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## Same-sex marriage? County clerk will uphold federal ruling

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Friday that Texas and 13 other states that had banned same-sex marriage can no longer deny gay and lesbian couples the right to wed. This week, Lynn County Clerk Susan Tipton told *The News* that her office will uphold the law, and will issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, according to the ruling.

"I am a public servant of the state of Texas, and I will uphold all state and federal laws," Tipton said this week. "I took an oath as a state official to defend the Constitution of the United States, and as far as I know there is not a county clerk in the state of Texas that is refusing to sell a marriage license [to same-sex couples]," she added.

Tipton did say, however, that thus far no requests have been made by same-sex couples for a marriage license in Lynn County.

She said that her office has downloaded the new application form for a marriage license in the state of Texas, which now says "applicant one" and "applicant two" instead of the words "man and woman" that were formerly printed on the form.

"This issue is not for me to judge - that is between an individual and God," said Tipton.

"Weather forecast for tonight: dark."

-- GEORGE CARLIN

## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 23	87	65	
June 24	89	66	
June 25	90	67	
June 26	92	68	
June 27	91	69	
June 28	87	65	
June 29	91	65	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 8 a.m. on day reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	1.70"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.89"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.53"
Total Precip for Apr:	2.10"
Total Precip for May:	12.83"
Total Precip for June:	1.62"
Total Precip. for 2015:	19.67"

## Former Senator dies

### E. L. Short will be remembered as Tahoka's only citizen to serve in Texas Senate

Former state legislator E.L. Short of Tahoka, who died June 24, will be remembered as the only citizen from Lynn County and Tahoka to have served in the Texas Senate. Senator Short passed away Wednesday, June 24, 2015, at the age of 89.

He was laid to rest on Monday, June 29, at the Texas State Cemetery, located just a few blocks east of the State Capitol in Austin. He and his wife, Dink, who died in February this year, are the only two citizens from Tahoka buried in the Texas State Cemetery.

The Honorable Pete Laney, of Hale Center, former Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives who served with Short, delivered a eulogy at the service.

"E.L. Short is a big part of all of the graduates of the Texas Tech Medical School," said Laney in the eulogy. "He fought tirelessly and endlessly to help make the medical school happen for Texas Tech. He stood with the Governor when he signed the bill giving Texas Tech a Medical School. When a member of the Finance Committee, Senator Short added financing of the Texas Tech School of Nursing to the bill, and he also sponsored and helped pass legislation to make Odessa Col-



SENATOR E.L. SHORT

lege a four-year university," added Laney.

Senator Short was a Lynn County native who served in World War II, worked in the cotton industry and represented much of the South Plains in the Texas House and Senate from the late 1960s to early 1980s. He was a farmer, rancher, business owner and community leader in Tahoka and Lynn County.

He represented Lynn and several other counties that then were part of District 73 for 10 years before serving four years as state senator in a district that also included Lubbock.

## Tahoka's oldest Centenarian, Jackie Turner, dies at age 104

Mattie Virginia "Jackie" Turner, Tahoka's oldest Centenarian at age 104, died Saturday, June 27, 2015. Graveside services for Mrs. Turner were to be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 1 at the Gail Cemetery in Gail. She lived many years in Borden County before moving to Lynnwood Independent & Assisted Living Center in Tahoka in 2006.

When Mrs. Turner turned 100, Tahoka city officials presented her with a Proclamation honoring her status as a Centenarian on Feb. 17, 2011 and designating February 2011 as "Jackie Turner Month."

Jackie was born Feb. 17, 1911 in Cedar Gap, Texas, and at age 17 she married Jessie Marvin "Boots" Turner, a "boy who lived just down the road." They were farmers, and in 1930 Jackie gave birth to their only child, Dan. The family moved to Borden County in 1943, farming and making their home about 17 miles east of O'Donnell. It was to be her home for the next 60-plus years, and the family still owns the land. Her husband died in 1972.

"We were farmers, and ever how long the day was, that's how long I had

a hoe in my hands. I milked cows and hoed Johnson grass," recalled Jackie in an interview in 2011. She picked cotton along with her husband and young son. When asked what she thought were the best inventions in her 100 years of life, she thought briefly and then said, "Cultivators, I guess - although indoor toilets were a big deal. I saw a lot of changes, but I just changed with them," she said with a shrug.

Apparently, her easy-going attitude of taking life as it comes was part of the secret of her longevity. She remained in relatively good health until the last few years of her life, and even then enjoyed a good quality of life.

Mrs. Turner fell and broke her hip recently, undergoing hip replacement surgery a couple of weeks ago. Her surgeon, Dr. Robert Gaines, told her family that he had operated on a 103 and 105-year-old, and now Mrs. Turner at age 104. He is an ex-Marine, and said he is always surprised at how tough west Texas women are. She reportedly came through the surgery okay, but succumbed to failing health afterwards.

## Fun on the 4th slated in Tahoka

Several vendors are expected to participate in the Tahoka July 4th celebration during the evening of Saturday, July 4th. The event will be held in the parking lot of the Lynn County Hospital, at the western edge of town, starting at 7:30 p.m. and concluding with a fireworks show after dark.

Vendors that have already committed to the event will be selling BBQ, hamburgers, hot dogs, and lemonade.

The fireworks show, sponsored by Lynn County Hospital District, Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Tahoka, will be easily visible from the parking area, with the pyrotechnics to be set off just south of the hospital property, across Hwy. 380.

All are invited. Bring lawn chairs for seating.

