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"Keep your face to the sunshine
 and you cannot see the shadow.
 It's what sunflowers do."
 --HELEN KELLER

There is
 always, always,
ALWAYS
 something
 to be thankful for.

Thanks to Pam Elrod for the beautiful sunflower photo,
 taken from just south of Tahoka, off US 87



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Tahoka 3-D Band fundraiser meal set this Sunday

The Tahoka 3-D Band Boosters will have an enchilada dinner fundraiser on Sunday, July 17 from 11:30-1:30 at the Tahoka Housing Authority. The meal will consist of enchiladas, beans and rice, for \$7 per person. Dine-in or carry-outs will be available.

Tickets may be purchased from any middle school or high school band student. For questions or more information, contact Amber at 806-241-2754. All proceeds will benefit band programs.

Whew! Temps hit 106!

What's Outside
 NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 5	100	73	
July 6	100	72	0.03"
July 7	101	72	0.02"
July 8	106	73	
July 9	96	67	0.21"
July 10	94	68	
July 11	96	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: 3.78"
- Total Precip for July: 0.26"
- Total Precip. for 2016: 11.67"

Four men sentenced in district court proceedings

by JUANELL JONES

District Court was held in Lynn County on Monday, and a Grand Jury was convened as well, with four cases resolved with pleas and six grand jury indictments handed out in the 106th District Court.

The following cases were pled in district court:

- Robbi Nieman, 46, of the New Home area, charged with theft of a diesel tank in March 2015 from owner Gregg Nieman; sentenced to 12-months in a state jail facility
- Ysidro Manuel Saiz, 22, of New Harmony, Indiana, charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle in December 2015, in a case involving a vehicle

owned by Barry Pittman of Tahoka; state jail felony prosecuted as a Class A misdemeanor; sentenced to 90 days in county jail

- Tucker James Matthews, 23, of Lubbock, charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); offense occurred Feb. 1, 2015; sentenced to 5 years community supervision (probation)
- Johnie Davis Young, 27, of Shallowater, charged with possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance (methamphetamine); offense occurred Jan. 2, 2014; received deferred adjudication and placed on probation for 10 years

No information was released as

yet on the grand jury indictments.

Tahoka Police arrested three family members, including one female (age 46) and two males (ages 54 and 27), after responding to a call from a female victim Saturday evening around 8 p.m. The caller stated she was "requesting emergency medical services because she was jumped by three individuals," according to the police report.

Upon arrival at the scene, police noted that the victim had visible injuries including dried blood on her nose and both arms, a bruised right eye that was almost completely swollen shut, a gash below her eye, and bruises on both of her arms as well as scrapes

and scratches to her back, upper arms, and shoulders. She was transported by Lynn County EMS to Lynn County Hospital for treatment of her injuries.

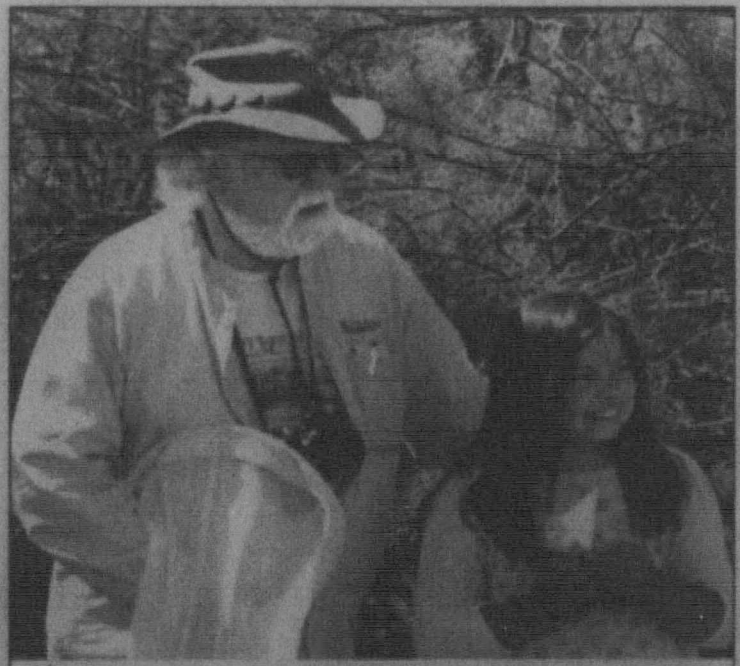
Police arrested what was described as the victim's boyfriend on charges of Assault Against a Family/Household Member with Previous Conviction, enhanced to a third degree felony, and with Terroristic Threat Against a Public Servant (the report described him as uncooperative and belligerent and making several threats towards the officer, stating that "this was why people kill cops"); and the boyfriend's mother and the victim's cousin were both arrested on charges of Assault Against a Family/Household Member.



