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### BANNED IN LYNN COUNTY:

- All fireworks
- Outdoor burning (unless in an enclosed container, such as a BBQ grill)

## Independence Day Celebration set for Friday in Wilson Park

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson is offering their annual Independence Day Celebration at the Wilson City Park, open to everyone. The event, set for Friday July 1st from 6:00-9:30 p.m., will feature live music by Plum Jam, Grupo Avance, La Juventud and The Promise. The Wilson Mustang Cheerleaders will also be at the event and free hot dogs and drinks will be served starting at 7 p.m.

### Deadline extended for holiday

The Lynn County News offices will close Monday, July 4th. Deadline for news next week will be 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, instead of noon.

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 22	96	64	
June 23	100	65	Hot!
June 24	107	69	
June 25	110	70	
June 26	110	73	
June 27	105	74	
June 28	102	74	

Precipitation for Jan:	0.01"
Precipitation for Feb:	0.66"
Precipitation for Mar:	0.07"
Precipitation for Apr:	0.00"
Precipitation for May:	0.05"
Precipitation for June:	0.30"
Total Precip. for 2011:	1.09"

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**Very hot job ...** A homeowner in Tahoka got a new roof through the H.O.M.E. (Hands on Mission Evangelism). Volunteers from Tahoka, O'Donnell and Lubbock came out on Saturday, June 25 in triple digit heat to help and included, center photo from left, Smith McLelland, Cal Huffaker, Ty Askew and Matthew McLelland. Bottom left inset is Eddie Cook and top right inset is Alton James and Brady Askew. "The weather was really not in our favor and was probably too hot to be doing this particular project, but since our labor and funds are by donation, we work when we have that," said Anglia James, a spokesperson for H.O.M.E. "At this point we feel very blessed to have been given the funds and God always sends us just the right number of people to do the work. Just as a reminder, criteria for those needing help include: owning your own home, over 60, disabled, and/or a veteran. The H.O.M.E. board would like to be able to respond to every application, but it is just not possible. Unfortunately, there are many that need assistance and more needs than we can meet. Hopefully as time goes by we can continue to be a hands and feet ministry that can make a difference in our community and county," she added.

(LCN PHOTOS by Juanell Jones)

## County JP/commissioner precinct lines to change

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioner precinct lines and Justice of Peace precinct lines will change in the near future, as minority/majority population ratios changed more than the allowed ten percent in several areas in Lynn County, according to information provided by Attorney W. Calloway Huffaker at the Lynn County Commissioners meeting this week.

"We have received preliminary redistricting maps, and the precinct lines will change without question. We are way over the threshold of 10 percent change in every precinct, according to the numbers in the 2010 Census," said Huffaker, who has contracted with the county to provide the redistricting service. "The justice department requires that we must keep the population ratios pretty much what they were, or within 10 percent, and there have been significant changes in the county, mostly within the city populations. Tahoka has the biggest change in ratios, specifically in the southwest and northwest portions of the community," he explained.

"We will still try to keep the new alignments along the Hwy. 87 and Hwy. 380 lines as much as possible, but the other lines will change. We will have several options to consider, but I hope we can have something to turn in to the Justice Department by the end of August," Huffaker told the group.

He asked each commissioner to appoint two individuals per commissioner precinct to an advisory committee for the redistricting process.

In other business, District Attorney Brian Kingston presented a budget update to the commissioners court regarding Lynn County's portion for the DA's office, which he noted would be approximately \$5,000 less than the previous year, based on new population figures from the 2010 Census. Last year, Lynn County's portion of the DA budget was \$69,400. This year the county's portion will be \$64,000. Dawson County's portion also lowered, but Gaines and Garza counties portions were higher because of larger populations, Kingston told the group. These four counties comprise the 106th Judicial District for which Kingston is the

District Attorney.

Kingston also asked the commissioners to approve a contract renewal between the DA's office and the Texas Dept. of Health and Human Services, for reimbursement of legal costs involving welfare/food stamp fraud. Kingston said he already had approval for the contract renewal from the other counties in the 106th Judicial District, and Lynn County Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the contract.

Melvin Eaker, who conducts the county's annual financial audit, met with commissioners to talk about the possibility of an internal auditor for the county, in addition to the independent auditor.

"As your independent auditor, we charge the county for the auditing services, but we also are having to charge extra for a lot of the footwork that an internal auditor would do. The rules are changing, and the county must have a person responsible for internal auditing procedures, someone who has a background in this area, who can oversee each county office's financial procedures. Additionally, this is an excellent way to prevent fraud, or to correct incorrect reporting procedures. This would be an appointed position for the county," Eaker explained. No action was taken on the issue, as it was not listed on the agenda for consideration, but it may come before the commissioners at a later meeting.

