-Kindergarten), Crystal Pledger (Computers), Nicole Powell (6th Grade English/Language Arts), and Courtney Tyler (Art/Theatre Arts).

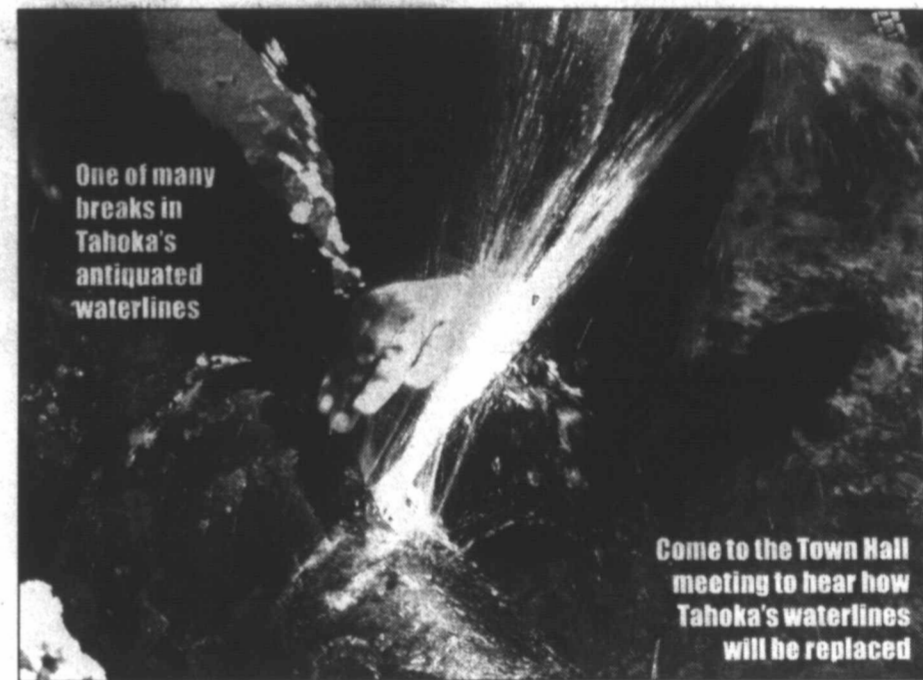
At the beginning of the board meeting, newly reelected trustee John Hawthorne was administered the Oath of Office for new members. Cathy Box, the other newly reelected trustee, was absent from the meeting (See *TISD Board*, page 3)



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One of many breaks in Tahoka's antiquated waterlines

Come to the Town Hall meeting to hear how Tahoka's waterlines will be replaced

When will Tahoka get new waterlines?

Town hall meeting set Tuesday for waterline project information

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka Mayor John Baker invites Tahoka citizens to a Town Hall meeting at 7 p.m. next Tuesday, June 26 at the Center for Housing and Community Development (1400 Ave. K) to hear information presented about the \$2 million water system improvement project for the City of Tahoka. Funded by a grant through the Texas Water Development Board's Economically Distressed Areas Program, the project is currently in the planning and design stages. Mayor Baker invites local citizens to the informal meeting to hear how the project will be implemented for the citywide replacement of water lines underneath city streets.

"Abby Scioli, a representative from Wasteline Engineering, Inc., will be at the meeting to explain the timeline for the project, and we invite all citizens to attend," the Mayor told *The News*.

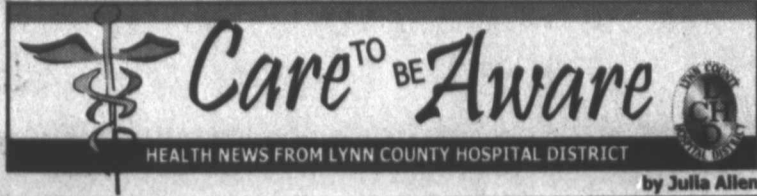
The planning and design stage, funded by a \$239,000 grant portion of the TWDB grant, is well underway and is progressing in a timely manner, according to city officials. The town hall meeting is part of an environmental assessment required by the TWDB grant process, and the mayor is inviting citizens to address city/engineering officials with any questions or issues regarding the project.

When the planning phase is completed, the city can apply for the construction portion of the grant funds, estimated at one time to be approxi-

mately \$1.9 million. More information about the construction phase and timelines will be addressed at the meeting.

Tahoka city officials and citizens have long known that the city's waterline system is antiquated and sorely in need of replacement. A story in the July 28, 1911 *Lynn County News* reported that waterlines were being placed in Main Street, and in fact much of the city's waterlines are about 100 years old, except for the many patches/replacements in certain areas. When it was originally constructed, the waterlines underneath city streets were all connected, with no shutoff valves to allow for cutting water off in any areas for maintenance. Today, that antiquated system is still in use, causing numerous citywide water cutoffs when breakage occurs, which has happened more and more frequently in recent years.

"The City serves an estimated 965 water connections. The water distribution system is undersized and dilapidated, causing low water pressure and leaving the City at risk of potential contamination," stated a press release from TWDB to Tahoka city officials last August, when city officials were told that the project was eligible for grant funding. The city actually received the \$239,000 grant portion for the planning stage on April 2, 2012, and Wasteline Engineering immediately began planning and designing the waterline replacement project.



Five Tips for Safe Summer Sun

By Kevin Ronneberg, M.D.

Summer has arrived. As the weather heats up, it's critical for beachgoers and outdoor fun-seekers to be sun-safe.

This begins with choosing the right sunscreen to protect yourself from harmful UV rays. Equally important are these five simple tips from the Skin Cancer Foundation, which also will help you mitigate sun damage and reduce the risk of skin cancer.

First, seek the shade. Simply minimizing exposure to UVA and UVB rays can go a long way toward protecting your skin. Taking a break from direct sun is especially important between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when rays are strongest. And remember, clouds don't block UV rays.

Infants under 6 months should always be kept out of the sun -- protected with clothing, an umbrella or a stroller hood. Children and adults should wear protective clothing, including wide-brimmed hats and UV-blocking sunglasses.