Fatal Metalmark Butterfly (above) from North American Butterfly Association website

madde's butterfly ...
Local 9-year-old finds rare butterfly at Tahoka Lake

Madelynn DeLeon, a precocious 9-year-old who embraces life with a dimpled smile on her face, found a butterfly that had no business being here — and she did it while in the presence of a renowned lepidopterist who wrote about the find in the Washington Butterfly Association newsletter.



Madde DeLeon, with Dr. Bob Pyle, in a photo from page 5 of the May 2016 issue of "G'num," the Washington Butterfly Association newsletter. (reprinted with permission)

"Madde" captured the butterfly while at Tahoka Lake Pasture during the Texas Pollinator Powwow, a pollinator conservation conference that included a field day at Tahoka Lake Pasture on Sunday, April 24, which included five teams of botanists, entomologists, and biologists. She is the daughter of NRCS wildlife biologist Manuel DeLeon and his wife, Jennifer.

She will be a fourth grader at Tahoka Elementary School this year, but her youth does not keep her from assuming she cannot make a difference in this world, and she delights in accompanying her dad in his wildlife/naturalist pursuits.

Madde describes her find in her own words:

"The day I caught the rare butterfly was the day of the Tahoka Lake Pollinators Powwow. We were trying to find something so unbelievable so that Tahoka Lake would be left alone and not torn up or exploited for mineral rights.

"When I caught the rare butterfly we were hiking along the lake. My friend from Washington D.C., Dr. Tamberly Conway, who works for the US Forest Service, and Dr. Warren Conway, a professor at Texas Tech, were walking with me and we saw a very pretty butterfly named the *Fatal Metalmark* but we didn't know what it was at the time.

"When I caught the butterfly I immediately ran to Dr. Bob Pyle (butterfly expert). He could not believe what he was seeing. It was a butterfly that was supposed to be on the Texas and Mexico

border. Dr. Bob collected it. He said he was going to send it to The Butterfly Museum in Florida. I was super excited that my butterfly was going to be in a museum in Florida! (I am also glad that my dad, Manuel De Leon, a biologist with USDA, NRCS took me to Tahoka Lake that day.)

Robert Michael (Bob) Pyle is a lepidopterist (the study of moths/butterflies), writer, and teacher. He has a Ph.D. in ecology and environmental studies from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. He lives in Grays River, Washington. He wrote an article about Madde's find in "G'num," the Washington Butterfly Association newsletter, and there is a picture of him with Madde on page 5 of the May 2016 issue.

In his article, Dr. Pyle wrote, "Funnily enough, I had just been telling folks about how, on the butterfly Big Year, I had found a colony of *Fatal Metalmarks* lurking in the dappled shade beneath old-growth salt cedar along the Lower Colorado River in California; whereas it is often said that this introduced plant supports no life of interest in its dense stands. Just then, third-grader Madelynn emerged from the thicket of salt cedar before us with a *Fatal Metalmark* in her net! This proved to be a Lynn County record, and one of the two or three northernmost records ever for this species. It was also one of the few stay-at-home, resident species encountered all day"

Carric McLaughlin, who was the

[See MADDE'S BUTTERFLY, page 8]

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Significant achievement ... Tahoka Rotary Club honored Harold Green (left) for his 65 years of service and tenure with the club at their installation banquet on June 30, 2016. The presentation was made by former Tahoka Rotary Club member Haney Wells (third from left), who gave a short speech recognizing Harold, and his wife Bettye (pictured with Harold), for their involvement with the club. Also pictured is outgoing club president Melanie Richburg.



