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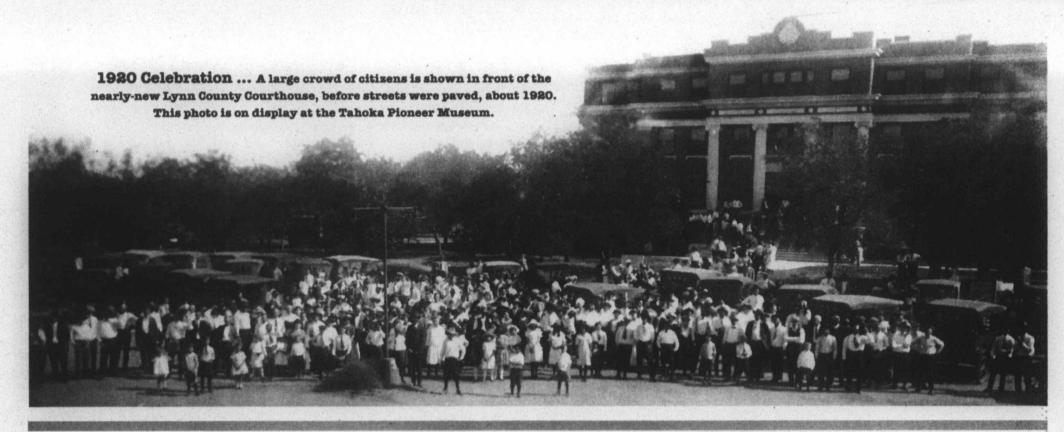
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# Did you know?

- DVDs are physically the same size as a CDs but can store 13 times more
- . The term 'disc jockey' was first used in 1937



# Hot? Cool off in the Tahoka City Pool

Hours: 12:30-5:30 pm Wednesday-Saturday

**Night Swims:** 6:30-9:30 pm Wednesdays

Admission:\$2 per person Children age 2 & under: free

Call 806-561-5012 for Pool Parties Michelle Rodriguez - Pool Mgr.



#### **Burn Ban lifted** for Lynn County

Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock announced that the Burn Ban for Lynn County has been lifted.

"Before anyone in the county begins to burn any areas on their property, they need to notify the Lynn County Sheriff's office at 561-4505, of the location and type of the control burn," said Braddock.



**2017 O'DONNELL RODEO QUEEN** 



**2018 RODEO QUEEN CANDIDATE** 



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# "Biggest Little Rodeo in Texas"

O'Donnell Rodeo starts tonight, thru Saturday

will be held July 12-14, with performances slated at 8 p.m. nightly and a rodeo parade on Saturday, July 14. The parade starts at 6 p.m.

The 2018 Rodeo Queen candidates include Kerri Ortiz, daughter of Monica and Kerry

The annual O'Donnell Rodeo Don Ortiz, sponsored by the City of O'Donnell; JacLynn Moore, daughter of Stephanie Blackwell Moore and the late Chad Moore, sponsored by Valley Irrigation; and Zoey Vargas, daughter of Jessie and Linda Perez, sponsored by the

> O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. Rodeo admission tickets may

be purchased in advance from any of the queen candidates. General admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under age 12 if paid in advance; or if purchased at the gate, \$8 for adults and \$6 for

children under age 12. The O'Donnell rodeo grounds are on Hwy 87 in O'Donnell.



# FROM TAHOKA PIONEER MUSEUM: Tahoka man helped build Hoover Dam

Editor's Note: The following article was found at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum, submitted by Watson Spears, of Tahoka, in 1987. Spears helped build the dam and relates some interesting information about the project.

# **Hoover Dam: 6,600,000 Cubic Yards Concrete**

The Dam was completed in four years and 354 days, a year ahead of schedule and at a cost of \$175,000,000.

It is 726.4 feet high and 669 feet thick at the base. Hoover Dam was and still is an engineering triumph, that has attracted over 22 million visitors since its completion 50 years ago.

This was the only construction company in the Western States that operated its own hospital. Our rooms were in army barracks. I failed to count the buildings but there were enough rooms to care for 5200 men.

Anderson Brothers had the contract for the kitchen. They served 1,000 men at one time.

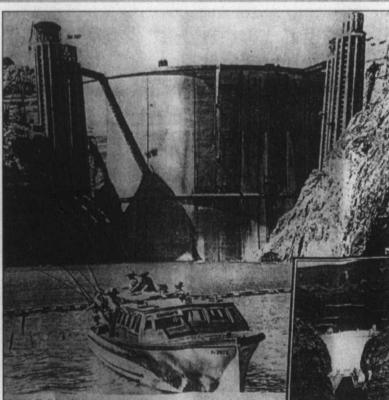
To transport the men who worked upon the opposite side of the Canyon Rim to the base of the Dam, they used a cable car.

