



and the rockets
red glare ...

... the bombs
bursting in air

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson provided a fabulous fourth of July fireworks show Sunday night, with many local and area citizens sitting under the stars at the Wilson City Park to watch the pyrotechnic show.

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Get gun raffle tickets now in Tahoka, Wilson

Raffle tickets for guns and a Ladies Day Out package are now available from any Wilson VFD Firefighter or at The Lynn County News office in Tahoka. Ticket sales will benefit the Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept., with the drawings to be held at the third annual Wilson VFD fish fry and raffle to be held Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Wilson school cafeteria from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Fried catfish with all the fixings, desert and drink will be served.

Two separate raffles will be held, with drawings for the two guns from one ticket, and another raffle drawing for the Ladies Day Out package. The gun raffle offer two chances to win - either a Keltec KSG 12 ga Shotgun, or a Taurus "The Judge" .410/45 Colt with laser. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25.

The Ladies Day Out raffle includes a concealed handgun license course, a gift card to Alamo Drafthouse, dinner at Texas Roadhouse, and a Bath & Body Works gift basket. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10.

The Wilson VFD raffle tickets may also be purchased in Lubbock at Straight Shooter, 2136 50th Street, and The Gun Shak at 5401 CR 7500 (South Slide.)

Three accidents occur in county, one involving a deer on U.S. 87

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Sheriff's Office reported three accidents during the past week, including a one-vehicle rollover, an SUV hitting a deer, and another SUV that flipped over.

On June 30, a farm hand rolled a pickup truck belonging to Kevin Mitchell at 9:04 p.m. at FM 1317 and FM 179. The driver was apparently unharmed, as he had left the scene before officers arrived.

An SUV driving northbound on U.S. 87 Sunday night hit a deer approximately 3 miles south of the Poka Lambro building, about 9:30 p.m. No information was available on the driver who was apparently not hurt, but the vehicle suffered sufficient damage that it had to be towed from the scene.

And on Monday night, July 5, a woman called the Sheriff's Office at 11:18 p.m. to report that a black SUV driving behind her

had flipped over, on U.S. 87 about 6 miles north of O'Donnell. The driver, a woman from Lamesa, was transported by Lynn County EMS to the hospital.

Tahoka Police arrested a 39-year-old Tahoka woman on charges of Driving While License Invalid with Previous Convictions and for Display of Fictitious License Plate/Registration, after stopping a black Ford Focus at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 30. A search of the vehicle also resulted in a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Tahoka Police and Lynn County Sheriff's Office received numerous calls regarding loud fireworks, both inside the Tahoka city limits and in rural areas, but no injuries or damages were reported during the holiday weekend.

Lynn County Jail held 43 inmates, including 22 for Lynn County and 21 for Ector County.

O'Donnell Rodeo slated July 7-9



The annual O'Donnell Rodeo will be held July 7-8-9, with performances slated at 8 p.m. nightly and a rodeo parade on Saturday, July 9. The parade starts at 6 p.m., featuring the Six White Horses drill team from Hardin Simmons University. A street dance will held on Saturday, July 9, from 10:00 p.m. til midnight.

The 2016 Rodeo Queen candidates include O'Donnell High School students Abby Franklin, Ashleigh Jonas, and Hannah Childress. Abby is the daughter of Ben and Debbie Franklin, and she is sponsored by O'Donnell FFA. Ashleigh Jonas is the daughter of Rick and Sharmye Jonas. She is sponsored by the City of O'Donnell. Hannah Childress, daughter of Cameron and Rebecca Childress, is sponsored by O'Donnell Fire Dept.

Rodeo tickets may be purchased from any of the queen candidates. General admission is \$7 if purchased in advance, or \$8 at the gate.

The O'Donnell rodeo grounds are located on the west side of U.S. Hwy. 87 in O'Donnell. For more info or to enter the parade, contact Megan Mires at 806-252-0826. For entries for the Rodeo, call 903-677-7348.

SAM I AM

me too! ... me too! ... me too! ...



Uncle Sam look-alikes ... Area children who were at the City-County Library Story Time recently donned Uncle Sam masks that they made to celebrate the 4th of July. All children up to 6 years old are welcome to come join them on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 for stories, songs and crafts. The City-County Library is located inside the Life Enrichment Center at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 28	88	65	
June 29	92	61	
June 30	93	64	
July 1	95	65	
July 2	94	64	
July 3	96	72	
July 4	97	73	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	0.23"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.12"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.39"
Total Precip for Apr:	1.08"
Total Precip for May:	5.83"
Total Precip for June:	3.76"
Total Precip. for 2016:	11.41"



Now that's **funny!**

“ I don't know how to act my age because I've never been this old before. ”

- ANONYMOUS

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Meadow Musical 45th Anniversary Celebration set July 9

The Meadow Musical 45th Anniversary Celebration, featuring live entertainment, will be held Saturday, July 9 at the Meadow Music Hall, at 201 Mitchell, Meadow, Texas.