Taiya Jones, Program Specialist with the Texas Dept. of State Health Services, presented information to the group about the community services offered through the department, including issues such as childhood obesity, teen pregnancy, bike safety, and many other health and safety issues. She told commissioners that programs are available to the county, or that representatives would work with health/safety programs already in place, if assistance is needed.

Sheriff Jerry Dee Franklin reported that Lynn County Jail had 38 inmates this week, including 24 inmates for Gaines County, one for Andrews County, and 13 for Lynn County. He informed the group that he had pur-

chased a used van with seizure funds to transport the Gaines County inmates to Lynn County.

Commissioners approved monthly bills and amended the Precinct 3 budget by \$47,000 for payment on a maintainer. All four commissioners were present for the meeting led by County Judge H.G. Franklin.

## TISD hires four new teachers

Four new teachers were hired as the board of trustees of Tahoka Independent School District met in special session last Thursday.

Those hired for the coming school year were Pam Butler for science; Kenneth Garay, Spanish; Caleb Neis, assistant coach and middle school computers; and Keely Helstrom, third grade reading.

The resignations of elementary school teachers' aide Silvia Salinas and Amelia Alvarado, assistant at the school day care center, were accepted.

Supt. Steve Burlinson reported that the school also has a new contract with a speech pathologist, Eleah Garrett.

Also approved by the board were track repairs—cleaning, resurfacing and repainting by Vibra Whirl Sports, and refurbishing of middle school and high school lockers by Dura-Kote, Inc.

A workshop was held on the budget for next school year, and a public hearing on the budget is scheduled for 6 p.m. on July 14. The board meeting and hearing on that date will be at the Harvick Educational Building on N. Main St. in Tahoka.

A committee on school redistricting has met and will present maps of suggested new district boundaries to the board on July 14.

The board then will have a special meeting on redistricting, scheduled for July 26, following a public hearing on the realignment proposals.

Frank McLelland, president, presided at the board meeting, with members John Hawthorne, Cathy Box, Kent Kahl and Scott Dimak also attending. Absent were board members Abraham Vega and Jim Bingham.

## woodwork

by dalton wood



LOTTA TAHOKUM stopped by the office last week, wanting me to sign a petition. "What kind of petition?" I asked.

"I want the people in England to move the Wimbledon tennis tournament to Tahoka, or at least somewhere in Lynn County," she replied.

"I don't think that plan would ever work," I told her. "Or as Lyndon Johnson used to say, 'That dog won't hunt.' Anyway, are you such a fan of tennis that you'd like to see a world-famous tournament here?"

"Well," she said, "I sort of enjoy watching those people play, and hearing them grunt and holler. But that's not the point. The thing is, every time they have that tournament, it rains a lot. Since they started this year, it's rained almost every day. Maybe we don't need the tennis, the crowds or Martina Navratilova, but we sure could use the rain."

I agreed that we do need moisture, and I know from organizing a few tennis events myself in the past that tennis tournaments often bring rain. (Track meets, as almost any area track coach can confirm, usually bring high winds and dust storms).

I tried to explain to Lotta that the Wimbledon people are unlikely to even consider moving their tournament. And besides, they play that tournament on grass courts, and we don't have the right kind of grass for such courts.

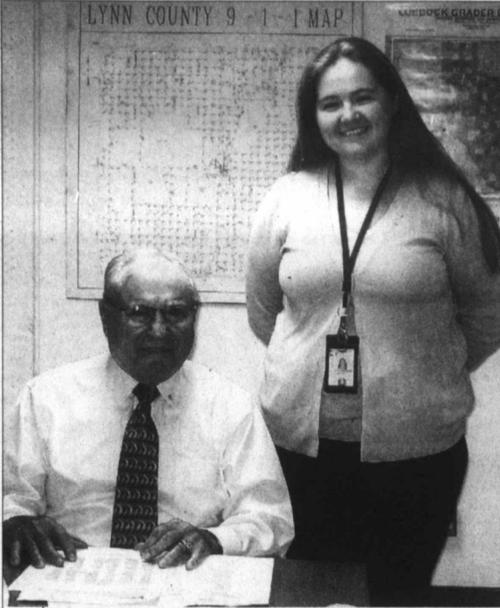
She said a fireman told her just last week that there was lots of grass around here, mostly dead and too easy to burn.

I told her that kind of grass is not suitable for tennis courts.

THE WEATHER has been unfit for humans lately, with Lubbock reporting 112 last Sunday, and someplace east of here (Quanah, I think) had 117. The highest temperature ever officially recorded in Tahoka was 111 on June 27, 1994. We came close to that again with 110 last Saturday and Sunday, according to the man who keeps the official records here.

I hate to think that Al Gore may have been right after all when he claimed global warming was a threat.

