

Have a safe
and happy

4th of July

Celebrate America!

Wilson fireworks show will be Sunday night

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson is hosting their annual fireworks show on Sunday night, July 3rd, in the Wilson City Park to celebrate America's Independence Day. 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.

LOCAL EVENTS:

July 1: 11:00 am County Courthouse - reading of the Declaration of Independence

July 3: 9:45 pm Wilson City Park Fireworks



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Fireworks OK for rural areas but not in city

There is no fireworks ban in the unincorporated areas of Lynn County for the upcoming July 4th Independence Day holiday, since recent rains have alleviated much of the fire hazards. County officials do ask citizens to keep fire safety in mind and consider whether surrounding areas have dry brush or other fire hazards when setting off fireworks.

Also, please be considerate of rural property owners and pick up any fireworks trash, to leave the area in a clean condition.

City residents, however, should be aware that most cities (including Tahoka) have city ordinances banning the shooting off of fireworks within the city limits.

'Did you know' ...

The Declaration of Independence and Constitution were hidden away during World War II. Both documents were packed up about two weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor, given a military escort and taken to Fort Knox in Kentucky, where they remained for several years.

There really is a message written on the back of the Declaration of Independence. In the movie *National Treasure*, a secret message written on the back of the Declaration is a key plot device. In reality, there is a visible message on the back that reads, "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776." It's not as dramatic as the movie, and experts believe it was a label added at some point when the Declaration was in storage.

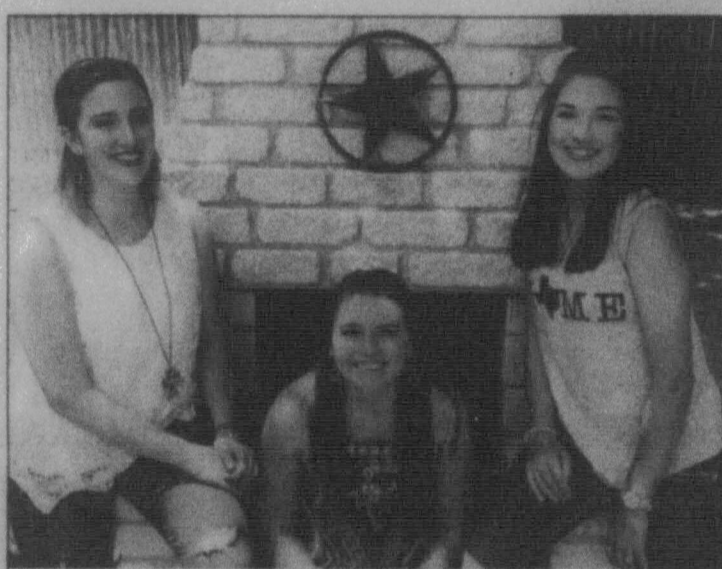
Three new teachers hired; TMS principal resigns

The Tahoka ISD Board met in a special meeting Friday, June 24 and hired three new teachers as well as accepted the resignation of Tahoka Middle School Principal Jeff Fleenor. Fleenor's resignation indicated that he was accepting a position as K-12 principal in the Dawson school district.

Hired with one year probationary contracts were Breanna Conner as head softball coach/middle school science teacher; Joseph Medulla as THS boys' coach/THS social studies teacher; and Brandon Brigance as middle school science teacher.

Approved during the meeting was also the purchase of new lighting for the THS gymnasium, at approximately \$11,000. The lighting should be delivered in a couple of weeks with installation completed prior to the start of school.

Board president Cathy Box, along with board members Jim Bingham, Jon Luna, Doug Green, and Scott Dimak were present at the meeting. The next regular scheduled meeting is set for July 19, with a special meeting set for July 14 to award a bond underwriter.



O'Donnell Rodeo Royalty ... Queen candidates for the 2016 O'Donnell Rodeo to be held July 7-9 are, from left: Abby Franklin, daughter of Ben and Debbie Franklin; Hannah Childress, daughter of Cameron and Rebecca Childress; and Ashleigh Jonas, daughter of Rick and Sharmye Jonas. Tickets for the event may be purchased in advance from any queen candidate or at the gate. Tickets are \$1 cheaper if purchased in advance.

Lynn County Hospital District CEO resigns

Lynn County Hospital District CEO Jeff Barnhart submitted a letter of resignation, effective in 60 days on August 21st, to the LCHD Board last week. Barnhart, who lives in Canyon with his wife and family, was hired in September last year, stated, in part:

"My wife and I have determined that this is not a good time to move our family to Lynn County. This was a difficult decision because I have enjoyed my time at Lynn County Hospital District. I certainly appreciate the LCHD Board giving me this opportunity to lead a great team.

