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It's hot! ... When was the air conditioner invented?
from www.williscarrier.com

Willis Carrier: The Inventor of Modern Air Conditioning
Genius can strike anywhere. For Willis Carrier, it was a foggy Pittsburgh train platform in 1902. Carrier stared through the mist and realized that he could dry air by passing it through water to create fog. Doing so would make it possible to manufacture air with specific amounts of moisture in it. July 17, 1902, he completed his invention to control humidity – the fundamental building block for modern air conditioning.

WEIRD JULY HOLIDAYS
from www.gone-to-past.com
(Disclaimer: These facts not authenticated -- merely listed here for fun)

July 10th is The Real Thing Day
(Coke Classic Debuted)

When is National Hot Dog Month?
Always July! Industry groups, such as National Hot Dog & Sausage Council in the USA, designate July as National Hot Dog Month and July 23 as National Hot Dog Day, and are known to encourage, sponsor, and support hot dog events.

When is National Mosquito Day?
This holiday is celebrated in the United States every July 23. *(Not sure why this is a holiday, unless it is to kill as many mosquitoes as possible!)*

When is Candles on a Cake Day?
Candles on a Cake Day (First Birthday Cake 55BC) - July 25.
What is this Holiday for?
This holiday is for honoring and enjoying fun candles on a cake day. So go get yourself some fun candles, bake yourself a sweet cake and have some fun by putting candles on a cake for no reason at all. Yes that's right. For no reason at all. It doesn't have to be somebody's birthday to celebrate "Candles on a Cake Day."

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 8	94	68	
July 9	93	69	
July 10	92	68	
July 11	88	67	
July 12	91	67	
July 13	93	67	
July 14	95	69	0.22"
Total Precip for Jan:			0.00"
Total Precip for Feb:			0.48"
Total Precip for Mar:			0.06"
Total Precip for Apr:			0.03"
Total Precip for May:			3.95"
Total Precip for June:			3.74"
Total Precip for July:			0.29"
Total Precip. for 2014:			8.55"



Chamber donation ... Mandi Duncan (left, with check), chairman of the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament project for the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce, presents a check in the amount of \$1635 to Bianca Baker, Director of Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center, on behalf of the Chamber. TACC directors Amy Preston (left) and James Craig (right) are also pictured. All proceeds from the tournament, held in June, benefitted the Pioneer Center.

NOTICE TO ALL CITIZENS

Stage 1 Water Restrictions in effect for City of Tahoka

Stage 1 Water Restrictions is in effect through July in Tahoka: Outside watering will be limited to two days per week. Even numbered addresses may water on Monday & Thursday. Odd numbered addresses may water on Tuesday & Friday. There will be no outside watering allowed between 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. (unless watering by hand, or a soaker hose, which is allowed anytime). Those with private wells are exempt.