MARK TWAIN said it in 1866: "No man's life, liberty or property is safe while the legislature is in session."



**State health services ...** Taiya Jones, Program Specialist with the Texas Dept. of State Health Services, is pictured with Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin (seated) at the county commissioners meeting held here Monday morning. Ms. Jones presented information to the group about the community services offered through the department, including issues such as childhood obesity, teen pregnancy, bike safety, and many other health and safety issues. (See story, page 1.) (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

**Patrick Wells awarded Baylor Provost's Gold Merit Scholarship**

Patrick Wells, son of Haney and Tanya Wells of Tahoka, has been awarded the Provost's Gold Scholarship at Baylor University. Wells is a May 2011 graduate of Tahoka High School and will attend Baylor University in Waco this fall.

The Provost's Gold Scholarship provides \$32,000 to \$40,000 for eight semesters at Baylor University. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of class rank and/or SAT/ACT scores.

A private Christian university and a nationally ranked liberal arts institution, Baylor University is classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a research university with "high research activity." Chartered in 1845 by the Republic of Texas through the efforts of Baptist pioneers, Baylor is the oldest, continually operating university in the state.

**FUN FACTS**

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**DA visits county officials ...** Brian Kington, District Attorney for the 106th Judicial District, (standing) visited with Lynn County officials at the county commissioners meeting Monday morning, presenting information on the DA budget. Seated from left are Commissioner Keith Wied, Treasurer Pam Miller, County Judge H.G. Franklin, County Clerk Susan Tipton and County Attorney Donnis Scott. The other three commissioners, Danny Martin, Don Blair and Mike Braddock, were at the meeting but not in the picture. (See story, page 1.) (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

**Canned food drive July 8 at City Pool**

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Moralez and family of Tahoka are once again coordinating a Canned Food Drive/Swimming Pool Event with the support of the Tahoka Senior Citizens Program Director, Bianca Baker.

The pool will be open to the public on Friday, July 8, from 7:00 p.m. until midnight. Admission to the pool is six (6)

canned food items that will be donated to the Tahoka Senior Citizens Center. Pool rules apply and lifeguards will be on duty. The City Pool is located on the corner of South 8th and Ave. L.

Free hotdogs, chips and drinks will be available. All are welcomed to come support our local Senior Citizens.

**LETTER to the EDITOR**

**Burks Horse Rescue appreciates help**

I would like to thank everyone that attended and helped with the field trip to our ranch. We hope to have another one soon. We now have three horses that can be used. Right now due to the drought, the cost of hay and feed has got so costly, and our pasture has not produced, we are in need of donations of hay, bagged food, T-post and wire to fence in our front acreage. We want to be able to take in more horses, but we are unable to due to the cost of feed and fencing on more acreage to make room for more horses.

We will be having lessons to learn about the care of horses for kids or adults that are interested for a donation. The classes will be scheduled in the mornings due to heat. Please call 806-778-4638 or 806-628-0326 to schedule lessons.

Any monetary donations can be made to the First Bank & Trust in Wilson, Tahoka or Lubb- bock or to Burks Horse Rescue, % Trudy Burks, 2280 CR 15, Wilson, TX. 79381-2216.

We have a new arrival from one of our rescues that was born on June 12th. Thank you for caring and God bless everyone that has helped.

Trudy Burks  
Burks Horse Rescue

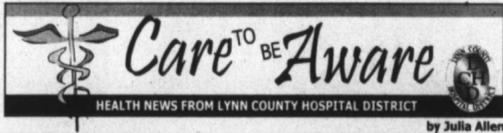
**Upcoming Events:**

Independence Day Celebration  
Friday, July 1 at Wilson City Park,  
6-9:30 pm

St. Jude Catholic Church  
Jamaica Sunday, July 10



**7 on 7 Football ...** Tahoka played Roosevelt this past Monday in a summer football workout. The workouts are set up by high school coaches, but no coaching is allowed. Pictured here is Isaac Vega, John Ryan Barrientez and Kordell Baker on the Tahoka team. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



**Water Safety**

June 21st was the official first day of summer. Included with summer are all the water activities we look forward to so much. We will all be headed to our favorite lake, river, swimming pool or maybe even an ocean beach! Especially with this heat wave we are having. With all this water activity we need to keep in mind water safety facts and tips.

The Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum released a fact sheet that LCHD would like to share with Lynn County citizens.

Fact: Fatal drowning remain the #2 leading cause of unintentional injury related deaths in children age 1-14 years.

Fact: For children age 1-4 yrs drowning most often occur in residential swimming pools. They usually have been out of sight less than 5 minutes, and were in the care of one or both parents.

Fact: Children under 1 year most often drown in bathtubs, buckets, or toilets.