(See CEO Resigns, page 6)

The Declaration of Independence

Historic document to be read aloud from Lynn County Courthouse steps

"When in the course of human events ..."

is the beginning of the historic document that formed the United States of America - the Declaration of Independence. Area citizens are invited to hear a special reading of the Declaration of Independence on the steps of the Lynn County Courthouse on Friday, July 1.

At approximately 11 a.m., members of the Lubbock Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (LCDLA) will appear on the north steps of the Lynn County Courthouse to present the reading of the document.

Each year, members of the LCDLA honor America by reading the Declaration of Independence on the steps of the Lubbock County Courthouse. This year, in addition to Lubbock County, LCDLA members are branching out to surrounding counties to hold readings across the South Plains. It is part of an effort by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association to organize readings in all 254 Texas counties.

The Declaration of Independence is the statement adopted by the Second Continental Congress meeting at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on July 4, 1776, which announced that the thirteen American colonies, then at war with the Kingdom of Great Britain, regarded themselves as thirteen newly independent sovereign states, and no longer under British rule. Instead they formed a new nation—the United States of America. John Adams was a leader in pushing for independence, which was passed on July 2 with no opposing vote cast. A committee of five had already drafted the

"We hold these truths to be self-evident ..."

The body of Thomas Jefferson's draft contained a list of grievances against the British crown, but it was its preamble that would strike the deepest chords in the minds and hearts of future Americans:



"We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

formal declaration, to be ready when Congress voted on independence. The term "Declaration of Independence" is not used in the document itself.

John Adams persuaded the committee to select Thomas Jefferson to compose the original draft of the document, which Congress would edit to produce the final version. The Declaration was ultimately a formal explanation of why Congress had voted on

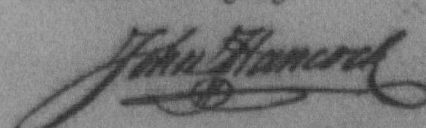
July 2 to declare independence from Great Britain, more than a year after the outbreak of the American Revolutionary War.

After ratifying the text on July 4, Congress issued the Declaration of Independence in several forms. It was initially published as the printed Dunlap broadside that was widely distributed and read to the public. (Because a man named John Dunlap printed the

Declaration of Independence, these prints are now called "Dunlap Broad-sides." Twenty-four copies are known to exist, two of which are in the Library of Congress. One of these was Washington's personal copy.)

Jefferson's original draft, complete with changes made by John Adams and Benjamin Franklin, and Jefferson's notes of changes made by Congress, are preserved at the Library of Congress. The best-known version of the Declaration, a signed copy that is popularly regarded as the official document, is displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. This engrossed (officially inscribed) copy was ordered by Congress on July 19, and signed primarily on August 2.

John Hancock was the first man to sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Hancock was the President of the Continental Congress at the time of the signing.



Now that's
funny!

"Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't."

—ANONYMOUS



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Obituaries



Johnathan McKibben

A memorial service for Johnathan Dewayne McKibben of Alvord, Texas was held at 10:00 am, Monday, June 27, 2016 at Grace Fellowship Church in Paradise, officiated by Bro. Bill Cleveland and Pastor Rick Cooper. He died on June 23 in Decatur. He was 27.

Johnathan was born May 30, 1989 in Graham to Johnny W. McKibben and Debbie Stewart. He was a roustabout in the oilfield.

Johnathan was preceded in death by his grandfather Roy Belcher.

He is survived by his wife Clarissa McKibben; sons Tyler McKibben, and Steven Musick, Jr.; daughters Jayden Richardson, Jenica Richardson and Jazmine Musick; parents J.W. and Donna McKibben, and mother Debbie McKibben; brother Timothy Paul Lee; sisters Cynthia Teter, Rachel Bissell, Janica Elkins, Summer McKibben, Brandy Pitts, Brandy Duncan and Brittany Duncan; grandparents Jerry and Connie McKibben, and Mary Beth McKibben; great grandparents Myrtle Grizzle; and Bobby and Myria Damron.



Ray Flores

Ray Flores of Lewisville, formerly of Tahoka passed away on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at the age of 48. He was born September 24, 1967 in Slaton to Otiquio and Ines (Benavides) Flores, Sr. He was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church where he served as an altar boy in his younger years. Ray graduated from Tahoka High School in 1987. He held many jobs in the food industry.

Ray was preceded in death by his father.

Those left to cherish his memory are his mother, Ines of Tahoka; siblings, Otiquio Flores, Jr. of Lubbock, Billy Flores of Lamesa, Amelia

Perez, Ruben Flores, Nancy Zuniga and Diana Hernandez all of Tahoka; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, four great nephews and one great niece.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 26, 2016 at Nevels Memorial Cemetery.

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



Roberto Lopez

Rosary for Roberto Lopez, 62, of Lubbock was held Thursday, June 23, at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel in Tahoka. Celebration of Christian mass was held Friday, June 24, at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka with Father John Stephens Rathinam officiating. Burial was at Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka. He died on June 21, 2016.