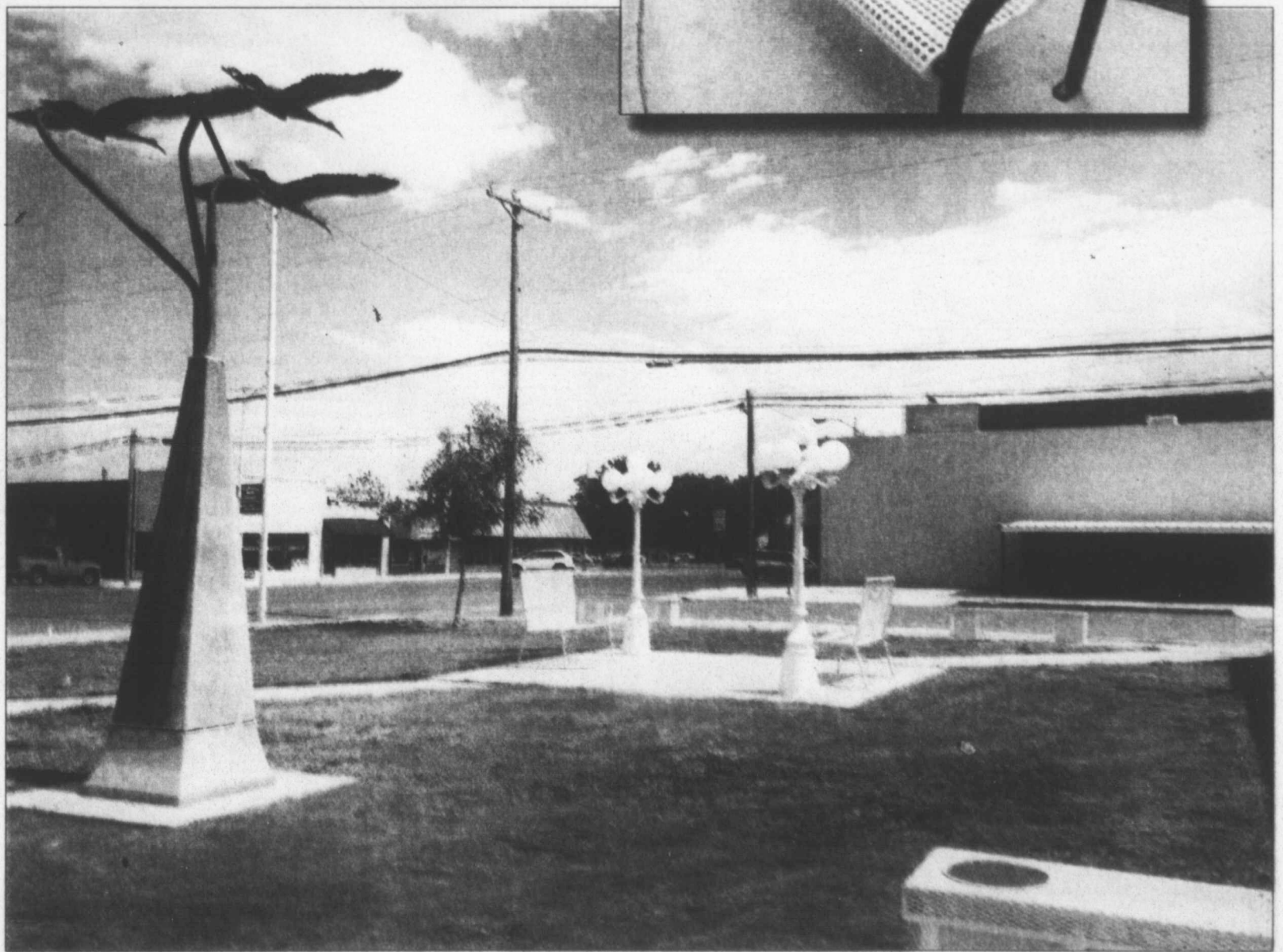


Beautifying Tahoka ...

New picnic tables, benches and trash receptacles at the city park (top photos), and repainting the benches at the downtown park on Main Street (photo at right) are projects that have been completed by the A.C.T. Board during the past year.

These beautification projects and others are undertaken with funds collected from a half-cent sales tax in Tahoka.

(LCN PHOTOS)



Advancing the Community of Tahoka

A.C.T. Board uses half-cent sales tax to improve city pool, parks, & more

by JUANELL JONES

The A.C.T. (Advancing the Community of Tahoka) Board, tasked with spearheading community improvement projects, using funds collected from a portion of the sales tax collected in Tahoka, has spent approximately \$10,500 during the past year for projects at the city pool, parks and other areas. The members of the committee take their responsibility seriously, to judiciously expend funds collected from a half-cent city sales tax approved by voters in an election held in 2010.

A total of \$210,176 has been collected since the sales tax collection began in 2010, with \$78,475 expended to date on various projects. As of July, \$131,701 remains in the fund for projects that must fall within state guidelines and are approved by the Tahoka City Council. Julia Allen is chairman of the A.C.T. Board, with members including Dee Dee Pridmore, Shannon Lawson, Frances Truehart, Roger Locke Jr. and Stace Holland.

The A.C.T. Board's job is to consider economic development/community improvement projects within the state guidelines for expending the 4B sales tax funds. The Board then presents their project ideas to the City Council, who must approve the project before funds may be expended. Once approved by the council, the A.C.T. board then oversees the project to completion. The

group meets monthly to discuss and plan projects.

"The ACT Board meets the first Tuesday of every month. If you have a project or idea for the City to consider please feel free to attend," says Mrs. Allen. Contact Mrs. Allen at 561-4224 at least a week in advance, to be put on the agenda for the meeting.

To date, the A.C.T. Board has spent \$78,475, including \$10,500 during the past year, on several projects for the city swimming pool, mini-park, signage, and the downtown mural park. These projects are undertaken in phases, with continuing work done as funds become available for each phase.

Following is a general breakdown of how those funds were spent during the past year for the betterment of the community, and what future plans are being considered.

City Pool: \$700 was spent on plumbing repairs in the bathrooms and \$2,330.85 on three new shade areas at the pool. Roger Locke Jr. is project manager.

Welcome Signage: A new Tahoka

(See A.C.T. BOARD, page 4)



Words of Inspiration:

“He who would do great things, should not attempt them alone.”

—SENECA

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Obituaries



Danae "Nae" Donald

Services for Nae Donald, 5, of Tahoka, formerly of Wilson were held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 12, in Wilson's St. Paul Lutheran Church with Pastor David Rohde officiating. Burial was at Green Memorial Cemetery in Wilson under the direction of Englund Funeral Service of Slaton.

Nae was born March 14, 2009 in Lubbock. She was a loving and laughing child who brought sunshine to people's lives. She passed from this life on July 9, 2014, (July 9th was her original anticipated date of birth).

Survivors include her parents; Nikki and Casey Donald; a sister, Brook, all of Tahoka; paternal grandparents, Connie and Lonnie Paul Donald of Wilson; maternal grandparents, Barbara and Jim Bulen of Lubbock; maternal great-grandparents, Ruby and Jim Bulen of Lubbock, and John Zalman, Jr. of Hermleigh.

The family suggests memorials in Nae's name to Hope for Amanda at any First Bank and Trust location.



Jerry Huddleston

Graveside services for Jerry Gene Huddleston, 62, of Tahoka, were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 2014 at Nevels Memorial Cemetery. He died on Tuesday, July 8.

He was born February 19, 1952 in New Home to Gene and Nora (Goforth) Huddleston. He worked as a machinist assistant at J & B Industrial Services in Lubbock for many years.

Survivors include a brother, Larry Huddleston of Lubbock. (PAID)



Patsy Ann Schneider

Funeral services for Patsy Ann Schneider, 67, of Wilson were held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at Englund Chapel with Rev. Jim Wilkerson, Jr. officiating. Burial was at Wilson's Green Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Englund Funeral Service of Slaton. She died July 11, 2014.