This car was attached to rollers that fitted over a giant cable. This car would swing under the cable that was powered by a winch line. The winch was placed on the bank of the Canyon. This car also served 50 men.

I only left camp one time for the entire year that I was there. This was a Labor Day Celebration. The Dam was without any operation those two days.

The flume pipe for the inside of the intake towers were to be 30 feet in diameter. This proved too large to be transported by rail. A plant had to be built near the Dam to produce the pipe. Badcock and Wilcox produced the pipe. The joints were 14 feet long and 30 feet in diameter.

A pit of sand and gravel was found 10 miles upstream from the Dam. Ten miles of track



Hoover Dam ... This photo of the Hoover Dam is on display at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum, along with an article written by Watson Spears of Tahoka, who helped build the dam. The museum is located at 1600 Lockwood, open 10:00 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Admission is free.

was built and a regular train crew was employed to move the gravel to the mixer. This was the world's largest mixer.

Bouldor City had only one Drug Store at the time.

"I worked on the Hoover Dam until it reached the 550 foot level, then transferred to the Nevada Spillway and helped finish it." -- Watson Spears submitted November 1987



Did know?

Domestic horses have a lifespan of around 25 years. However, a 19th century horse named 'Old Billy' is said to have lived 62 years.

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# BEFORE THEY WERE FAMOUS: :Celebrity First Jobs

Danny DeVito - Hairstylist... to the dead

Diminutive star DeVito worked as a hairdresser in a salon for a summer, and he also took on jobs at a local mortuary styling dead peoples locks! Danny told US chat show host George Lopez, "I used to go to the mortuary. There she would be - it was only women's hair I did - and she didn't talk back." Slightly creepy stuff.

#### FirstBank & Trust to host washer tournament to raise funds for the ADA

FirstBank and Trust is sponsoring a Washer Tournament to raise funds for the Lubbock chapter of the American Diabetes Association (ADA) on Friday, July 13, from 5-9 p.m.. This is the 4th year for the tournament, which will be held at The Range located at 3201-116th St., just east of Indiana. A total of 36 teams will be allowed with the top three winners receiving a cash prize.

Teams may register at fbtpwcommunity.org or may register the night of the event if there are any remaining spots open. Cost is \$60 per team

of two or \$30 per individual. Registration opens at 5 p.m. with the games starting at 6

FirstBank & Trust has adopted the American Diabetes Association as their corporate charity and has been raising funds for the organization for many years. In addition to the Washer Tournament, First-Bank & Trust and Abuelos will host an all you can eat Fajita Fest on Tuesday, August 7, on the patio of Abuelos at 82nd McBeath at 806-776-6811.



Washer Tourney... FirstBank & Trust will host a washer tournament this Friday, July 13, at The Range, located at 116th St. and Indiana in Lubbock. See article for more information.

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Bueermann of League City,

announce the birth of their

son, Ty Dillon, born on July 9,

2018 at 1:32 p.m. He weighed

7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 -

Dillon. Great-Grandmothers

are Trudy Dillon and Jean

Grandmothers are Wayla

and Nancy

# Texans reminded of statewide law, of distracted driving

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Transportation reminds drivers that their undivided attention to the road could save a life.

"It's extremely concerning that drivers still choose to give their attention to things other than the road when they're behind the wheel," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "As a society, we're more Street and Quaker. For more connected than ever to our information contact Beverly devices and easily tempted to multitask, but drivers need to understand all of these various distractions can lead to a tragic outcome."

In 2017, 19 percent of vehicle crashes on Texas roads involved distracted driving. Those 100,687 crashes resulted in 444 deaths and 2,889 serious injuries. In an effort to curb distracteddriving crashes, TxDOT is launching its new "Heads up, Texas" campaign in partnership with AT&T It Can Wait. The centerpiece of the campaign is a 19-city, distracted-driving virtual reality experience launching in Waco on April 4.

According to AT&T It Can Wait, the majority of Texans ages 15-54 admit to driving distracted because of their smartphone. Additionally, nearly all Texans surveyed consider smartphone distractions to be dangerous while driving, but nearly 9 out of 10, or 89 percent, admit they do it.

"The It Can Wait campaign shares a simple message: Distracted driving is never OK," said Ryan Luckey, assistant vice president of Corporate Brand Marketing for AT&T. "We're proud to join TxDOT in sharing that message with lexans through revealing survey data and events that highlight the dangers and the new law."

