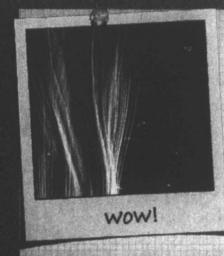
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LCN PHOTOS by Juanell Jones at Saturday night's fireworks show -- THANKS, St. Paul Lutheran Church, for the hot dogs and fireworks celebration!

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News Office to close July 4-6

In an extended observance of the July 4th holiday, The Lynn County News office will be closed July 4-5-6, and will reopen on Monday, July 9.

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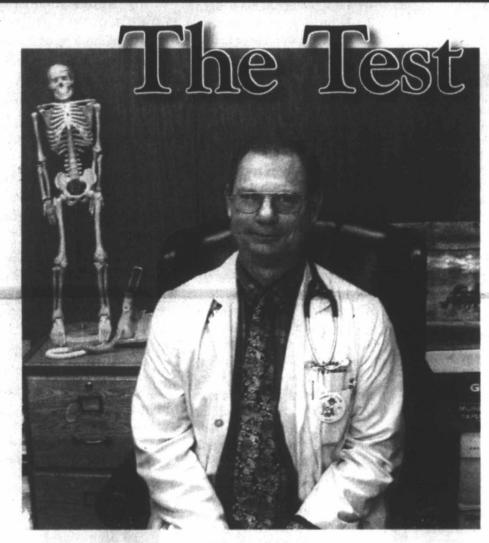
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Resident signatures sought for petition for water grant funds

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka residents will most likely all agree on one issue: the city's underground waterline system needs updating. City officials are in the midst of the planning/design stages of implementing a city-wide water project to do just that, but the grant process is to the point where the citizens' show of support, by merely signing their names on a petition, can have a direct impact on the city's request for the construction

This the gist of the last week's town hall meeting, when city officials

Scioli presented information about the grant process and timeline. The grant is through the Texas Water Development Board's Economically Distressed

Areas Program (EDAP). "The planning phase is going well, and we have just completed the second of four phases in the planning and design portion," said Scioli. "Now it is important that the Texas Water Development Board knows that the citizens of Tahoka are behind this project, and a petition with signatures showing that support will be beneficial when submitting the next portion of

and Wasteline Engineering's Abby (See 'Signatures Sought,' page 6)

Assault injures O'Donnell man

A 50-year-old O'Donnell man was treated at Lynn County Hospital and later transferred to a Lubbock hospital for treatment of injuries reportedly suffered in an aggravated assault in

Tahoka last Saturday. Tahoka Police said the man was found on the ground Saturday near the intersection of 3rd St. and Ave. C. The report said the man was unable to give a complete account of what transpired, but a 43-year-old man was being sought as a suspect. Police were waiting to get a more complete statement from the O'Donnell man.

After police stopped a 2002 Chevrolet pickup that appeared to be speeding on U.S. 87 in the city limits Thursday, the driver was arrested on a report his license was suspended, and also charged with speeding, no liability insurance and expired vehicle inspection sticker. It later was determined that the pickup had been stolen in Lubbock.

A car hit a deer on FM 211 east of Wilson Monday morning, an incident investigated by Dept. of Public Safety. Details were unavailable, but the woman driving the car reportedly was not

Dispatchers at Lynn County Sheriff's office processed 298 calls in June, including 111 for the county, 131 for City of Tahoka, 20 for O'Donnell, 27 ambulance calls and nine fire alarms.

Twelve persons were in jail early this week, with three held for Gaines County. Latest arrests were for bond surrender on possession of a dangerous drug, expired inspection sticker and registration and no liability insurance, and bond forfeiture on driving while intoxicated with two or more previous convictions.

Cest of Time ...

Dr. Donald Freitag observing 20th year at LCHD Clinic

by JUANELL JONES

He is called Doc everywhere he goes – the title doesn't get left at the office, and the doctor never gets to lose that identity, especially in small-town America where he is recognized on sight, by his patients and by others who may not call him their doctor but know he's "the doctor." He's not the only physician in town (Dr. Patrick Edwards, and FNPCs Melanie Richburg and Shannon Hammonds also serve the medical needs of residents) ... but he is the only one who is marking two decades as a family physician at Lynn County Hospital District.

July of 2012 is Dr. Donald Freitag's 20th anniversary at Lynn County Hospital and Clinic in Tahoka, and it's not just his family practice keeping him here. Freitag is a product of Lynn County, growing up in the Wilson community, marrying a local girl whose roots are here as well, and raising their family here. They still attend St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson where he and his wife, Tonda (formerly Klaus, daughter of longtime Wilson residents Donald and Carolyn Klaus) were married. They had two young sons when he first began seeing patients here in July of 1992, and a daughter was born later.

Today, their oldest son, Joshua, is married and following his father's footsteps in the medical field as he are complicated, and sometimes a 'cure' is not an option, but when we can figure out a solution, or a fix to help a medical condition, that's rewarding for me," he said. "And another part of small-town practice is that sometimes just by knowing the person, or knowing their families and their lives in the community, I can sometimes know the 'stressers' that may also be contributing to their medical issues.

"I grew up in a small town and I know how gossip works," he said with a grin. "I like taking care of the whole family ... and sometimes, if someone in the family forgets something, why I can just look in their mother's chart, or some other family medical history, and figure out the answer," he added.