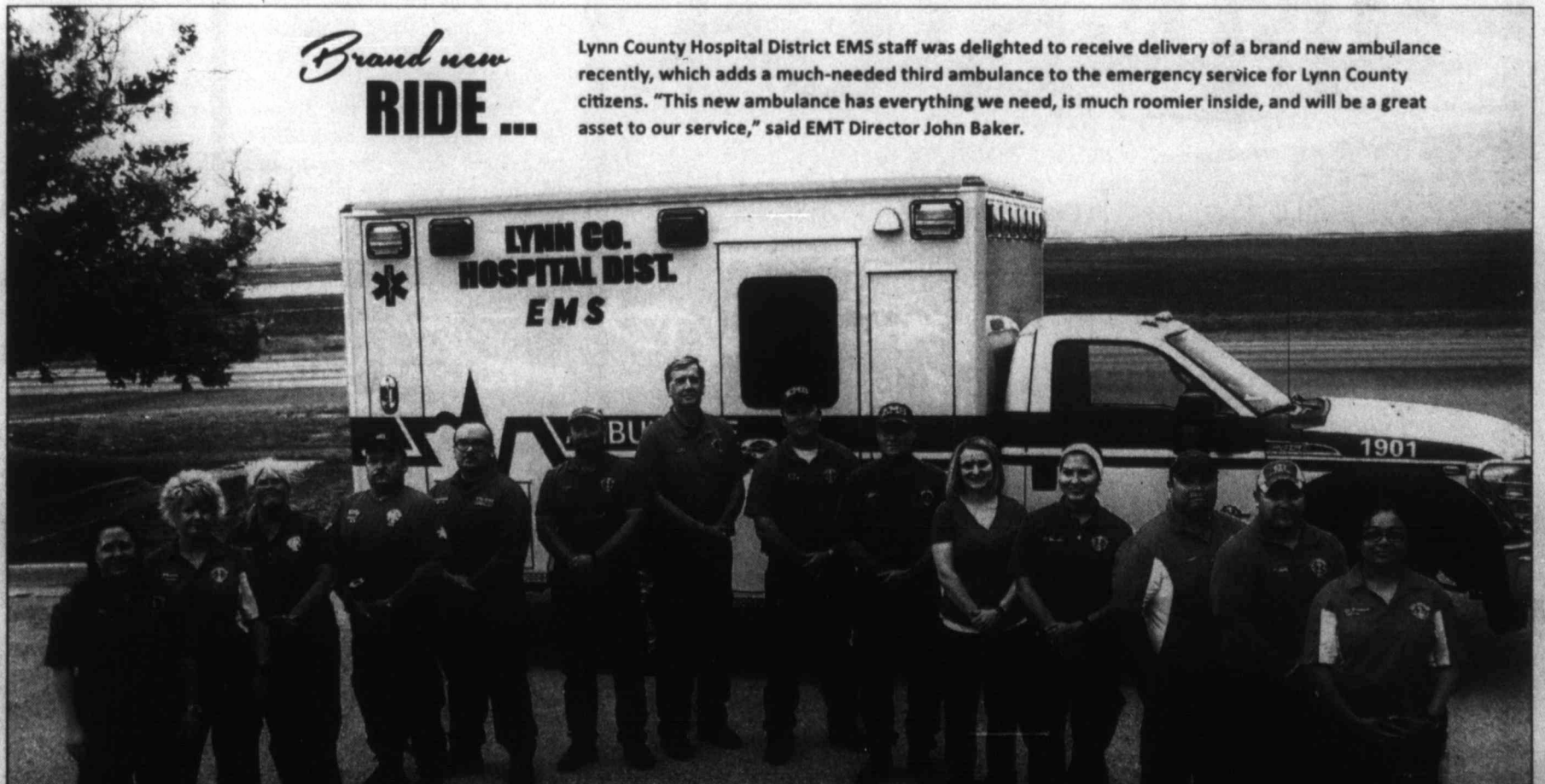


## Wilson sets fireworks show for Friday night

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson is hosting their annual fireworks show on Friday night, July 3rd, in the Wilson City Park. This year's event will be fireworks only, starting about 9:45 p.m. All are welcome to attend, and should bring lawn chairs for seating.

**Brand new RIDE ...**

Lynn County Hospital District EMS staff was delighted to receive delivery of a brand new ambulance recently, which adds a much-needed third ambulance to the emergency service for Lynn County citizens. "This new ambulance has everything we need, is much roomier inside, and will be a great asset to our service," said EMT Director John Baker.



**THE EMS CREW** (from left):

Traci Jolly, Janis Thomas, Ginger Henry, Bobby Jolly, Eusevio Resendez, Micah Stone, John Baker, Jerry Teva, Todd Henry, Samantha Henderson, Deborah Nambo, Victor Herrera, David Ayala and Debbie Saidana.

Crew members not shown: Kenzie Angeley, Amanda Lopez, Hunter Lowdermilk and Jana Lowdermilk.

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to the Billy Tomlinson 35th Memorial Hospital benefit auction sponsored by the Tahoka Rotary Club and generous grants given to make this purchase. We are excited about hiring the best possible life-saving equipment for the residents of Lynn County and the surrounding communities," said an LCHD representative.

LENN PHOTO BY JIMMIE JONES



Now that's **funny!**

"We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth the others are here for I don't know."