A Tahoka man, Keith Paschal, is part of the entertainment lineup that includes Dixie River Band, Lynn and Gail Alexander, Bobby Taff, Gary Nix, Mary Beth and Brian Ashburn, Randy Henderson, Willie and Roxie Luster, Under The Double Eagle, and Will Weathersby.

The Music and BBQ will start at 5:00 pm. All this, plus music and dancing for \$15.00. For more information call (806) 539-2266.



DONATIONS to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are always greatly appreciated. LCHD EMS, Box 1510, Tahoka, Tx

Obituaries



Melvin Lehmann

Melvin Lehmann of Tahoka passed away on Friday, July 1, 2016 at the age of 76. He was born November 15, 1939 in Thorndale, TX to Arnold and Beate (Niemsch) Lehmann. Melvin was a Master Electrician.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Beate Lehmann, Ludy Lehmann, Amanda Lehmann, Glenn Lehman and Eureka Abbe.

Those left to cherish his memory are his sons, Lee Lehmann (Pam) of Tahoka and John Lehmann (Shay) of Creston, WA; step-daughter, Dora Hardin of Texas City; sister, Arnell Finley of Bucoda, WA and Earline Bagby of Post; brother, Clifton Lehman of Lubbock; nine grandchildren, Carson, Kaycee, Krista, Megan, Rachel, Scotty, Jay, Rusty and Bobby; companion, Debra Terrell of Odessa.

Visitation will be from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Friday July 8, 2016 at Combest Family Funeral Homes. Memorial services will be held 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., August 27, 2016 at Tahoka Housing Authority 1400 Ave K, Tahoka, TX.

In lieu of flowers family suggest memorials be made to Tahoka Fire Department, Wilson Fire Department or Green Memorial Cemetery.

Please celebrate the life of Melvin by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)

Carlton Wilke

Funeral services for Carlton Wilke, 83, of Wilson, will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 7, 2016 at the St. John Lutheran Church, in Wilson, with Lay Minister Tonda Freitag officiating. Graveside services will follow in Green Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Englund's Funeral Service of Slaton. He passed away Monday, July 4.

The family will have a visitation from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday July 6, at Englund's Funeral Home.

Carlton was born on May 7, 1933, to Benno Otto Fredrick and Ella Klara Becker Wilke, in Southland. He graduated from Wilson High School. Carlton married Mary Frances Campbell on August 22, 1953, in the First Baptist Church of Wilson. His career started as a roofer as he began his farming career in 1953. He was a Cotton farmer for 46 years, retiring in 1998. He was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church. He served faithfully on the church boards and the Farmers Coop Gin board.

Carlton is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary; daughters, Carla Cavender of Wilson, Janet Ibarguen and Stephen, Dina Tehan, all of Dallas; two sons, Kendall Wilke and Wesley Wilke both of Wilson; a brother Curtis and Linda Wilke; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests Memorials to St. John Lutheran Church, 1305 Dickson, Wilson, Texas 79381. (PAID)

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Red, white & blue windsocks ... City-County Library kids ages 7-11 years old enjoyed making 4th of July windsocks during Story Time. Join them every Wednesday from 10:30 - 11:30 for loads of fun this summer.

NEWS from the Library

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Fun In The Sun Luau

The Library has a Fun in the Sun Luau party planned for Thursday, July 14th from 2:00pm - 3:30pm. Our Luau party is for all Lynn County kids ages 7-11yrs. Come join us for Games, Activities, Snacks and Oceans of fun.

Reading Logs and Award Ceremony

Summer Reading logs are due Friday, July 22 by 5:00pm. The Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, July

28th from 5:30pm - 6:15pm. We will be presenting 1st, 2nd & 3rd trophies to 4 different age groups. Children have been reading through the summer and playing our prize drop game for prizes. The Library greatly appreciates the donations of prizes for the prize drop game from Tahoka Donuts, First Bank & Trust, City of Tahoka and George's Restaurant. **Stargazing in the Science Spectrum's Space Bubble** Explore space like never

before! With the Science Spectrum's portable planetarium kids can see space projected onto the dome of our Space Bubble. See the stars, planets, constellations and other celestial bodies. Take a trip through the Milky Way, explore our nearest star and lunar light of the night.