Second, use a broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher. Regardless of the season, this kind of sun protection should be used on a daily basis. Most people understand the importance of sun safety during the summer months, but many underestimate the need for year-round protection. The temperature may drop, but UV rays remains strong. And the cooler temperatures may actually prevent people from realizing the extent of the damage the sun is doing to their skin.

Next year, new regulations from the Food and Drug Administration will help consumers know they're getting the right protection by prohibiting manufacturers from labeling their sunscreens as "broad spectrum" or

making claims about protecting against skin cancer and aging unless they're SPF 15 or higher. And sunscreens with lower SPF values will have to sport a warning that the product may not offer protection against the harmful effects of exposure to the sun.

Third, apply 1 ounce of sunscreen to the entire body 30 minutes before going outside. According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, for full SPF protection, sunscreen must be applied half an hour before sun exposure. If you are average size, you'll need a full ounce -- or about two tablespoons -- to adequately cover your skin. Studies show that most people apply less than half that amount, losing the full benefit of the SPF protection.

Reapplication is just as important as putting sunscreen on in the first place, as sunscreens tend to break down with exposure and can be rubbed off or washed off by sweat or water. So sunscreen should be applied every two hours, and immediately after swimming or a set of tennis. During a full day at the beach, one person should expect to use at least a quarter of an 8 oz. bottle of sunscreen.



Five generations ... Pictured here are five generations of a family, all of whom live in Tahoka, and who are descendants of one of Tahoka's Centenarians, Mrs. Jackie Turner (center), who is 101. Pictured from left are Rebekah Filley, Kinley Filley, Jackie Turner, Danna Curry, and Dan Turner.

Fourth, do not let yourself burn. Sunburn is the most immediate and obvious sign of UV damage. When immune cells race to the injured skin site to start healing the damage, they produce the reddening and swelling.

Tanning is the skin's response to this damage and may permanently affect skin cells. While many believe a "base tan" will prevent damaging burns, that's not the case. There is no such thing as a healthy or base tan.

Finally, check your skin regularly and ask your doctor for a skin cancer exam annually. One in five Americans will develop skin cancer. Tans and

burns can be the first step. Intermittent but intense UV exposure is more closely associated with melanoma, the most deadly variety of skin cancer, than chronic sun exposure. One blistering sunburn in childhood or five in a lifetime doubles the risk of melanoma.

To check yourself for signs of skin damage, inspect your skin from head to toe, looking for spots or sores that heal too slowly, new growths, and any moles or beauty marks that change in color, texture, or size. And once each year, be sure to ask your physician for a skin checkup.

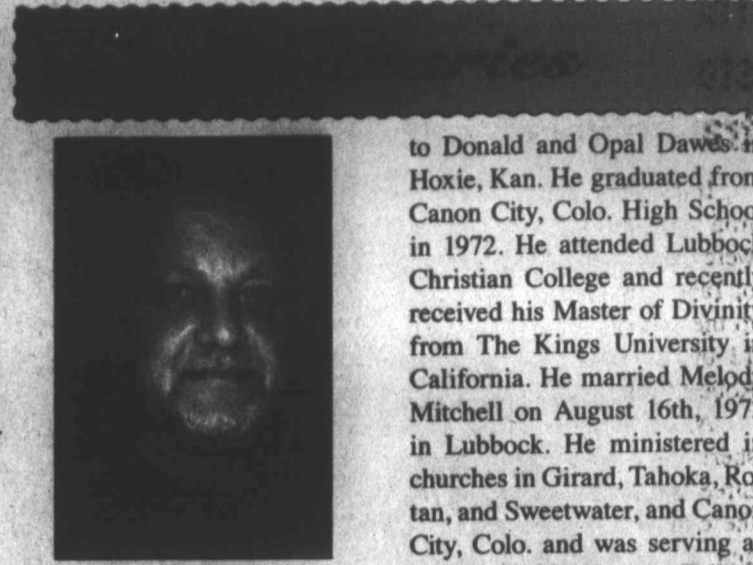
Sunscreens are an essential part of a healthy lifestyle. They keep skin looking young and reduce the risk of many skin cancers. They must be used properly, however. These five suggestions will help keep you and your skin safe.

Area authors invited to apply for Literary Festival

Odessa's first book festival, "Books in the Basin" will be held October 6, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Odessa.

The festival will be centered in and around the Ector County Library and adjoining Noel Heritage Plaza. Authors will be set up in different venues to do reading, interviews, Q&A's, and book signings.

Area authors are invited to submit their books for inclusion in the festival. For more information and applications, please contact the City-County Library in Tahoka at 561-4050. Application deadline is July 1, 2012.



Lanny Maurice Jackson

Services for Lanny Maurice Jackson, 50, of O'Donnell, were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 18, 2012, at First Baptist Church in O'Donnell, with Clay Childress officiating. He died on June 14, 2012.

He was born in Slaton on December 27, 1961, to Maurice and Patsy Jackson. He married Kelli Crouch on December 31, 2010 in O'Donnell.

He was preceded in death by his son Carter Jackson and daughter Amber Ludlow.

Survivors include his wife Kelli Jackson of O'Donnell; four sons Jordan Jackson of New York, Tanner Jackson of Irving, Jerad Ludlow and Erik Ludlow, both of O'Donnell; two daughters, Kallie Jackson of Irving, and Karenda and husband Jeff Cotton of Ada, OK; his parents Maurice and Patsy Jackson of O'Donnell; two sisters Pattie and husband Griff Griffin of San Angelo, and Tracy and husband Leo Stewart of San Angelo; and two grandchildren.

Palbearers were Todd Gass, Randy Brewer, Brad Williams, Travis Mires, Tommy Knight, Don Forbes, Brent Cox and Corey Gass.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

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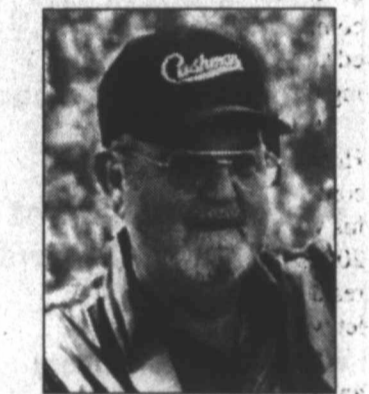
Services for Donald Ray Dawes, 58, of Lubbock, will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 21, at Springs Fellowship Church. He died on Tuesday, June 19, 2012.