But 'knowing the family' or

I have to assume that you're coming in with some heinous disease that I don't want, so I try to wash it off before seeing the next person," he joked. "But washing your hands is the best general advice I can give, and the second piece of advice is just as obvious – exercise and drink plenty of fluids.

studies to become a physical therapist, and Benjamin, who was 3 months old when his father started at LCHD, is a Texas Tech student; and they have a younger sister, Sarah, who is a student at Tahoka High School.

"I don't know that my practice has turned out to be what I envisioned when I started, but I can say that I have enjoyed it, and that one of the biggest rewards is watching my patients grow up and seeing how their lives have turned out ... and in some cases, I am seeing the next generation. I like that connection, and I like living in a small town," said Freitag.

"Hey Doc!" is a greeting he hears everywhere he goes.

"Sometimes it doesn't seem like it's been 20 years, and sometimes it seems a lot longer," he said with a smile. You know what they say about living in a small town - the best part is that you know everyone, and the worst part is you know everyone's business, and they know yours."

He says his biggest reward, medically, is helping to find a "fix" for his patients.

"Sometimes their medical issues

'knowing the doctor' works both ways - just ask Dr. Freitag.

The title of 'Doc' follows him to the high school basketball game, football/baseball/etc. games, church gatherings, and other community events. He may not be wearing the traditional white lab coat he wears in the office, but the title of "Dr." is forever prefacing his name. It's a comfort to the community, to know that medical expertise is here, available and accessible, by merely looking to the stadium, or the stands, or the pew where he sits. And, it is probably an advantage taken too often by the community.

"I can't go to the grocery store," he says with a sigh. "Invariably I get stopped and asked for medical advice. Now I don't dispense medical advice in a grocery store, the medical board tends to frown on that," he said, grinning and rolling his eyes comically. "But I can give general advice. Really, though, I'm not sure how much of that is a chance to ask the doctor for advice, or maybe because being the doctor is the only way they know me, so they don't know what else to talk about

(See 'Dr. Freitag,' page 4)



Annie Caballero

Rosary service for Annie L. Caballero, 84, of Slaton, formerly of Wilson was held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 28, in Englunds Chapel. Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 29, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Wilson Cathedral with Rev. Hugh Thekkel officiating. Internment was in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Englunds Funeral Service of Slaton. She died on Monday, June 25, 2012.

She was born in Campbellton, on December 25, 1927. She married Julio Caballero on February 27, 1949 in Campbellton. They moved to New Home in 1952 and in 1979 moved to Wilson. Julio preceded her in death on April 3, 1999. She continued living in Wilson until 2010, when she moved to Slaton. She worked on the farm, later worked for Methodist Hospital for 19 years and for Cooper ISD for five years retiring in 2004. She was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and she was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her son Elias Leo Caballero on Aug. 10, 1993.

Survivors include Chico; her daughters, Bebe (Perry) Jamison of Slaton, and Melva (Alberto) Gutierrez of Lubbock; sons, Lloyd (Gail) of Lubbock, Henry of New Home, Julio Jr. (Caryn) of Brownfield, and Robert (Sylvia) of Lubbock; brothers, J. J. Llamas, and Martin Llamas, both of Campbellton, Inez Llamas of Deer

Park, and Roy Llamas of Houston; sisters, Avalina Lopez of Houston, Margarita Zepeda of Rosenberg, Oralia Hasette of Tilden and Lillie Molina of Calliham; 16 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.



Johnny Rodriguez, Sr.

Johnny Rodriguez, Sr. of Lubbock, formerly of Tahoka, passed away on Thursday, June 28, 2012 at the age of 57. He was born November 9, 1954 in O'Donnell, to Pedro and Amelia Rodriguez. Sr. He married Josie Sanchez on February 6,

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Josie; daughter Melissa Pedroza of O'Donnell; 4 sons, Johnny Rodriguez, Jr. of Tahoka, Ricky Rodriguez of Lubbock, Fabian Rodriguez of Tahoka and Anthony Rodriguez of Tahoka; 3 brothers, Joe Rodriguez, Manuel Rodriguez and Pete Rodriguez, Jr. all of Tahoka; 9 sisters, Tina Rodriguez, Lucy Rodriguez, Mary Helen Morin, Anita Garcia, Margie Lopez, Lupe Rodriguez all of Tahoka, Frances Gomez of Post, Janie Morales of Lamesa and Estella Moore of Lubbock; grandchildren, Sebastian, Marcos, Bryannah and John Manuel Pedroza, Traven, Alyssa and Jon Dylan Rodriguez, Kaleb, Abigail and Maddison Rodriguez, Mickenzie Taylor, Jaden and Noah Ro-

driguez.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Pedro and Amelia Rodriguez, Sr.; sister, Sally Rodriguez; nephew, Christopher Rodriguez; grandparents Geronimo and Vicenta Rodri-

Celebration of Life Service will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 2, at the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell with interment at the Nevels Cemetery. Visitation was Sunday, July 1st, at Combest Family Funeral Homes of Tahoka.

Please celebrate the life of Johnny by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

VBS at FUMC set July 23-26

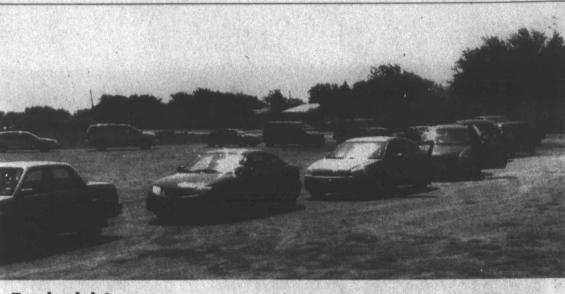
Vacation Bible School at the First United Methodist Church, 1801 Ave. J in Tahoka, will be held July 23-26. Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. each evening for the entire family, and classes will begin at 6:00 p.m. Adult classes will be offered during this time. The theme is "Operation Overboard: Dare to go deep with God."