She was born October 30, 1946 in Littlefield to the late Charles Shaw Jr. and Gladys Shaw. Her family took up permanent residence in Wilson in her early childhood. She graduated from Wilson High School in 1965. On July 30, 1966, Patsy married Don Schneider of Wilson. She followed her husband to Arizona while he served in the Air Force until September of 1968 at which time they moved back to Wilson. She worked for the U. S. Postal Service in Lubbock for twelve years before retiring.

Survivors include her husband of 47 years; daughter, Lora Bird and husband, James; daughters, Nancy Schneider, and Gale Schneider; sisters, Betty Hunt (husband Phil) and Barbara Hutcheson; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Lubbock, 1102 Slide Rd., Ste 3, Lubbock, TX 79416, Green Memorial Cemetery of Wilson, TX 79381, Cornerstone Christian School, 1502, N Jefferson, San Angelo, TX 76901 or your favorite charity.

Hazel Beatrice Shelledy

Services for Hazel Beatrice Shelledy, 80, of Dublin, formerly of Tahoka, will be held at 9:00 a.m. Friday, July 18, at Harrell Memorial Chapel in Dublin, with Bro. Harold Higginbotham officiating. Graveside services will be at 4:00 p.m. at Tahoka Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday, July 10, from 5-7 pm at Harrell Funeral Home. She died on July 14, 2014.

She was born October 16, 1933 in Canton to Luther and Rosie (Lee) McCormick. She was a homemaker and a member of Zion Hill Baptist Church Comanche. She married Odis D. Maret in 1953. He preceded her in death July 18, 1975. She married Fred Shelledy Sept. 25, 1981.

Survivors include her husband Fred of Dublin; two sons James Maret, and Mark and Jean Maret, all of Dublin; daughter Donna and Doug Gentry of Tahoka; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Brad Ashbrook, Matt Chancy, Clayton Chancy, Brandon Maret, Chris Maret, and Travis Gentry.



Janette Harvick

Janette Pearl Harvick, 87, of Amarillo, formerly of Tahoka, went to join her loved ones in Heaven on Saturday, July 12, 2014. Visitation will begin on Wednesday, July 16, with the family receiving friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Combest Family Funeral Homes in Tahoka. Services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 17, at First Baptist Church in Tahoka with interment at Nevels Memorial Cemetery.

She was born November 27, 1926 in Tahoka to J. Anson and Pearl (McDaniel) Coughran. She married Robert Lewis Harvick. Janette was a retired first grade teacher and demonstrated a strong commitment for continual improvement and motivation to inspire student success. She was a devout Christian who spent many hours a day studying the Bible and praying. Her favorite scripture was Psalm 46:10, which says "Be still, and know that I am God."

Janette was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; beloved parents; brothers, Jack and Mackey Coughran; sister, Vanoy Sanders; and other loving relatives.

She is survived by three sons, Gordon Harvick and wife Kam of Lake Tanglewood, Robin Harvick and wife Teresa of Glade-water, and Mike Harvick; sister, Ruby Lou Lee of Amarillo; six grandchildren, Kayla Sargent, Kara Blackburn, Tucker Harvick, Will Harvick, Courtney Harvick, and Coulton Harvick; and four great-grandchildren, Brady and Grant Sargent, Bradley Harvick, and Grady Blackburn.

The family believes that when someone passes, their life does not end but rather changes. We know that Janette has reached her peaceful home along side Jesus Christ. We wish to express a special thank you to her caregivers Jodi, Sue and Barbara who became part of our family. Celebrate the life of Janette by visiting www.combestfamily-funeralhomes.com. (PAID)

by Dalton Woodwork



MICROSOFT NEWS released a story several days ago listing "Things you should never microwave," and a couple of them were a bit surprising to me.

Of course, everybody knows you should never microwave items wrapped in aluminum foil, or anything metal, like canned goods or metal knives and forks. But the article listed Styrofoam containers as a no-no, and that's the way most restaurants give you carryout food. The article said that when you re-heat food in a Styrofoam container, toxic fumes from the container itself might contaminate the food and make you sick or possibly dead (okay, so they didn't mention dead).

I always thought food reheated in Styrofoam containers tasted pretty good. After all, Styrofoam itself tastes just like cottage cheese.

Other things the story warned against microwaving: Chinese take-out boxes, plastic bags (which also emit toxic fumes), eggs in the shell (because they explode, messing up the microwave and delaying your meal for awhile), and grapes, which the story claimed can catch fire (I'm tempted to try this, just to see. Who would ever want to microwave a grape, anyway?)

If I were going to make my own list of microwave no-no's, I would add the following items, all disgusting things that would surely leave a terrible odor in the oven and probably contaminate any good stuff you tried to heat later: cockroaches, spiders, mice, skunks, turnips and green beans.

My wife doesn't like it when I say bad things about green beans, because she really likes them. But she won't drink milk or eat any kind of liver.

SIGNS somebody claims to have spotted:

In a London department store—Bargain Basement Upstairs.

In an office—After Tea Break Staff Should Empty the Teapot and Stand Upside Down on the Draining Board.

In a Laundromat—Automatic Washing Machines: Please Remove All Your Clothes When the Light Goes Out.