He was born October 9, 1953

to Donald and Opal Dawes in Hoxie, Kan. He graduated from Canon City, Colo. High School in 1972. He attended Lubbock Christian College and recently received his Master of Divinity from The Kings University in California. He married Melody Mitchell on August 16th, 1973 in Lubbock. He ministered in churches in Girard, Tahoka, Rotan, and Sweetwater, and Canon City, Colo. and was serving as an elder at The Springs Fellowship in Lubbock. He owned Senior Link Magazine and served as a motivation consultant for several businesses in town.

Survivors include his wife, Melody; his mother, Opal Dawes; three children, Rachel Sawyer, Rebekah Porter, and Marcus Dawes; two sisters, Donna Pate and Sharon Bennyhoff; and twelve grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Springs Fellowship Church, or Llano Estacado Emmaus Community, or sent to Candlelight Press at 8302 Indiana - Suite 1, Lubbock, Tx 79423.



Joe Bryan

Graveside services for Joe Bryan, 64, of Abilene, were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 18, 2012 at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene with Rev. Rhonda Greenwood and Rev. Todd Keller officiating. He died on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at a local hospital. Services were under the direction of The Hamil Family Funeral Home.

He was born in Abilene, on August 8, 1947 to Frances (Hester) and I. G. Bryan, Jr. He was a U. S. Army veteran of Vietnam. For 27 years, he lived in Tahoka, having been a building contractor, city police officer and Deputy Sheriff in Lynn County. He was a Baptist. He married Cynthia Parker in Tahoka. He moved back to Abilene in 1999 after retiring. Joe was a Cushman motor scooter enthusiast and he rebuilt and enjoyed riding them.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Emily Ann Bryan; and one brother, George Robert "Bob" Bryan.

Survivors include his wife, Cynthia "Cindy" Parker Bryan of Abilene; son, Kurt Bryan and wife Lee Ann of Abilene; daughter, Kerri Bryan and husband Eric Fleming of Round Rock; five grandchildren, Bethany Moore, Jordan Elrod, Parker Bryan, Grant Fleming and Claire Fleming; and four great-grandchildren, Madison Clark, Payton Moore, Cadence Moore and Cecily Moore. He is also survived by two sisters, Ann Goforth and husband Bob of Cullman, Alabama, and Kay Watson of Abilene, as well as several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX 79605, or Texas Outdoor C.H.I.L.D., 2109 Boxwood Path, Round Rock, TX 78664.

Online condolences may be posted at www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com. (PAID)

William Jireh Kirkland



was born Friday,

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WHEN I SAW Lotta Tahokum standing out on the sidewalk near my office last Friday, I stepped outside to say hello to her, but she sort of backed away, saying, "Get away from me—you're covered in germs!"

"What are you talking about?" I retorted. "I take regular baths and brush what teeth I still have."

She said she had just read a newspaper article that claimed even healthy people have about 10,000 germs living on them and inside their bodies, and besides, she said, eyeing me significantly, "the more a person weighs, the more germs they have."

I also had read that report. It said that everybody has all these bacteria, fungi and other microbes on their bodies and inside them, but that many of the germs are good ones that combat the bad ones we all have. The claim was that larger people could have as much as six pounds of germs in and on their bodies, which is pretty depressing news to large people.

"After reading that stuff in the paper yesterday, I have taken six showers and used a quart of Listerine," Lotta exclaimed. "Shouldn't that help?"

I asked if she had thought about drinking a pint of whiskey every day. "That ought to kill those little boogers. And if not, at least you'd be less concerned about them."

She thought that would be a bad idea, and I have to agree. But the thought of all those things on us, and crawling around inside us, is disgusting.

I remember reading somewhere that during sleep, almost everyone unknowingly swallows some bugs and spiders. Considering that, plus all those germs in our in-nards, it's no wonder I usually wake up feeling lousy.

MOVIES for years have been officially rated so viewers will know what to expect in the way of offensive things. A rating of G means family-type things that almost anyone can watch without being offended. PG means parental guidance, V is for violence, R means raunchy with inexcusable language, N is for nudity, SC is for sexual content. There are a few other designations we are accustomed to, but sometime recently (I only noticed a few months ago), a mysterious label of D is given for some movies.

I have no real information about what that stands for, but it may be for dumb or disgusting. Most movies should be labeled UVA, meaning unfit to be viewed by anybody, and perhaps T for tasteless and S for stupid should be invoked.

There are a few good movies, however. They are so rare they should be cherished.

Thefts reported, stolen farm trailers recovered

Implement parts and scrap iron valued at more than \$3300 were stolen from a farm just east of Tahoka, according to a report to the sheriff's office filed June 12 by the owner of the farm, Robert Smith of Tahoka.

Also, officers from the sheriff's department reported three trailers stolen recently in the county had been recovered and returned to their owners. Terry County Sheriff's officers had notified Lynn County that a man had been trying to sell a trailer at Brownfield, leading to an investigation which led to the recovery of the three trailers, all stolen.

One trailer recovered with irrigation pipe still on it belonged to Dennis Lisenby, who lives in the northwest portion of Lynn County. Another, stolen just that day, was owned by Mike White of New Home. A third trailer recovered had been stolen in Lubbock. All were returned to their owners.

Theft of cash from a Tahoka man's wallet, and harassment of a Tahoka woman involving computer hacking were reported to Tahoka Police Dept. during the last week.

On Saturday, Darrell Shane Huffaker advised police that someone had stolen \$200 from his wallet, left on the dash of his 2007 Chevrolet pickup at his residence on N. 8th St. The wallet was not stolen.

On June 12 a Tahoka woman told police that her former boyfriend had hacked her Facebook account and e-mail account, changing her passwords so she could not access one of the accounts.

Lynn County Jail was holding 12 inmates early this week, with three of those held for Gaines County.

Two persons were jailed during the week, one on two counts of theft of copper or aluminum material, and one for judgment on criminal non-support.