Rotary officers... New officer and director installations were done by Melanie Richburg. For the 2016-17 year they are: Club President-Brenda Whitten; President-Elect-Blake Moore; and new directors are Julia Allen and Lane Tekell.

Rotary Club honors Harold Green for 65 years of membership here

Tahoka Rotary Club honored Harold Green for his service and tenure with the club at their installation banquet on June 30, 2016. The presentation was made by former Tahoka Rotary Club member Haney Wells. Haney gave a short speech recognizing Harold, and his wife Bettye, for their involvement with the club. October will mark 65 years of membership in the Tahoka Rotary Club for Harold.

Harold was born in Camden, New Jersey and served in the U. S. Army as an aviation cadet. He received a law degree from Baylor University in 1951, and married his college sweetheart, Bettye. They moved to Tahoka in 1951, where Harold joined the late Calloway Huffaker in the practice of law, and became a Tahoka Rotarian.

Harold has served as Lynn

County Attorney, Chamber of Commerce President, Tahoka Pioneer Museum Board President, South Plains Bar Association President, a member of the Perkins Lay Advisory Council at SMU, a member of the Baylor University Development Council, a director and president of the Baylor University Leadership Committee of the South Plains, a member of the Baylor Bear Foundation, Counselor at Baylor University School of Law, a member of the State Bar Grievance Committee, and as president of the Tahoka Housing Authority.

In the Tahoka Rotary Club, Harold served as president in 1955-56, and was instrumental in having Tahoka Little League organized and having the first baseball field built for the community. He was chairman of the Rotary Club's Project in Experimental International Living for 15 years, during which the club sponsored 16 students from foreign countries. The Green family hosted all of the young students and still correspond with most of them.

Harold was presented a Paul Harris Fellowship award in 1997.

For many years, new members were inducted into the Tahoka Rotary Club by Harold. He also installed the club officers and made sure everyone understood what Rotary is and what it does.

This information was compiled by Haney Wells, who read it aloud and presented Harold with a gift from the Tahoka Rotary Club. Harold received a standing ovation from the club.

After Haney finished, Melanie Richburg who was the Tahoka Rotary Club President, recognized Haney for his service to the Tahoka Rotary Club, who also received a standing ovation. Haney was a member of the Tahoka Rotary Club

since 1987, and was brought to his first meeting by Harold. He and his wife Tanya moved to Lubbock this past year and he resigned from Tahoka Rotary Club, but the club wanted to be sure he knew that he was always welcome at their meetings.

New officer and director installations were done by Melanie Richburg. For the 2016-17 year they are: Club President-Brenda Whitten; President-Elect-Blake Moore; and new directors are Julia Allen and Lane Tekell. Brenda then recognized Melanie for her service as President for the past year.

The Tahoka Rotary Club meets every Thursday at 12:05 pm in the Tahoka Community Room (behind Tahoka City Hall).

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

July 18-22

Monday: Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges w/ whipped topping

Tuesday: Spaghetti w/ meatballs, spinach, honey dew melon

Wednesday: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, melon medley

Thursday: BBQ chicken filet, baked potato, mixed veg., mandarin oranges

Friday: BBQ Beef sandwich, tater tots, carrots & zucchini.

• 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. **LCHD EMS, Box 1310, Tahoka, TX**

Youth invited to cheer clinic

Area youth, ages 3 years through 6th grade, are invited to participate in the THS Varsity Cheer Clinic July 18-21. Cost is \$40, which includes a t-shirt.

