

We are the champions!



The Tahoka 9 & 10 year old softball Minor League All-Star Team are All-Star Champions, winning the All-Star Girls Softball tournament last weekend. The team includes, from left, Alex Perez, Zoe Wilborn, Madison Rose, Amberleigh Wade, Ragan Whitley, Tamara Ramirez, Ry'Lee Vega, Faith Arce, Marisol Morin, Sophie Thomas, and Karlie Swinford. Coaches for the team are Chad Swinford, Justin Whitley, and Johnny Morin. The girls advance to the All-Star Sectionals tournament, which starts in Idalou on July 5th. The Tahoka team will play Lubbock All-Stars in their opening game, at 6 p.m. Friday.

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FIREWORKS BAN IN LYNN COUNTY

Fireworks of the "shooting kind," such as skyrockets with sticks or missiles with fins, will not be allowed in Lynn County's unincorporated areas this Independence Day, as county commissioners have issued a fireworks ban in conjunction with the current burn ban.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 25	102	71	
June 26	104	71	
June 27	101	73	
June 28	100	72	
June 29	99	70	
June 30	87	66	0.34"
July 1	83	68	
Total Precip for Jan.:			0.93"
Total Precip for Feb.:			0.96"
Total Precip for Mar.:			-0-
Total Precip for Apr.:			-0-
Total Precip for May:			0.81"
Total Precip for June:			4.82"
Total Precip. for 2013:			7.52"

Fireworks show set July 6th in Wilson

The Wilson fireworks show will be held on Saturday, July 6th, at the Wilson City Park, with free hot dogs and live music prefacing the show that begins after dark. All area residents are invited to the free event that begins at 7 o'clock and continues until the last fireworks display, sponsored by St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson. The park is located just west of the Wilson school campus, on FM 211.

"We invite everyone to share in this celebration of our nation's independence," said Pastor David Rohde. The fireworks show is St. Paul Lutheran's gift to the community, and is a tradition that began 12 years ago when the church was celebrating their 75th anniversary in 2001. That year was their first fireworks show, and church members have kept the tradition going, contributing towards a special fireworks fund throughout the year to sponsor the annual event for their community.

The music begins at 7 p.m., with free hot dogs, chips and soft drinks



served from about 8:30-9:15 p.m. The fireworks show begins at dark, and usually lasts 30-45 minutes. Bring lawn chairs for seating.

"We do get a pyrotechnic permit from the City of Wilson for the show," said Pastor Rohde. "And, several of our church members are volunteer firemen and the Wilson VFD has a fire truck on site at the event, just in case. We set up two firing stations at the south end of the park, and we have volunteer loaders and firers, usually about six people, and they have learned over the years how to organize the fireworks show to keep it going," he explained.

"This celebration is basically our treat - we want to do this for the community, and we don't want anybody to have to pay for anything. Come out, have a good time, enjoy a hot dog and music, and sit back and watch the fireworks," he invited.

NOTE: Although fireworks are banned in the unincorporated portions of Lynn County, fireworks shows held inside the city limits of Wilson and O'Donnell fall outside the jurisdiction of the county. City officials there have approved permits for sponsors of their annual events.

O'Donnell sets July 4th celebration in park

The City O'Donnell will host a July 4th celebration at the City Park tonight (Thursday). The program will begin at 6 p.m. with the Lubbock Sheriff's Dept. presenting the flag ceremony, followed by music and speeches.

The city will furnish hot dogs for the event, and other booths will offer a variety of food. The Community Center will be open for a place to sit down and eat, and a fireworks show will begin at dark. Bring lawn chairs for seating.

Russell Schaub is lone finalist for Wilson ISD Superintendent

The Board of Trustees of Wilson Independent School District have selected Russell Schaub as the lone finalist for the position of Superintendent, according to information released by school officials this week.

Schaub is currently the K-12 principal at Texline Independent School District. He has 28 years of experience in public education as a teacher, coach and administrator.