Seen during a conference—For Anyone Who Has Children and Doesn't Know It, There Is a Day Care on the First Floor.

Tahoka Daisy
(*Machaeranthera tanacetifolia*)
This beautiful wild flower is native to the South Plains of Texas. It was first discovered growing at Tahoka Lake in 1898. The Tahoka Daisy is an aster-family wild flower with 2 inch lavender-blue flowers, a golden-yellow center, and lovely green fern-like foliage. Plant in early September. The Tahoka Daisy enjoys full sun and blooms from mid-spring until frost. This saucy, low maintenance flower is an excellent choice for garden or patio borders, rock gardens or any hard-to-maintain location!
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In Michigan!

Mother's Day... This photo was taken in Dewitt, MI on Mother's Day with Virginia Campanale (right) holding her Lynn County News and spending the day with her 100 year-old mother, Ethel Hinrich. Dewitt is approximately 1357 miles from Tahoka.

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ALFREDO and DORA PORTALES

Couple celebrates 50th wedding anniversary

Alfredo H. and Dora C. Portales of Denton, formerly of O'Donnell, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 19. They married on July 19, 1964 in O'Donnell at St. Pius X Catholic Church.

The couple has 11 children. Cecilia Pequeno, Steve Portales, Venita Portales, and Linda Sanchez, all of Denton, Patrick Portales of San Antonio, Freddie Portales of Iowa, Joe Portales of Wilson, Lucinda Godinez, Javier Portales, and Leticia Godinez, all of Raleigh, NC, and Johnny Portales (deceased).

A celebration, given by their children, will be held at St. Pius X Catholic Church (200 N Nassau Rd) in O'Donnell, on July 19, with Mass at 3:00 p.m. followed by a reception.

Looking for mountains at Draw, Texas



Nolan Porterfield, retired college professor (PhD) of English, is a writer and author of several award winning books. His grandparents, the Beatties and the Porterfields, were pioneers in the Draw area. He attended the Draw school, O'Donnell School, and Texas Tech. Mr. Porterfield resides in Bowling Green, Kentucky with his wife Erika. He still writes.

by Nolan Porterfield

In northern Colorado, I lived my first seven years shaded by the Rocky Mountains, a high, beautiful ridge of granite, fir trees in the foothills – evergreens like emeralds. When we moved to Draw in West Texas, I wondered where the mountains had gone. As far back as I could remember, those majestic Rockies had cast a long shadow that deepened as the sun went down. My mom tried to sooth my puzzled brain by saying the Rocky Mountain range had gone west, young man, and ended somewhere on the New Mexico - Mexico border. But I digress.

For thirteen years, my dad worked at the Great Western Sugar factory near Johnstown,

Colorado. To get a decent job, he taught himself how to fit pipes together, the intricacies of heating, ventilation, and almost everything about plumbing and steam-fitting. This experience served him well when World War II erupted. He learned about high-paying jobs for pipefitters in the shipyards of Southern California. In 1943, we moved to Redondo Beach, near L.A., and Dad found such a job. My mom helped build Douglas Dauntless Dive bombers in a plant nearby.

In early 1943, my dad decided to return to the Draw community. There, he and my mother had met, fell in love, and later married. There's a 1925 snapshot of them as teenagers in the doorway of Draw School. My dad, son of a cotton farmer, also wanted to grow cotton. That made sense during 1943-1945.

But Dad yearned to own a business. So he bought Draw Store in December 1946. Not good timing: Christmas business was fading. Dad struggled to pay the bills in early 1947, but that fall the cotton harvest made farmers rich and brought truckloads of Mexican-Americans from South Texas to pick cotton; they filled their larders at Draw Store. Two cotton gins at Draw ginned cotton twenty-four/seven, but cotton wagons waiting for the scale were

backed up to the road. The 1949 cotton harvest was another boomer, yielding a bale to the acre, and Dad had to hire extra help to operate the cash register and keep shelves stocked.

Prosperity began to fade in 1950, and by 1953 most of West Texas suffered a terrible drouth. That year, my dad began farming again, while running Draw Store. The cotton seed we planted that spring never sprouted, the field workers went back to South Texas, and both gins closed. My dad locked Draw Store and threw away the key.

Prosperity came again in the late 1950s. My dad, former cotton farmer, had retired. He wanted to stay busy, so he bought Draw Store again. By the time he died in 1973, it was mostly a Mom-and-Pop operation. Now the building is rubble.

I left Draw in 1954, went to Texas Tech for a year, spent six months in advertising with a newspaper in Gallup, NM, three years at the Lamesa Daily Reporter. Then two years in the U.S. Army. Discharged in May 1960, I went back to Tech, finished my B.A. degree and eventually got an M.A., qualifying me to teach at the college level. For 31 years, I taught English and creative writing at Southeast Missouri State University. I think of those years as a dark hole in my life.

I began with a story about the influence of the Rocky Mountains during my early years. About 1961, I met a metaphorical mountain in Lubbock; he cast another long, important shadow over my life. From that mountain, I discovered that what I learned at Draw was mostly wrong.

You are 23 times more likely to crash when you text while driving.
Park the phone when you drive.

ments were approved. Action was tabled regarding the possibility of adopting speed limits on certain county roads. Commissioners conducted a budget work session with county officials, and the meeting adjourned at noon.