The Cheer Clinic will be held in the Tahoka High School gym Monday through Thursday, from 10-11:30 a.m., and end with a pep rally on Thursday, July 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Registration will be held at 9:45 a.m. Monday, July 18. For more information, call cheerleader sponsor Rachel Lehman at 806-759-6148.

Blood Drive to be held July 19

A community blood drive will be held from 10:00 to 12:30, Tuesday, July 19, at the Lynn County Hospital District parking lot.

Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Additional height/weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and donors who are 16 must have signed permission from a parent or guardian. Please bring photo ID and donor card.

Contact Kathy Grant at 998-4533 ext 333, or log on to www.bloodhero.com, using sponsor code lynn to make an appointment.

Sutton J Stoerner
was born Saturday, Apr. 29, 2016 at 8:09 am to Justin & Stacie Stoerner of Plainview. She weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. and was 21" long.

GRANDPARENTS: Siskey & Jackie Green of Plainview, Martin & Robin Stoerner of Lockney
GREAT-GRANDPARENTS: Betty Searles of Matador, Nella Green of Plainview

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

Sweet Street Baptist Church
1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-5310
DAVID EARNEST, PASTOR • (806) 438-5105
Sunday School - 9:45 am
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)
Morning Worship - 10:30 am
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)
Wednesday Night - 7 pm
(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Wilson First Baptist Church
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333
PASTOR: BILLY FARMER
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

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, 443-6077
Sunday Mass - 11:00 am • Mondays 6:00 pm ACTS Coad Small Group • Rosary Tuesdays 6:00 pm
Communion Service Wednesdays 6:00 pm
CCF Wednesdays at 6:30 pm • RCIA Thursdays at 7:00 pm
Fridays 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

First Methodist of Tahoka
1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4903
email: franc.tahokapoka.com
SUNDAYS: Sunday School - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
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Let the Children Come 7 am-8 pm M-F
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Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm
Wed. Youth/Childrens Activities 7:00 pm

"Our fathers' God to Thee,
Author of Liberty, to
Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King."

Those words are from the last stanza of the song titled "America", and as we just celebrated our Independence Day this month, these words are important for us to remember. It reminds us that God is our Father, that God is the author of liberty, that God will protect us, and that God is our King. Those words were true when our nation, our country was founded and our independence declared in 1776, and when this song was written. Are those words true today? A nation, a country is defined by its people. Is God your Father? Is God your author? Is God your protector? Is God your King?

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

New Home United Methodist Church
CURTIS SCHRADER, Pastor
(575) 602-2947
CurtisSchrader@live.com
350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7549
Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

New Home Church of Christ
324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7379
MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON
Bible Class - 10:00 am
Sunday Worship Service - 10:45 am
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00 pm

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

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

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, PLA
Sunday School - 9:30 am • Sunday Worship - 10:45 am

Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church
16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com
PASTOR: DAVID W. RONDE
Sunday School 9:15 am • Service 10:15 am
"Where Christ Serves People"

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

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



Busy bees ... Johnna Lynne Photography submitted this photo to The News, showing an interesting closeup of some very busy bees.

3-D Band Enchilada Dinner!
Sunday, July 17 • 11:30-1:30
at the Tahoka Housing Authority
PURCHASE TICKETS FROM ANY MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL 3-D BAND STUDENT
Enchiladas, Beans & Rice \$7.00 plate DINE-IN OR CARRY OUT
CALL 241-2754 for additional information.
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT TAHOKA BAND KIDS AT CAMPS, TRIPS, ETC.

GO a.bunga
Growin' with Our Faithful God!
Vacation Bible School
July 25-29 • 6:00-8:30 p.m.
for all children ages 2 years-5th grade
at Getsemani Baptist Church
South 5th and Ave. H in Tahoka

Where in the world is
The Lynn County News?



Island fun ... Tami Bolyard, of Wilson, and her sister Tonya Doby took *The Lynn County News* with them to Chankanaab on the island of Cozumel, Mexico on their annual "sister trip" on June 29th of 2016. *The News* is 1,285 miles from home!

THS Class of 1956...