He was born on August 9, 1953 in San Antonio to Anastacio and Maria Lopez. He married Maria de Refugio Contreras on June 3, 1980 in Lubbock. He was a catholic and a farmer for many years.

He is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Fernando Lopez, Armando Lopez and Alberto Lopez; a daughter, Elizabeth Lopez.

Survivors include his sons, Robert Lopez Jr., Rene Lopez

Woodwork

(Reprinted from the past)



IN RUIDOSO, a Tahoka couple spent a too-warm vacation in a tent, and it was the wife's first time ever to visit Ruidoso, although she has lived in Tahoka for years.

In Albuquerque, a medium-sized black bear climbed a utility pole, all the way to the crossbar at the top, getting his picture on national TV.

In outer space, a projectile launched by NASA collided with a huge comet and knocked a big hole in it, giving scientists some information about the composition of the comet.

And in Lubbock, I ate three giant hot dogs, which is at least two more than I should have.

What all those things have in common is that they occurred around the Fourth of July, the annual observance of that warm day in 1776 when the Continental Congress declared they were sick and tired of the British telling them what to do.

Quick comments on the above-mentioned incidents: Never go to Ruidoso in mid-summer unless you have an air-conditioned place to stay. It's cooler in the mountains, but only by about 8 or 10 degrees. So when it is 100 in Tahoka, it still is 90 in Ruidoso.

Why would a bear climb a utility pole, unless, as Katie Couric said, "he was trying to get his bearings."

NASA rammed that comet on purpose, sending a spacecraft 268 million miles (I have a friend in Slaton whose Ford pickup has nearly that many miles on it) before firing a missile into the comet, described as "half the size of Manhattan." Down here in Tahoka, I have no idea of how big that is, but it likely is at least as large as Lamesa. They discovered that the comet's surface is like soft dust, with ice trapped below the surface. So what good is it to know that, and was it worth the cost?

There was a time when it would have done me no permanent damage to eat 37 hot dogs, like the people in the eating contest I saw on TV. But hot dogs are very high in things designed to eliminate people who have some of the problems that I have developed, no doubt from pigging out too often in my lifetime. They still taste great, though.

THE WISE GUY out west of town says the real reason that we can't have the Ten Commandments in a courthouse is:

You cannot post "Thou Shalt Not Steal, and Thou Shalt Not Lie" in a building full of lawyers, judges and politicians. "It creates a hostile work environment." July 5, 2005

may all your fishes come true!

Happy 30th Birthday ...
love, your family

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

TAHOKA
St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church
1829 S. Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373 • Office (806) 561-4436
VISITING PASTOR: MONSIGNOR GERRY LEATHAM
DEACON: PETE PANIAGUA, 445-4077
Sunday Mass - 11:00 am • Mondays 6:00 pm ACTS Cood Small Group • Rosary Tuesdays 6:00 pm
Communion Service Wednesdays 6:00 pm
CCE Wednesdays at 6:30 pm • RCIA Thursdays at 7:00 pm
Fridays 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Draw First United Methodist Church
(established 1907)
P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351
Phone (806) 428-3357
PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS
Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

Grassland Nazarene Church
2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656, 327-5655
PASTOR: Rev. James Miller
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm

New Home Church of Christ
324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7579
MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON
Bible Class - 10:00 am
Sunday Worship Service - 10:45 am
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00 pm

New Home United Methodist Church
CURTIS SCHRADER, Pastor
(575) 603-2947
CurtisSchrader@fwm.com
350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7549
Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church
1605 B Houston St • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6477 • www.stpaulwilson.com
PASTOR: DAVID W. BONDE
Sunday School 9:15 am • Bible Service 10:15 am
"Where Christ Serves People"

Fear No Evil
"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23:4

The 23rd Psalm, the source of our scripture verse, is one of the most popular and well-used scriptures in the whole Bible, and for good reason. We all experience times in our life when we are in "the darkest valley", yes, even pastors experience dark valleys. However, as we are reminded in this Psalm, we should not have fear during these times because God is with us. He is always ready for us to call on him, to pray to him, when we need His comfort, His presence, His strength, His love.

Do you need a church home? Please visit one of the churches listed on this page.