½ inches long. He has one a texting-while-driving ban was written into law making it illegal to read, write or send a text while driving in Texas. Violators can face a fine up to \$200. Though texting while driving is now punishable by law, it's not the only smartphone activity putting Texas drivers and passengers at risk. Among those Texans surveyed by AT&T It Can Wait, the top 5 smartphone distractions

while driving are: · Texting, Snapping/

viewing photos Playing music

Emailing

Accessing social media.

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IT IS ILLEGAL IN TEXAS.

Is sending an LOL text message really worth an accident?

Park the phone when you drive.



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL ELROD (NEE: SHANTEL SEAMANS)

# Couple exchange wedding vows

Shantel Seamans and Michael Elrod were united in marriage on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 5 p.m., at Oak Lodge in Brownwood State Park. Derryl Hardy of Brookesmith, officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Donald and Rebecca Seamans of Brooksmith. The groom is the son of Allen and Pam Elrod of Tahoka.

Serving as Maid of Honor was sister of the bride, Shyan Seamans of Lubbock.

Friend of the groom, Jerrod Childress, of Levelland served as best man.

Flower girls were Kynzlee Elrod, daughter of the groom, and Summer Seamans, niece of the bride. Ring bearer was Clay Seamans, nephew of the bride.

The reception followed at Oak Lodge with dinner and

The couple will reside in Early following a honeymoon cruise. The groom is employed by Texas Department of Transportation in Commercial Advertising. The bride is employed Brownwood ISD.



**Food Savings Tips** 

· Brown bag your lunch. The reason you hear this tip so much is that it works! If buying lunch at work costs \$5, but making lunch at home costs only \$2.50, then in a year, you could afford to create a \$500 money left over.

Commit to eating out one fewer time each month. Save money without sacrificing your lifestyle by taking small steps to reduce your dining Effective Sept. 1, 2017, budget. Start off with reducing the amount you eat out by just once per month.

· Plan your meals in advance and stick to a list while grocery shopping. People who do food shopping with a list, and buy little else, spend much less money than those who decide what to buy when they get to the food market. The annual savings could easily be hundreds of dollars.

· Shop by unit price. Many grocery stores list a cost per unit of each item, such as the price per ounce or pound. Use these stickers when comparison shopping for the same product, just in a different size.

· Stick to water. It's standard in the restaurant industry to mark up the cost of alcohol by three to five times. So an

easy way to cut down on your restaurant spending without changing your habits too drastically is to skip the beverages, alcoholic and non-alcoholic.

· Save time and money by doubling the recipe. Next time you make a family favorite, double the recipe and freeze the leftovers for another day. That way you can get two meals out of one and use the ingredients more efficiently with less waste. Aluminum emergency fund and still have pans of various sizes can be purchased on the cheap, especially when buying bulk, and make freezing and reheating a





Friends & Family





50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for Wayne & Freda Jeffcoat Hosted by their Children & Grandchildren

> First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 1701 Avenue K Tahoka, Texas 79373

Saturday, July 14, 2018 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

July 16-20 Monday: Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, pears Tuesday: Chicken

spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, bananas w/ van pudding Wednesday: Chicken fajitas, corn, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail Thursday: Pork chop, black eye peas, spinach, baked apple slices Friday: BBQ Beef sandwich, tater tots, carrots & zucchini, ambrosia Mark your calendars...

· Game Day Tuesdays... On Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. we will have game days. Dominoes, cards and you can also bring your favorite game! Donations to benefit the Center for the building fund

are greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible; we are a 501(c)3 organization. An account has been set up at the First National Bank of Tahoka.

God's Clothes Closet OPEN 1st & 3rd SATURDAY month for those needing clothing TAHOKA CHURCH OF CHRIST 2320 Lockwood

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# Hundreds of cyclists will ride through county July 21-22 in "Bike MS: Cactus & Crude" ride

includes an overnight stop in and a rest stop in Wilson. Lamesa, and a festive finish

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More than 250 cyclists on Day 2 (Sunday, July 22) grounded in camaraderie that

"Bike MS is an experience

are expected to raise over in Lubbock at Caprock Win- brings together cyclists of \$400,000 to help people af- ery. Sunday's route will go all levels for one reason - to fected by Multiple Sclerosis through Lynn County and in- create a world free of MS," (MS) at the 29th Annual Bike clude rest stops in O'Donnell said Linda Bates, President, MS: Cactus and Crude, a 2 before heading to FM 1054, National MS Society, South day, 150-mile journey. The with another rest stop at a Central Region. "Funds raised ride takes place on July 21- wind farm, another rest stop from this event support cut-22 beginning in Midland, and as FM 1054 crosses US 380, ting-edge MS research as well as programs and services for people living with Multiple Sclerosis in this community."

Bike MS: Cactus & Crude is one of nearly 80 rides across the country hosted by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. This year, more than 80,000 people are expected to participate in Bike MS nationwide, and raise \$69.1 million.