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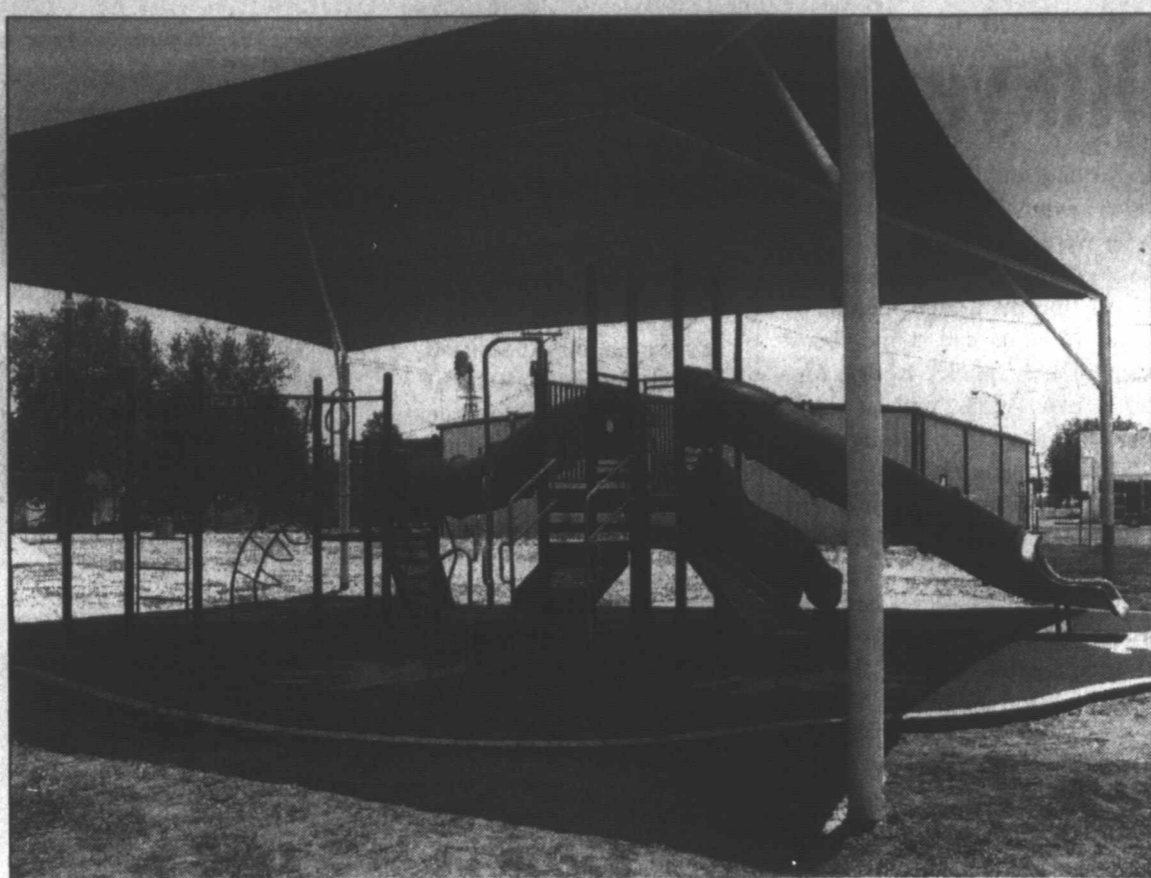
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Great new look ... There's a fresh new look to the children's play area at the city park. The ACT Board (Advancing the Community of Tahoka) has expended approximately \$30,000 in funds (from the 4B half-cent sales tax) to revitalize the playground area, adding a concrete base and a pour-in-place rubber type flooring underneath the play equipment, and a large canopy overhead for shade. The new flooring is ADA compliant for safety purposes, and is an extremely durable and maintenance-free surface that should last for many years. The canopy is 37'x36'x12'. "Our goal is to make our park something the community can take pride in, and therefore citizens will be inspired to take better care of these facilities," said ACT Board member Julia Allen, chairman of the park project. The next phase for the park includes new sidewalks and benches.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

TISD Board ...

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and will be sworn in at a subsequent meeting.

The Board then reorganized with the election of officers for 2012. Only four of seven trustees (a quorum) were present at the meeting, and they again elected Frank McLelland as president and John Hawthorne as vice-president, and elected Jimmie Bingham to serve as secretary. Scott Dimak was the fourth board member present, with Mrs. Box, Brenda Dotsch and Abraham Vega absent from the meeting.

Superintendent Steve Burleson presented The Texas Association of School Boards Media Honor Roll award to Juanell Jones, representing The Lynn County News. The Media Honor Roll recognizes reporters statewide for fair and balanced reporting of the news about public schools.

"It is a privilege to work with the administrators and staff of Tahoka ISD, and I appreciate the good working relationship we have with the school district," Jones said in accepting the award.

In other business, trustees approved the bid and contract

from CS Advantage USAA to replace roofs on several district buildings after they were damaged in the hailstorm on April 2. Total cost of the roof replacement was \$1,487,514. Texas Association of School Boards insurance will cover all of the repairs except for a \$5,000 deductible. Roofing proposals were received from three qualified contractors who turned in bids for the roof replacement of various campus locations within the district. This project will complete replacement of all of the school's roofs except for the ag building, kitchen, and middle school building, which were all repaired two years ago. The bid approval is contingent on T.A.S.B. meeting the proposed bid amount.

Tahoka ISD will pick up the tab on an increase in health insurance premiums for school employees. The board approved the district paying the additional \$28.50 per employee per month for a total of \$35,226 for 103 employees on the school insurance.

Texas Association of School Boards Update 94 was approved, regarding Local Policy FFAF that requires the district to implement a plan on the identification of students with food allergies who are at risk of anaphylaxis, training staff on anaphylaxis and emergency response to anaphylactic reaction, and reduction of the risk of exposure within the school setting. A contract with Educational Consulting Service was also approved for the 2012-2013 school year, to ensure the district is in compliance with all federal programs.

The next regular school board meeting will be Monday, July 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Harvick Educational Building.

Relay For Life postponed here

The Tahoka Relay For Life, benefitting the American Cancer Society, has been postponed until next summer. The Relay was originally scheduled this weekend. More information will be printed later when the date is known.