A nursery will be provided for children ages birth to 2 years. "If you have children that will be in the nursery, please call ahead of time so we can have enough caregivers," said a

For more information call the church office at 806-561-4503.

Obituary Notices -- POLICY --

There is no charge for obituary notices, subject to editing. If you wish the obituary to read exactly as sent, there is a \$35 fee. Photos may be included at no additional charge. The Lynn County News will publish obituaries with any connection to Lynn County. Information may be sent to The Lynn County News, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373, faxed to 806/561-6308, or e-mail: Lynn-CoNews@poka.com.



Food ministry ... Boxes of food, including frozen meat and nonperishable items, were handed out from the South Plains Food Bank at Tahoka Church of Christ last Thursday, as part of their Food Pantry ministry. Recipients began lining up in their vehicles early that morning, and by noon a long line of vehicles were around the church parking lot and down the street.

New Home Church of Christ **VBS** is July 16-18

"All Aboard the Kingdom Express: Staying on the Right Track in a Troubled World," is the theme for Vacation Bible School that will be held July 16-18, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. each evening at the New Home Church of Christ, located at 324 N. Main Street. Parents and children are invited to attend the kick off for the event on Sunday, July 15 at 5:00 p.m. at the church.

VBS is for children ages Pre-K to 6th grade. Activities include Bible lessons, sign language, drama, games and a meal. For more information, call 924-7579.



JULY 9-13 Monday: Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, wheat roll, pears

Tuesday: Lasagna, brussel sprouts, garlic bread, pears Wednesday: Meatloaf/tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, winter blend veggies, roll, apple fluff Thursday: Chicken tenders, gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, roll, mandarin oranges

Friday: Breaded fish on a bun, trimmings, potato wedges, coleslaw, peach chantilly

Senior Citizens Center Announcements:

· Quilts For Sale! Come by the Center to view them in person! The Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens now has a Facebook page! Click the "like" button and check it out for information.

· We will be hosting a bowling tournament on our new WII system very soon. Stay tuned for upcoming tournament dates. 2nd Sunday Thanksgiving Dinner fundraiser will be coming up 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.

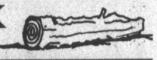
· The Center has a program called Feed Our Community. We have a ten [10] day lunch ticket for a suggested donation of \$35.00. If the individual is under 60, a ten [10] day lunch ticket costs \$50.00. The lunch ticket can be used for an onsite meal, a take-out meal or if eligible, we will deliver the meal. The ticket can be purchased for a specific person or it can be donated and the Center will pick the person. 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, Huffaker 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

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SUMMER, which officially started last week with local temperatures near or above 100 degrees, traditionally is a good time to take a vacation, often to places a lot cooler. When you are mostly retired, you don't get a vacation, because there's no job to escape from, so you get to stay home and feed the dogs of friends and relatives who do manage to get away.

Last week my friend Lotta Tahokum told me she was going on vacation for several days starting July 4, so I guess she's gone by now.

"My nephew and his family are going to pick me up and we're going to find a cooler place," she announced. "There will be five of us in the car."

"Sounds like a crowd," I commented, but she said no problem, her nephew has a big SUV-- "I think it's a Chevrolet Backhoe," she added.

I figured she meant Tahoe, but I let that slide, and asked her if she was going to the mountains in New Mexico or Colorado.

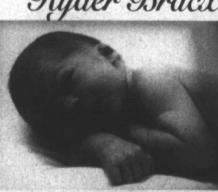
"Neither one," she said, "Both of those places are burning up with wildfires right now. I think he plans to go to some place in Arizona-Low Blow, or No Show, or something like that."

There's a neat place in Arizona called Show Low, so that's probably where she is by now. I told her to go and have fun, while I stayed here, close to my air conditioner.

THE LATE respected newspaper advice columnist Ann Landers is credited with this statement about TV: * "Television has proved that people will look at anything rather than each other."



Ryder Bracx Riker



was born Monday. June 4, 2012 to Taylor Thomas and Matt Riker of Lubbock, Texas.

He weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz.,

and was 20" long.

GRANDPARENTS: Lindy (formerly of Tahoka) & Laura Thomas, Beth & Dennis Maeker and Bill Riker, all of Lubbock **GREAT-GRANDPARENTS:** Richard & Marcy Whitley of Tahoka

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Poker, golf, food offered at Doug Barham fundraiser

The 4th Annual Doug Barham Fundraiser is scheduled for July 27-28 at T-Bar Country Club, with area residents invited to participate in a Texas Hold 'Em tournament, a 4-Man Golf Scramble, barbecue dinner and auction during the two-day period. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Douglas G. Barham Foundation for scholarships and benevolent projects.

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The Texas Hold 'Em tournament will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, July 27 at the clubhouse. It's a \$20 buy-in, non-cash game. The initial buy-in and each re-buy will entitle the player to one raffle ticket. A drawing will be held for the Grand Prize of custom "Buddha Barham" poker chips. Various other door prizes will also be offered.

"The winner of the Poker Tournament will have his/her name engraved on a 'Buddha' trophy and will retain possession of the trophy until a winner is crowned in 2013. Snacks will be provided. No pre-registration required, just show up and ante up!" said a sponsor.