For cyclists and all those seeking a personal challenge and a world free of Multiple Sclerosis, Bike MS is the premier fundraising cycling series in the nation. A fundraising minimum of \$250 is required for participants, and minimum age level is 12.

Who can volunteer? Families, corporate groups, and individuals of all ages and abilities are encouraged and welcome to volunteer. Bike MS is always looking for youth clubs, corporate, and service-oriented community groups to lend a hand before, during, and after our events, according to their website.

To participate, support or volunteer in the Cactus and Crude event, call 855-372-1331 or visit their website at also be given to readers who bikeMS.org, or fundraising-



out an object from a website provided by the library. The object will then be printed in the color selected and voted Due to limited space, only 1 on at this year's Harvest Fes-

**Reading Logs** 

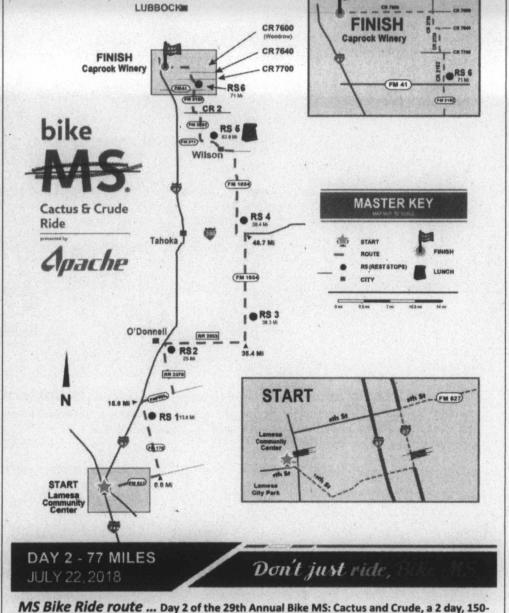
gift card.

Deadline for turning in Summer Reading logs is 5:00 pm on Friday, July 27th. The library welcomes the Science Spectrum on the 27th at 3:00 pm for kids only turning in reading logs. The Science Spectrum will be giving s program on the Restless Natives that live in the region.



Summer reader families: adult per family and absolutely no drop offs.

The awards ceremony to honor all summer readers is to take place on Thursday August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies will be awarded along with gift cards to Cinemark Theaters and Altitude Trampoline Park. Awards will turned in logs for Barnes & support@nmss.org. Noble and Bluebonnet.



mile journey July 21-22, will go through Lynn County and include rest stops in O'Donnell before heading to FM 1054, with another rest stop at a wind farm, another rest stop as FM 1054 crosses US 380, and a rest stop in Wilson. The ride will finish in Lubbock at Caprock Winery.

#### Pages of the Past The following excerpts were taken from past issues of THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS.

#### Redwine named **Chief of Police**

Norvell "Booger" Redwine was named by the City Council in a meeting last Saturday as the new Tahoka Chief of Police.

Redwine, who was reared here, is a former Texas Ranger, Border Patrolman, and Deputy Sheriff. He went on duty immediately. ~August 4, 1950

#### **Bowling Alleys** opened here

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Norman opened up a bowling alley in the Cade building on the south side of the square Wednesday night of this week. The building has been reconditioned inside and out and full size alleys installed.

~August 15, 1941

#### **Beauties Go To Levelland For Finals**

These two girls [Nancy Wyatt "Miss Tahoka" and Dorothy Lee Carmack "Miss Lynn County"] will represent Tahoka at the Annual South Plains Beauty Pageant to be held at the Rodeo Arena in Levelland next Tuesday night at 8:30 p.m. - Aug. 14, 1946



July 4th Fire... Approximately 300 acres was burned in a grass fire that occured on July 4th at FM 1054 and County Road 18, near Tahoka Lake Pasture in Lynn County. Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department responded to the blaze and had it contained in approximately three hours. It was reported that Fireworks were probable cause of the fire. (LCN photo by Pam Elrod)

# Did you know?

- A sneeze travels out your mouth at over 100 m.p.h.
- · Your ribs move about 5 million times a year, every time you
- In the White House, there are 13,092 knives, forks and spoons.
- . In England, in the 1880's, "Pants" was considered a dirty word. Women have more bacteria on their hands than men do.
- •33 million Hershey Kisses are made each day.
- The State of Florida is bigger than England.
- The average person has over 1,460 dreams a year.



# Pages of the Past...

**Newspaper Junk** 

Every country newspaper office is flooded each week with streams of free publicity junk that never stops until it lands in the wastebasket.