The New Moore Literary Society
Lynn County has produced more than its share of writers. The New Moore Literary Society recognizes those literary types from Lynn County who have published and are still living. From time to time one of these writers will submit an article to the Lynn County News.

Commissioners consider health insurance, other county business at Monday meeting

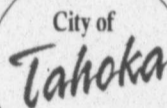
Lynn County Commissioners met in routine session at 9 a.m. Monday at the county courthouse to consider several routine agenda items, including renewal of county employee health insurance, as well as for a joint executive (closed) session with members of the Lynn County Hospital Board of Directors.

The closed session included County Judge Mike Braddock, County Attorney James Craig, county commissioners, several members of the LCHD Board, and LCHD CEO Stace Holland. No action was taken by commissioners upon returning to open session after a closed session that lasted approximately 30 minutes, which was listed on the agenda "for consulting with attorney regarding potential litigation." The discussion is believed to have been over possible joint litigation regarding a tax abatement issue.

In other business, commissioners approved renewing employee health benefits with the current plan, but employees will see a cost increase of approximately \$40 per month per employee to keep the plan. A representative from Primerica gave a presentation regarding optional savings plans for county employees, and commissioners also approved a resolution in support of a constitutional amendment for increased state funding for transportation. If passed, the proposed amendment will be on the Nov. 4, 2014 ballot in the general election. A request by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District #1 was approved, to allow the HPWD election to be held in conjunction with the county in a joint election agreement for the Nov. 4 election. A bid for \$680 for two security switches was accepted from Guardian Security Solutions as part of the county's security contract, and budget amend-

From City Hall

by Jerry Webster
City Administrator



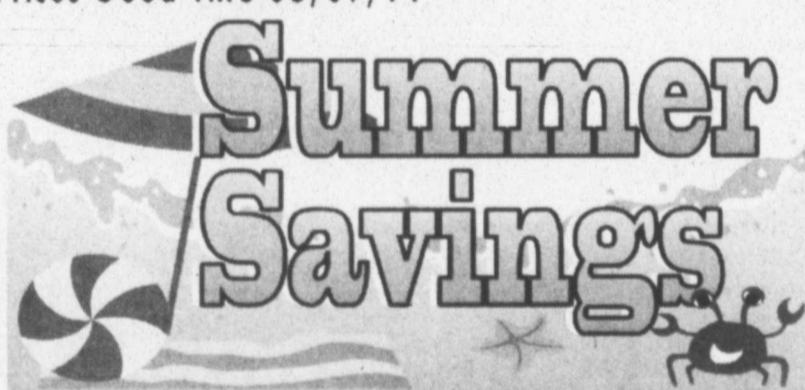
Weeds Reminder: Please make every effort to keep your grass/weeds mowed (including the alley). This will really help keep unwanted varmints and mosquitoes away. If you do not have the time or equipment, there are several people in town who are mowing and shredding lots. The Code Enforcement Officer, Frances Truehart, has been placing tags on doors and she has told me that response has been very positive.

gotten the mowing done and we are still taking out dead trees. Next on the list is to pick up old flowers that have been there for some time. We will also pick up objects that are not supposed to be in the cemeteries as stated in the rules and regulations. We are going to begin on July 28th, so if you want any items that you have placed there, please get them before that date.

If you have any questions contact Tahoka City Hall at 561-4211.

Cemeteries: We continue our work at the cemeteries. We have

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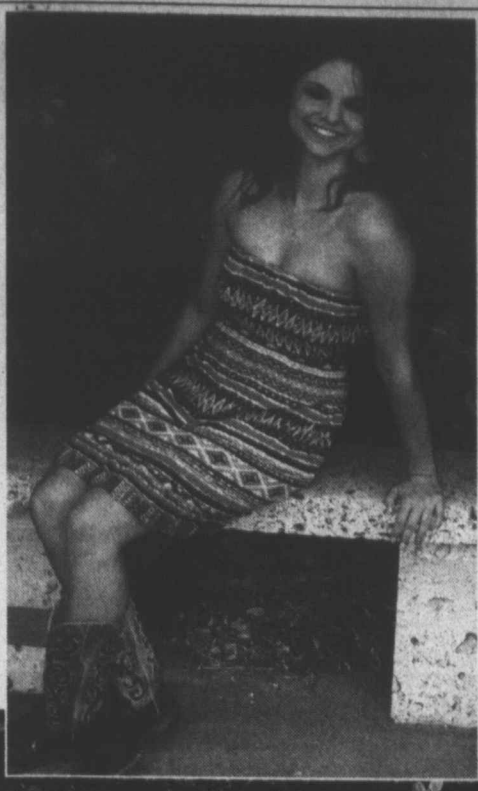
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O'Donnell Rodeo Queen candidates

... Pictured here are the three Rodeo Queen candidates at the 2014 O'Donnell Rodeo. At left is Chloe Gleghorn, sponsored by the City of O'Donnell, 15-year-old daughter of Tommy and Kim Gleghorn.

Center photo is Hanna Naumann, sponsored by O'Donnell FFA. She is the 17-year-old



daughter of Patty Vestal and the step-daughter of Tom Ed Vestal. Hanna was named the 2014 O'Donnell Rodeo Queen.

Lexi Villarreal (right), was sponsored by O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. She is the 15-year-old daughter of Willie and Denise Villarreal.