Senior Citizens MENU

JUNE 25-29

Monday: Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli/seasoned corn, mandarin oranges w/ whipped topping

Tuesday: Chicken salad sandwich, trimmings, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, watermelon

Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, gravy, corn/turnip greens, roll, apricots

Thursday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Italian veggies/broccoli, garlic toast, jell-o

Friday: Sweet & sour chicken, long grain rice, snap peas, veggie stir fry, roll, lazy cake

Sr. Citizen Announcements:

- Quilts For Sale! Come by the Center to view them in person!
- We now have a Facebook page! Click the "like" button and check it out for information.
- We host a bowling tournament on our new Wii system soon. Stay tuned for dates.
- 2nd Sunday Thanksgiving Dinner fundraiser in August!
- Monetary donations are encouraged and greatly appreciated.
- The Center has gently used medical equipment available to lend out. Please call us at 561-5264 for more information.
- Feed Our Community program: a ten [10] day lunch ticket for a suggested donation of \$35. If the individual is under 60, a ten day ticket costs \$50. The ticket can be used for an on-site meal, a take-out meal or if eligible, we will deliver the meal. Tickets can be purchased for a specific person or donated and the Center will pick the person. Makes a great birthday gift!
- We still have plenty of our cookbooks - *Timeless Treasures*. Great to keep and/or give as a gift. On sale at the Center, the Lynn County News office, Virginia's Beauty Salon, Cal Huffaker's Law Office and the City/County Library for \$12.00.
- Aluminum can recycle is located on 1714 Ave. H, (the old Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber yard). All donations dropped off at this sight are to benefit Sr. Citizen's Center. Please tie your bags before placing them in the bin.

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Masons celebrate 100th year

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The Masonic Lodge is a fraternity of men who practice, among other principles, honor, charity and community service. The main principles of Freemasonry provide that each member show tolerance, respect and kindness in his actions toward others; practices charity and care for the community as a whole; and strives to achieve high moral standards in his own personal life. Honor and integrity are at the core of the Masonic belief system.

According to information from the mission statement of The Grand Lodge of Texas, the Masonic fraternity is "founded upon Christian principles established in the Holy Bible, and strives to teach a man the duty he owes to God, his neighbor and to himself. The foundation is character. Its purpose is service. Its measure is giving."

"Making good men better" perpetuates the foundation of Freemasonry, which is a "fraternity of good men, linked

fact there are historical photos displayed at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum showing Masons laying the cornerstone of the courthouse on Aug. 24, 1916.

The Lodge also supported the Masonic Home and School for orphans in Fort Worth for many years, and for years gave each child a \$1 gold coin from the Tahoka Lodge. In 1996 the Tahoka Lodge donated football lockers to the Ft. Worth orphanage school, that were designed, manufactured and delivered by Wildcat Mfg. of Tahoka, which is owned by Leighton Knox Jr., a longtime Mason. Wildcat has designed and manufactured lockers and sports equipment for area public schools as well, much of which has also been donated through the Tahoka Masonic Lodge.

"I am proud to be a Mason. It is the world's largest charitable service fraternity - it just makes good men better," said Knox.

The Tahoka Masonic Lodge has awarded thousands of dol-

only once, and there are several other Tahoka Lodge members who were awarded the Golden Trowel through another Lodge.

Of the 39 Lodge members here, 15 have had a membership in the Tahoka Lodge for 50 or more years, with at least one member approaching the 70-year membership milestone. These members include Charles Bragg, Richard Bruns, J.E. Carroll, Kenneth Carter, Joe Harvick, Charles Leonard, T.N. 'Natt' Park, Herman Reid, Roy Schoemaker, E.L. Short, Charles Whitfield, James Whorton, James Williams, Robert Woodfin and Troy Moore.

"Masonry means fraternity ... brotherhood ... love of my fellow man. It is a goal that I have worked for; it means life and good fellowship, and gives me and all brothers an opportunity to love and enjoy each other's company and friendship," said one local Mason.

Although the Tahoka Masonic Lodge was not officially chartered until December 1911,

historical records indicate that several early settlers here began practicing the philosophy of Freemasonry several years before seeking a charter. According to information from *Grassroots Upside Down: A History of Lynn County*, the first Masonic Lodge in Tahoka was erected in 1907, a two-story building on the west side of the square. Built of frame on a rock foundation, the structure was covered with pressed steel, the first of its



Masonic officers ... Tahoka Masonic Lodge #1041 officers for 2011-2012 are pictured from left: 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.

and bound together by honorable and unbreakable bonds of friendship and virtue ... to stimulate friendship, harmony and brotherly love and generally to promote in its own way, the happiness of mankind."

The Tahoka Masons have a history of working behind the scenes and keeping a low profile for the good works they have done, but some historically significant moments have been recorded. When the current courthouse was built in 1916, local Masons had a hand in helping erect the brick building, and in

awards of scholarships to local high school students, awarding one (and sometimes two) \$500 scholarships each year for at least the past 15 years.

Within the Masonic organization, the Golden Trowel award is given for exceptional service in the Lodge, and is the highest award any Mason can receive in Texas. The Tahoka Lodge has awarded the Golden Trowel award to five members: Frank Eaker (now deceased), Doug Taylor, Richard Bruns, Hilton Wood and Milt Draper. A Mason can receive the award

kind in the area.

More information from *Grassroots Upside Down*, adds:

"The Lodge Hall was upstairs with Jack Alley's store on the ground floor. A fire in 1910 destroyed early records, but the Lodge is thought to have been the first on the Lower South Plains between Lubbock and Big Spring.

"Masonic Lodge AF&AM (Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons), Tahoka Lodge No. 1041, was officially chartered Dec. 7, 1911 by the Grand Lodge of Texas. J.H. Edwards was the

Locker donation

The Tahoka Masonic Lodge #1041, putting the Masonic principles of community service and charity into practice, donated lockers (designed, manufactured and delivered by Wildcat Mfg.) to the Masonic orphanage and school in Ft. Worth in 1996.



first Worshipful Master.

"Tahoka Order of Eastern Star, Chapter No. 73 (wives' organization), was chartered in 1923. Mrs. Robbie Thomas was the first Worthy Matron.