Fact: Alcohol was involved in up to half of all adolescent and adults death associated with water recreation in 2009.

Let's try and prevent any of our loved ones becoming part of these statistics.

**Prevention tips:**

- ALWAYS supervise young children while in the bathtub, swimming, or playing in or around water. According to msnbc.com a child dies every 5 days in portable pools. Adults should not be distracted while watching children by such activities as reading, talking on the phone, playing games, etc.
- Parents should never assume the other parent is watching the child. Find out!
- Always swim with a buddy

and select a site with lifeguards whenever possible.

- Avoid drinking alcohol before or during swimming, boating, or other water activities.
- Don't drink alcohol while supervising children.
- Learn to swim.
- Learn Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) -Contact the Red Cross for class times.
- Always wear a lifejacket when boating.
- Do not use air-filled or foam toys such as "floaties" or "water wings" or "noodles" in place of a life jackets. They are not designed to keep swimmers or boaters safe.
- Be careful when diving. Dive only in areas that are known to be safe, such as the deep end of the pool.
- When at a lake always check out the depth of water and make sure there are no hidden hazards.

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One last piece advice we can give is to be alert, accidents can happen in a split second. We all want this to be the safest summer Lynn County has ever had!

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**Ribbon cutting at new center ...** Tahoka Mayor John Baker (left) and City Councilman Ray Box (right) officiated at ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the Healing Arts Center Holistic Medical Spa during the Grand Opening and Open House held Friday, June 24. Mary Gayle Raindl (center) is owner of the new facility at 2305 Lockwood in Tahoka. Pictured are center staff and local business leaders, including, from left, Mayor Baker, Dr. Stephanie Waters, Liz Chandler, Mike Allen, Ms. Raindl, Cheryl Krey, Francis Truehart, Dr. Jacqueline Weil, Dayana Brackman, John Krey, Gloria DeLeon, and Councilman Box.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

**Webster makes Dean's list at Baylor**

Kathryn Webster was named to the Dean's Academic Honor List for the 2011 Spring Semester at Baylor University. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum GPA of 3.7, while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours. She received her Bachelor's

Degree in Education this past May.

She is the daughter of Jerry Webster of Tahoka and is a graduate of Tahoka High School.

**FUN FACTS**  
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**Monday:** CLOSED  
**Tuesday:** Chicken strips w/ white gravy, mashed potatoes, cauliflower w/ cheese sauce, biscuits, peaches  
**Wednesday:** SPAG Meal: BBQ Brisket, ranch style beans, carrot sticks, cornbread, strawberries  
**Thursday:** Baked ham, pea salad, sliced tomatoes, wheat bread, cake  
**Friday:** Beef enchiladas, Mexican rice, red beans, lettuce & tomato, Jell-o

**Reminders & Activities:**  
• Weekly domino nights Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m.  
• Timeless Treasures Cookbooks are available for \$12 each at the Center, Lynn County News, Huffaker Law Office, Virginia's Beauty Salon, and City/County Library.

• Our aluminum recycle bin is located across from the City Warehouse. The aluminum cans continue to belong to the Center. Remember to tie up the bags before placing them in the bin.

• The Center has gently used medical equipment to lend out. Call the Center at 561-5264 for more information.

• Feed our Community... A 10-day lunch ticket is a suggested donation of \$35 for persons over 60; \$50 for 10-day ticket for those under 60. Tickets can be used for a meal at the Center, take-out or delivery (if qualified). Tickets can be purchased for a specific person or the Center will choose someone.

**Prepare for disasters by safeguarding records**

Planning what to do in case of a disaster is an important part of being prepared. The Internal Revenue Service encourages taxpayers to safeguard their records. Some simple steps can help protect financial and tax records in case of disasters.

**Create a Backup Set of Records Electronically**

The backup should be stored away from the original set.

Keeping a backup set of records — including, for example, bank statements, tax returns, insurance policies, etc. — is easier now that many financial institutions provide statements and documents electronically, and much is available on the Internet. Even if originals are only on paper, they can be scanned into an electronic format.

**Document Valuables**

Photograph or videotape the contents of your home, especially items of higher value. The IRS has a disaster loss workbook, Publication 584, which can help taxpayers compile a room-by-room list. Photos should be stored with a friend or family member who lives outside the area.

**Update Emergency Plans**

Start planning now to improve the likelihood that your company will survive and recover. Emergency plans should be reviewed annually.

**Check on Fiduciary Bonds**

Employers who use payroll service providers should ask the provider if it has a fiduciary bond in place. The bond could protect the employer in the event of default by the payroll service provider.