-- W. H. AUDEN



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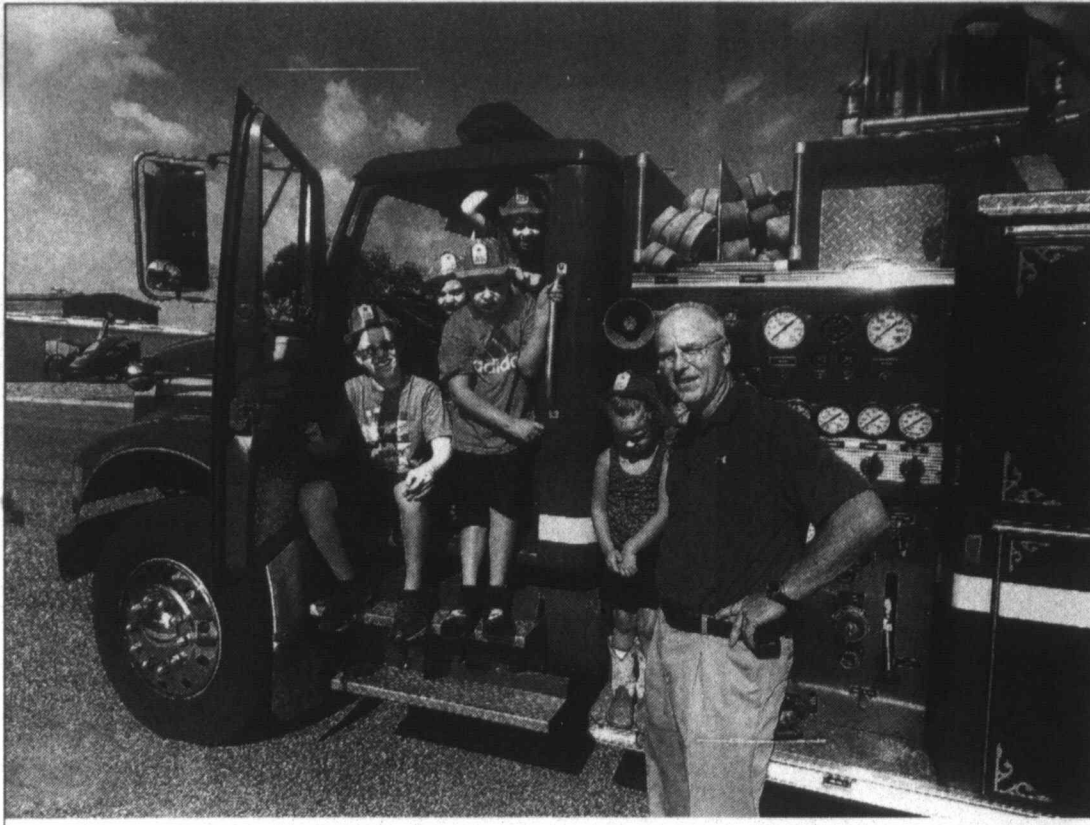
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Super Hero Fireman Camp ... Tahoka VFD Chief Steve Sanders shows the fire truck to local youth, and invites youth who have completed Kindergarten-3rd grades to the City-County Library's Super Hero Fireman Camp on Tuesday, July 7th, from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm. Call the library at 561-4050 for information.

Super Hero Fireman Camp set here Tuesday

Youth who have completed Kindergarten-3rd grades are invited to the City-County Library's Super Hero Fireman Camp on Tuesday, July 7th, from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm.

Camp spaces are limited. Please sign up children at the Library for summer camps, located inside the Life Enrichment Center at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka.

"We are currently signing children up on a waiting list for the Fireman Camp. If you are signed up and cannot attend the



Pretty girl with flowers ... Zadalyn Aleman and her grandmother were walking around town and she wanted her picture taken with the flowers in front of the Lynn County News office.

camp, please call us so a child on the waiting list can attend," said Cissy Webster, Library Director.

"If you are signed up and do not show or do not let us know you cannot attend, you will automatically be put on the waiting list for our July 28th camp," she added.

The children that attend the Tuesday camps will be eligible for the library's Movie camps on Thursdays.

For more information please call the City-County Library at 561-4050.

Minor collisions, bike theft reported

Two traffic accidents without injury and theft of a bicycle were the primary incidents investigated by law enforcement officers in Lynn County during the last week.

In Tahoka Friday, a 2005 Dodge Dakota pickup driven by Veronica Tijerina Hardt, 43, struck a parked 2007 Hummer on N. 1st St. Owners of the Hummer were identified as Bryce J. Hastings and Isabel Patin of Slaton.

Two miles north of Tahoka on U.S. 87 that same day, two vehicles collided, with no injuries reported. A state trooper investigated that accident.

Christie Olivan advised Tahoka Police that sometime between Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, someone stole a mountain bike from the front porch of her home on N. 3rd St. She said the bicycle, valued at \$100, has a TCU flame emblem on the right side near the handlebars.

Sheriff's officers and Tahoka volunteer firemen responded to a report Sunday that a car was on fire on U.S. 380 about 113 miles east of the city.

Woodwork



DURING the American Revolution, the legal separation of the 13 Colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia, declaring the United States independent from Great Britain. Lee stood up in Congress and said, "People, we need to get this done now, before we break for the Fourth of July holiday."

Well, of course he said no such thing, since there was, at that time, no reason to celebrate the Fourth of July. In fact, John Adams wrote his wife on July 3 that he expected July 2 to always be celebrated "from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward, forever more." Adams, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence on the next day, July 4, was off by two days, because Americans started celebrating the day the declaration document, primarily authored by Thomas Jefferson, was signed.

July 4 became a day of celebration of U.S. independence, but oddly became a dangerous day for U.S. presidents, after three in a row died on that date. That included Adams and Jefferson, the only two signers of the Declaration to become President. They both died on the same day, July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. The next President to die on July 4 was James Monroe, in 1831, becoming the third President in a row to die on the holiday.

Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President was born on July 4, 1872, and so far, is the only U.S. President to be born on Independence Day.

Almost all of those who signed the Declaration on July 4, 1776, and those who later wrote and approved the Constitution about 12 or 13 years later were established Christians (James Madison, known as the "Father of Our Constitution," said, "We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each of us to govern ourselves, control ourselves, and to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.")

In 2015, with Christian standards of government under strong attack from politicians in Washington and other forces in and outside of this country, we need to stand up for what is right, because we are in danger of losing the freedoms those signers of the Declaration of Independence fought for.

With all its problems and despite the threats, this still is the greatest nation on earth. Those of you who have visited other countries know that it's still better to be an American than anything else.