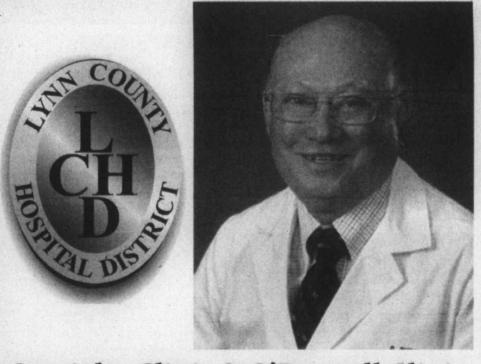
This mail comes from politicians, colleges, big corporations, chambers of commerce, publicity seekers of a thousand kinds -- men who are tops as business men in their respective line but who use no sense at all in preparing their publicity matter.

Most of this matter goes directly into the wastebasket for one of two reasons: first, its length; second, its lack of reader interest.

To gain the attention of the editor and to enlist the interest of the reader, all such propaganda must be brief and it must be pithily written. It must have a kick.

If your propaganda does not contain these qualities, just throw it into the wastebasket yourself, brother, and save the editor the trouble.

- August 9, 1946



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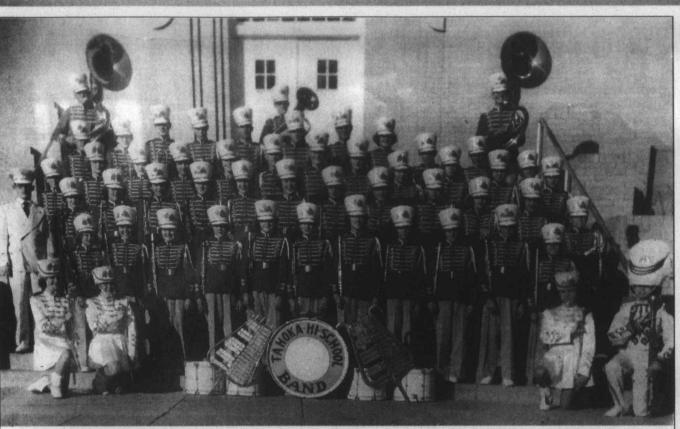
O'Donnell Clinic

506 5th St. • O'Donnell

Thursday - Friday Hours: 8:00-5:00

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LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT • Tahoka, Tx



A fine marching band ... Tahoka High School has had a fine marching band since the late 1930's (pictured here). This photo, and other historical pictures and items, are on display at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum, located at 1600 Lockwood, open 10:00 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Admission is free.



VBS Fun... Children and leaders at Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church, Tahoka, are pictured here doing a hands on craft activity (top) and singing songs (bottom).



### Pages from the Past By Pam Elrod

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

#### Stage Driver gets pinched for speeding

City Marshal M. C. Finch is determined to enforce the traffic regulations in Tahoka. Wednesday afternoon he noted a stage driver from Lubbock coming down one of the main streets of Tahoka at a 40-mile speed. The driver had hardly stopped when he was invited by the said City

Marshal to appear before his Honor, the Mayor, and explain his haste. The accused man preferred to plead guilty. "Twelve Dollars" said the Court, and the speed fiend

Warning: The speed cop'll get ye if you don't watch out. ~September 9, 1926

# Did you know!

- Bananas are curved because they grow towards the sun.
- · Walter Frederick Morrison, the person who invented the Frisbee, was cremated and made into a Ffrisbee after he died.
- . Billy goats urinate on their own heads to smell more attractive to

# Please visit one of these Lynn County Churches

# **New Home** Church of Christ

Phone: (806) 924-7579

MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON Bible Class - 10:00 am

Sunday Worship Service - 10:45 am

Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00 pm

#### 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 Wilson

# St. Paul **Lutheran Church**

16th & Houston St. - Box 136 - Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com

**PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE** 

Sunday School 9:15 am # Divine Service 10:15 am "Where Christ Serves People"



Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond. TONDA FREITAG, PLM

nday School - 9:30 am - Sunday Worship - 10:45 am



350 N. Main - New Home, Tx 79383 (806) 924-7549 nday School 9:45 am · Worship 10:45 am

#### **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 - 10:50 am lifting Music - Message from God's Word) Wednesday Night - 6 pm (Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Min

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

## Look for the good way Read Jeremiah 6:16-17

Tf you're a hiker, you know how Limportant it is to stick to the marked trails in unfamiliar territory. To venture off on your own could lead to disaster if you get lost and can't find your way back to safety.

This is similar to what happened to the nation of Judah. They veered from the Lord to make their own way by adopting foreign gods. As a result, God told the prophet Jeremiah to point them back to Him. Sadly, they refused to listen and continued in the wrong direction.