Thefts of trailer, car, fan reported in city

Thefts and family violence were among incidents investigated by Tahoka Police during the last week, including one stolen car, which later was found, abandoned and damaged.

The 2002 Saturn was reported stolen Thursday by owner Laura Henderson, and later that day was located, left abandoned.

On Tuesday, Police were advised of the theft of a utility trailer from a shop owned by Calvillo Farms. The trailer was stolen over the weekend from a

carport at the business on Lockwood.

Police also arrested a 35-year-old Tahoka man for assault/family violence after his wife said she was struck early Sunday.

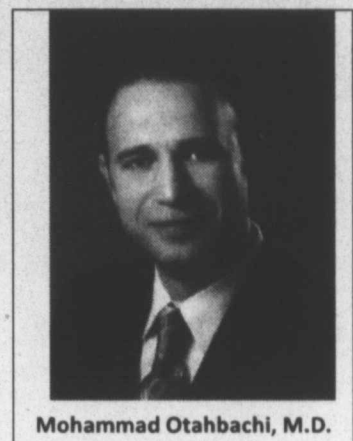
Also on Sunday, a Tahoka woman told police that her uncle had stolen a fan from her residence.

Police said Tuesday there was no new information regarding a recent armed robbery of Thriftway Supermarket.

On Saturday at Draw, sheriff's officers arrested an out-of-state resident on criminal trespass charges after he refused to leave property in the Draw area.

Among those jailed in Lynn County during the last week were one man for possession of marijuana under two ounces, one for theft of property valued at more than \$50 but less than \$500, one for application to revoke probation on conviction of possession of cocaine, one for public lewdness and one man for criminal trespass.

The jail was holding 40 inmates early this week, including 18 for Ector County, five for Dawson and one for Andrews County.



Mohammad Otahbachi, M.D.

LCHD announces cardiologist to see patients at local clinic

Lynn County Hospital District announces the opening of a new cardiology clinic in Tahoka, with Mohammad Otahbachi, M.D., an Interventional Cardiologist, to see patients at the LCHD Specialty Clinic office starting monthly on July 24.

The Specialty Clinic is located at 1705 Lockwood, but patients or their primary care provider should call his Lubbock office at 806-725-1801 to schedule an appointment at the Specialty Clinic in Tahoka on the days he will be here.

Dr. Otahbachi completed his internal medicine residency and cardiovascular fellowship at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. He completed his interventional cardiology fellowship at George Washington University Hospital.

Where in the world is
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Jamaica ... Dr. George McFarland and his wife Angela took their Lynn County News with them on a recent trip to Jamaica, which is approximately 1840 flight miles from here. Dr. McFarland is the new superintendent at Tahoka ISD, and took a quick vacation before beginning his duties here in mid-July.

718 1601
Curb Addresses
The Tahoka Dawgs Football Association (Youth Football) will be painting street addresses on curbs.
This is to raise money for new football equipment.
\$10 for a plain black/white number
\$20 for a different color or logo (choose from Texas Tech, University of Texas, Paw Print, or Cross logos)
Contact Stefanie Dotson (806) 241-1158
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Pet Talk

Today's widespread animal overpopulation is a direct effect of the failure of many pet owners to spay or neuter their pets. With myths such as behavioral changes and health complications resulting from the procedure circulating, it can be difficult to tell if spaying/neutering is the right choice for Fido or Fluffy.

It is a popular misconception that spaying or neutering your pet can negatively affect their health or even alter their personality. "In addition to helping to reduce pet overpopulation, spaying or neutering your pet reduces and can even eliminate the risk of hormone-associated cancer and diseases," said Dr. Bethany Schilling, clinical instructor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "It may also reduce or eliminate unwanted behavioral problems associated with sex hormones."

There are numerous low-cost spaying/neutering services and "some areas have spay/neuter assistance programs that help subsidize the cost of the procedure at local clinics," said Schilling. It is important to remember that there is also cost associated with providing for a litter of puppies or kittens, and more often than not, they are turned over to an animal shelter when the owner realizes this.

Many loving pet owners are wary of spaying/neutering their pets as they do not want to cause them pain or harm. "Most of the risk in spaying or neutering your pet is associated with the anesthesia for the procedure," said Schilling. "This is why a good physical exam and blood work are performed to help detect underlying issues prior to the procedure."

You can have your pet safely spayed or neutered at as early as 4 to 6 months of age. "Prior to the onset of sexual maturity is most beneficial," said Schilling. This is both healthy for your pet and effectively helps to reduce pet overpopulation. It also beneficial in that it can eliminate various uncomfortable behaviors for Fido or Fluffy, such as nervous pacing while in heat and even male aggression.

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And we especially appreciate it when our taxing entities -- our school, county, hospital and city -- spend the taxes they collect from us in our own town and county.

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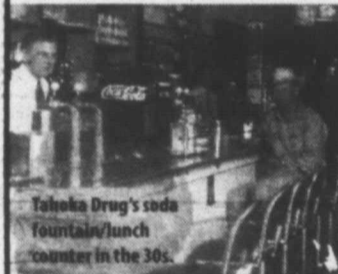
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Grape Field Day is July 24 in Lubbock

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a Grape Field Day July 24 at the vineyard on the grounds of the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock.