The Library will have two stargazing shows for 7-14yr olds. Explore space in Tahoka one day only Thursday, August 11th. Trips will begin at 2:00pm & 3:00pm promptly. Make your reservations at the Library 1717 Main Street in Tahoka. Spaces are limited!



Reading of the Declaration ... Lynn County officials observe as Douglas Freitag with the Lubbock Criminal Defense Attorney Association (right) presented a reading of the Declaration of Independence from the Lynn County Courthouse steps Friday morning. Standing from left are Gracie Zapata and Bill Schoemann (Probation Office), County Attorney Rebekah Filley, and County Judge Mike Braddock.

Senior Citizen's Menu

July 11-15
Monday: Crispy chicken on a bun, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail
Tuesday: Shepherd's pie, stewed okra & tomatoes, coleslaw, butterscotch pudding
Wednesday: Baked chicken breast, baked potato, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding
Thursday: Liver & onions, scalloped potatoes, carrots, coleslaw, white cake
Friday: Taco salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, broccoli & cauliflower salad, apricot halves
* Mark your calendars! Thanksgiving Sunday Dinner will be held August 28, at the Center.

TxDOT sealcoat program set for July through Sept.

More than 333 miles of state roadways are part of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Lubbock District's 2016 seal coat program. Roadways in Castro, Cochran,

Crosby, Dawson, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Parmer, Swisher, Terry and Yoakum counties will see \$15.4 million of preventative maintenance work during the months of July, August and September.

"Seal coating provides a variety of benefits to the roadway," said Mike Craig, P.E., TxDOT Plainview Area engineer, "including a waterproof surface that prevents moisture from entering and weakening the roadbed. Seal coating also reduces deterioration and cracking of the asphalt surface, which prolongs the life of the pavement."

Other roadway benefits include an improved non-skid surface in wet or icy conditions and an anti-glare and increased reflective surface for night and wet weather driving, Craig noted.

Lynn County is included in the 2016 seal coat program on FM 1730 and FM 400, as well as other surrounding counties in the Lubbock District. The seal coat operations are expected to continue through September. Motorists can expect lane closures and a pilot car to guide traffic through the work zone, and are asked to drive with caution through the work zone, be on the lookout for workers and avoid distractions for their own safety and the safety of the workers. Work will take place weather permitting.

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WILSON NEWS
by Bonnie S. Schwertner

Send news to bonnie.schwertner@yahooc.com

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Lynn County Farm Bureau

FSA County Committee nomination period underway

Lynn County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rodney Schoppa, announced that the nomination period for local FSA county committees is underway.

"County Committees are unique to FSA and allow producers to have a voice on federal farm program implementation at the local level," said Schoppa.

To be eligible to serve on a FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an FSA administered program, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administra-

tive area (LAA) where they are nominated.

This year, nominations and elections will be held in LAA 2, which includes Wilson and the east of FM 400 and east of 2956.

Farmers and livestock producers may nominate themselves or others. Organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign an FSA-669A nomination form. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. 2016 nomination forms must be post-marked or received in the Lynn County FSA Office by close of business on Aug. 1.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues. County committees consist of three to 11 members.

"It is important that county committees are comprised of members who fairly represent



Honoring JFK ... During their trip to Washington, D.C., these Tahoka 7th and 8th graders laid a wreath at the grave of President John F. Kennedy. They are, from left, Tristen Stice, Maribel Garcia, Cameron Tekell and Alex Tew.

the diverse demographics of production agriculture for their community," said Schoppa. "All producers, including women, minority and beginning farmers and ranchers are encouraged to participate in the nomination and election process."

FSA will mail election ballots to eligible voters beginning

Nov. 7. Ballots must be returned to the Lynn county FSA office via mail or in person by Dec. 5. Newly-elected committee members and alternates will take office on Jan. 1, 2017.

For more information, contact the Lynn County FSA office at 806-998-4501 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Conference offers help for aspiring writers

Registration is underway for "Stop Dreaming and Start Doing: A Conference for Aspiring Writers" scheduled for Saturday, July 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Heritage House in Post. Three accomplished writers will provide instruction and inspiration on a variety of topics.

"This conference is for writers who are working on a specific project or just beginning their writing life," said Rosa Walton Latimer, one of the conference instructors. "Topics will include ways to enhance and improve your writing life; using technology to support your writing and marketing strategies for writers."