May the peace and love of God, in Christ, be with you.
Curtis Schrader, Pastor
New Home United Methodist Church

TAHOKA Church of Christ
2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4060 • email: tccoc@poka.com
PULPIT MINISTER: STEVEN BONNER
Sunday School - 10:00 am
Sunday Worship - 11 am
Fellowship & Devotion - Wednesday 6:30 pm

Sweet Street Baptist Church
180 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-5310
DAVID SARRIST, PASTOR • (806) 438-5165
Sunday School - 9:45 am
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)
Morning Worship - 10:50 am
(Lifting Music - Message From God's Word)
Wednesday Night - 7 pm
(Prayer & Bible Study, Cribers & Youth Ministry)
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Wilson First Baptist Church
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333
PASTOR: BILLY PARMER
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday
6:30 pm Wednesdays
Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages
• Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth

Tahoka Trinity Church
1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317
PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm
Youth - Sundays at 7 pm
For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317

First Baptist Church
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org
PASTOR: BILL FULLER
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am
SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday
Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule
There's A Place For Me at FBC!

Wilson St. John Lutheran Church
13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573
Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.
TONDA FREITAG, PLM
Sunday School - 9:30 am • Sunday Worship - 10:45 am

NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of 4th & Smith • Pastor: Larry Maddox
"Serving the Lord for 100 Years"
SERVICES:
Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm
Wed. Youth Children's Activities 2:00 pm

First Methodist of Tahoka
1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4560
email: fmc@tahokapoka.com
BILLY FOREST, Pastor
SUNDAYS: Sunday School - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
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Let the Children Come
7 am - 9 pm M-F
581-8738

both of Slaton, Jason Lopez of Lubbock; his daughters, San Juanita Araceli Lopez of Belton, Maria Fernanda Lopez of Slaton, Zinnia Lopez of Lubbock; two brothers, Anastacio Lopez Jr. and Alfredo Lopez, both of Tahoka; sisters, Lupe Lopez of Beeville, Amalia Moya and Sylvia Mireles both of Brownfield.

Willie Marsh Chappell Mills

The family of Willie Marsh Chappell Mills, 96, of Midland, will have visitation at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland from 5:00pm-7:00pm on Friday, July 1. Funeral services will be at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel at 1:00 pm on Saturday, July 2. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Park. She died on Sunday, June 26, 2016.

She was honored in a parade in Tahoka, for being one of the last survivors of her graduating class.

She is survived by her children, Kathy L. Whitaker, Marshal Mills, and Joe D. Mills; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

July 4-8
Monday: Closed
Happy 4th of July!
Tuesday: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, melon medley
Wednesday: Beef paprikash, mashed potatoes, broccoli, cantaloupe, honey bran bars
Thursday: Rigatoni w/ meat sauce, lima beans, salad, mandarin oranges
Friday: Fish on bun, trimmings, potato wedges, coleslaw, peach chantilly
• Mark your calendars: **Thanksgiving Sunday Dinner** will be held August 28, at the Center.
• Donations to benefit the Center are greatly appreciated! All donations are tax deductible; we are a 501(c)3 organization.

DONATIONS
to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are always greatly appreciated.
LCRD EMS, Box 1310, Tahoka, TX

THS Varsity Cheer Clinic
July 18-21 (Mon.-Thurs.) 10 am-11:30
Pep Rally, Thurs. July 21 at 5:30 pm
for Ages 3 yrs-6th grade • Cost: \$40
AT TAHOKA HIGH SCHOOL GYM
Name: _____ Age: _____
T-Shirt Size: (circle one) YS YM YL AS AM AL
Emergency Contact Information:
Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Parent/Guardian Contact #: _____
Please bring this complete registration form along with \$40 to Registration at 9:45 am Monday, July 18th. THANKS!
Questions? Contact a cheerleader or sponsor Rachel Lehman at 806-759-6148.
COMPLIMENTARY T-SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO REGISTER ON MONDAY!

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Win a trophy... Zadalyn DeLeon is shown with the Summer Reading trophies that will be given out at the City-County Library's Awards Ceremony on July 28th. Area youth still have time to participate so come visit the library and sign up.

Commissioners okay moving County Road 18

Lynn County commissioners met in their regular session on June 27 and agreed to move CR 18, pending approval by an attorney for one of the landowners involved. The motion was made and approved to move CR 18 starting at FM 1328 to the South approximately seven feet and continue West one mile to where the road will center of survey markers at approximately 15 feet to the North at the intersection of Section 11, 12, 13 & 14 of Block 9, H.E. & W.T. Ry. Co. Survey and then curve South 40 feet to where the full right of way is on Section 14 for one mile. Commissioner Larry Durham was the lone opposition to the motion.

In other business, commissioners also approved the final plats for Johnny Armes/Broadview Estates and Kent & Mitzi Bruton/Cotton Creek Estates. Both subdivisions are located in the New Home area: Broadview Estates will be North of FM 211 off of County Road L; and Cotton Creek will be located at the corner of FM 1730 and County Road 11.

Commissioners also approved the annual road reports and the county finance reports for Sept. 2015-May 2016. County Tax Assessor/Collector Donna Willis gave an update on legislation affecting that office and Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin gave a report on his office.

Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock led the session and all county commissioners were in attendance: Kieth Wied, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham.