Members from the Tahoka Class of 1956 met for their 60th reunion, sharing memories of days gone by. Pictured are Tommy Parris, Glenn (Bonzo) Anderson, Leighton Knox, Walter Stice, Ken Durham, Milt Fitts, Jerry Slover, Sue Willhoit, Fran Stone, Marianne Long, Lena Williams, Carlton Bell, Jimmy Beggs, Jerry Cain, Gordon Smith and Stanley Stone. The class had a reading of their class history, beginning in the first grade, the class will, and class prophecy, and remembered deceased classmates.



Madde's butterfly...

(Continued from page 1)

coordinator for the Texas Pollinator Powwow, also said, "Madelynn is the daughter of our NRCS wildlife biologist from Lubbock, Manuel De Leon, and she's no lightweight, as Bob and the rest of us were delighted to find out! Madde is very serious about her naturalist pursuits with her dad."

All in all, it was a good day for the Tahoka 9-year-old, who is, apparently, already on her way to becoming a young naturalist in her own right.



Wind-balanced chairs ...

These polyresin Adirondack chairs at the home of Gary and Juanell Jones in Tahoka were rearranged by strong winds one night, discovered to be balancing together like this, with one leg holding the chairs together. Hmmm.

**Happy 81st
Birthday,
Dad!**

July 18th

from the boys!



'Did you know' trivia...

- Did you know hard boiled eggs spin (uncooked or soft boiled don't)
- Did you know giraffes and rats can last longer without water than camels
- Did you know the dot on top of the letter 'i' is called a tittle
- Did you know the electric chair was invented by a dentist
- Did you know Peru has more pyramids than Egypt
- Did you know Christmas trees originated from Germany
- Did you know the most fatal car accidents occur on Saturdays

**Happy 5th
Birthday
Braelyn**



Love-Mommy, Martin
Grandma & Grandpa



ROCK & ROLL

*MIKEY'S MEMORIAL
Splash & Dash*

What is it?

The event begins with a swim in the Tahoka City Pool and ends with a run around the ball park in Tahoka, TX. All money raised will be used for a scholarship in memory of Michael "Mikey" Lance Calvillo.

When is it?

Saturday, August 6, 2016 at 9 am

What does it cost? \$25

What is included?

T-shirt for all participants, medal for all finishers, post race snacks for participants, AND FREE POST RACE SWIMMING UNTIL 12:15!!

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS: July 23

Entry forms available at Dixie Dog or Tahoka City Pool
For more information: 806.441.8753

Prices Good Thru 08/06/16

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Where in the world is
The Lynn County News? Washington DC



In our Nation's Capital... This group of Tahoka 7th and 8th graders went to Washington, D.C. June 19-22, and took their Lynn County News with them, posing here with the Washington Monument in the background. They are, from left, Aaron Olivan, Warren Taylor, Alex Tew, Eula Tomamao, Tristen Stice, Kade Hurt, Maribel Garcia, and Cameron Tekell. Trip sponsors were Ben Freitag, Scottie Olivan, and Celeste Taylor.

Commissioners have routine meeting

Lynn County Commissioners met in a short routine meeting at 9 a.m. Monday, approving several budget amendments and payment of monthly bills. County Judge Mike Braddock informed county officials that the State Historical Society will meet on July 21 to consider funding for historical projects, and that Lynn County is still

waiting on funding to become available for the courthouse restoration project.

Judge Braddock led the session with all four commissioners present, including Keith Wied, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham, and other county officials. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

'Did you know' facts...

Did you know Brazil borders every country in South America except Chile and Ecuador? Did you know Hilton was the first international hotel chain? Did you know the brand Nokia is named after a place in Southern Finland?

Masons install new officers

On July 5, 2016 new officers were installed at the Masonic Lodge #1041 in Tahoka. They include: Pete Piatak, Worshipful Master; Marc Maule, Senior Warden; Robert Woodfin, Jr. Warden; Tom Lusk, Senior Deacon; Ed Follis, Jr. Deacon; Leighton Knox, Secretary; Gene Ingle, Chaplain; and Milk Draper, Titler.