Schaub is not new to Region 17,

having served as High School Principal at Wellman-Union Consolidated School District for seven years. His wife, Leann, is an educator as well. Mrs. Schaub is a certified business and computer information systems teacher.

Byron Shelley is currently serving as interim superintendent for Wilson ISD, filling the position vacated by John Horak, who resigned at the end of May to accept a superintendent position at Meridian ISD.

Open House slated Monday for LCHD Clinic/Fitness center

Area residents are invited to view the facilities of the Lynn County Hospital District Family Wellness Clinic/Fitness & Rehab Center this Monday during an Open House from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Hospital staff will serve free hot dogs, chips and a drink at the event, and the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. The center is located at 1809 Lockwood in Tahoka.

LCHD renovated the former Family Dollar building for their wellness clinic and fitness center facilities earlier this year, combining the two op-

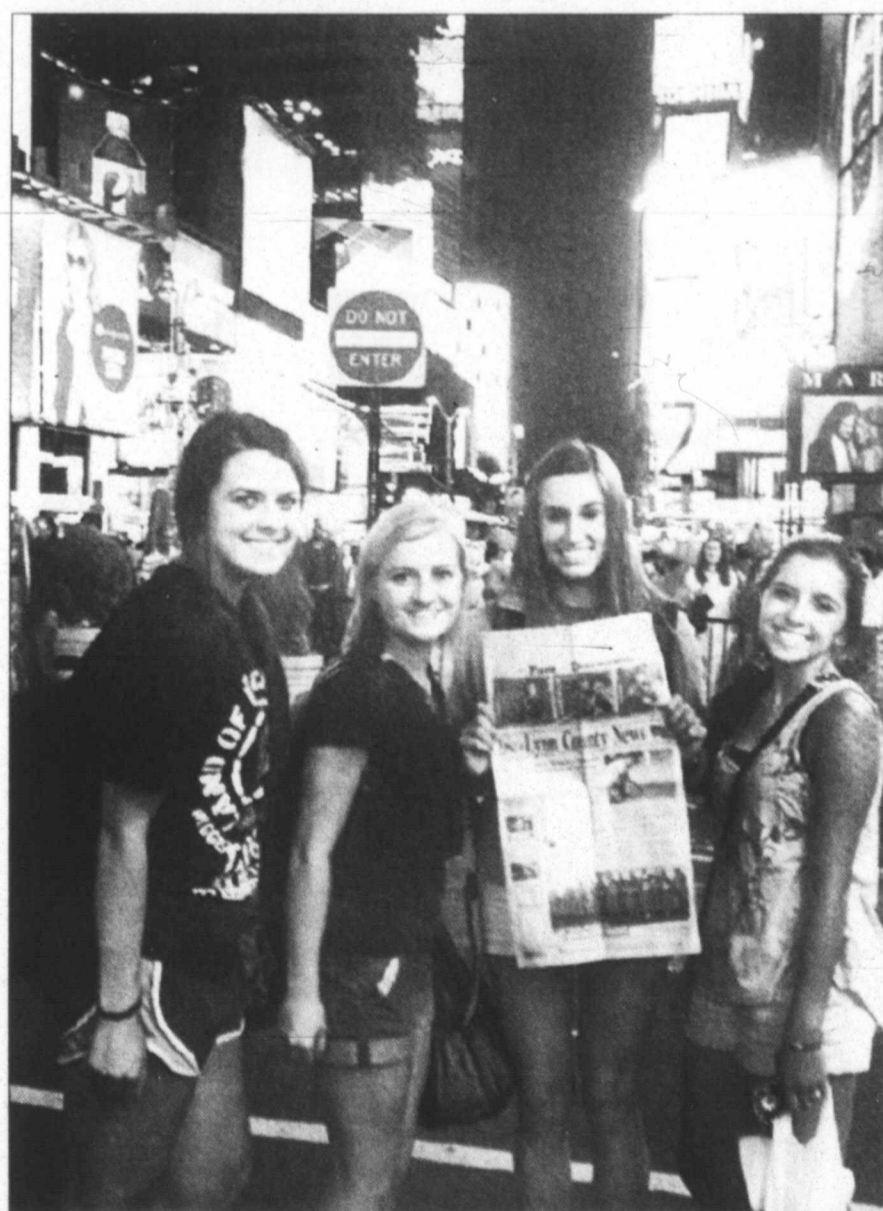
erations into one facility. The fitness center is in the east side of the building, and the clinic is on the west side.