"In the summer of 1925, C.A. and W.O. Thomas let a contract for a new two story brick building at the northwest corner of the square to be occupied by a grocery store and café, the upstairs for the Masonic Lodge and the basement for a barber shop. The next year an addition was built to the rear for Tahoka Post Office, occupied until the present post office was erected.

"The cornerstone of the present building, on the northwest corner of the City block, was laid in 1964. Howard Draper was Worshipful Master at that time. Buel Draper, who became a 50-year member on Nov. 9, 1982, was then Deputy

Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Texas. Rush Dudgeon was secretary of Eastern Star."

The Tahoka branch of the Eastern Star no longer meets, but the Eastern Star organization continues today through a chapter at Big Spring.

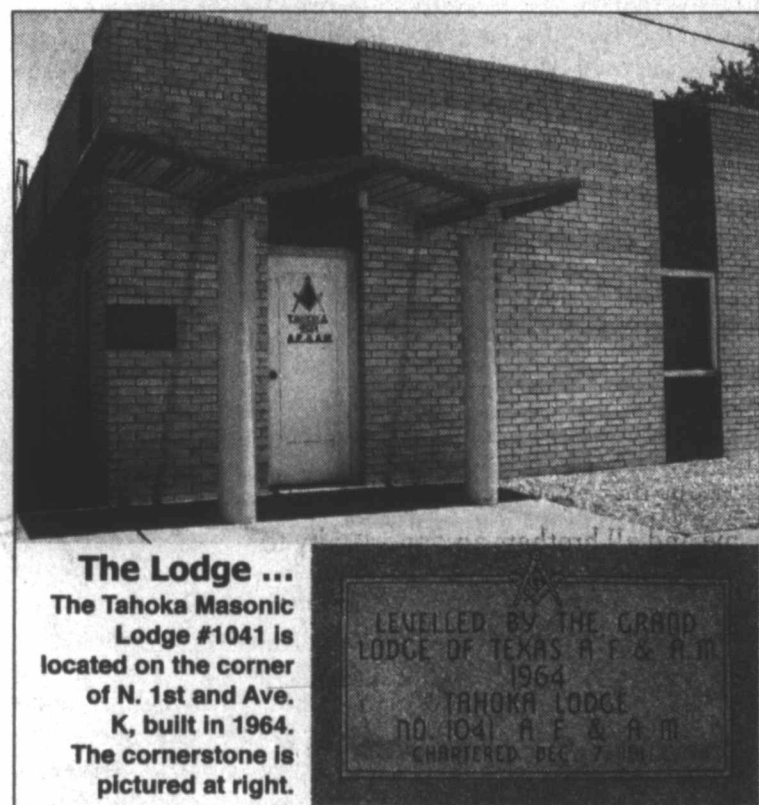
Throughout their 100-year history, members of the Tahoka Masonic Lodge have practiced the Masonic principles and supported their community in many ways, most of which the general public have most likely not been aware. It is a significant accomplishment that the organization has survived a century of time, and their 100-year anniversary celebration is well deserved.

Citizens of Lynn County are invited to share in the celebration this Saturday afternoon at a reception from 2-4 p.m. in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church of Tahoka.

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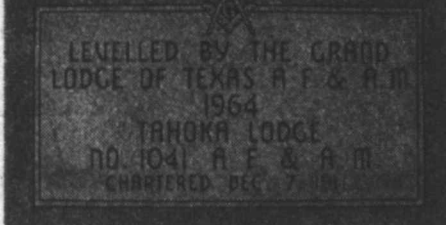
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* 50+ years member



The Lodge ...

The Tahoka Masonic Lodge #1041 is located on the corner of N. 1st and Ave. K, built in 1964. The cornerstone is pictured at right.



WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE JUNE BUG?

The JUNE BUG, also known as June beetle, is the name for several large beetles seen in the United States during May and June. They are usually seen at night, when the light attracts them. June bugs eat the young leaves of trees and plants. They deposit their eggs in the ground. The young larvae bury themselves in the soil in the autumn and stay there two years. They then come out in May or June as adult beetles.

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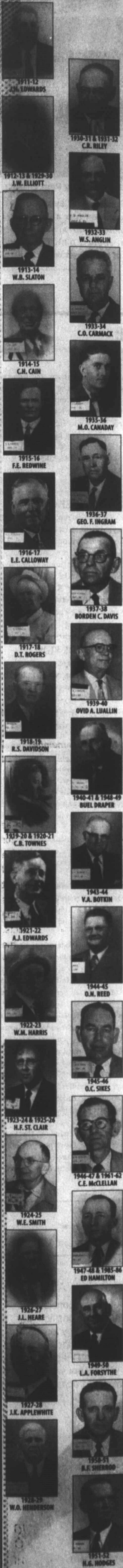
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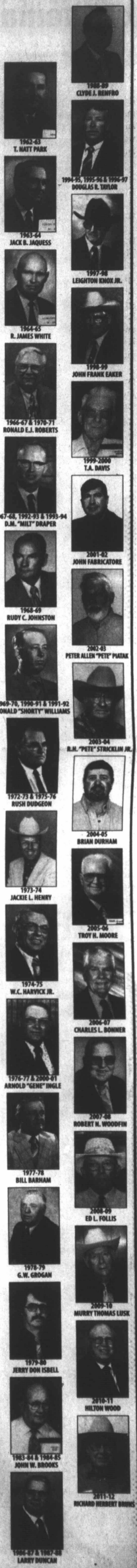
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PAST MASTERS



The Tahoka Masonic Lodge #1041 is observing a milestone of historical significance this week, celebrating their 100th year anniversary!

“MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER”

perpetuates the foundation of Freemasonry, and is a principle that Tahoka Masons have strived to achieve during the past Century.

You are invited to attend the Tahoka Masonic Lodge #1041
100 YEAR CELEBRATION • 2:00-4:00 P.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2012
Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka

“Masonry means fraternity ... brotherhood ... love of my fellow man. It is a goal that I have worked for ~ it means life ~ good fellowship and gives me and all brothers an opportunity to love and enjoy each other’s company and friendship.”

- A TAHOKA MASON

“You meet the people who want to help others; the lessons help in everyday life.”