But we don't have to follow in their footsteps. The Lord will lead us onto His path if we'll heed these commands from Jeremiah 6:16 (NIV):

"Stand at the crossroads and look." God sometimes uses trouble to open our eyes and let us see we're at an intersection. This is the time to stop and immerse ourselves in God's Word so we can discern His way.

"Ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is." Saints from the past have left footprints for us to follow. After meditating on psalms or prayers offered by people in the Bible, we should ponder how their petitions reveal trust in God. It's also helpful to notice what happened next in the scriptural accounts.

"Walk in it, and ... find rest for your souls." With eyes firmly fixed on Jesus and with full reliance on the Holy Spirit's strength, we can walk the road of obedience and follow

Christ to sweet, soul-satisfying rest. If you're uncertain regarding God's will, avoid the tendency to run faster. Pause, follow Jeremiah's instructions, and trust the Lord to show you the good way. Then start walking.

**First Baptist Church** 

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SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday

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PASTOR: BILLY PARMER

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

## Grassland Nazarene Church

2885 CR 25 - Tahoka, TX 79373 - (806) 327-5656

**Pastor Genell Knisley** (806) 201-0792

Sunday School - 10:00 am Wednesday Prayer Service - 7:00 pm

# Draw First United **Methodist Church**

P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351 Phone (806) 428-3357

Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

### **New Home Baptist Church**

Corner of 4th & Smith . Pastor: Larry Maddox

"Serving the Lord for 100 Years" SERVICES: Sunday School. 10:00 am unday Worship .11:00 am sday Bible Study. Wed. Youth/Children's Activities...

#### TAHOKA Church of Christ

...7:00 pm

2320 Lockwood - Box 1177 - Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4060 · email: tcoc@poka.com Sunday School - 10:00 am

Sunday Worship - 11 am Fellowship & Devotion Wednesday 6:30 pm

## First Methodist of Tahoka

1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503 email: fumctahoka@poka.com

SUNDAYS: Sunday School - 9:30 am Sunday Worship — 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
"Like" our Facebook page ... facebook/FMoTTahoka et the Children Come 7 am-6 pm M-F

A look back at ...

F YOU WANT to get a look that says you must be a moron, ask somebody who has been around this area for many years "What is a bar ditch?"

I know, because during the last couple of weeks, I asked that question of several farmers, a couple of county agents, and men and women who have lived here for years. Most of those I asked were too polite to give voice to their immediate reaction, but the looks told me they were thinking, "What kind of idiotic question is that? Everybody knows what a bar ditch is."

But when I followed up by asking "Why is it called a bar ditch, and how do you spell it?", the answers were mostly "I don't know," or "I guess it's spelled B-A-R, but I have no idea where the term originated."

Many of the answers were different, though, and there were several theories and guesses, some of which were plausible, but none which I could document. Here are just a few of the answers I got:

"It's called a bar ditch because if you don't hold onto a bar, you may fall into it."

"Because if you just came from a bar, you're liable to fall into it."

"Why is it spelled B-A-R? Because I said so!" "Maybe it was intended to bar access to one's property by unauthorized persons. . . or perhaps to

keep wild animals out, or farm animals in." "The origin of the term 'bar ditch' has never been really high on my list of things I need to know."

"Is this a trick question?"

"It's a ditch on an unpaved road which protects the road from water damage by carrying the water alongside it. The soil dug out to make the ditch may be used to build up the road to a higher level."

That last answer was the most common one, but didn't address the origin of the term "bar." It did open up the way for further discussion of possible meanings, such as one of my own favorites, that it originally may have been called a "borrow ditch," where the soil was borrowed from the ditch to be used for building up the

Several persons agreed that this is a possibility, and that what once was "borrow" could easily have become "bar" in Texas terminology. (As in, "Can I bar your pickup? I'm gonna haul all my husband's golf and fishing junk out to the dumpground.")

Or maybe it originally was a "barrier" ditch. My dictionary does not list "bar ditch," but says the word "barrier" can mean "boundary" or "limit," and that a synonym is "obstacle."

Perhaps it was "barrow" ditch, designed to keep pigs from straying, or maybe to keep pigs out. After all, we say "Bring me that wheel-bar," instead of wheelbarrow.

I noticed a couple of words down from barrier in the dictionary was the word barrister. Maybe the bar ditches were designed to keep the lawyers out. (It's not working).

When I wrote a column about the meaning of bar ditches about 15 years ago, one guy suggested it was "to keep the bars out." (As in, "Me and Daddy kilt a bar, but Daddy pult the trigger." If those ditches are supposed to keep bears away, it is really working well in Lynn County.)