Area residents are invited to come see all the equipment and other assets the fitness center has to offer, and to view the spacious new clinic where Family Nurse Practitioners Melanie Richburg and Shannon Hammonds offices and patient treatment rooms are located.

Where in the world is

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Times Square
New York City



Times Square ... Tahoka youth Amanda Hill, Nicole Taylor, McKenzie Dimak and Miranda DeLeon took their Lynn County News to Times Square in New York City! They were 1,815 miles from home. (Photo submitted by Rebecca Dimak)



Words of Inspiration:

"Men's best successes come after their disappointments."

HENRY WARD BEECHER

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Man jailed twice for disturbances

A 23-year-old Tahoka man was arrested twice over the weekend on disorderly conduct and other charges after incidents were reported at a convenience store in Tahoka.

On Friday a Tahoka police officer was summoned to Allsup's, where he was met by the subject, who reportedly was screaming, "you can't touch me; I'm going to get paid," and other things. He was arrested and jailed on charges of disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

After his release from jail, he again was arrested Sunday night at Allsup's, where he reportedly had been yelling at customers. He allegedly refused to give his name and other information to the officer who was called to that scene, and who reported he found the suspect walking in the middle of the street outside the store. He was jailed on charges of disorderly conduct and failure to identify to a peace officer.

A traffic accident or incident involving a vehicle occurred in the county early Friday morning, but no information was available from the Dept. of Public Safety, whose officers could not be contacted by the newspaper Tuesday. However, it was

learned that a man was arrested and charged with intoxicated assault with a vehicle causing serious bodily injury in connection with the incident.

Three other persons were jailed during the week, on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, theft of services over \$500 and less than \$1,500, and disorderly conduct with three prior offenses plus public intoxication.

Total number in jail this week was 19, with two held for Andrews County.

Dispatchers at Lynn County Sheriff's Department processed 320 calls in June, including 117 for the county, 114 for City of Tahoka, 17 for O'Donnell, 44 for animal control, 22 ambulance calls and six fire alarms.

Have you heard about
MISSION: Tahoka

Obituaries

by Dalton Woodwork



Dalton Wood



Barbara Louise Griffiths

Barbara Louise Griffiths, 81, joined her Lord and Savior Thursday, June 27, 2013 in Lubbock. She was born January 1, 1932 in Rocky Ford, Colorado to Jay and Margaret Tracey. Barbara married the love of her life, Rex Griffiths, September 1, 1950 in Rocky Ford, CO.

She is survived by her children, Margaret and the late Paul Row, W.R. Griffiths, Tracey and Laurie Griffiths and Nancy and Les Walker; five grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son-in-law and granddaughter, Stephanie Griffiths.

A memorial service was held Monday, July 1, 2013 at First Baptist Church, Wilson.

The family requests in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the Salvation Army, Lubbock Food Bank or Wilson First Baptist Church, or a Church of your choice.

Condolences may be offered at www.resthavenfuneralhome.com. (PAID)



Lillian Rose "Dolly" Foerster

Lillian Rose "Dolly" Foerster, 86, of Lubbock passed away June 27, 2013. Funeral services were held Monday, July 1, at The Historic Redeemer Lutheran Church at 10:00 am with the Rev. Brian Dupre officiating with burial at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Dolly was born on August 16, 1926 in Lynn County, to the late Alvin and Elsie (Nierlich) Schoppa. She spent her early years working on her family farm, she brought those same skills into her marriage to the late Luther Foerster and was an excellent homemaker. She also enjoyed arts and crafts. She was a charter member of The Historic Redeemer Lutheran Church where in 1950 she and her husband hosted the first wedding reception in the church.