**IRS Can Help**

If disaster strikes, an affected taxpayer can call 1-866-562-5227 to speak with an IRS specialist trained to handle disaster-related issues. Back copies of previously-filed tax returns and all attachments, including Forms W-2, can be requested. Alternatively, transcripts showing most line items can be ordered on-line, or by calling 1-800-908-9946.



**Watch for snakes ...** Carlos Moralez sent this picture of a hognose snake he found near the West Texas Agriplex facility north of Tahoka last week, probably looking for a cool spot during the 100+ degree days. Other reports of snakes have been made at the News Office recently, including one rattlesnake (about 18" long) killed in the backyard at 2530 N. 2nd Street, and another huge rattlesnake approximately 8-9 feet long killed in the country out near New Home. The rattlesnake killed in Tahoka last week was discovered at the home of former County Commissioner J.T. Miller who theorized that the reptiles may be coming into town from the country seeking water during this dry, hot weather. He suggested that residents of all Lynn County towns may want to be especially cautious when working in yards, flower beds or gardens.



**Congratulations ...** John Krey, President of First National Bank of Tahoka, signs congratulatory remarks on the ribbon from ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the Healing Arts Center Holistic Medical Spa's Open House held Friday. Behind him on his left is Francis Truehart, and to his right is Liz Chandler. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

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3	\$22,888
4	\$27,563
5	\$32,238
6	\$36,913

## THS softballers get more honors

Members of the Tahoka High School girls' softball team continued to receive honors this week as two were named to the All-South Plains Softball Team by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and two were chosen by the Texas Girls Coaches Assn. on the Academic All-State Team.



NIKKI BOX

Star pitcher Nikki Box was on both of the announced teams. She was, in fact, selected Pitcher of the Year on the A-J team. The senior hurler led Tahoka to the district title, striking out more than 800 batters in four years of play, and also had a .421 batting average. She was also named to the Academic All-State Team this week.

Shortstop Brittani Ford also was chosen on the All-South Plains Team. She had a batting average of .500. Both Ford and Box previously were chosen on the Class A All-State Team.



BRITTANI FORD

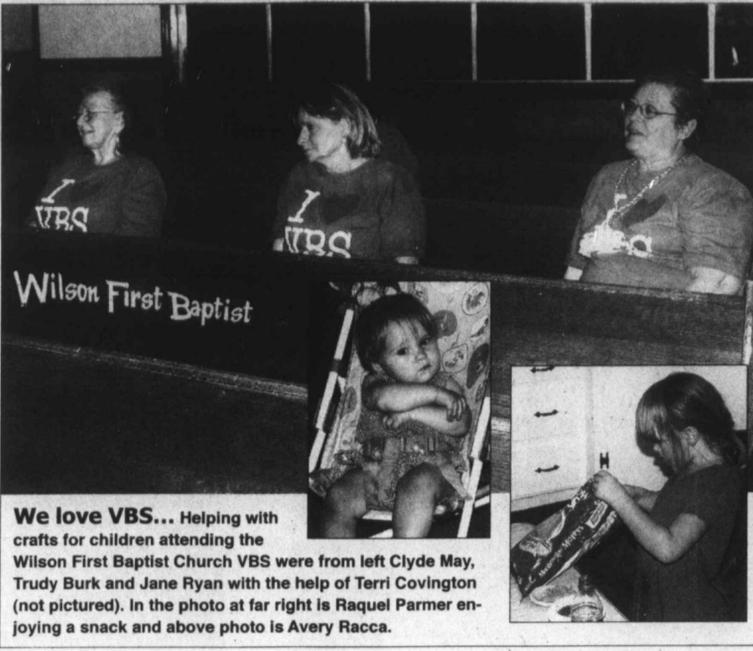
The Academic All-State Team announced this week also included Taryn Bishop of Tahoka.



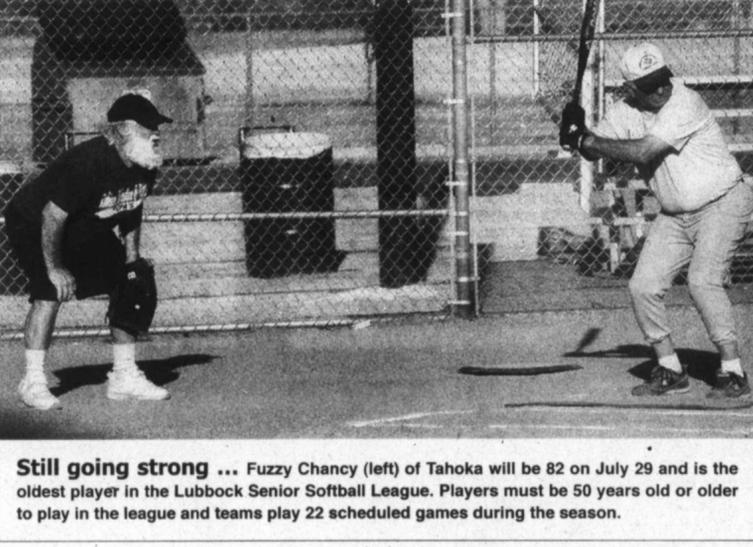
TARYN BISHOP

### BANNED IN LYNN COUNTY:

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- Outdoor burning (unless in an enclosed container, such as a BBQ grill)