The 4-Man Scramble kicks off at 9 a.m. Saturday, with an entry fee of \$100 per person. Prizes will be given for longest drive and closest to the pin and here will be a cash hole. The winning team will have their names engraved on a plaque that hangs in the T-Bar Country Club. Sausage wrap and ticket for the barbeque dinner are included with entry fee. To enter, contact Chad Ford at 806-577-8430, Eddie Hancock at 806-891-7191, Mike Rivas at 806-239-9567, or Alan Curry at 806-778-4661.

Come visit with friends and meet the Barham family from 3-7 p.m. as area cooks serve up a dinner of brisket, potato salad, beans, and fixings. Take out plates will be available, and tickets are available at the door, at a cost of \$15 per person.

The dinner will conclude with a live auction from 6-7 p.m., with items including trips, baked goods and a variety of other items.

For more information, contact Claudia Guin at 806-535-1477 or Alan Curry at 806-778-

Doug Barham is a Tahoka ex who died in a tragic automobile accident in 2009. The foundation was established to honor his memory and provide a benevolence fund for the Barham family children, as well as providing local scholarships and contributions to local philanthropic endeavors.



After school was out in May, 24 Tahoka 3-D Band members traveled to Pflugerville to compete at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest, May 28, and 17 received gold medals for "Superior Performance."

'This is the most gold medals Tahoka has earned at one time at the TSSEC and we are proud of every group who competed, for the competition is very stiff at this level," stated Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith, band directors at Tahoka

To get to the state contest, each musician had to have



earned a '1' on a class 1 solo or ensemble.

Callahan, both received gold medals and a rating of "Supeof Sarah Freitag, Taya Bishop, Braiden Fisher, Ahigail Sanlie Duran, and Lauren Raindl.

DeLeon, Kaitlyn Lehman, and Josh Miller and the brass sextet of Yancy Draper, Selena Tello, Bryan Pena, Zach Garcia, Bryan Callahan, and Kordel Baker received a silver or "Excellent"

The clarinet trio of Vanessa

The two vocal soloists, Braiden Fisher and Bryan rior." Also receiving a rating of "Superior" and gold medals were the woodwind ensemble tos, Ariana Monsivais, Hannah Thomas, Cort Fisher, Josh Miller, Kaitlyn Lehman, LisaMarie Alvarado, Mady DeLeon, Mia Saldana, Micaela Torrez, Char-

The saxophone trio of Mady rating.

Chavarria, Elizabeth Locke, and Hunter Lowdermilk earned a bronze or "Good" rating.

LETTER to the EDITOR

The Gloaming

You know what I miss about Tahoka? Among countless other things, I miss the gloaming that beautiful time at the end of a high plains day when your whole world turns to gold. How lucky are you who live there!

You have the most glorious sunrises and sunsets in the world. At night you can see lights of towns 30-50 miles away. You sleep under the milky way and an awe-inspiring canopy of stars. Your summer nights are cool. You can watch anvils of thunderstorms a hun dred miles away and plot their courses. And then you have the most breath-taking lightning and thunder when they get to where you are.

You see friendly faces every day. You can actually smell the first frost in the fall, the rain before it falls, and the freshlyplowed earth in the spring. You can lie on your back and see shapes and faces in the clouds. Twice a year you're serenaded by cranes in lazy V formations. You always know which way is north, south, east or west. Friday afternoons are the most fun of any place on earth, and just about everyone knows your name. I do so love my home

Mary Jane McCord (a former Tahokan)

Fun Facts about the USA (website info, not confirmed facts!)

Did you know...

-The world's tallest battle monument is found in Houston, Texas

-The world's highest roller coaster is located in Ohio.

-The world's first atomic bomb was set off in New Mexico dur-

-The first US capital was New York City.

-The center of North America is in the town of Rugby, North Dakota.

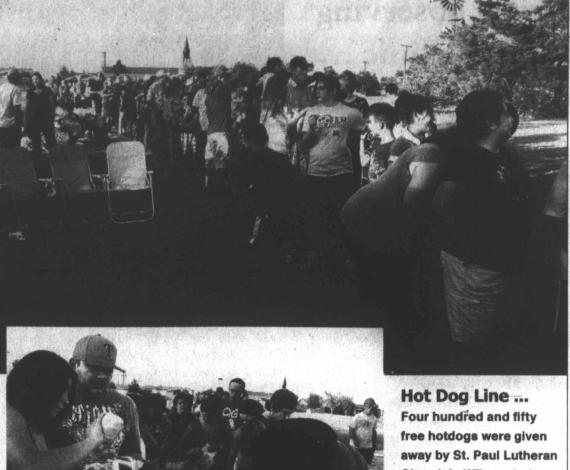
-The center of the U.S. is in the town of Castle Rock, South

-Bagdad, California once had no rain for 2 years!

-Boulder, Colorado is the only city in the U.S. to own a glacier.

-The wettest place in the world is Mountain Waialeale in

-Hawaii is the only state that grows coffee.



Church in Wilson during the Fireworks Celebration held Saturday Night at the Wilson City Park. Attendees were also treated to an evening fireworks display.