She is survived by three children, Diane Mann and husband John of Lubbock, David Foerster and wife Patti of New Home, and Deloris Kearney and husband Larry of Graham; six grandchildren, Gregory Mann, Kimberlie Hensley, Jade and Ashley Foerster, and Julia and Ethan Kearney and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to The Historic Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2221 Ave W, Lubbock, TX 79411 or to a charity of your choice. (PAID)

LAST WEEK 34-year-old Nik Wallenda of Florida walked across a Little Colorado River Gorge in northeastern Arizona on a 2-inch thick steel cable, stretched 1,500 feet above the river. He wore no harness or other safety equipment on his tightrope walk of a quarter of a mile.

(This was shown live on the Discovery Channel. Anyone who missed it can Google "Nik Wallenda tightrope walk" and see it on You Tube)

Wallenda is a seventh-generation high-wire artist who is part of the famous "Flying Wallendas" circus family, a clan that has lost several members killed doing the same dumb sort of things. Nik Wallenda last year walked on a cable across Niagara Falls.

Unless Nik changes his ways, I don't expect him to be with us much longer. Come on, fun is fun and entertainment is great, but there are some things a person just shouldn't do, chancing death just to get some measure of fame and/or fortune. It's sad when any person dies, but I never can feel a great deal of sorrow for people who walk tightwires, stand on airplane wings, climb mountains, practice dentistry on crocodiles or take up lion-taming.

Nik Wallenda's great-grandfather, Karl Wallenda, fell and died during a performance in Puerto Rico at the age of 73.

The news reports last week said Nik began wire-walking at the age of 2. This must have been right after he fell out of his high chair on his head.

WITH THE July 4th observance coming up this week, it is fitting to note that a tiny remnant of a famous WWII raid, Doolittle's Raiders, met publicly last week for the final time.

There were 80 men crewing 16 B-25 bombers in that first retaliation against Japan after the Pearl Harbor attack. They were led by Lt. Col. James Doolittle, bombing Tokyo even though they knew they would not have enough fuel to return safely. Sixty-two of them survived the war, and were hailed as heroes.

Each year since 1946 there has been a reunion of survivors, with 80 golden goblets provided with their names. Each year goblets of those who died are turned upside down. This year there were only four survivors, all in their 90s, and they have decided to have no more reunions.

People like those, and there are many of them over the years and in other wars, who gave so much for their country, need to be remembered on this weekend and whenever an American flag is visible.



MyKeah DeLeon

Thank You!

(Note: The following letter was sent by a MyKeah DeLeon, a Tahoka youth whose injuries suffered in a recent accident required surgery.)

I would like to thank first and above all our Heavenly Father for placing his glorious hands upon me during my surgery and recovery. My loving my mom (Vikki) and sister Nadalie, who stayed with me day in and day out, my brothers Andrew and Ahren, who really care; Greg R. for his support and making sure mom and dad "didn't starve"; Gma and Gpa DeLeon along with all my family members who stood by me throughout the whole ordeal.

I also want to thank Melanie Richburg, LCHD Nursing staff and Lynn County EMS, Covenant Children's Hospital, Dr. Ranne and Charity Garcia, Emergency staff, PICU Unit, 3rd floor nursing staff, (which were the bomb). To all my friends, visitors and people who didn't know me that prayed for me, sent cards, gifts, texts and phone calls. To the following churches: First Baptist Church-Josh Reglin, St. Jude's Catholic Church-Father Teo, Church of Christ Tahoka-Steven Bonner, for their visits and continuous prayers.

So now I raise my hands to ask our Father above to place his glorious hands upon each and everyone of you who had some part in my care. In Jesus Name, amen.

Forever Thanks,
MyKeah DeLeon

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MUSIC STARTS AT 7 PM

Saturday, July 6th
at WILSON CITY PARK
Live Music starts at 7 pm; Hot Dog Supper served from 8:30-9:15 pm; Fireworks at dark.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!
Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the evening outside!