**We love VBS... Helping with crafts for children attending the Wilson First Baptist Church VBS were from left Clyde May, Trudy Burk and Jane Ryan with the help of Terri Covington (not pictured). In the photo at far right is Raquel Parmer enjoying a snack and above photo is Avery Racca.**



**Still going strong ... Fuzzy Chancy (left) of Tahoka will be 82 on July 29 and is the oldest player in the Lubbock Senior Softball League. Players must be 50 years old or older to play in the league and teams play 22 scheduled games during the season.**

## Six Lynn County members compete at Texas 4-H Roundup

Lynn County 4-H was represented by six 4-H members at Texas 4-H Roundup recently. Texas 4-H Roundup is the culmination of many different contests and activities for 4-H'ers from all across Texas who competed on the campus of Texas A&M University in College Station.

Jesse Terry competed in the Consumer Decision Making Contest as an individual contestant. The Consumer Decision Making Contest is a judging competition where 4-H'ers are

given scenarios to rank consumer goods and then defend the placings with oral reasoning.

The Livestock Judging Team of Harley Reynolds, Jonathan Nieman, Karter Long, and Haley Lehman placed 12th at the State level contest. Members must rank livestock species and then defend their rankings with oral reasons. Jonathan Nieman and Harley Reynolds were in the top 30 individuals overall at the state competition.

## USDA designates 213 counties in Texas as disaster areas

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has designated 213 counties in Texas as primary natural disaster areas after one of the worst droughts in more than a century. The state sustained excessive heat, high winds and wildfires that burned hundreds of thousands of acres. Texas has 254 counties, so over 84% of Texas is included.

"Many producers have lost their crops due to the devastation caused by the drought and wildfires," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "President Obama and I want these farmers and ranchers to know that we will support them through the recovery process and help them once again become productive suppliers of food, fiber and fuel that keep America prospering. This designation will help provide that support."

The drought, wildfires and other natural disasters - which began Jan. 1, 2011, and continues - caused 30 percent or more loss of forage crops, pasture, corn, oats and wheat in those counties (which includes Lynn County).

Farmers and ranchers in several other counties in Texas and some counties in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their counties are contiguous.

All counties listed were designated natural disaster areas June 24, 2011, making all qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for low interest emergency (EM) loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of programs, in addition to the EM loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity.

USDA also has made other programs available to assist farmers and ranchers, including the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), which was approved as part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008; the Emergency Conservation Program; Federal Crop Insurance; and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. Interested farmers may contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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<p><b>Tahoka Trinity Church</b> 1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka, TX 79373 Phone (806) 561-5317 PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Youth - Sundays at 7 p.m. For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317</p>	<p><b>Local Deities</b> READ JOSHUA 2:1-11 Rahab said, "The Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below." - Joshua 2:11 (NIV) The Epistle of James asks, "Was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did?" (2:25) Although Rahab aided the Israelite spies, she is an unlikely Bible hero. However, the fear of God she declared was an expression of faith. And God honored her faith. Hebrews 11:31 says, "By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed." Rahab believed God was more powerful than Jericho's deities and idols. My "idols" differ from those of the people in Jericho. Advertisements impress me with how a product will improve my life. When I look at sports heroes, powerful politicians, and successful business people, I am tempted to desire their lifestyle. But God's power and God's love for me are far greater than anything these "idols" or "local deities" could ever offer. When we live in awe of God and obey God's will, rejecting the idols of our culture, God honors our trust. As with Rahab, God delivers us from our sinful past to a place in the family of Christ. Prayer: Lord, show us our idols. Help us trust and follow you alone. Amen. Thought for the Day: "Worship no god but me." (Exod. 20:3, tev) Steve Armstrong (Texas) ... From The Upper Room</p>	<p><b>Wilson St. John Lutheran Church</b> 13th &amp; Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6573 Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond. LEADERS: REV. LESLIE LEWIS TONDA FREITAG, PLM Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p><b>New Home Church of Christ</b> St. address • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 (806) 924-7579 MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON Bible Class - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service - 6:00 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.</p>
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## Pages from the Past...

By Vendell Elliott  
The following excerpts were taken from past issues of THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS.