"NEVER GO to bed mad. Stay up and fight." ---Phyllis Diller.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Fisher Sand & Gravel Co. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 133473, which would authorize construction of the Kizer Rock Crusher located in Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas 79373. The following directions were provided: from Tahoka travel 7.25 miles south on US-87, then 9.8 miles east on CR 3332 the site will be on the south side of CR 3332. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

Advertisement for Lil' Cracker Stand, featuring a cartoon character and text: 'NOW OPEN! NEW Merchandise as well as all your original favorites! 1/4 Mile North of Tahoka City Limits sign at edge of town on North Main. OPEN DAILY til MIDNIGHT THRU JULY 4th!'.

Large advertisement for 'Celebrate AMERICA' with the text: 'WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT, THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS, THAT AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE JULY 4, 1776. We wish everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July!' and includes the First National Bank of Tahoka logo and contact information.

Advertisement for 'Tahoka Fireworks Show Saturday, July 4th' with details: 'Starting at 7:30 p.m. in the parking lot! Bring lawn chairs! Fireworks begin at dark! FOOD VENDORS will be open before the show! Park at the UCHD parking lot ... fireworks will be on the south side of Hwy. 380' and lists sponsors: Lynn County Hospital District, The City of Tahoka, and Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce.

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## Obituaries



### Joe Draper

Joe Draper, 76, of Bronte went to be with the Lord, Tuesday, June 23, 2015. Visitation with the family was held Thursday, June 25 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte. A celebration of his life was held at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte on Friday, June 26 at 10:00 a.m., the Reverend Everette Boyce officiating, assisted by David Bailey of San Angelo, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Joe was born August 20, 1938 in Lubbock, to Buel and Vern Draper of Tahoka. Farming and Ranching in Lynn, Terry, Tom Green, and Coke counties, he loved working with cows and horses, and "buddying up" with his comrades to work calves. Fall was a special time: hunting with sons, and forty-two with deer hunters and special friends. A stock tank provided many afternoons of fishing pleasure for grandkids, and feeding the cows allowed ample opportunities for a good joke, a poignant story, or an appropriate life lesson. A faithful member of First United Methodist Church, Bronte, Joe served his Lord and others in many capacities: Relay for Life, United Methodist Men, church committees, Emmaus, Epiphany, building maintenance, all in all, the epitome of service to his fellow man and a godly example to his family and friends. He gave two years to his country, serving in the United States Army during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his loving wife of fifty years, Glenda Young Draper of Bronte; two sons, Troy Draper and wife Scotty Draper of Beeville and Randy Draper and wife Laura Draper of The Colony; eight special grandchildren whom he loved dearly: Levi, Sarah, Thad, Faith and Trisha Draper, and Mollee, River and Cotton Carr; brother Milt Draper and wife Dorothy of Tahoka; sister Nancy Turner and husband Wayne of Copperas Cove; four beloved nieces and their families; and many cousins and good friends.

Memorials may be sent to the Bronte Health & Rehab Center, the Bronte First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, and the Bronte Fire Department Building Fund.

The family expresses deepest gratitude to the staff of the Bronte Health and Rehab Facility auxiliary and Gentiva Hospice of San Angelo.

Online condolences can be made at [www.shafferpioneer.com](http://www.shafferpioneer.com). (PAID)



### Lois Thompson Roberts

Lois Thompson Roberts, iconic Tahokan, matriarch, and friend, concluded her life's dash June 28, 2015. Lois was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, C.W. ("Preacher") Roberts, a son, Carlos Wade, and daughter, Myrna. Survivors include daughters Melba Thomas and Nedra Young, son Waymouth, nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, 12 great-great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Born at Graham Chapel in Garza County, Lois was the ninth of 11 children. She attended Graham School where, beginning at age six, she also took younger siblings following their mother's death. She recalled digging up and snacking on turnips on the walk home from school. Her childhood experience made Lois a fun-loving, ornery disciplinarian—she expected kids to behave but could become one of them on a moment's notice.

Lois's accomplishments and talents were many. She learned to sew on a treadle machine by holding repurposed cotton feed sacks while her father sewed. Later, she made most of her own family's clothing without the aid of patterns. Driver's education consisted of driving a gasoline truck over dirt roads. When rural electricity arrived, Lois took charge of appliance repairs. She obtained formal training as a cosmetologist at age 36 and was a salon owner for 28 years. Lois learned to crochet around age 40 and to knit at age 88, along with two of her great-granddaughters. Lois was an avid quilter throughout her life and made multiple quilts for each of her children and grandchildren and one quilt each for every great-grandchild. In later years, Lois enjoyed traveling and socializing. She was a staunch supporter of Tahoka Senior Citizens Center in terms of both attendance and fund raising. When not working on a quilt of her own, she could often be found working on a community quilt at the Senior Center. Completing a quilt for each of her great-great grandchildren was the last item on Lois's bucket list. She accomplished that task and was loading the 12 quilts for delivery when God called her home. Lois was a life-long Methodist.

Combest Family Funeral Home in Tahoka will host visitation Wednesday, July 1, 2015, with family visitation from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Memorial services will follow Thursday, July 2, at 10:30 a.m. in Tahoka's First United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Grassland Cemetery. The Tahoka Giggles, Lois's cohorts, will serve as

honorary pallbearers.

Please celebrate the life of Lois by visiting [www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com). (PAID)



### Ortensia "Tencha" Sepeda

Ortensia "Tencha" Sepeda of Tahoka passed away on Sunday, June 28, 2015 at the age of 69. She was born March 2, 1946 in Gonzalez to Guadalupe and Consuelo (Lara) Liendo. She was a homemaker.

Tencha was preceded in death by her parents; ex-husband, Amador Sepeda, Jr; one brother, and one sister.