The field day will start with registration at 8:30 followed by the program from 9-11 am. The vineyard is 1/4 mile east of the center on FM 1294. Registration is \$15. For more information, contact Scott at 806-775-1680. rj-scott@tamu.edu

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FirstBank & Trust acquires Texas Savings Bank in Snyder

FirstBank & Trust has announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Texas Savings Bank located in Snyder, Texas. Under the terms of the agreement, Texas Savings Bank will be merged into FirstBank & Trust and the Snyder location will operate as branch office of FirstBank & Trust. Subject to regulatory approval, both parties anticipate the transaction will be completed in the fourth quarter of 2014.

Texas Savings Bank, s.s.b. is a state chartered savings bank that has served the Snyder market since 1957. As of May 31, Texas Savings Bank had total assets of \$73 million.

"Texas Savings Bank has a long and proud legacy in Snyder," said Mike Van Meter, President & CEO of Texas Savings Bank. "We have been helping the citizens of Snyder finance their homes for more than 50 years. FirstBank & Trust incorporates the same core values that we do and we are honored to partner with them in this merger."

FirstBank & Trust CEO, Barry Orr stated, "Texas Savings Bank is a perfect fit for us as we pursue our goal to provide financial services to all of West Texas. We are thrilled to be a part of the Snyder community and look forward to rolling up our sleeves and getting to work in that market."

FirstBank & Trust has total assets of \$650 million and is headquartered in Lubbock, Texas. In Lynn County, FB&T has offices in Wilson and Tahoka.

Weeds a problem for homeowners after rain

by **DEREK CORREA**
Texas AgriLife Extension
Lynn County - Intern

After 3 plus years of drought, lawns are not as healthy, which allows weeds to become established very rapidly.

Some tips to help control weeds: *Mow High.* People think that healthy lawns look like putting greens. The fact is, longer grass grows longer, healthier roots. By raising the setting on your lawnmower, grass becomes thicker and more established. *Feed Your Lawn.* Regular feeding helps develop healthy roots and blades. Start with a spring feed; follow with a summer and fall fertilizer. If weeds have been well established, start out with a weed-and-feed product. *Water with Caution.* Lawns need water, but not too much or too little. Lawns need a deep watering about once or twice a week. Frequent little watering doesn't do much for lawns, but it's really helpful for weeds. Too little water stresses the lawn, and invites still more weeds. *Control the Weeds.* Identifying weeds to be controlled is key to selecting the correct product for effective weed control. Aggieturf.tamu.edu is a great reference for help in identifying weeds.

For more information or assistance, contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Lynn County at 806-561-4562.



THS Cheerleaders bring home trophies ...

The Tahoka Varsity Cheerleaders attended the UCA Cheer Camp at Great Wolf Lodge in Grapevine, Tx recently and the squad came home with three trophies -- 2nd place Overall in Small Varsity Division; 2nd place for Evaluation on their Extreme Routine; and Mascot Mia Saldana (not pictured) received the "Helping Hands" trophy recognizing her helpful attitude at the camp. THS Cheerleader Miranda DeLeon was also awarded All-American Cheerleader for the second year in a row. Pictured standing, left to right, are Miranda DeLeon, Klynn McCleskey, Megan Alvarado, Taylor Morin, Averi Starkey, and Ashlee Anderson; in front are Andrea Garces and Briana Hernandez.

Tahoka Elementary School Supply lists

Tahoka Elementary School has released the following school supply lists for students in Pre-K through 5th grade. All students need to put their name in permanent marker on all school supplies. Teachers suggest that the brands indicated be purchased and that supplies be replenished as needed.

- PRE-K**
Large backpack
Change of clothes in plastic sack with name/shirt, shorts or pants, underwear, socks)
Large Box Kleenex
3 24-count Crayola brand crayons (no fat or fluorescent)
1 small Elmer's glue (not paste)
Crayola watercolors (8 count only!)
1 box of Gallon Ziploc bags
Package of nutritional snacks & juices (24 ct)
Small blanket of Towel with name on it for nap
Wet wipes (baby wipes)
Box of Crayola markers (8 count)
12 Glue Sticks
1 pair scissors
2 large pink erasers
3 plastic folders with brads (red, green, yellow)
1 Mead Primary Journal (Wal-Mart or Mardel's)

- KINDERGARTEN**
Large backpack (No wheels or pull-out handles - will not fit in lockers)
2 Large boxes Kleenex (100 ct)
4 24-count CRAYOLA crayons (no fat or fluorescent)
Package of regular #2 pencils
4oz. Elmer's school glue
12 Elmer's glue sticks
2 Big pink eraser
Girls: 2 boxes gallon Ziploc bags
Boys: 2 boxes Ziploc sandwich bags
Metal Fiskar scissors (small for right or left hand)
Wet wipes (baby wipes)
Crayola watercolors
8 count CRAYOLA watercolors
Zipper bag
4 pack Dry erase markers
2 hand sanitizer

- FIRST GRADE**
2 large boxes Kleenex
2 24-count Crayola crayons (no fat or fluorescent)
20 Regular #2 pencils
10 Elmer's glue sticks
10 Expo Dry erase markers (Large chisel tip)
Boys: Gallon Ziploc bags
Girls: Ziploc sandwich bags
Metal Fiskar scissors (small for right or left hand)
3- Composition notebook (not a regular spiral)
Roll paper towels
3- 2 pocket PLASTIC folders with brads (blue, red, and green)
1 Hand sanitizer
1 Package Pencil top erasers