WATER SHUT-OFF NOTICE

FROM CITY HALL

by Jerry Webster

City Administrator

- We have scheduled a valve replacement for midnight Monday, July 9, 2012. This is to replace a faulty five-inch valve that regulates one of our pumps. The water system will have to be shut off to relieve the pressure so the valve can be replaced. This means we will have to issue a "Boil Water Notice" until we can get samples taken to the lab and cleared. We are going to do it at midnight to cause the least amount of problems for evnot take more than two hours to remove and replace the valve. This notice will be published in the newspaper twice; it will be put on the city's facebook page, and automated calls will be made on that Monday. REMINDER - Please re-

member to take brush and limbs to the city's landfill. If you live in town there is NO COST to you. Make sure you let Jesse or George inspect your load and show you where to put them.

If you have questions coneryone. Raymond says it should tact Tahoka City Hall, 561-4211.



KORDELL BAKER Baker named as **All-American Scholar**

The United States Achievement Academy announced Kordell Briscoe Baker, of Tahoka, has been named All American Scholar.

The USAA has established All-American Award Program offers deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines.

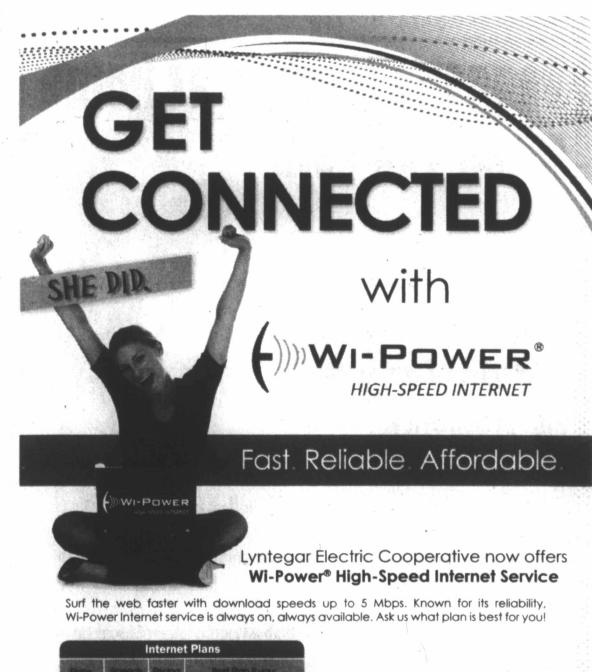
Baker, who attends Tahoka High School was nominated for this honor by the USAA Evaluation Committee. He will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors.

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

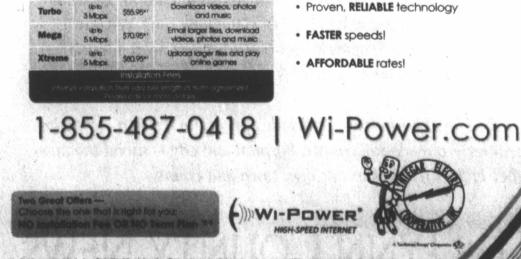
> The Lynn County **Harvest Festival** is set for Saturday, Sept. 15

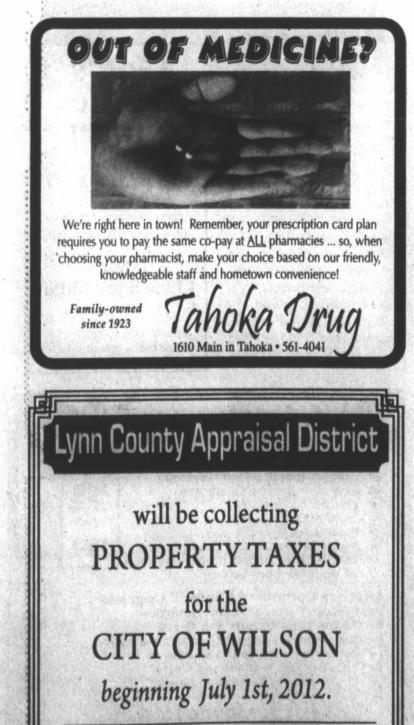
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Dr. Donald Freitag observing 20th year at LCHD Clinic ...

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other than their medical issues." "I like living here. If I was in it for the money I would be in a big city and seeing only patients with insurance," he said, laughing. "But small town life is what I know, and what I like. I like looking out my office window and seeing the golf course ... that's not to say I play much golf, I haven't done that in years - what free time I have I like to spend with my family, not on

the golf course," said Freitag.

He knows that his family

life has been impacted by his

medical practice, and says he

knows it took him away from

it to all of their extracurricular

activities, and I know at times

pur children were probably dis-

appointed when I was called

away on medical emergencies.

"I tried, but I couldn't make

his family at times.

well, but of course there were times when it was disappointing. I do have to say, however, that our children know the difference between serious and non-serious health issues, and emergencies and non-emergencies," said the doctor.

While Dr. Freitag is deeply committed to providing the best possible medical care to his patients, one of his pet peeves is being called to the ER for nonemergencies - that is, people who go to the emergency room

for non-emergency conditions.

Diaper rash at midnight, sore

throats that can wait until an

appointment time," he mutters,

"these are not emergencies, and

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-- DR. FREITAG

during what was scheduled to be a 15-minute appointment.

happy to take the time to talk about their medical

issues, but I wish they would tell the receptionist when making the appointment that they are going to need some extended time with me, so that the next appointment, and the next, aren't all affected by the delay," said Freitag, who likes to schedule his appointments so that patients are not kept waiting if at all possible.