FREE Hot Dog Supper
FROM 8:30-9:15 P.M.

FIREWORKS AT DARK ... ABOUT 9:50 PM

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Let's ride the train ... Children attending St. Jude's Jamaica festival on Sunday had a good time riding the kiddie train. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Gene Hudgins is new pastor at Tahoka Methodist Church

Gene Hudgins began serving the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka on Sunday, June 30, speaking from the pulpit as the new pastor for the church. He succeeds Vernon Baker, who served six years at the Tahoka church and recently moved to Albuquerque, NM to serve a church there. Methodist pastors are appointed by the

Methodist Conference. Hudgins and his wife, Connie, moved to Tahoka from Plains, where he served as pastor of the United Methodist Church since July 2010. The couple have two daughters, Lauren and her husband Joel Enriquez of Canyon, who have a 2-year-old son Jadon, and Lindsay and her husband Josh Garza of Lubbock.

"I like to read, study, think of new and better ways to present the gospel in relevant ways," Hudgins said in a letter to the local church congregation. "Connie and I are passionate in giving ourselves away by serving others. I believe this is one of the greatest ways we are personally transformed, plus, the world becomes transformed as well, one person at a time.

Hudgins plays the acoustic and bass guitar and enjoys singing. He and his wife list their hobbies as camping, snow skiing and traveling.

Plan Ahead:

THS Homecoming - Oct. 4
Harvest Festival - Oct. 5

Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

July 8-12

Monday: Ham & beans, spinach, corn, cornbread, orange pineapple cup, apple crisp

Tuesday: Lasagna, brussel sprouts, garlic bread, pears

Wednesday: Baked chicken breast, au gratin potatoes, peas & carrots, waldorf salad, cornbread, sliced bananas in oj.

Thursday: Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, stewed okra, corn, pumpkin square

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

Mark your calendars...

• Community Fundraiser to benefit the Center coming up in August! Watch for details

• Wii bowling tournament coming very soon! Be sure to check our facebook page for upcoming details and events happening at the Center.

• Monetary donations are encouraged and greatly appreciated and needed this month.

• We still have plenty of the Timeless Treasures Cookbooks available for \$12 each.

• 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-day lunch ticket for a suggested donation of \$35.00. If the individual is under 60, a ten-day lunch ticket costs \$50.00. The lunch ticket can be used for an on-site 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!

• Aluminum can recycle is located on N. 5th street across from the City Barn. All donations dropped off at this site are to benefit Sr. Citizen's Center home delivery and congregate meal programs. Please tie your bags before placing them in the bin.

Need help?

Call to reserve a helping hand from "Mission Tahoka"

"Mission Tahoka" to provide help to those in need. The "Mission Tahoka" group, sponsored by the churches in Tahoka, will be providing help for those in need of help with small projects around your house, free of charge. The help will be available from July 22 through July 26. These helpers will clean your house, clean your yard, iron for you, or just come by and visit with you. Whatever the job may be, this group of adults and young people will be more than happy to give you a hand.

If you have a job for us, call Bill Fuller at 561-4557 Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

"We are looking for opportunities to serve our community," said Fuller.

VBS slated at St. Paul Lutheran in Wilson July 8-10

"Our God Saves" Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson, located at 1611 16th Street, July 8-10, from 6-8:45 p.m. Ages 4-12 are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact the church at 806-628-6471.

Pet Care Coming Soon:

- July 13 - Dog Dip sponsored by Tahoka Rotary Club
- July 27 - Pet Vaccine Clinic at Wilson City Hall



Fun at the Jamaica ... Pictured here is some of the crowd at St. Jude's Jamaica festival in Tahoka Sunday afternoon, listening to entertainment from the shade near the church building. Prize winners at the event from the raffle ticket drawings included Maribel Perez, who won the \$1000 grand prize; Anita Flores, \$500 gift card; Jeremiah DeLeon, \$300 gift card; Elpidio Solorzano, \$200 gift card; and Sylvia Morado, \$100 Thriftway gift card. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

EMT-Basic class offered in Tahoka

Lynn County Hospital District is sponsoring an EMT-Basic Class starting July 8, open to any interested persons. Classes will be held on Monday and Thursdays evenings and some Saturdays at the hospital. The class will end in October.