One woman agreed with others who indicated the ditches always carry water. "When it is full of water, that bars farmers from getting In and out. "So, is it still a bar ditch during those dry months when we don't get

I went on the internet with the search words "bar ditch" and came up with 78,431 references which contained both words. I looked at about 10 of them and gave up. However, the sister of the woman mentioned above sent me a brief definition she got off the internet: "Bar ditch-Texas slang for a roadside ditch less than 6 feet in depth to collect excessive rain usually found on a dirt road." It still gave no clue as to the origin

Recalling some reading I did years ago, I wondered if the term could have come from Shakespeare. One day while visiting with Anne Hathaway at her cottage, he noticed that rains had brought water right up to her doorway. So he got busy and dug a ditch all around the cottage, and wrote:

"Yon creavice have I fashioned with mine owne hand "To protect the abode of mye beauteous Anne." From that day forward it was known as "the bard's

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- If you lift a kangaroo's tail off the ground it cannot hop.

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Also, the people in Tahoka are awesome! Thank you for the food, flowers, and for your prayers. Father John and Father Teo. Deacon Pete, thank you for a beautiful service for our beloved father, husband, and grandpa.

God Bless You all, Frances C. Saldana & fmaily Chris C. Rangel & family Andrew Chapa & family Adolph Chapa & family Manuela C. Torres & family

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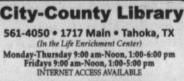
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Fashion show winner... Lynn County 4-H member, Brook Tyson won 1st place in the Fashion Show category **Buying- Fashion Finds Under** \$25 at the Texas 4-H Round-Up. She will compete at the Western National 4-H Roundup in Denver in January.

# Did you know!

The longest stone arch bridge in the world is the Rockville Bridge in Marysville, Pennsylvania, which was completed in 1902 and spans a total length of 3,820 feet. The bridge is currently used by the Norfolk Southern Railway and Amtrak. The world's longest nedestrian bridge is 120 years old and located in Poughkeepsie, NY; it's 1.25 miles long. The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco is considered to be the most famous bridge in America, as it was completed in 1937 as the longest suspension bridge in the world (it held that title for nearly 30 years; the span length has since been surpassed by 8

There are 182 places in the U.S. that have the word "Christmas" in their names. They range from towns such as Christmas, Ariz., and Christmas Valley, Ore., to islands like Christmas Island in Florida and even some lakes (such as Christmas Lake in Washington).

other bridges).

# 4-H Members place well at Texas 4-H Roundup

Brook Tyson competed in the Fashion Show category Buying- Fashion Finds Under \$25. She placed 1st, which has now earned her the opportunity to compete at the West-Denver in January.

Making Team of Brook Tyson, Connor Cook, Braden Stone and Hayden Smith placed 11th overall.

son and Connor Cook placed Extension and 4-H." 2<sup>nd</sup> in Open-Family and Con-

Six Lynn County 4-H sumer Sciences. The team of members traveled to Texas Hayden Smith, Warren Taylor 4-H Roundup in mid-June to and Riley Cook competed in compete in various competi- the Beef category. Both teams gave presentations related to grass fed and grain fed beef.

"I'm so proud of all of these kids. What impresses me most is the ability they all possess to do public speaking. It's a lifelong skill that they ern National 4-H Roundup in have learned early in life," said Wendy Scott, County The Consumer Decision Extension Agent-Family and Community Health, Lynn County.

To learn more about 4-H, call the Extension Office at In Educational Presenta- 806-561-4562 or like our tions, the team of Brook Ty- Facebook page "Lynn County

# Tahoka Elementary School Supply lists

Tahoka ISD Elementary re- not fit in the lockers) leased the supply list for grades 3 Large boxes of Kleenex (100 Pre-K through 5th. All supplies ct.) listed are specifications of rec- 4 Boxes of 24 count CRAYOLA ommended brands for school crayons (no fat or fluorescent) supplies. Parents need to put stu- 1 Package of regular #2 pencils dents name on all supplies with (20 ct) NO DESIGNS! a permanent marker, and replen- 12 ELMER glue stick ish supplies during the school 2 Big pink eraser year as needed. All students 1 Pair of metal FISKAR scismust have supplies with them on sors (small for left/right handed) the first day of school.

The following items cause problems in the classroom and should not be brought to school: mechanical pencils, pencil sharpeners, pencil boxes.

Please note what grades accept backpacks as not all classes allow them.