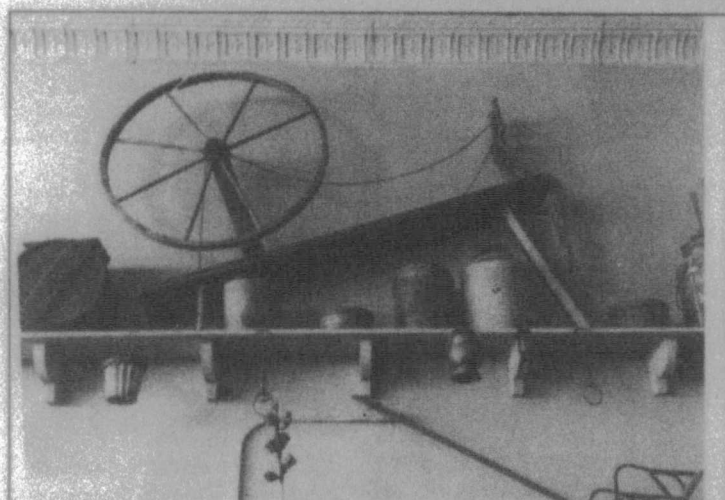
Bob Climmens of Lubbock and Bob Lindley of Wolforth were visiting guests.



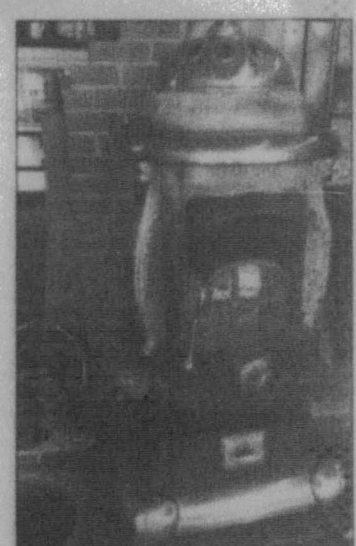
Green Building... Green's original frame mercantile store in Wilson, was the nucleus for the town. The Green Building was erected in 1917 to house the Wilson Mercantile Company, a general merchandise store. The building was restored in 1963.



Celebration... Many gathered to celebrate the restoration of the Green Building in Wilson after it was restored in 1963.



Wooden yarn winder... This wooden yarn winder, circa 1848, and lots of antique memorabilia are located at the Mercantile. Today, the Mercantile serves as City Hall, a museum, and community gathering spot.



Remember when... This cast iron stove, with chrome plated trimmings, circa 1846, is located at the Green Building in Wilson.

WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS

by Bonnie S. Schwertner

Send news to: bonnie_schwertner_wilson@yahoo.com



Our next Operation: Revive Wilson project, June 23, will be to dust museum items in the Mercantile. I thought I'd reach back in history to say a few words about its history.

Wilson was founded in 1911 by William Dickson Green and family, after Green influenced the Panhandle and Santa Fe Railway to put a line here.

Green's original frame mercantile store was the nucleus for the town. The Green Building was erected in 1917 to house the Wilson Mercantile Company, a general merchandise store. Two individuals most involved in operating the company were Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Williams, Sr. Their ownership began in 1916 and was continuous until 1936, when Mr. Williams died. Mrs. Williams carried on until the early 1940's, when she moved to be with her sons.

The Wilson State Bank was first located in a small area in

the northwest corner of the Green Building from 1918 until the early 1920's, when it moved to its own location down the block.

In 1963, the building was restored to its original splendor by Mrs. William Dickson

Green, daughter-in-law of the founder.

Today the Mercantile serves as City Hall, a museum, and community gathering spot.

Save the Date!
Lynn County Courthouse
Centennial Celebration
August 27, 2016
A celebration recognizing the 100th anniversary of the building of the courthouse!