- SECOND GRADE**
3 1-Subject spirals (Green-Green-hill, blue- Dimak and black-Colon)
Subject notebook (any color or design)
2 wide-ruled Composition notebooks
Package notebook paper
4 packages pencil top erasers
40 regular #2 pencils
3 24-count Crayola crayons (no fat or fluorescent)
Thick Markers - 8 count only
4 pack Expo markers (Thick marker-student use)
Metal Fiskar scissors (small for left/right hand)
Ziploc sandwich bags (boys)
Ziploc gallon bags (girls)
3 large boxes Kleenex
Roll of paper towels
12 Elmer's gluesticks
2 2-pocket plastic folders any color
Whiteboard eraser
4 oz. Elmer's Glue
4 pack highlighters

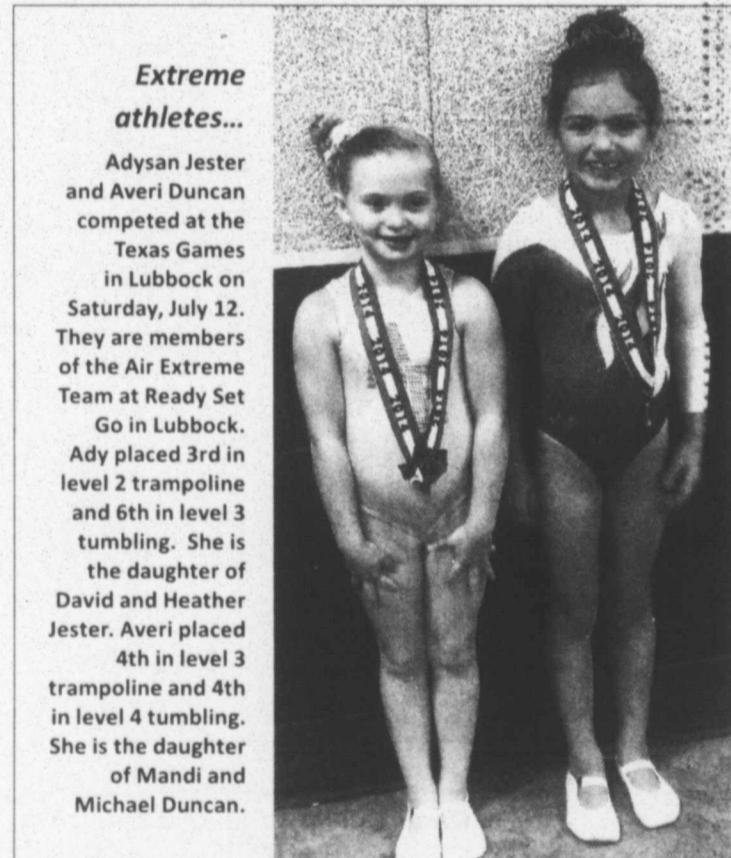
- THIRD GRADE**
16 Count crayons
24 #2 Pencils
Pink eraser
3 large boxes of Kleenex
4 oz. Elmer's glue (liquid)
Package notebook paper (wide-ruled only/200 count)
Backpack or book bag (that will fit in locker)
4 Composition notebooks
4 Folder w/ brads and pockets
Package red grading pens
Package map colors
8 Expo markers
Large zipper bag for pencils, crayons, etc.

- FOURTH GRADE**
3 large boxes of Kleenex
Box of crayons (24 count)
4 glue sticks
2 packages #2 wooden pencils
1 package pencil top erasers
1 package red pens

- 4TH GRADE (continued)**
Set of map colors (eight count basic colors)
Set 4 EXPO markers (for student use)
5 Composition notebooks (stitched binding, 100 pages)
3 plastic Folders with 2 pockets and brads
1 pack wide-ruled notebook paper
Large zipper bag for pencils/crayons
2 Scotch Tape dispensers
Ziploc quart bags (boys)
Ziploc gallon bags (girls)

The following items cause problems in the classroom and should not be brought to school and will be sent home: mechanical pencils, individual pencil sharpeners, and pencil boxes.

- FIFTH GRADE**
Pkg of 4 EXPO markers (wide-tip)
Large Fiskar scissors
Package of map colors
Set of thick markers (8 ct.)
Pkg of 4-color highlighters
Box of Crayons (24 count)
2 24-count Package of pencils
12 Large glue sticks
2 1" Binder with clear plastic front
3 large boxes Kleenex
Zipper Bag (large for supplies)
3 Composition Books
1 set Divider inserts (5-tab)
2 packs Notebook paper (wide rule)
Girls: Ziploc Quart-size bags
Boys: Ziploc gallon size bags
4 Folders with Brads & Pockets
2 Wide ruled 5-subject spiral
2 packages pencil top erasers
1 package 4x6 Notecards
Large Zipper binder to compile all subject area materials



Extreme athletes...
Adysan Jester and Averi Duncan competed at the Texas Games in Lubbock on Saturday, July 12. They are members of the Air Extreme Team at Ready Set Go in Lubbock. Ady placed 3rd in level 2 trampoline and 6th in level 3 tumbling. She is the daughter of David and Heather Jester. Averi placed 4th in level 3 trampoline and 4th in level 4 tumbling. She is the daughter of Mandi and Michael Duncan.

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