Those left to cherish her memory her daughter, Judy Hernandez; her boyfriend, Leandro Martinez; five brothers, Jesus Liendo, Amador Liendo, Jose Liendo, George Liendo, and Martin Liendo; seven sisters, Elena Valverde, Rosa Hernandez, Eva Sandoval, Maria Zamor, Eloisa Quintero, Martha Gonzalez and Julia Quintero; grandchildren, Christopher Hernandez, Jose Louise Hernandez, Mark Anthony Hernandez, Aaliyah Hernandez and Thalia Hernandez; and two great-grandchildren, Zaiven Hernandez and Ezmeriah Hernandez.

Visitation will be 12-8 p.m. Thursday, July 2, 2015 with rosary to be recited at 6 p.m. at Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka. Mass will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 3, 2015 at St. Jude Catholic Church, Tahoka. Interment will follow at Nevels Memorial Cemetery.

Please celebrate the life of Tencha by visiting [www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com). (PAID)



### Mattie "Jackie" Virginia Turner

Graveside services for Mattie Virginia "Jackie" Turner, 104, of Borden County were held at 10:00 am Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at the Gail Cemetery in Gail. She died on Saturday, June 27. Services are under the direction of Combest Family Funeral Homes.

She was born in Cedar Gap, Texas, on February 17, 1911 to Dan and Emma King O'Connell. She married J. M. "Boots" Turner on September 1, 1928 in Tuscola. She was a member of the Mesquite Church of Christ in Borden County. She lived many years in Borden County before moving to Lynnwood Assisted Living Facility in 2006.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.M. (Boots) Turner and one grandson.

Survivors include her son Dan Turner and wife Ouida of Tahoka; one granddaughter; six great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.



### Senator E. L. Short

Services for former State Senator E. L. Short, of Tahoka, were held Saturday, June 27, at 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka. Senator Short passed away Wednesday, June 24, 2015, at the age of 89. He was laid to rest beside his wife, Dink, on Monday, June 29, in Austin at the Texas State Cemetery.

The Honorable Pete Laney, of Hale Center, former Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives who served with Short, honored the family by delivering an eulogy at the service.

Short was born in Lynn County in the Grassland community to C. E. (Bert) and Evalena (Lena) McCord Short on October 2, 1925. He graduated from Tahoka High School in 1943 and attended Texas A&M University for a semester before enlisting in the U. S. Navy in 1944. In World War II he served in the Pacific and on the mainland of China.

He married Opal Ernestine (Dink) Fortenberry in Lamesa on June 8, 1947. They were married for 67 years. They lived in the Grassland community before moving to Tahoka in 1959.

Short was a farmer, rancher, business owner and community leader in Tahoka and Lynn County. The Shorts built the first cottonseed delinting plant in this area and ran that business for 19 years. He owned and operated Tahoka Auto Supply for 7 years. He served two terms as Chamber of Commerce President and served as Rotary Club director. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka and served on the church board. Mr. Short was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. He recently received his 60-year pin as a Mason. He was also a Civil Defense Director for Lynn County.

Senator Short said, "It was my privilege to represent 13 counties in West Texas as a State Representative for eight years. It was also my privilege to represent the people of this area in the Texas Senate for four years." (1969-1983).



Burial with honors ... A Navy Color Guard is pictured here at the burial services of Senator E.L. Short of Tahoka, who was buried in Austin at the Texas State Cemetery.

Short is the only citizen from Lynn County and Tahoka to have served in the Texas Senate. He always said that his years of State service were made possible by the kindness and goodwill of the good people of Lynn County who joined the effort to help get him elected. He knew that his wife Dink was his biggest asset at home and in Austin.

While serving in Austin, Senator Short was instrumental in helping Texas Tech University get funding for the medical school and teaching hospital. As a member of the Senate Finance Committee he placed funding for the School of Nursing in the Finance Bill. He introduced and helped pass legislation that still works today for Texas. He testified in Washington in Congress to the House Agriculture Committee about Texas agriculture and cattle problems. Instead of the prairie dog being placed on the endangered species list in Texas, he helped make the law read that the prairie dog is a public nuisance.

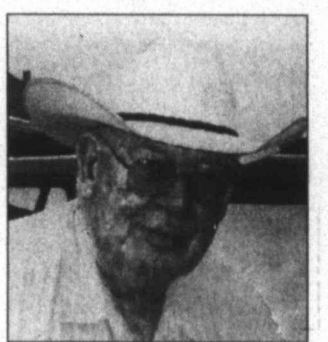
Mr. Short was preceded in death by his wife, and his younger brother, Harry Lee of Tahoka, and his parents.

Mr. Short is survived by four daughters, Vivian Bruns and husband Larry, of Sierra Vista, AZ, Leah Taylor and husband Doug, of Tahoka, Patti Kilpatrick and husband Merle, of Brownwood, and Robin Taylor and husband Wayne, of Brownfield; eight grandchildren, Darren Bruns and wife Lisa, of Denver, CO, Collin Bruns of Clarksville, TN, Carrie Long and husband Jeff, of Tahoka, Clay Taylor and his wife Celeste, of Tahoka, Erin Walkup and husband Josh, of Sierra Vista, AZ, Lance Kilpatrick and wife Nikki, of Charleston, SC, Meliah Taylor of San Angelo and Trey Taylor of Grand Prairie; 11 great-grandchildren: Colton, Warren, and Nataly Taylor, Jackson, London and

Ryan Bruns, Cagnie and Cambrie Long, Michael, Evan and Caden Walkup.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First United Methodist Church, PO Box 500, Tahoka, TX 79373, or to a favorite charity.