### Letter to the Editor From Mingus, Texas, July 5, 1909 -

About half past nine last Friday morning we left Tahoka in car no. 22, Jim Elliott driver, for Snyder to catch the train for a trip down East. On the car besides myself were Misses Minnie and Effie Proffer and Miss Eddie Dellis. Everything went very smoothly until we got below the Caprock and then we "had a time" - the first incident that occurred we ran on to a grub and broke the chain and it wound up around the front sprocket and made considerable racket striking the pan underneath, and Misses Eddie and Effie did not know that autos had doors for they went out over the top of them. I might have gone too, but there was a trunk tied on my side of the car and it had me barred in. After getting the chain fixed, we started on our way, rejoicing.

But lo! Our rejoicing did not last long - after going about three miles, there had been a regular downpour of rain and we bogged down, all of us girls had to wade out, and Jim had to dig out with a spade. Well with several bog downs and wade outs and walk arounds we arrived in Snyder in time for supper, but not in time to catch the train!

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**Tahoka Minor All-Stars...** The Tahoka Minor League All-Stars pictured from back row left are Payton Lowdermilk, Matthew Cunningham, Coach Victor Herrera, Cameron Tekell, Triston Stice, Blake Harmon, Coach Micah Stone, and Bradon Castillon. Front row from left is Mason Walker, Christian Hernandez, John Stone and Patrick Herrera.

**Texas drought one of worst ever**

Is this the worst Texas drought ever? The answer is no, but it certainly is one of the worst, according to Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, Texas A&M University professor and Texas state climatologist.

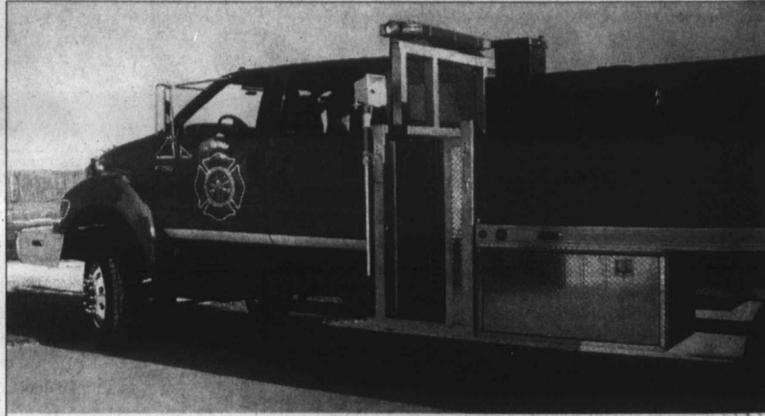
Severity Index values, this is the third-worst drought Texas has ever seen in the month of May," Nielsen-Gammon writes in his blog, the Climate Abyss. "Records go back to 1895. May also marks the end of the

driest eight-month period on record."

The worst droughts remain those in 1918 and 1956, according Nielsen-Gammon, whose blog is hosted by the Houston Chronicle and can be found at <http://blog.chron.com/climateabyss/>.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, nearly 50 percent of the state remained in what is termed an "exceptional" drought, which means a once in 50-year occurrence. More than 90 percent of the state was experiencing either a severe or exceptional drought. Only parts of north central and northeast Texas were not at least abnormally dry as of May 31.

It may not be the worst drought ever, but lifelong farmers throughout the state are telling Texas AgriLife Extension



**New Fire Truck ...** Wilson Volunteer Fire Department will have their new Ford F-750 Large Brush truck on display at the Wilson Independence Day Celebration on Friday, July 1 at Wilson City Park. The new truck was purchased via donations from the community and businesses and a grant from The Texas Forest Service, which will reimburse the department 90 percent of the total cost of the truck.

**Wilson VFD receives new fire truck**

On Monday, June 27, the Wilson Volunteer Fire Department took delivery of a new Ford F-750 Large Brush truck, purchased and manufactured at Daco Fire of Lubbock. The new truck will replace the current Fire 2- 1979 International Truck conversion that has been in service since the '80s and in recent years has been a large consumer of fuel for the department.

The new truck boasts current improvements within the firefighting apparatus realm, with firefighter cages to safely ride and fight grass fires from the truck; it also boasts a remote monitor/nozzle located on the front to fight fire from inside the truck cab.

The truck purchase was made possible through the generous donations of the Wilson community and business supporters over the years, as well as financial support from First Bank and Trust and from state funds available through the HB2604 Grant overseen by The Texas Forest Service, that will reimburse the department 90 percent of the total cost of the new truck.

"We would like to invite everyone out to the Fourth of July celebration in Wilson on Friday, July 1 beginning at 6 p.m. in Green Park; there will be live music and food. The department will also have the new truck on display at the event," stated David Maldonado Wilson VFD public information coordinator.

Service agents this is the driest they've ever experienced.