He still has many of the same patients that he began seeing 20 years ago, and he has had some humorous incidents at the office. "There was a skunk that somehow got into the x-ray lab, and I remember that Austin Simpson got the job of chasing it out of there," he said with a

"And Stacy (his office nurse) and I still chuckle about one of my patients, an elderly gentleman several years ago, who

and stuck the \$20 bill back in his shirt pocket with a wink, saying 'shhhh, don't tell my wife'!" said Freitag, smiling.

Stacy Engle, LVN, his office nurse, has been with Dr. Freitag since he opened his practice here 20 years ago.

"I was here when he opened his doors the first day - I guess you could say we have grown up together," Engle says with a laugh.

"Stacy is a very good asset to my practice," says Dr. Freitag. "Because we have been working together in the office for so long, she knows my routine very well and what to expect, and she knows what advice I like to give patients under certain circumstances. Stacy usually takes the patient calls for me as well. It makes for a much more efficient

The title of "Doc" follows him to the high school basketball game, football/

to the community, to know that medical expertise is here, available and accessible,

by merely looking to the stadium, or the stands, or the pew where he sits.

baseball/etc. games, church gatherings, and other community events ... It's a comfort

And, it is probably an advantage taken too often by the community.

ally discussed declaring an epidemic in Lynn County.

"This was in 2000, when nearly every patient we all saw had the stomach bug. Dr. Thomas and Dr. Freid and myself actually discussed declaring an epidemic because it was everywhere - all the towns in the county, all the schools, people coming from Post - everyone had it. But in the end we didn't declare it an epidemic," said Freitag.

"There was a national flu epidemic but it actually wasn't that bad here. I did see two cases of the H1N1 virus, and all flu cases must be reported to a na-:-: tional database," he said.

One of the biggest changes Dr. Freitag has seen in his clinic practice in recent years is that he has gone electronic with patient information, with no more files. full of paper charts. He carries an electronic pad with him that provides access to all his patient records at a glance, but he is quick to point out that the information is contained digitally on a dedicated server in his office. only, with no electronic access through the internet.

Although the process may change as technology advances, Dr. Freitag's devotion to providing the best medical care to his patients continues unchanged. He will greet you by name and... offer to shake your hand every. time you come to see him, and he has no plans to stop seeing patients here anytime soon.

"Twenty years from now? I imagine I will still be right here in this office," he said with a smile. "This is home."

be needed, and there were not

Then and Now ...

(3 months) and Joshua (2-1/2 years).

Dr. Freitag's office, with Tonda.

The photo below was taken last week at

This photo was scanned from the front page of

The Lynn County News, July 16, 1992, when Dr. Freitag opened his practice here. He and his wife Tonda, are pictured with their sons, Benjamin

then bring a whole list of ail-They say they understand, and actually they tolerate it pretty ments they want to talk about

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wanted to try Viagra - this was when it was first became popular," said Freitag. "Anyway, he came in, and said his wife sent him here to get some. 'I heard they cost \$10 a pill, and I have \$20 - I just want two,' he told me, pulling a folded \$20 bill out of his shirt pocket. I gave him three samples and told him 'no charge.' He took the samples,

"She is very protective of me and my time, and does what she can to make sure I get to see my family. We've probably seen each other at our best and at our worst!" he said with a laugh. "I enjoy working with her. My wife says we treat each other like brother and sister," he added.

Dr. Freitag's wife, Tonda, is a volunteer in the community and also assists the doctor at his office if needed, and was filling in as his office receptionist this week. "I try to help, but I think I spend more time asking how to do something than really helping," she said with a smile.

Of their three children, the couple are obviously proud parents. Dr. Freitag says the oldest is planning a career in the medical field. "Joshua earned his bachelor's degree at Texas Tech and has been accepted into school for becoming a physical therapist, where he is currently studying. Ben wants no part of what he calls 'blood and guts,' and Sarah is just not interested in the medical field. We have always encouraged them to make up their own minds ... they learned long ago that if they asked me a question to which I replied with an answer full of technical terms, that was our way of encouraging them

They're great," he added. When he started as a family physician here in 1992, Dr. Freitag not only saw patients in the clinic but also performed surgeries and delivered babies. Lynn County Hospital is one of the few small rural hospitals that is not owned and operated by a larger corporate healthcare conglomerate, and its locallyelected board of directors sets policy and oversees the management of the hospital. That freedom comes with a price in some ways, however. Several years ago, the decision was made to no longer offer surgeries or obstetrics because it was not fis-

to look it up for themselves.

Freitag delivered 281 babies at LCHD, from 1994 through Nov. 30, 2006.

anesthesiologist on staff.

cally feasible to have a fulltime

"I miss performing the surgeries, and delivering babies," Dr. Freitag admitted. "But it was too risky to try to deliver a baby if a caesarean birth might become necessary and no anesthesiologist was here to administer the sedative. And sometimes you can't schedule when an anesthesiologist will

his medical practice would grow old with him.

enough procedures to allow for

a fulltime person here. So we

had to discontinue any surgical

procedures done here at the hos-

friend once told him that if a

doctor stops delivering babies,

He says that a physician

pital," he explained.

"It is true that much of my practice is now for chronic disease or care of the older generation. I see a lot of hypertension and diabetes, and other chronic conditions. Lynn County seems to have a lot of diabetes, but I am not sure why, and it's not just diet. Heredity does play a factor, but there still seems to be a lot of diabetes here," said Freitag.

What is his one piece of general medical advice to the community? "Wash your hands!" he said immediately. "Wash your hands before you eat, before you touch your face, I cannot stress that enough," said Freitag, who noted that he washes his hands after seeing every patient, every

"I have to assume that you're coming in with some heinous disease that I don't want, so I try to wash it off before seeing the next person," he joked. "But washing your hands is the best general advice I can give, and the second piece of advice is just as obvious - exercise and drink plenty of fluids.