Out of Africa ... Storytime at the Tahoka City-County Library last week was about traveling to different countries. Tahoka NHS students Olivia Hammonds, Caitlynn Adams, and Sarah Fleenor, volunteered and helped kids make African masks. NHS Volunteers not pictured included Serena Ayala and Patrick Herrera.

NEWS from the Library

CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY
1717 Main St. • Tahoka TX
(inside the Life Enrichment Center)

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Making African masks was lots of fun for Tahoka NHS volunteer students and children. Come join us on Wednesday mornings from 10:30-11:30 for more travel adventures, and crafts. We have Storytime for

children 6 years old and under, Travel Adventures for two groups 7-9 years old and computer publisher skills for 10-11 years old.

SUMMER READING

Summer reading will continue until July 22nd when all reading logs will be due. Don't miss out on the trophies for 1st - 3rd place in each division; Read to Me, K & 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th. We also have many different prizes donated by Tahoka Do-

nuts, First Bank & Trust, City of Tahoka and George's Restaurant for each 10 books read.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fun in the Sun Luau for ages 7 to 11 years. Thursday, July 14 from 2:00-3:30 pm; games, activities, snacks and loads of fun

Stargazing in the Science Spectrum Space Bubble for ages 7-14 years. Thursday, August 11: Two showings only 2:00pm and 3:00pm. Come by the Library to sign up, space is limited!

Celebrating America: The Declaration of Independence CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

June 11, 1776: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert R. Livingston appointed to a committee to draft a declaration of independence.

June 12-27, 1776: Jefferson, at the request of the committee, drafts a declaration, of which only a fragment exists. Jefferson's clean, or "fair" copy, the "original Rough draught," is reviewed by the committee. Both documents are in the manuscript collections of the Library of Congress.

June 28, 1776: A fair copy of the committee draft of the Declaration of Independence is read in Congress.

July 1-4, 1776: Congress debates and revises the Declaration of Independence.

July 2, 1776: Congress declares independence as the British fleet and army arrive at New York.

July 4, 1776: Congress adopts the Declaration of Independence in the morning of a bright, sunny, but cool Philadelphia day. John Dunlap prints the Declaration of Independence. These prints are now called "Dunlap Broad-sides." Twenty-four copies are known to exist, two of which are in the Library of Congress. One of these was Washington's personal copy.

July 5, 1776: John Hancock, president of the Continental Congress, dispatches the first of Dunlap's broadsides of the Declaration of Independence to the legislatures of New Jersey and Delaware.

July 6, 1776: Pennsylvania Evening Post of July 6 prints the first newspaper rendition of the Declaration of Independence.

July 8, 1776: The first public reading of the Declaration is in Philadelphia.

July 9, 1776: Washington orders that the Declaration of Independence be read before the American army in New York

July 19, 1776: Congress orders the Declaration of Independence engrossed (officially inscribed) and signed by members.

August 2, 1776: Delegates begin to sign engrossed copy of the Declaration of Independence. A large British reinforcement arrives at New York after being repelled at Charleston, S.C.

January 18, 1777: Congress, now sitting in Baltimore, Maryland, orders that signed copies of the Declaration of Independence printed by Mary Katherine Goddard of Baltimore be sent to the states.

Cool Dog facts ...

There are hundreds of official dog breeds in the world and even more mixes and mutts than we can count. Each dog has his own unique set of characteristics and personality. But one thing is certain - these loveable and wonderful companions are fascinating creatures.

Check out some of these interesting and far-out facts about dogs.

- 1. Is it a duck...or a dog?** The Newfoundland breed has a water resistant coat and webbed feet. This dog was originally bred to help haul nets for fishermen and rescuing people at risk of drowning.
- 2. It pays to be a lap dog.** Three dogs (from First Class cabins!) survived the sinking of the Titanic - two Pomeranians and one Pekingese.
- 3. A Beatles hit.** It's rumored that, at the end of the Beatles song, "A Day in the Life," Paul McCartney recorded an ultrasonic whistle, audible only to dogs, just for his Shetland sheepdog.
- 4. Wow, check out those choppers!** Puppies have 28 teeth and normal adult dogs have 42.
- 5. Chase that tail!** Dogs chase their tails for a variety of reasons: curiosity, exercise, anxiety, predatory instinct or, they might have fleas! If your dog is chasing his tail excessively, talk with your vet.
- 6. Seeing spots? Or not ...** Dalmatian puppies are pure white when they are born and develop their spots as they grow older.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL
Fireworks Show!
AFTER DARK ... AROUND
9:45 pm
on Sunday, July 3rd
at Wilson City Park • Wilson, Tx
EVERYONE IS INVITED!
Bring your lawn chairs or blanket and don't forget the bug spray!