"Weather continued to be hot and dry," said Mark Brown, AgriLife Extension agent for Lubbock County. "Blowing dust from gusting winds occurred on several days. Irrigation continues where feasible. May ended with 0.26 inches of moisture recorded, making this year the driest five-month period on record for Lubbock."

And while a few weeks ago, rains may have greened things up in East Texas, the region remains in a drought, according to AgriLife Extension agent reports.

"We are in bad need of rain," said Clint Perkins, AgriLife Extension agent for Wood County, about 100 miles east of Dallas.



**Notice**

**Mandatory Language for a Maximum Contaminant Level Violation MCL, SINGLE SAMPLE/01/NITRATE**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Tahoka Public Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level for nitrate. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for nitrate at 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on a single sample, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for nitrate indicates a compliance value of 15mg/L for the monitoring period 10/1/2010 - 12/31/2010.

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. If your child is under the age of six months, the child must be given an alternative water supply for any consumption. Boiling the affected water is not an effective treatment for nitrate removal.

Most consumers do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you. At this time, the health effects to fetuses of pregnant women is unclear. If you are pregnant, you may also choose to use an alternative source of water for drinking and cooking purposes.

We are taking the following corrective actions to address this issue:

We are blending our well water with water purchased from the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority. This blending reduces the level of nitrate in the drinking water.

If you have a child less than six months of age, you are a nursing mother, or you are pregnant, R.O. water will be furnished to you at no cost until such time as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality no longer requires it. The R.O. water is available at city hall between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. Please bring your own one (1) gallon containers for the water.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Jerry Webster at 806-561-4211.

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NO. 11-05-06789

AMY JO CORRALES, JENNY KRAMER AND BECKY CLARK-HERMOCILLO, PLAINTIFFS  
 v.  
 UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF NORMAN CLARK TRUST, DEFENDANTS § 106TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT § LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

To Unknown Beneficiaries of Norman Clark Trust, defendants in the herebefore styled and numbered cause:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, that day being May 31, 2011, in the 106th District Court of Lynn County, Texas, at the county courthouse, 1501 S. 1st, in the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas. The case is No. 11-05-06789, styled Amy Jo Corrales, Jenny Kramer, and Becky Clark-Hermocillo, plaintiffs v. Unknown Beneficiaries of Norman Clark Trust, defendants, and the petition was filed on May 31, 2011. The attorney for the plaintiff is James Craig, P.O. Box 1308, Tahoka, Texas 79373. The nature of the suit is as follows:

The construction of a trust as set out in that certain Mineral Deed dated May 11, 1973 to James Wilfred Gates, Trustee from Norman Stanton Clark and wife, Mary Lou Clark and recorded at Vol. 202, Page 412 of the Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas; specifically, Plaintiffs are requesting the court to declare the identification of the beneficiaries of said trust and the disposition of the trust.

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, that day being the 31 day of May, 2011, a default judgment may be taken against you.

Signed and sealed on June 1, 2011.  
 Lonnetta Hudgens, Deputy  
 Sandra Laws, Lynn County District Clerk  
 Issued on June 1, 2011.

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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock  
 Contract 6229-19-001 for FLEX BSE AND 2-COURSE SURFACE TREATMENT in LYNN County, etc will be opened on July 20, 2011 at 11:00 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$142,187.05.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
 NPO: 36882

State Office	Dist/Div Office(s)
Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540	Lubbock District District Engineer 135 Slaton Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771 Phone: 806-745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 25-2tc

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*This Lynn County Landmark and the hills surrounding it are a part of Lynn County heritage... yours and your children's heritage.*  
 Consider finding ways to participate in The J.C. Calm Foundation's effort to protect it. Plan a group guided tour or just call to make individual plans for a come-see.  
 Contact CLYDE MAY at 806-327-5434 or 1-888-568-7301  
 leave a message and we'll call back.  
*A strand of barbed wire has been tested by the Museum at TTU and found to be from the time of C.C. Slaughter's Tahoka Lake Ranch in the 1880s when Mr. & Mrs. Jack Alley ran the headquarters.*

**Wanted**  
 Locals and Out of Towners  
 Saturday, July 9 join us for the  
**PATRIOTIC & RODEO Celebration** hosted  
 By the City of O'Donnell at  
**The City Park Noon - 5p.m.**  
 featuring food vendors, DJ and more  
 The Rodeo Parade will begin at 6p.m. downtown  
 followed by  
 The Biggest Little Rodeo in Texas at 8p.m.  
 The Rodeo Dance 10pm-2a.m.  
 at the City Park  
 featuring  
**Sam Mensch & The Bunkhouse Boys**  
 For Booth information Call  
 Scott Martinez 201-9268 or Carmen Mendieta 283-8370

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