- ROBERT WOODFIN

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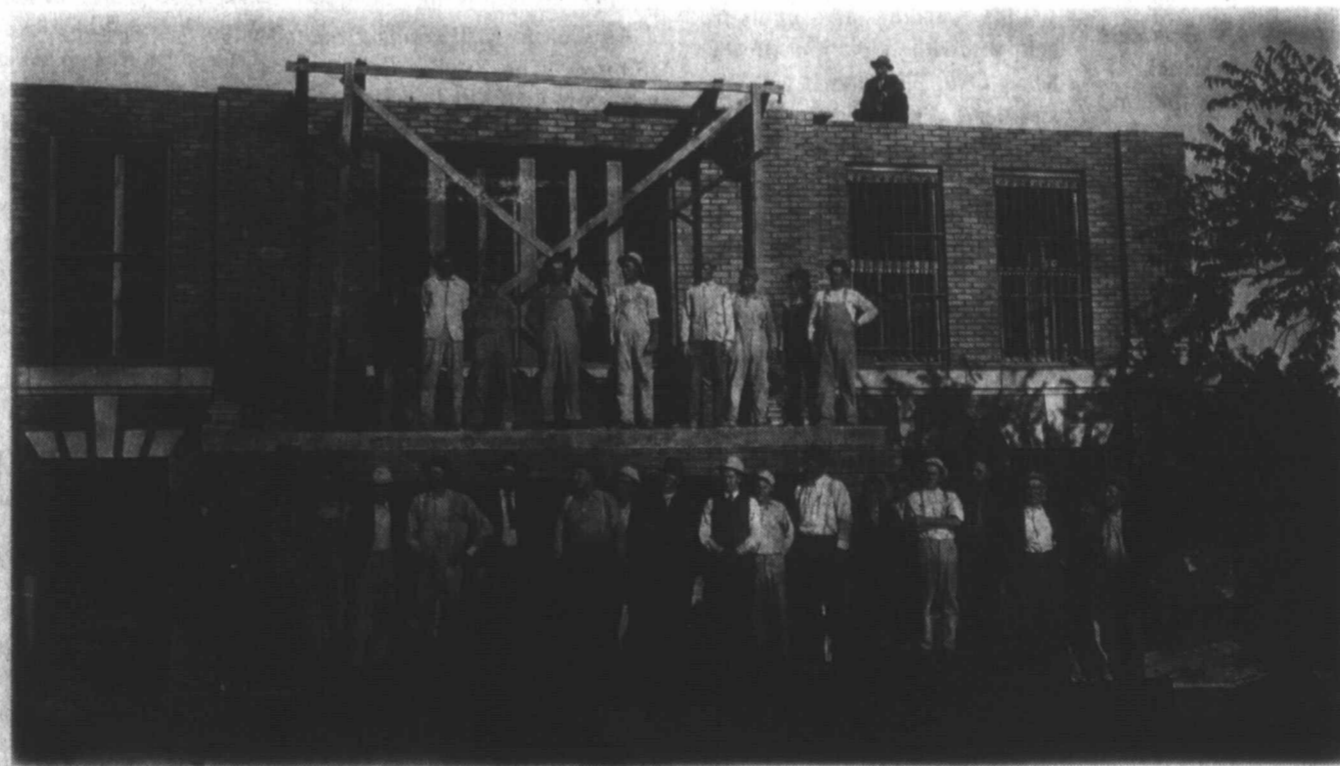


“I love what Masonry stands for ... it’s a Brotherhood of men ... the community building working in the quarry of life. We take good men and make them better. Masons are truly Brothers and can rely on each other for help and support in times of need. And besides all that ~ it is FUN!”

- TOM LUSK

“Masonry is the cornerstone and guideline for my life. It means I am a part of the Brotherhood of honest and God-fearing men who want to improve themselves and uphold the values of Masonry. It allows a man to grow.”

- PAST MASTER CHARLES BONNER



(Photo courtesy of Tahoka Pioneer Museum, donated by the Draper family)

Making history ... Tahoka Masons helped build the Lynn County Courthouse that was completed in 1916, a historic building that is still used today for county offices.



NOT PICTURED: 1934-35 G.A. BRASFIELD, 1938-39 H.A. MASSEN, 1941-42 JACK WELCH, 1942-43 W.V. McELROY, 1965-66 BILLY JACK DUNLAP, 1980-81 O.C. HAGER, 1981-82 ROGER D. WILLIAMS, 1982-83 JERRY D. GRIFFIN, AND 1989-90 CHARLIE McCULLOUGH

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Storms bring rain but damages crops

by Bryan Reynolds, CEA
Lynn County, Agriculture

Storms on June 14, 15 and 16 brought some much needed rain to parts of the county. But with the rain also came damaging wind, sand and hail. The majority of the rain fell on the northwestern portion of the county. Areas around New Home were most affected by the storms. Rainfall amounts over 3" were received in some locations. The rainfall extended through the central part of the county but tapered off closer to Tahoka.

It is too early to say but a significant number of acres were affected by these storms. Some fields were a complete loss while others were partially damaged from either blowing sand, hard rain, or hail. Growers are running sandfighters in fields where it is not too wet so they can try and stop any further damage from sand and break up the hard crust from the rain.

Now growers are faced with the difficult decision of deciding what to replant where cotton was destroyed. Some may choose to go back with cotton. Other options will include grain sorghum, sunflowers or forages for hay.

While the storms brought rain, the southern half of the county missed out on most of the rain. The exception was a storm that built around the O'Donnell area on June 16. It produced an inch of rain but was not very widespread in coverage. Some areas of the county, especially in the western parts, have still not received enough significant rain to get the crop growing. Early planted cotton in these areas sprouted but much of it died at emergence due to lack of moisture.

Once again, 2012 looks to provide many challenges for our cotton growers.

New Law: Drivers must move over, slow down for tow trucks

AUSTIN – This week the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will place special enforcement emphasis on the addition of tow trucks to the Move Over/Slow Down law, which requires motorists to move over or slow down when certain vehicles are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated. To remind the public of this important safety measure, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will activate electronic signs this week, which will read: "If Tow Truck Stopped Ahead, Move Over or Slow Down, It's The Law."