Please celebrate the life of E. L. by visiting [www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com). (PAID)



### L. F. Williams

L. F. Williams of Tahoka, passed away on Sunday, June 28, 2015 at the age of 81. He was born December 28, 1933 in Grassland to Frank and Laveda (Owens) Williams. He married Lila Ruth Nelson on June 8, 1957 in Lynn County. He worked as a farmer in the area from 1951-1984, the Lubbock County Sheriff Department and Dalby Correctional Facility until his retirement in April of 2015. He was a member of Kings Ridge Church of Christ.

L.F. was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Aleen Johnson, Claudine Conell, Billie Thompson and Ellen Walker. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Lila; son, David Williams of Tahoka; and daughter, Colette Young and husband Sam of Fort Worth; four grandchildren, Brandon, Danielle, Joleen and Katie and three great-grandchildren, Caleb, Tyler, and Hailey.

Graveside services will be at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at Nevels Memorial Cemetery.

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

**Fireworks Show!**

**9:45 pm**

**on Friday, July 3rd**

**at Wilson City Park • Wilson, Tx**

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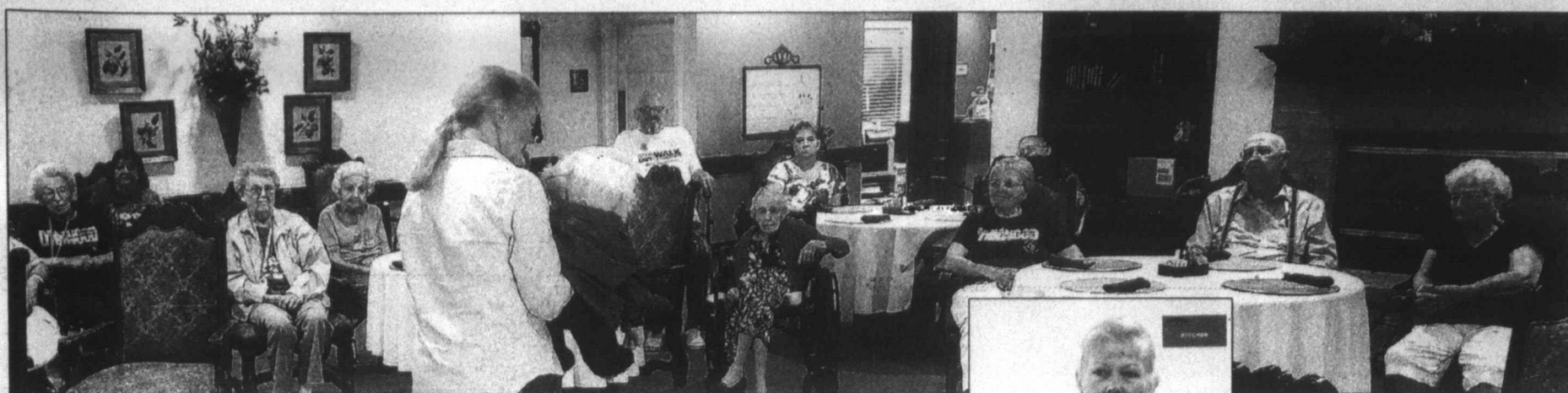
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**Ventriloquist entertainment ...**

Residents at Lynnwood were visited Friday by a rather unusual "pair" from the City-County Library, Judith Miller and her friend, Nells, a ventriloquist puppet. The pair shared with the residents a couple of real life stories, a few laughs and a rather different arrangement of an old song.

**Who said that? ...**

Judith Miller had fun with her ventriloquist puppet entertaining the residents at Lynnwood Independent & Assisted Living Center in Tahoka.



**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT**

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 133473

**APPLICATION** Fisher Sand & Gravel Co. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit Number 133473, which would authorize construction of the Kizer Rock Crusher located in Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas 79373. The following directions were provided: from Tahoka travel 7.25 miles south on US-87, then 9.8 miles east on CR 3332 to the site which will be on the south side of CR 3332. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=33.06&lng=-101.635277&zoom=13&type=r>. The facility will emit the following contaminants: organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on June 17, 2015. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the City-County Library, 1717 Main Street, Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Lubbock regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING** You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.**

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

The executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. If a hearing request is timely filed in Response to this Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit, the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to thirty days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.

**After the final deadline for public comments following the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. **Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application.** A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues raised by you or others during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

**A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following:** (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION** Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at [www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html), or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 18006874040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Fisher Sand & Gravel Co., 1302 West Drivers Way, Tempe, Arizona 85284-1048 or by calling Ms. Andrea Kidd, Westward Environmental, Inc., at (830) 249-8284.

Notice Issuance Date: June 24, 2015

**TAC honors LCHD CFO Brock**

Steve Brock, Chief Financial Officer for Lynn County Hospital District, was honored recently by the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) for five years of pursuing excellence in his county investment education, during the 2015 Conference of the County Investment Academy held in San Antonio June 8-10.

Brock was one of 13 officials in the state honored during a special luncheon for his 5-year achievement in the program.

"These individuals have shown a strong long-term commitment to getting the safest return on the county taxpayer's dollar," said TAC County Relations Officer Lonnie Hunt, who presented the awards.

**Letters to the Editor**

**Caring Hearts for Tahoka Pride**

*(Editor's Note: A volunteer group calling themselves the "Caring Hearts" meets periodically at the Tahoka Cemetery to help clean up the landscaping there. They welcome all help.)*  
Dear Editor,

We had another awesome day with everyone coming out and volunteering their time and energy to give our loved ones at Tahoka Cemetery a resting place they deserve. On June 13, 2015 we started working at 6:30 and several were still there at 4:00. A very special thanks to Jack, Barbara, Ronny and Cindy for lunch, a big thanks to City of Tahoka for furnishing our water. Also a special thank you to Sherry Tilley for the donuts.