God's Clothes Closet
OPEN at 9:00 am every 1st & 3rd SATURDAY of the month for those needing clothing. (Please use West entrance.)
TAHOKA CHURCH OF CHRIST
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(Donations accepted any time in the outside bins.)

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Some risk factors:
• Menopause before age 48
• Not getting enough calcium
• Not getting enough exercise
• Osteoporosis in your family
• Alcohol abuse
• Hyperthyroidism
• Smoking
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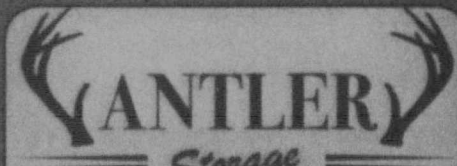
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Get gun raffle tickets now in Tahoka, Wilson

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.

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 Shack at 5401 CR 7500 (South Slide).

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Check with the ...
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A gift from Rotary ... Through the use of District Grant Funds, Tahoka Rotary Club was able to purchase a new steam table for the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center. Pictured with the steam table are, from left: Blake Moore—President-Elect of Tahoka Rotary Club, Rosa Longoria—head cook, Brenda Tillman, Ruth Silvas, and Brenda Whitten—President of Tahoka Rotary Club.

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Fun in the sun luau

Don't miss the Fun in the Sun Luau party this Thursday, July 14th from 2:00 - 3:30. All Lynn County children ages 7-11 are welcome. We will design Frisbees, have a Luau Sack Race, play Crab Soccer and other activities. Also, be ready to build your own ice cream sundae to top off our fun.

Summer Wednesday Fun

Children traveled to the Grand Cayman Islands for Turtle Watching last week.

Don't miss the next destination, Australia July 20. We will be exploring the Great Barrier Reef and making a Didgeridoo. Story time for children up to 6 years and Computer Publisher Skills are also going on every Wednesday from 10:30 - 11:30. Reading logs and award ceremony

Reading logs are due Friday, July 22 by 5:00 pm. You can still play our prize drop game for prizes until logs are due. The Awards Ceremony is set for Thursday, July 28th from 5:30 - 6:15. The Library greatly appreciates the donations of prizes from Tahoka, Donuts, First-Bank & Trust, City of Tahoka and George's Restaurant.



Summer Wednesday Fun... Last week at the City-County Library, children traveled (through Story Time) to the Grand Cayman Islands for Turtle Watching, and the children pictured here (ages 7-11) made turtle pictures. Children are invited to the library every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 for a new adventure.

Seminole man arrested for killing Yoakum County pronghorn

by J. Aaron Sims, Game Warden, Public Information Officer Terry/Yoakum

Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens arrested a man from Seminole, Texas Friday July 8th, after he turned himself in for multiple violations including shooting and killing a pronghorn at night, and waste of a game animal. The arrest followed several weeks of investigating conducted by Lubbock district game wardens.

The incident occurred on or about the night of May 27th, Memorial Day weekend, approximately 4 miles West of Highway 214, on county road 120 in Yoakum County Texas. Sometime during the night, a 30-year old male was riding in a vehicle with several occupants hunting and shooting hogs. The arrest suspect was allegedly hunting with an AR-15 style rifle which included a thermal imaging weapons sight. The alleged gunman reported seeing group of

hogs and began shooting at, and around the animals, when they came across the pronghorn. The suspect then shot the pronghorn striking the animal in the front right shoulder.

Three days later, on May 30th, the landowner found the dead pronghorn on his property and reported it to the Operation Game Thief hotline. Operation Game Thief is an anonymous crime-reporting service used for reporting any game, fish, or water safety crime. Local wardens were dispatched and arrived on the scene shortly after. The wardens were able to collect evidence on the scene and obtained additional evidence through witness statements.

Lubbock district public information officer Aaron Sims explained that this is a great example of cooperation between the public and quality investigative work. "In our area, Game Wardens have a tremendous amount of territory to cover. So, we cannot be everywhere all at once. This is why it is extremely important for the public, including farmers, ranchers, landowners, and hunters to be vigilant and report wildlife crimes. Once this violation was reported, the Game Wardens assigned to the case demonstrated how we are some of the best trained investigators in the State of Texas."