"And the advice most often ignored by my patients? Stop smoking.'

Of his medical practice, he says about a third are on Medicare, a third are on Medicaid, and a third with some other type of insurance, with only about 5 percent indigent patient cases.

"There are more indigent care cases in the hospital, but in my practice here I would say it is about 5 percent," he said.

During his 20-year practice, there has been one time when the physicians at LCHD actuGod's Clothes Closet

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CAUSE NO. 12-06-06863 IN THE 106TH DISTRICT COURT LYNN COUNTY TEXAS

TO: KRISTOPHER LEE FOX, Respondents, Greeting

NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS: "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 Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

The petition of BRYAN CALLAHAN and JEANETTE CALLAHAN, Petitioners was filed in the 106th District Court of Lynn County, Texas on the 29th day of June, 2012 against LISA MICHELLE CALLAHAN and KRIS TOPHER LEE FOX, Respondents in the above entitled cause.

The suit request ORIGINAL PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF CHILD as is more fully shown by Original Petition on file in this suit.

The date and place of birth of the children are the subject of the suit. MADISON LEE FOX date of birth January 7, 2005, County of Residence: Lynn County

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Tahoka, Texas' this the 2nd day of JULY, 2012

Petitioner W. Calloway Huffaker P.O. Box 968 Tahoka, Texas 79373

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O'Donnell Rodeo set for July 12-14

O'Donnell's "Biggest Little Rodeo" is set for July 12-14. The Rodeo Queen candidates will be selling advance tickets at \$7 each for adults and \$5 each for children 12 and under. Tickets on the day of the events are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. Oueen candidates are Candace Ortiz, Allison Hancock and Tiffany Ramirez.

The rodeo will start at 8:00 p.m. each evening. Riders and ropers wanting to compete in the Rodeo may contact Stanley Forbes at 806-759-8122.

The parade will be held on Saturday, July 14, at 6:00 p.m. Riding clubs, car clubs, Scouts, and any other group that would like to participate in the parade may contact Megan Mires at

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TIFFANY RAMIREZ O'Donnell Rodeo Queen Candidate 18-year-old daughter of Simona & the late Rafael Ramirez Sponsored by City of O'Donnell

Seal coat projects begin next week in area counties

More than 240 miles of state roadways are part of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Lubbock District's 2012 seal coat program. Roadways in Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, 1055 Lubbock, Lynn, Parmer, Terry Lubbock County-FM 2641 and Yoakum counties will see \$10.57 million worth of preventative maintenance work during the months of July and August.

"Seal coating provides a variety of benefits to the roadway," said James Combes, P.E., Brownfield

Area engineer, "including a waterproof surface that prevents moisture from entering and weakening the roadbed. Seal coating also reduces deterioration and cracking of the asphalt surface, which prolongs the life of the pavement."

Other roadway benefits include an improved non-skid surface in wet or icy conditions and an antiglare and increased reflective surface for night and wet weather driving, Combes

Seal coat operations are scheduled to begin the week of July 9 on US 62/82 in Crosby County, from the Lubbock County Line to four miles east of Ralls. Other roadways included in the 2012 seal coat pro-

gram are: Bailey County—SH 214 Cochran County-SH 214 and Crosby County-US 82, US 62

Dawson County-FM 1210 Floyd County—US 62/70 Gaines-SH 214 and FM 1780.

and FM 651

Garza County-SH 207 and two sections US 380 Hale County—FM 3466 and SH

Hockley County-FM 1585 and US 62/82 *

Lamb County—US 385 and FM

FM 2528, Spur 326 and a portion of the I-27 frontage roads Lynn County—FM 211 Parmer County-US 70/84 and FM 145

Terry County—SH 137 Yoakum County—FM 1780

The seal coat operations are expected to continue through late-August. Motorists can expect lane closures and a pilot car to guide traffic through the work zone, and are asked to drive with caution through the work zone, be on the lookout for workers and avoid distractions for their own safety and the safety of the workers.

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Signatures sought for Grant funds...

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the planning phase," she told the handful of citizens who attended the meeting.

Mayor John Baker and City of Tahoka officials encourage all residents to take the time to come by City Hall to sign the petition, and it may be available at several offices in town as well, to show support for the project, which is asking for 100% grant funding, at no cost to the city or its residents, to replace the waterline system. Construction funds are estimated at \$1.7 million.

Tahoka's citizens are well aware of the problems with the city's antiquated waterline system, with water cutoffs a frequent issue here due to repairs, and boil water notices that accompany the cutoffs until testing can be completed on samples after each repair. The city has documented 51 water main breaks from January 2009 to January 2012.

When the planning phase is completed, the city can apply for the construction portion of the grant funds, estimated to be approximately \$1.7 million. The new construction would provide much-needed improvement for

the city and its residents, with improved water pressure that would be consistent throughout the city, not only for homes and businesses but for the fire hydrants as well. The new lines would be a loop system, which means that in the case of repairs that only a certain portion of the waterlines would be required to shut down, instead of the entire

Mayor John Baker and City Administrator Jerry Webster encourage Tahoka's citizens to help the city in the grant process by signing the petition as a show of support.