Everyone that came to help was appreciated for their hard work. We were able to fill some sink holes, some road work and mow and weed eat, blocks 7,9,10,11,12,13,14, and 15, in Tahoka Cemetery. In Nevell's Memorial Cemetery, Jack and Barbara Jaquess trimmed almost all trees inside the cemetery.

Our volunteers were: Clifford and Linda Oages, John Curry, Linnadean Smith, (Kitty) Wanda Wilson, Vera and Jerry Reno, Betty and Cambrie Long, Debbie Harris, Jojo Lawson, Trae Smith, Star and Todd Holland, Shannon Lawson, Milt Draper, Ronny and Cindy Jolly, Bill and Frances Chancy, Bess and Bill Cummins, Jack and Barbara Jaquess, Heath Ross, Haleigh, Rhuston, Hartley and Dace Rock, Cathy Ross, Deaun Cloe, Kaleb Collins, and Bianca Baker.

Our next scheduled work day will be July 11. We will meet again starting at 7:00 a.m. (if you can not come at that time



**Greenbelt Bowl ...** Marcus Vega (#54), a 2015 graduate of Tahoka High School, played in the 66th Annual Greenbelt Bowl in Childress on June 13, as a defensive end/defense tackle for the North team, which won 32-23. The son of Abraham and Lisha Vega of Tahoka, Marcus was sponsored by Tahoka Rotary Club and Mark Vega All State Insurance Agency. He nominated Klynn McCleskey (right), a THS junior, as Greenbelt Queen nominee, and she ranked in the top 10 nominees at the event. She is the daughter of Corey and Breanna McCleskey of Tahoka.



(PHOTOS by Abraham Vega)

please feel free to come when you can, we will be there until late afternoon). If you have a chain saw or tree trimming tools they will come in very handy. Shovels and wheelbarrows will also come in handy. There are no plans to mow or weed-eat at this time. Plans are to take care of things that have been neglected for years and to get all monuments uncovered.

We appreciate everyone's help in wanting to give our loved ones a place they deserve. Wear your gloves.

If you have any questions please call Cathy at 806-891-1291. Please visit our facebook page at [www.facebook.com/caringhearts](http://www.facebook.com/caringhearts). -- Cathy Ross

**Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU**

July 6-10

**Monday:** Sloppy Joe on a bun, potato salad, carrots & zucchini, fruit square

**Tuesday:** Rigatoni w/ meat sauce, lima beans, salad, garlic bread, mandarin oranges

**Wednesday:** Baked chicken breast, baked potato w/ sour cream, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding

**Thursday:** BBQ Beef sandwich, tator tots, carrots & zucchini, ambrosia

**Friday:** Hot Dog, baked potato, broccoli, pineapple gelatin

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**FSA accepting emergency loan applications**

Lynn County was declared eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster emergency loans on June 9, 2015. Generally, that means that farmers who have lost at least 30 percent of their production or suffered any physical loss due to severe storms, tornados, straight-line winds and flooding are eligible for FSA loans. Proceeds from crop insurance and/or hazard insurance are taken into consideration when determining a producer's eligibility and total loss.

FSA Farm Loan Manager Kelly L. McMillin, is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to submit their applications into FSA as soon as possible.

McMillin said, "We hope farmers will get their applications in early rather than waiting until near the deadline, which is February 9, 2016. The longer they wait, the more chance there is for long delays. If the applications come in early, we can avoid backlogs and speed up the process."

The FSA office is at 6113 43rd Street, Suite C, in Lubbock. The telephone number is 806-785-5644.

**Professional Food Manager Certification training course offered**

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Dawson County, is offering a professional food manager certification training course for \$125 on August 5-6 in Lamesa. Cost includes training, materials, and a national food manager certification examination. The food manager's certification will be valid for five years. Contact Courtney Levens at the Dawson County Extension Office, 806-872-3444 for more information, location of class and to register. Registration deadline is July 20, 2015.

If under the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) jurisdiction each food establishment is required to have one certified food manager on site. This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food.



**Ready to roll ...** EMS driver Samantha Henderson is at the wheel of LCHD's newest ambulance, ready to give it a test drive.

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Applications can be picked up at city hall, or they can be printed off the city's website, [www.tahoka-texas.com](http://www.tahoka-texas.com). If you have any questions please contact the city administrator's office at city hall, 806-561-4211.

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All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Joe Heflin  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 426  
Crosbyton, Texas 79322

DATED this the 27th day of May, 2015

/s/ Joe Heflin  
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THE STATE OF TEXAS § 106th JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF LYNN § OF TEXAS

### ORDER SETTING HEARING ON COMPENSATION OF COUNTY AUDITOR

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Section 152.905, Texas Local Government Code, that a public hearing shall be held at 8:30 o'clock a.m. on JULY 20, 2015, in the District Courtroom of the Lynn County Courthouse, for the purpose of setting the amount of annual compensation for a County Auditor for the fiscal year 2016.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the District Clerk shall deliver a certified copy of this order to a newspaper of general circulation in the county for publication not earlier than the 30th or later than the 10th day before the date of hearing.

Signed June 29, 2015.

Carter T. Schildknecht  
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- Resumes may be submitted electronically to City Administrator Jerry Webster at [jwebster@poka.com](mailto:jwebster@poka.com), or mailed to P.O. Box 300 Tahoka, Texas 79373. The deadline for submission is July 24, 2015. For additional information please call 806-561-4211.
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# Ghost Town

## A town that no longer exists has ties to Tahoka, New Home families

by Charlie Stice, Sr.

A few miles north of Springs, N.M., the road to Cimarron intersects with the Interstate. Taking the service road north a mile or two, will put you at the railroad and turning east down the track a couple of miles will bring you in sight of what is left of the historic community of French Tract. It rests on the sloping hillside at the foot of the Rocky Mountains. There was, back at the turn of the century, a thriving community that boasted several hotels, a bank, a school, grocery, a cement block factory, depot and livery stable.