LCHD Fitness is Happy
to introduce:
N'Gize Kidz (Ages 6-12)
The first class starts on: **Wednesday, July 6th, 2016 @ 5:15 pm.**
with **CRYSTAL.**
Restrictions Apply.
Contact us for more details @
(806) 561-1340
Space Limited to the first 12 kids.

Are your **BONES** strong & healthy ... or are they brittle & fragile?
Find out with a Bone Density Test!

A Bone Density Test is performed to determine if you need additional help or supplements to combat osteoporosis. Talk to your doctor about scheduling your bone scan today at Lynn County Hospital District. LCHD radiology can also send reports to your requested referring physician.

For more information please call:
LCHD Radiology
806-998-4533 x291
Lynn County Hospital District • 2600 Lockwood, Tahoka

Need an Invitation?

If you need an invitation for a **Baby Shower, Wedding, Anniversary, Birthday Party** or anything else, come by the Lynn County News office and let us help you! We have all colors of paper to choose from and can help you customize your invitations ... all at a low price.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY

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Four arrests made; area accidents reported

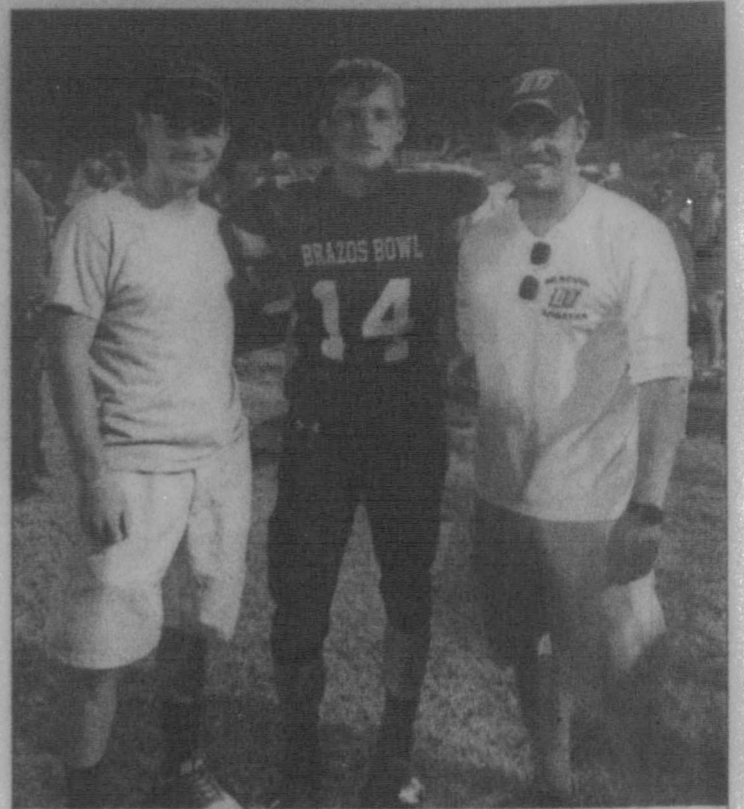
Tahoka Police arrested four people during the week and Lynn County Sheriff's Department reported some area wrecks.

Police picked up two people wanted on outstanding warrants: a 60-year-old male was booked for revocation of probation/possession of marijuana, and a 37-year-old female was booked for theft of property \$100-\$750 from a local dollar store. Also arrested during the week was a 27-year-old male who was stopped for expired vehicle registration and an ensuing search of the vehicle revealed marijuana.

Early Saturday morning around 2:00 a.m., an officer stopped a vehicle that was traveling on the oncoming traffic side of the US 87 access road for several hundred feet before entering the highway. The 33-year-old driver from Midland was arrested for DWLI (driving while license invalid) and a search revealed drug paraphernalia and suspected marijuana.

Lynn County Sheriff's Department reported four different accidents in the past week. On June 22nd a white Chevrolet pickup ran into a gray Dodge pickup at the Allsup's in O'Donnell; no injuries were reported. On June 23 a 2014 White Isuzu van struck a parked spray rig on the east U.S. 87 access road and N. 7th Street in Tahoka. On June 25th a 2007 Honda driven by Kevin Byrum struck a deer around 6 a.m. about two miles west of Tahoka on U.S. 380. Minor damage was reported on the vehicle with no injuries to the driver. On June 26 there was a report of a Chevrolet running into the back of a camper about three miles south of Tahoka on U.S. 87; no injuries were reported in that incident.

On June 23rd Charles Ashbrook reported that one of his tractors located on County Road 20 was vandalized; and a broken window at 1645 Main Street in Tahoka was reported by the owner of the building. On June 24th there was a fight between two females in the 1200 block of Ave. E - no arrests were made; and on the 25th there was a case of domestic violence between two people in New Home where the female reportedly had her arm broken during an altercation with her boyfriend. No other information was available in the incident.