"Please take the time to come by City Hall, or the same petition may be available at other local businesses, to sign your name. Signing the petition does not obligate you in any way, it costs you nothing, and in fact could end up saving you a great deal by helping the city get this project funded 100% by a grant. Our water system is in dire need of improvements, and it will need to be replaced, and we would much rather do it with grant money than to ask our citizens to fund such a project," said the mayor.

All citizens of Tahoka are encouraged to come by City Hall to sign this petition seeking grant funds to replace the city's waterlines. Please sign once only (signing does not obligate the citizen in any manner). The petition reads as

PETITION OF SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED LOCAL WATER PROJECT

To: Texas Water Development Board Re: City of Tahoka EDAP Water Improvements Project

"By signing my name below, I am showing my support for the construction of the City of Tahoka's Water System Improvements. This proposed project includes the replacement and/or new construction of approximately 60,000 linear feet (182 city blocks) of water lines, installation of new valves, replacement of fire hydrants and upgrading booster pump controls. These improvements will help me achieve greater confidence in both the reliability and quality of the City's water system."

City officials hope to submit the signed petitions by the end of July to the Texas Water Development Board, so please sign the petition at City Hall (or local businesses) as soon as possible.

State awards \$125,000 to regional nonprofit helping lift farmworkers into self sufficiency

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) gave a \$125,000 award in late May to a Levelland-based nonprofit organization working to reduce the number of migrant farmworker households living in poverty and help them transition toward greater self-sufficiency.

South Plains Community Action Association will use the funds to provide clients vocational development skills and training, including assistance with tuition, textbooks, supplies, and immunizations; rent, security and utility deposit assistance; food and other household items; and transportation assistance, including vehicle repair, fuel, and bus tokens.

The organization provides a wide range of services to low income clients living in Lynn County as well as other surrounding counties.

"Helping Texans transition out of poverty and toward self-sufficiency is a critical component of TDHCA's mission," noted TDHCA Executive Director Tim Irvine. "Migrant farmworkers have unique needs that might otherwise go unmet, making it more difficult for these individuals to ever achieve self-reliance. Through partnerships with organizations like South Plains Community Action, we can soon measure success not by the number of people we help, but by the number who longer depend on our assistance."

The award was part of a \$676,600 discretionary fund award under the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program and represents a portion of the state's \$32.4 million annual allocation from the federal government.

In addition to the South Plains Community Action Association, also awarded discretionary funds to one county and two nonprofit organizations serving migrant farmworkers; and both the Texas Homeless Network and Texas Association of Community Action Agencies, two statewide organizations providing technical assistance and training to TDHCA funded homeless services providers and to CSBG eligible entities.

The CSBG Program assists households earning no more than 125 percent of the federal poverty guideline, which equals an annual income of \$28,812.50 for a family of four. Funding for the program comes from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and supports a variety of direct services in addition to helping maintain the core administrative elements of local partner organizations.

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Hank Williams role ... Ben Beck performs the role of Hank Williams in the musical "Hank Williams: Lost Highway" in The Point's outdoor theatre in In-(Photo by Ashley Thomas)

"Hank Williams: Lost Highway" musical offered at Ingram theater

A lonesome whippoorwill can be heard starting this Friday at The Point Theatre in Ingram, Texas. The musical "Hank Williams: Lost Highway" takes the stage at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, July 6 and runs through Saturday, July 23 in The Point's out-

Fannin Battleground reopens in Texas following restoration

An important site in the Texas War for Independence is once again open to the public with improvements that include an expanded interpretation of events that took place there 175 years ago.

Fannin Battleground, located near Goliad in south Texas, memorializes the Texas soldiers who fought and lost the Battle of Coleto Creek in 1836. Outrage at the subsequent execution of the captured troops under orders from Mexican General Santa Anna became a rallying cry at the Battle of San Jacinto, where

Texas won its independence. In addition to the enhanced interpretation, visitors will discover a new flag area incorporating the historic entrance gates and memorial stones, a restored bandstand with original windows, door openings and roof, and a new exhibit on the Battle of Coleto Creek, as well as outdoor interpretation panels and new restrooms.

Fannin Battleground is one of the Texas Historical Commission's 20 historic sites representing compelling examples of the Texas mystique throughout the Lone Star State. Rehabilitation projects an interpretive plans are currently being completed at most of the sites, offering heritage travelers and opportunity to experience these real places telling the real stories of Texas history. To learn more, visit www. visitfanninbattleground.com and www.texashistoricsites.com.

door theatre.

Opening night festivities include a reception at 7 p.m. in the gallery at The Point honoring the current exhibit, Art Camp Museum. "Hank Williams: Lost High-

way" lays open the story of Williams' life through his music. The musical journey takes audiences from his early days playing honky-tonks in the South to his triumphs at the Grand Ole Opry. Theatre patrons will see glimpses of Williams' life offstage: his troubled marriage to wife Audrey; his struggle with painkillers due to a back injury; and conflicts with his band, The Drifting Cowboys, over his own drug and alcohol use. All the while, Williams shares his lyrical and musical gifts that still resonate with fans today. Songs like "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry," "Move it on Over," "Hey, Good Lookin" and "Your Cheatin' Heart" gain a special poignancy set against the context of Hank Williams' life.

The cast includes several talented musicians from the Hill Country. Musician Ben Beck plays the title role of Hank.

Tickets are only \$15 and can be purchased by visiting The Point Theatre Box Office or calling 830-367-5121. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.hcaf.com. The Point Theatre is part of Hill Country Arts Foundation located at 120 Point Theatre Road South off Highway 39 in Ingram, Texas.

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