Sims says that often times there is little evidence to go on in these types of cases and obtaining one single shell casing could make a difference in solving the case. "We have to turn over every rock to put the puzzle pieces together. Whether it's combing a field for one single spent casing, comparing tire treads on tracks found at the scene, or interviewing witnesses Game Wardens spend a tremendous amount of time and effort to protect the resources of the State of Texas."

The suspect is facing four separate charges including: two Class A misdemeanors (Killing game animal at night, Fail to retrieve game animal-pronghorn) and two class C misdemeanors (Killing pronghorn out of season, Killing pronghorn without a permit); also being charged civil restitution for the animal. Property used in the commission of these offenses are also subject to forfeiture by a court of law.

The public is encouraged to anonymously report any wildlife related crimes via the Operation Game Thief hotline by calling 1-800-792-4263 (GAME). OGT offers rewards of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction for a wildlife crime.

Goat Head Weevils available at SWCD

Goat Head Weevils are a natural predator to goat heads also known as puncture vines. They are host specific, which means they eat puncture vines and only puncture vines. These weevils may be ordered at the Soil & Water Conservation District office in Tahoka.

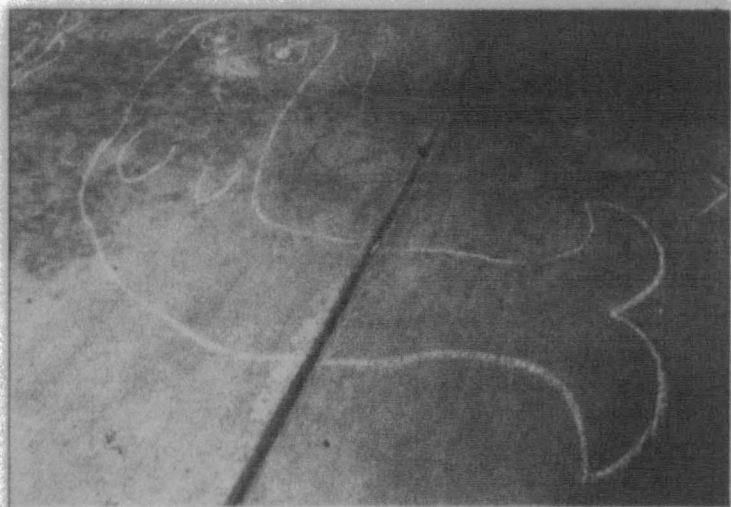
According to information from the SWCD, the adult female seed weevil deposits an egg in a small hole she chews in the green seed. Then she seals it with fecal material. The egg hatches and burrows its way inside the green seed, in the process eating the viable portion of the seed, so it cannot sprout a new plant. The weevil larvae will spend its entire larval stage inside the seed. It actually pupates within the seed and emerges from the seed as an adult.

The stem weevil works in the same manner only attacking the stem of the plant. Stem weevils

will inhibit the plant's ability to grow and spread.

"Unfortunately, puncture vine weevils aren't perfect. They won't find every single seed," said an SWCD representative. "The thing to keep in mind is every seed a weevil eats is a seed that can't sprout. Each adult female weevil will lay 250 - 450 eggs. Eggs will reach reproductive adult age in about 25 days. This is dependent upon accumulated heat units. As weevil numbers continue to build, they will become more and more effective. Cold winters will inhibit survivability, and regions with moderate winters are most conducive to over wintering."

For more information on puncture vine weevils or to order the weevils, call the local Soil & Water Conservation District at 998-4507 Ext. 3, or come by the local office at 1602 South 2nd St. Tahoka.



It's a seal? a fish wearing a hat? ... Some cute sidewalk chalk art greets visitors to the City-County Library, after children had fun at last Wednesday's Story Time, learning about the Cayman Islands, sea turtles and other sea life. Not sure what these drawings are, but they are pretty cute! (LCN PHOTOS by Juanel Jones)



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