"This law is about providing extra protection for those individuals on the side of the road doing their jobs, as well as the people on the roadside with them," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Thanks to this new provision, tow truck drivers, who are usually helping motorists in distress, now have additional protection under the law so they can do their jobs in a safer environment."

During the 2011 Legislative session, tow trucks were added to the existing law, which already applied to police, fire, and EMS vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated. Motorists are required to vacate the lane closest to the stopped vehicle (if there is more than one available lane in the same direction of travel) or slow to 20 miles below the speed limit.

"Last year, the Texas Legislature amended the Move Over/Slow Down law to now require



(LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

Lots of rain ... A deluge of rain fell in certain areas of Lynn County late Saturday afternoon, pounding the young cotton (pix at left) and leaving some cotton fields under water. The picture above was taken from U.S. Hwy. 87 a few miles north of Tahoka, about 5 p.m. The New Home area reportedly received a good amount of rainfall as well.

Private Pesticide Applicator License testing set June 28

Private Pesticide Applicator License testing will be held Thursday, June 28th at The Center For Housing & Community Development (1400 Ave. K) in Tahoka. Training for the license will begin at 8:00 a.m. followed by a Noon lunch break. Testing will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Cost for the training materials is \$50 per person.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service staff will conduct the training. Texas Department of Agriculture staff will administer the tests after lunch.

Any person who purchases and utilizes any pesticide (including herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, and rodenticides, etc.) must have a valid Pesticide Applicator's license.

All persons attending must register by Thursday, June 21st by calling the Texas AgriLife Extension Service- Lynn County Office at 806/561-4562.

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FSA County Committee nominations start June 15

Lynn County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rodney Schoppa, announced that county committee election nominations begin June 15, 2012. Farmers, ranchers and landowners are encouraged to nominate farmer and rancher candidates to serve on their local FSA county committee by the August 1, 2012 deadline.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity, and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues.

"County Committees are unique to FSA and are a valuable resource that gives locally elected farmers and ranchers who participate in FSA programs the opportunity to impact farm programs at the local level," said Schoppa. "I hope to see a high level of participation during the nomination and election process," he said.

Producers may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Organizations that represent minority and women farmers and ranchers may also nominate candidates. Nominees must participate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the

local administrative area (LAA) in which the person is a candidate. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and more information about county committee elections are available online at: www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

"In order to have fair representation of the demographics and agricultural interests in the community, I encourage all producers, including women, minority and beginning farmers and ranchers to participate in the nomination and election process," said Schoppa.

County committees are comprised of three to five members elected by local producers. All newly elected county committee members and alternates will take office January 1, 2013.

Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on August 1, 2012.

For more information about county committees, please contact the Lynn County FSA office at 806-998-4501 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

Worker Protection Standard training set for June 28th

A Worker Protection Standard training for agricultural workers will be held on Thursday, June 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Any agricultural employee who works directly with any type of pesticide which, includes; herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, etc. must have a Worker Protection Standard Handler card. The Worker Protection Standard is a federal law that has been in effect since 1995.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Department of Agriculture will conduct the training. The English version will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the Spanish version will begin at 11:00 a.m.

For more information, contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Lynn County at (806)561-4562.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Mobilitec, LLC proposes to construct a telecommunications tower on the west side of FM 179 between CR-11 and CR-13, southwest of New Home, in Lynn County, Texas. The proposed guyed tower will be approximately 310 feet in height. In accordance with 36 CFR Part 800 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the effect the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to Erin Heinemann of Aarcher, Inc. at ehinemann@aarcherinc.com, telephone number (443) 243-3383, 200 Ruffe Snow North, Suite 103, Keller, TX 76248. 25-ttc

NOTICE OF ACCEPTING BIDS - ROOF REPAIRS

Lynn County is accepting sealed bids for roof repairs/replacement for all Lynn County buildings. Sealed bids will be accepted at the office of Lynn County Judge, H.G. Franklin, located at the Lynn County Courthouse, Tahoka, TX until 9:00 AM Monday, July 9, 2012, or can be mailed to Lynn County Judge: HG Franklin, at PO Box 1167, Tahoka, TX 79373. Envelopes should be marked: ROOF REPLACEMENT. Spec sheets can be picked up at the County Judge's office. If you would like them emailed to you, please contact Kaaren Huffaker at 806-561-4222. Any bids received after the deadline will be returned unopened. The commissioners reserve the right to reject any and/or all proposals. 24-4tc

ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Tahoka will receive bids for 2012 CDBG Water System Improvements (CDBG Contract #711530) no later than 2:00 pm on June 27, 2012 at Tahoka City Hall 1612 Lockwood, Tahoka, Texas. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

Bids are invited in a lump sum with specific costs for several items and quantities of work as follows:

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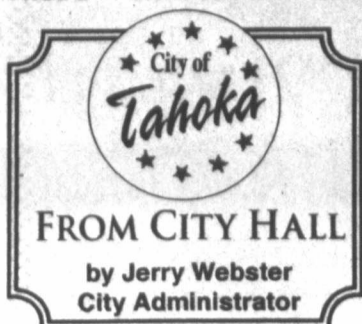
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Bell makes Dean's List

Lance Bell, of Nacogdoches, has been named to the Stephen F. Austin University Dean's List for the 2012 spring semester, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He is a graduate of Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya.

He is the son of Terry and Twylia Bell of Songea, Tanzania, Africa and the grandson of Lindell and Jean Bell of Tahoka.

Askew named to Dean's List

Jynna Askew, of Tahoka, has been named to the West Texas A&M Dean's List for the spring 2012 semester. She is a junior and she is majoring in Education. She is a Tahoka High School graduate and the daughter of Ty and Sharla Askew of Tahoka.

Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergrad hours.

Macey Frazier to perform in Lubbock musical

Macey Frazier, six-year-old daughter of Lex and Paige Frazier, of Lubbock will play a part in the musical production of "My Son Pinocchio" at the Wells Fargo Amphitheatre located in McKenzie Park.

She is the granddaughter of Aleta Powers Porter and Kent Powers, of Lubbock, and the great-granddaughter of Frances Thomas, of Tahoka. The performance will be held June 22-23 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at Select-A-Seat locations in Lubbock.



SABRINA MORALES
Sabrina Moralez joins National Society

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