Latimer, the author of a series of non-fiction books about Harvey Houses published by The History Press, is a playwright and writes for national and regional magazines and newspapers. Writer and inspirational speaker Bear Mills and editor Melissa Morrow join Latimer as instructors for the conference. Mills recently published *The ABCs of Successful Christian Living and Death Knocking*. Life Calling: *The Amazing True Story of Randy and Mary Ann Gallaway*. Morrow is currently an editor at Texas Tech University, a social media manager, a web programmer and a graphic artist.

Participation is limited to 15. Conference fee is \$100/person (includes lunch). Email thewriterlink@gmail.com for more information or call 806-495-4148. The conference is sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association of Post.



Watching the Fireworks... A large crowd attended the Wilson Fireworks Show, sponsored by St. Paul Lutheran Church at the Wilson city park on Saturday evening. The show lasted approximately one hour with many attending from surrounding communities.

WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS

by Bonnie S. Schwertner

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Fireworks in the park. Norman Rockwell couldn't have painted a better picture of small town Americana. As Keith and I approached the city park, we saw parking lots and driveways filled with those anticipating the festivities. What is usually a quiet, almost deserted area, was jam packed with families. Excitement and laughter filled the air. The hour-long fireworks display, provided by St. Paul's Lutheran Church, left me breathless one moment, and oohing and aahing the next. The night was lit up with resounding booms, and our hearts sang with pride for my country.

On July 14, the Texas Six

Man Coaches Association clinic will have the honor of hearing speeches by coaches Bear Chesley and Rustin Keith. I'm so proud of our coaches!

More information about the July 23 work-day for Operation: Revive Wilson: Please meet at the Mercantile building to clean from 8:00 to 12:00. Bring cleaners, particularly for dusting; dusting cloths and wands, especially the electrostatic kind; ladders and stepstools; and willing hands. Groups will each be assigned a designated area to clean. Smaller workers will have plenty to do, down low. There will be a hot dog lunch for all volunteers.

RECYCLE BINS

for plastic, paper, and aluminum cans are located at the City of Tahoka warehouse facility at 1200 Lockwood.

Cotton Crop Management news ...

by Tommy Doederlein
Note: Tommy Doederlein is an Extension Agent, IPM (Integrated Pest Management) for Dawson & Lynn Counties through the Texas A&M AgrLife Extension Service

CURRENT CONDITIONS

We are still getting our scouting program put together and trying to obtain a pattern of which fields are scouted on which days - still waiting on a couple of fields to be placed in the program.

Cotton is developing at a near optimal rate. Of course we always have those fields that get "out-of-step" with nature and the weather patterns that are having problems and are struggling along and they may end up not producing much cotton at the end - time will tell. The sunshine and heat following the rains is ideal for cotton production. I would really like to see temperatures in the 95° to 97° range during the day and stay in the 70's at night. Looks like we are going to have the nights where we need them.

Cotton has started to square (62% of our program fields). Square set is outstanding - averaging about 99% for all fields I am scouting (ranging from 98% - 100%). The most advanced fields have matchhead size squares.

Insect activity remains very light, however, I have one field which has 25 adult fleahoppers per 100 plants. Finding all adult Cotton Fleahoppers and no immatures tells me they are just starting to infest the cotton so be on the watch. This week I also found a single bollworm

egg, an armyworm egg mass and one plant with three aphids in the terminal. None of these finds are concerning at this point and may never be a problem, but we need to continue to scout our fields so none of these sneak up on us.

THE SQUARE

The square is simply the flower bud of a cotton plant housing the pollen anthers and sepals and surrounded by three (or sometimes four) bracts. They are located on the fruiting branches. In the older varieties the first fruiting branch started at node 5 or 6. In the newer varieties, first fruiting branch starts about nodes 7, 8 or 9.

Cotton has an internal mechanism to regulate the initiation of squares. Squares will appear at every new mainstem node following development of the 1st fruiting branch. The node location of the first fruiting branch is controlled by variety and the environment surrounding the plant during the first weeks after emergence. Adverse conditions will always cause the first fruiting branch to move up the plant - never down. After the first 3 weeks of plant growth, the only possible manipulation of square numbers is through protection and sustained plant growth.

Scientists and producers have sought a "magical" chemical or management practice that would make cotton square. An increase in the relative amount of fruit does occur when plants suffer from water or nitrogen

deficiency or have been treated with a PGR type product. However, these differences are not the result of increased square production, but rather increased retention at lower nodes (PGR's), reduction in leaf size (PGR's and water deficit) and reduction in new leaf development (N deficiency), making boll and squares more prominent.

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