Brazos Bowl football ... Brandon Rowland, center, an outgoing Mustang senior, represented Wilson at the Brazos Bowl Six Man All Star Game recently. He is shown here with Wilson coaches Bear Chesley and Rustin Keith.

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 Abby Franklin, daughter of Ben and Debbie Franklin. She attends O'Donnell High School, where she is active in OAP, UIL Prose - 2016 State Finalist, FFA and many other activities and is sponsored by the O'Donnell FFA. Ashleigh Jonas is the daughter of Rick and Sharmye Jonas and attends OHS. She is on the Lady Eagles Basketball team, track, UIL, OAP and FFA. She is sponsored by the City of O'Donnell. Hannah Childress is the daughter of Cameron and Rebecca Childress. She attends OHS and is active in tennis and UIL. She is sponsored by the O'Donnell Fire Dept. The 2015-2016 Rodeo Queen was Avery McDaniel.

General admission is \$7 if paid in advance, or \$8 at the gate. The O'Donnell rodeo grounds

WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS

by Bonnie S. Schwertner

Send news to: bonnie_schwertner_wilson@yahoo.com



Operation: Revive Wilson - community members met on June 27. Our next project will be to give the Mercantile museum items a thorough dusting on July 23, 8:00-12:00.

On June 25, outgoing Mustang senior, Brandon Rowland, represented Wilson proudly at the Brazos Bowl Six Man All Star Game in Knox City. Coaches Bear Chesley and Rustin Keith were very complimentary of Brandon, saying that although Brandon's team did not get the win, he played like he always did, giving 100%.

Fireworks! Plan to attend Wilson's annual fireworks display, Sunday evening in the park. A huge thank you goes to St. Paul's Lutheran Church for providing a wonderful family time.

are located on the west side of 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.

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City of Tahoka

TxDOT set to make roadway improvements to US 87/FM 1313

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is scheduled to begin work in July on a \$13.1 million project to make roadway improvements to more than 21 miles of US 87 and FM 1313 in Lynn County.

"The project will make needed improvements and repairs to the pavement, but is also expected to enhance the overall safety of these roadways," said Stuart Withington, P.E., TxDOT Interim Brownfield Area engineer overseeing the project. "Work is scheduled to begin July 5 on US 87, with work getting underway on FM 1313 a few weeks later."

Motorists traveling on US 87 will see traffic reduced to one-lane at various times throughout the project as contractor FNF Construction, Inc., of Tempe, AZ, mills the existing pavement then repaves and resurfaces the roadway. Night-time lane closures are anticipated during construction. Additionally, drivers can expect ramp closures in the city of Tahoka and should be aware that speed limits in the construction zone on US 87 will be reduced to 65 mph.

A road closure is planned for FM 1313.

"FM 1313 will be closed to traffic while work to rehabilitate the roadway is being done," Withington said. Local traffic will continue to have access up to the culverts, but not across them. FM 1313 thru-traffic will be detoured around the construction zone via FM 212 for eastbound traffic and FM 399 for westbound traffic."

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WADE HOWARD

Agrilife Extension names new agents

The Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service announced the addition of two agriculture and natural resources agents to its 20-county South Plains district.

Wade Howard, who transferred from Eastland County, is the Agrilife Extension Agent for Lynn County, said Michael Clawson, Agrilife Extension administrator at Lubbock. Wes Utley has resumed his former position as the Agrilife Extension agent for Hockley County.

"We are fortunate to have these seasoned agents in our district," Clawson said. "They are both well-versed in the agricultural needs and practices in their respective counties and also have much experience in guiding effective and vibrant 4-H youth development programs. I am confident these men will add much to the already strong Agrilife Extension programs, not only in their counties, but across the entire district as well."

Howard earned his bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary agriculture leadership from Texas Tech University at Lubbock. Prior to joining Agrilife Extension, Howard was a Texas A&M Agrilife Research assistant working on corn breeding and genetics at Lubbock. Prior to that, he was an Agrilife Extension program assistant at the Texas 4-H Conference Center at Brownwood.

Utley earned a master's degree in agriculture education and a bachelor's degree in agricultural services and development from Tarleton State University at Stephenville and served as the Agrilife Extension agent in Haskell County.

Area students attend Youth Leadership Conference

Students from Lynn and Garza County learned about business and free enterprise recently at the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) Annual Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) at Tarleton State University.

"YLC is an excellent opportunity for students to learn about the Free Enterprise Speech Contest, how our nation operates and develop valuable leadership skills that will last a lifetime," Walt Hagood, Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau president said. "We're proud that Olivia Hammonds, Patrick Herrera, Michaela Self and Russell Morris were able to attend on our behalf and bring back the many lessons they have learned."

The annual conference helps students network and evaluate their ideas and abilities.