French Tract was a tract of land purchased out of the Maxwell Spanish land grant, the largest single land grant in New Mexico. It was purchased by a man whose name was French, thus the name French Tract. He hoped to develop this tract into a farming and agricultural operation.

By the 1940's, French Tract was a ghost town. All the buildings have fallen into ruin. Basements, underground cisterns and piles of rubble, is all that remains, except the cement bank vault and the livery stable.

The date on the livery is still discernable. A team and wagon could be driven into the front at ground level and then the team could be unhitched and led down an inside walkway to the stable directly beneath. The old livery is just as sound today as it was 60 years ago.

My name is Charlie Stice. When I was five years old, my dad moved far from West Texas to French Tract. The ranchland surrounding the Ghost Town was leased to Pete Edwards of New Home. My dad was employed by him.

As I remember, in 1947 there were only two families in French

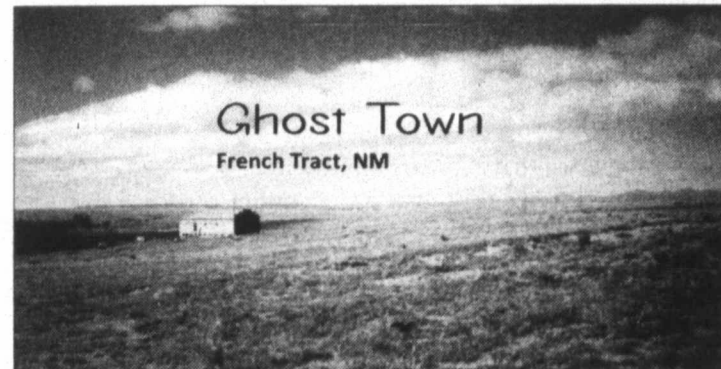
Tract. My family and the people who kept the depot operating. We lived in the living quarters of the old livery.

Tradition has it that in the early days, the train carried the mine payroll. It stopped at the depot on its run north to the mines. At this junction, the Canadian River parallels the railroad tracks and the depot.

Five mounted men hid their horses under a bluff along the river and robbed the train when it stopped at the depot. The rob-

and this operation took place in the stable part of the livery. She said she didn't mind the work too much, except when she had to case out a skunk. Hides were at a premium and a dollar was a dollar.

Pete Edwards was missing calves and as Pete and daddy were driving through the pastures in the Model T, they spotted a bear prowling close to the herd. The only gun was a 22-caliber rifle and daddy took aim and hit the bear and a few more



All that remains of French Tract now is a cement bank vault and this old livery stable, with a date of 1909 still visible above the words W.M. Norton over the door.



bers were trailed up into the Chico Hills, but the trail abruptly ended where the outlaws shot their horses, cut out the brands and scattered on foot. They were never apprehended.

The Canadian River was

shots finished the bear. The complete story is told in Ben Moore's book, "Random Shots".

Nothing must be wasted as times were hard, so mama pressure cooked the meat and so we had meat on the table.

Those were happy and care-free times for my sister, two brothers and myself.

The Canadian River runs south from French Tract and enters a deep gorge as it flows across N.M. into Texas. In this gorge, there are rock overhangs and caves along the river. The fishing was good. My father and my older brother, J. M., hiked down into the gorge and fished one evening and then made camp for the night in a cove. They had a nice stringer of catfish in the river. During the night, J. M. woke my daddy and said, "Daddy there is a bear looking at us." Daddy said, "It is only your imagination. Go back to sleep." The next morning, the stringer of fish was gone, and bear tracks proved who the thief was.

Unlike today, life was simple and uncomplicated. We all wish we could live again in times like that.

My ties with French Tract is still relevant. When I turn on the tap, I am reminded that the water that fills my coffee pot comes from Lake Meredith. In turn, Lake Meredith is fed by the Canadian River, the same river whose headwaters flow from the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, not too far from French Tract.

just a few hundred yards from the old livery and my daddy trapped along the river when time allowed. He trapped mostly muskrat, but trapped a skunk occasionally.

My mother stretched the hides while daddy was at work



Bear on a Model T ... Monroe Redwine Stice (left) and Pete Edwards (right) are pictured with the bear they shot and killed while driving through a pasture in a Model T, near a town in New Mexico that is now a ghost town. Bear meat provided several meals, according to Monroe's son, Charlie Stice Sr., of Tahoka.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### ADVERTISEMENT

Scaled bids addressed to City of O'Donnell will be received at O'Donnell City Hall, 615 8th Street, O'Donnell, Texas 79351 until July 21, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. for Elevated Storage Tank Rehabilitation and Water Meter Replacement, TXCDBG No. 7214330.

Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows:

1. Repair, clean, prepare, and paint interior and exterior of existing elevated storage tank
2. Replace 31 water meters

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at O'Donnell City Hall. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to City of O'Donnell for action at a later date.

The City of O'Donnell reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of O'Donnell for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award.

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

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 City of O'Donnell 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.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner, as required by Article 5160, V.A.T.C.S., as amended by H.B. 344, passed by the 56th Legislature, Regular Session 1959.

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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:

1. Download documents (pdf file extension format) from PSC's Info Exchange web site after registering as a plan holder with issuing PSC office. There is no cost or deposit required for this option.
2. One set of paper copies for a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00.
3. A digital copy (pdf file extension format) upon a non-refundable deposit of \$20.00 per each CD.

Deposit shall be Company check or cashiers' check made payable to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. No partial sets will be issued.

City of O'Donnell,  
Scott Martinez, Mayor  
May 27, 2015



So much room! ... Five crew members of the LCHD EMS are pictured inside the new ambulance Monday night, looking over equipment. They are, from left, Ginger Henry, Samantha Henderson, Janis Thomas, Deborah Nambo and Debbie Saldana. (LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)

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