For more information or to register for the class, contact Lynn County Hospital District EMS Director Tyler Franklin for more details at 998-4533 ext 508.

Have a safe & happy Independence Day!

July 4th Specials!

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PASTOR: GENE HUDGINS

SUNDAYS:
Praise Worship - 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m.

TUESDAYS: Branded Ministries - 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS: Youth - 6:30 p.m.

New Home United Methodist Church

350 N. Main
New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7549

PASTOR: BOB POWELL

Sunday School 10:00 am • Worship 10:45 am
Youth Activities

Wilson

St. John Lutheran Church

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TONDA FREITAG, PLM

Sunday School - 10 am • Sunday Worship - 11:15 am

Tahoka Trinity Church

1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317

PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Youth - Sundays at 7 p.m.

For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317

Grassland Nazarene Church

2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656, 327-5655

PASTOR: Rev. James Miller

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Youth and Adults: Wednesdays - 7 p.m.

Wilson

First Baptist Church

1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333

PASTOR: BILLY PARMER

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Discipleship Training - 5 p.m. Sunday 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages
• Bible Study & Prayer Mtg - Youth

The Antidote to Worry

Matthew 6:25-34

Some of us are more prone to anxiety than others. Yet as we read in today's passage, persistent worry is not our calling as Christians. We need not be anxious about tomorrow if we are serving Jesus, for while we may not get all of our wants, He will certainly give us all of our needs. If you are struggling with anxiety this day, take your eyes off yourself and do a good deed for another person. Then, ask God to help you learn how to trust in Him confidently.

For further study:
1 Kings 19:1-8

Excerpts taken from BibleGateway.com/devotionals/tabletalk-coram

New Home Church of Christ

324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7579

MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON

Bible Class - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.
Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Tahoka Church of Christ

2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4060 • email: tcoc@poka.com

PULPIT MINISTER: STEVEN BONNER

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
Fellowship & Devotion - Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Sweet Street Baptist Church

1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-5310

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. (A Bible Study Class for all ages)

Morning Worship - 10:55 a.m. (Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)

Wednesday Night - 7 p.m. (Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)

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(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org

PASTOR: BILL FULLER

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.
SNL (Youth) - 6:00 p.m. Sunday

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(established 1907)

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PASTOR: REV. MONTY BARNETT

Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School following

Wilson

St. Paul Lutheran Church

16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com

PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE

Sunday School 9:15 a.m. • Divine Service 10:15 a.m.
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TAHOKA

St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

South 4th & Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 561-4436

PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TEO

Mass - 11:00 a.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wed. & Thur.
Rosary - 7 p.m. Tues.
CCE Class/Confirmation Instruct. - 7 p.m. Wed.

Our God Saves!

VBS at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson

1611 16TH STREET • WILSON, TEXAS
July 8-10 • 6:00-8:45 p.m.
AGES 4-12 WELCOME!

VBS 2013 REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Age: _____ Any Allergies: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Contact Phone # _____

MAIL OR DROP OFF FORM AT:
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P.O. Box 136 (1611 16th Street)
Wilson, TX 79381-0136 • (806) 628-6471

Where in the world is
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In Commerce, Tx ... Weldon Freeman, a member of the Tahoka High School graduating class of 1965, takes a break from math activities at the Northeast Texas Children's Museum in Commerce, TX (371 miles from Tahoka), to catch up on the Lynn County News. Albert the Robot apparently is interested in the local newspaper as well.

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E-mail your photos to LynnCoNews@poka.com and maybe you'll see your photo featured in The Lynn County News Monthly Photo Theme!