"For more than 50 years, YLC has instilled patriotism, responsibility and leadership in students from across Texas," Hagood said. "It prepares them for the next stage of life and ensures a better Texas for both today and tomorrow."

Students who attend YLC are eligible to enter TFB's Free Enterprise Speech Contest in the fall. The contest allows students to earn scholarships by sharing his/her knowledge about the free enterprise system learned at YLC.

Information about both YLC and the Free Enterprise Speech Contest are available under the "Youth" tab at www.TexasFarmBureau.org.

'Did you know' trivia ...

- Did you know the hyoid bone in your throat is the only bone in your body not attached to any other
- Did you know that snakes smell with their tongues
- Did you know that snakes do not have eyelids



Youth Conference... Students from Lynn and Garza County learned about business and free enterprise recently at the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) Annual Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) at Tarleton State University. Students attending were from left, Olivia Hammonds, Patrick Herrera, Michaela Self and Russell Morris.

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 Agrilife Extension Service

THRIPS

Thrips are typically always the first insect concern of the season. I have not seen much thrips activity prior to the rains or so far since the rains. However, they can become more of an issue since the rains due to the abundant growth and appearance of wild weed hosts in the barrow ditches, lots, fields, etc. These plants provide thrips with a host site to develop large populations which ultimately migrate over into the seedling cotton.

Thrips are a pest in cotton from emergence to the fifth-to-sixth true leaf stage. At that point the cotton is able to out grow the thrips damage. Thrips damage causes a silverying of the lower leaf surface, deformed leaves by crinkling them upward and/or blackened leaves. During severe infestations terminal buds may be destroyed, causing excessive branching of the plants and delaying plant growth and maturity.

Thrips damage can often look like weather damage or visa versa. Control may be justified when an average of one thrips per true leaf is found. Fields need to be scouted for thrips rather than waiting for damage to appear. If the field is not treated until damage occurs in many cases the thrips have already cycled through and the damage is done. When deciding to treat for thrips, make sure thrips are present and you are not treating just the damage left behind.

By the time the second true leaf has unfurled, the plant has started to produce the first square. After the seedling has unfurled the 1st and 2nd true leaves and has initiated the first square, it starts developing the various parts of the flower. The flower parts are developed in order starting from the outside. First the bracts, next the sepals that envelope the flower parts, the petals, stamens with anthers, and last the carpels or future bolls.

This is why early control of thrips can be warranted - to avoid delays in fruiting and final yield. Since tiny squares are actually present when the first true leaves appear, thrips may also be damaging squares while grazing on leaf buds. This results in the loss of early square positions and yield losses especially in the northern cotton growing areas where there is little time to compensate for early loss.

For our area, I personally do not get too aggressive in thrips management, especially in dryland, due to all the compensation work that we have conducted over a ten year period. However, if a field is experiencing other stresses such as weather damage or seedling dis-

ease, I would tend to become more aggressive.

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CEO resigns ...

(Continued from page 3)

We have accomplished some great things and I have been proud to be their leader."

LCHD Board President Jannis Childress, stated, "We hate to see him leave but fully understand his decision. We have the upmost respect for his leadership while here at LCHD and wish him the best."

The Board met in their regular meeting on Thursday, June 23, and discussed getting in touch with TORCH (Texas Association of Rural and Community Hospitals), the same search process they used in the past to seek a broad base of candidates for the position.

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When being seen today is important.

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

To better serve our community, LCHD will offer a Walk-in Clinic providing same day appointments.

OPENING JULY 6th, 2016.

OPEN: Monday/Wednesday/Friday
8:30-5:00



Se habla español

806-561-4048

LCHD Specialty Clinic

1705 Lockwood • Cheryl R. Brown, DNP, FNP-BC

WALK-IN CLINIC LOCATED INSIDE THE SPECIALTY CLINIC NEXT TO THRIFTWAY

Where in the world is
The Lynn County News?

in sunny Florida!



Fun in Florida ... Lynn County News editor Juanell Jones and her husband, Gary, are at Seagrave Beach with their Lynn County Newspaper where they saw a manatee swim by and lots of big fish while wading in the coastal waters. They are vacationing in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, 1023 miles from home.

We have many NEW gift items now in stock ... come check out our new selections!

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Doggone it, shop at home when you can.

Our local economy is fragile ...

Shopping locally is a vital part of our growth and prosperity.

Why send locally-owned, hard-earned dollars out of town to support someone else?

Money spent in Lubbock or other surrounding towns does not support our community, our school, or our hospital. All our area businesses are staunch supporters of this community. Every time a business goes under, local taxes will go up in order to have the same tax base. That means homeowners and remaining businesses will inevitably pay more in taxes. So please, **think before you shop out of town** -- what will happen when you can no longer buy what you need in our town and there are no businesses left?

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

~ The Lynn County News