■ JULY ... (DUE JULY 12)
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O'Donnell Rodeo slated July 11-13

The O'Donnell Rodeo will be held July 11-12-13, with performances slated at 8 p.m. nightly and a rodeo parade on Saturday, July 13. The parade starts at 6 p.m., featuring the Six White Horses drill team from Hardin Simmons University. Parade entries are still being accepted by calling Megan Mires at 806-252-0826.

The 2013 Rodeo Queen candidates include Maggie Collins, daughter of Terry and Barbara Collins, Madison Davis, daughter of Choya and Netta Davis, and Bailey Little, daughter of Wesley and Dawn Little.

The O'Donnell rodeo grounds are located just west of Hwy. 87 in O'Donnell.

Letters *to the*
Editor

Flowers in the median

My name is Sunny Tidwell and I am a recent (9 years) resident of Lynn County. I live just East of Tahoka and work in Lubbock. Every spring since moving here I have noticed what appears to be Amaryllis flowers planted in the center median from Tahoka to the Lubbock County line. As Amaryllis flowers are bulb flowers and not wild flowers I have always been curious about their origin. Can any of you Lynn County residents answer my question? Next time you drive to Lubbock in the next week or so be sure to look for the pretty clumps of tall flowers! They don't last long in this heat.

Sunny Tidwell

PS. I love when you reprint "pages from the past". Please continue this tradition!



Tahoka Daisies capture attention of West Texans

The Tahoka Daisy, a wildflower that thrives in West Texas, has been attracting attention since the late 19th century.

Its popular name can be traced to the Tahoka Lake, where it was reported growing nearby more than 100 years ago.

The lavender blue flower with a small yellow center is a member of the aster

family, and also is known as the Prairie Aster. It has green, fern-like foliage, and likes full sun. The plant blooms from mid-spring until frost, and has its own lengthy scientific name: *Machaeranthera tanacetifolia*.

For a free seed packet from the city of Tahoka, email Retha Pittman, rpittman@poka.com.

Featured in Lubbock Magazine ... The Tahoka Daisy was featured in the July/August edition of the Lubbock Magazine. Retha Pittman, administrative assistant at Tahoka City Hall, said she has been contacted many times for seeds and wondered where the sudden interest had come from until someone mentioned the article in the magazine. Tahoka Daisy seed packets are available from Tahoka City Hall and from the Tahoka Pioneer Museum.

New laws will protect Texas seniors

by Bob Jackson
State Director of AARP Texas

Austin is more than the "live musical capital of the world," a vibrant high-tech hub and home to one of the top universities in the country. Decisions made there by those same legislators we elect back home have a profound impact on our everyday lives.

This year was no different. When the dust settled at the end of the 2013 regular legislative session, Texas had gained some important wins and in many cases avoided some painful losses. Throughout the 140-day period AARP was there, working with bill sponsors, testifying before committees and mobilizing our members and the public on key issues and concerns for older Texans.

Older Texans can cheer about improved access to medical services thanks to a new law helping Texas recruit the next generation of doctors by establishing incentives for training primary care physicians and encouraging more doctors to participate in Medicaid and Medicare. The law will also make it easier for advance practice registered nurses to see patients and write prescriptions, providing more Texans of all ages with access to health care professionals.

Long-term care at home, an essential service for many of our seniors, has also been improved and expanded. More low-income seniors will be able to receive

community-based long-term care through Medicaid, the primary payer for long term care services for seniors. This will allow them to stay in their homes and communities with their families while also saving taxpayer dollars.

Moreover, community-based attendants, those hard-working folks who help care for our parents or grandparents on Medicaid, will receive a pay increase—bringing starting pay up to \$7.86 per hour and exceeding the state minimum of \$7.25 per hour.

Texas seniors who live in nursing homes also got a win when the Legislature adopted measures to greatly improve these facilities. Texas Medicaid nursing home reimbursement rates have long been among the lowest in the country. The legislature passed a 6 percent increase over two years, making it easier for nursing homes to retain quality staff, a significant indicator of care quality.

In addition, Medicaid-funded nursing home stays throughout Texas will soon fall under STAR+PLUS managed care. This will encourage higher quality care by rewarding the best plans with more enrollees and by creating higher standards.

Another key issue where good things happened and bad things were kept from happening was the defined-benefit pension program essential to the financial security of Texas teachers as well as other

school district and state employees. Earlier this year, some groups argued that the state pension programs should be converted to individual—and more uncertain—401k-type programs. This could have spelled disaster for workers who have devoted their lives to public service.

In the end, the Texas Legislature decided to preserve pensions for state and school employees while granting cost-of-living increases to those who have been retired the longest. To help strengthen the system, both state government and current employees will contribute a bit more to the pension system, and new employees will have stricter requirements on when they can retire.

Payday and auto title loan businesses prey on economically vulnerable Texans, by offering them "fast cash" loans that can carry fees in excess of 500% APR. Families often pay many times over the original amount borrowed for these small dollar loans, leaving them with long-term financial problems.

Cities like Dallas, San Antonio, El Paso, Austin and Denton have taken strong steps to protect their citizens from predatory lending by passing ordinances that send a powerful signal that abusive lending practices will not be tolerated. Potential harm was averted this year when the Legislature shut down a measure that would have undone the strong payday ordinances enacted by these local governments.

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SECTION 00020 ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

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Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at City Hall. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the Mayor and City Council for action.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of the City of Wilson in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds in the forms provided within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.

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Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file in the City Hall, City of Wilson, Texas, and at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423.

Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423 (Phone 806-473-2200) as follows:

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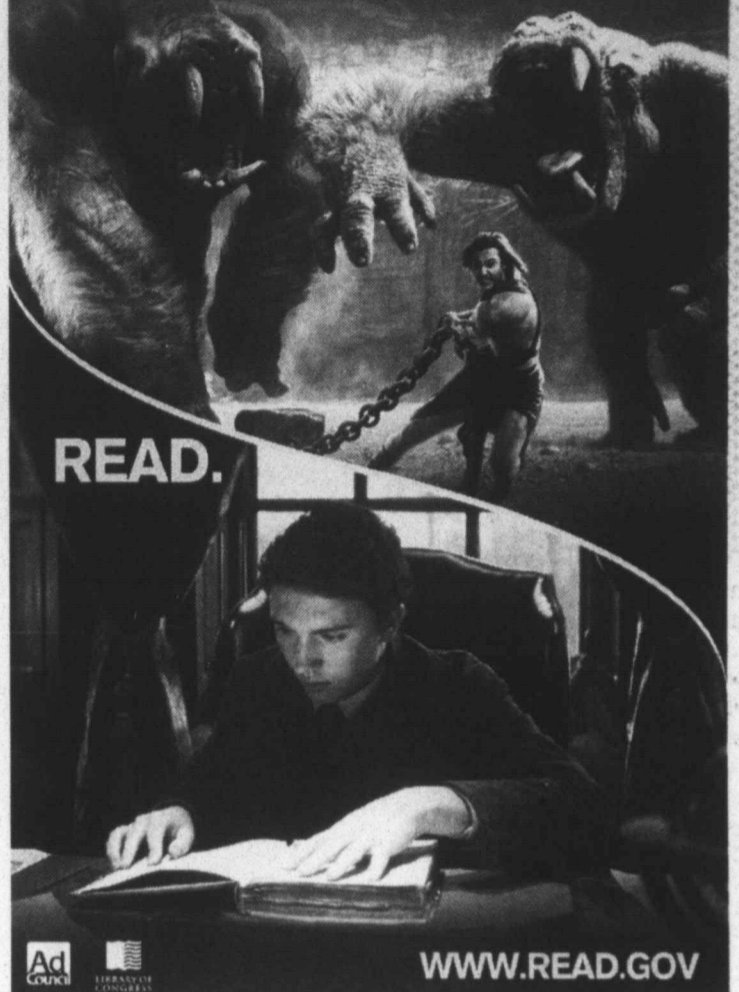
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