PRE-K

1 - regular size backpack 1-change of clothes in a bag with name on it

1-SMALL blanket or towel for nap (no sleep mats) 2-boxes of crayons (CRAYOLA 3 Large boxes of Kleenex

brand, 24 count) 12-glue sticks

2-small bottles of Elmer's glue 1-pair of scissors 1-box of CRAYOLA markers (8 8 Elmer's Glue Sticks

1- blue plastic folder with brads 1-container of baby wipes

1-box of gallon bags - (girls) 1 - box sandwich bags (girls)

1 - box quart bags - (boys) 1 – box snack size bags (boys)

1-set of water colors 1- large box of Kleenex 4 - Dry Erase markers for stu-

1 pack of coffee filters - girls

1 package of Q-tips - boys 1 - Package of nutritional snacks and drinks (24 count)

KINDERGARTEN

1 Child's backpack (no wheels or pull-out handles...these types

1 School supply zipper bag 1 Composition Notebook

1 Package of wet wipes (baby wipes - girls) (Clorox Wipes -Boys) 1 CRAYOLA watercolors

18 count CRAYOLA markers 1 4-pack of dry erase markers 4 plastic folder (with brads) yellow, blue, red, green 1 package of sheet protectors (10)

1 bottle of hand sanitizer

FIRST GRADE

3 Boxes of 24 count CRAYOLA crayons (no fat or fluorescent) 1 Package Regular yellow #2

pencils 1 Box of Ziploc sandwich bags

-BOYS 1 Box Ziploc Gallon size bags-

-GIRLS 10 Dry Eraser Markers (Expo brand-Large/Chisel)

1 Pair of metal Fiskar scissors (small for left/right handed)

2- Composition notebooks (NOT a regular spiral) 1 Roll of paper towels

2 -2 Pocket PLASTIC Folders with holes (no brads)

1-2 pocket PLASTIC folder with 1-3 Ring Vinyl 1 inch Binder w/

inside pockets (hard cover) 1 Hand Sanitizer 1 Package Large Pink Erasers

(no jumbo)



presentation in Open Family and Consumer Sciences division at the Texas 4-H Round-Up held in

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1 Pencil Box

1 Package Crayola Washable Classic Markers -8 count 1 pencil bag (with 3 holes to fit 5 Page Protectors\*\* in binder)

SECOND GRADE 1 Jumbo Book Cover

2 Box of 24 count CRAYOLA THIRD GRADE crayons

line markers (10 count) 40 Regular #2 pencils, yellow 24-#2 wooden pencils (no me-

3 Large boxes of Kleenex 12 Elmer's glue sticks\*\* 3 Wide-Ruled, one subject spiral basic colors)

2-4 pack Black Expo Thick (stitched binding, 100 pages) Marker (for student use)\*\*

1-2 Pack of Black Low Odor ets & brads Fine Tip Expo Markers (for student use)\*\* 2 Rolls of Paper Towels\*\*

1 Plastic Folder with prongs and pockets Plastic folders with pockets

only 2 Packages of Pencil Top Eras-

ers (25 count)\*\* 2 or 3 Large Pink erasers

1 Pair of Metal Fiskar Scissors (small for left/right handed) 1 Whiteboard Eraser

Container of Disinfectant

1 Package of 4 Highlighters 1 Hand Sanitizer (12 oz. or

larger)\*\* 1 Crayola colored pencils (map

2 Large boxes of Kleenex 1 Set of Crayola Classic Broad- 1 Box of crayons (24 count) 8 Elmer's Glue Sticks

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\*\* Indicates community prop-

1 Package of pencil top erasers 1 set of map colors (eight count 4 composition notebooks

5 PLASTIC folders with pockl large zipper bag for pencils

1 Package of markers 4 Highlighters 4 Black Expo Markers

1 Backpack or book bag (that will fit in locker)

1-3 Ring Zipper Binder (minimum 2") 1 Box of gallon Ziploc bags

(boys) 1 Box of sandwich Ziploc bags (girls)

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lems in the classroom and SHOULD NOT be brought to school. They will be sent home: mechanical pencils - individual pencil sharpeners - pencil boxes

FOURTH GRADE

4 Large Boxes of Kleenex 1 Box Colored Pencils 10 Glue Sticks

2 Packs of #2 Wooden Pencils 2 Packs of Pencil Top Erasers

2 Packs of Red Pens 1 Set of 4 EXPO Markers student use

3 Composition Notebooks 2 Plastic Folders with Pockets

and Brads 2 Packages of Wide Ruled Note-

book Paper 1 Large Zipper Bag for Pencils

and Red Pens

Gallon /Girls Quart ) 1-3 Ring Zipper Binder minimum 2"

1 Box of Ziploc Bags (Boys

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FIFTH GRADE

2 Pkg of 4 EXPO markers (wide

1 Box 24 Crayons

1 Box 8 Count Markers 2 LARGE Fiskar scissors

2 Package of map colors 2 Package of pencils 24 count (replace as necessary)

8 Large glue sticks 1 " Binder with clear plastic

3 Large boxes Kleenex 1 Zipper Bag (large) for sup-

1 pkg. 4x6 Index Cards (color

does not matter) 3 Composition Books

1 Notebook paper (wide ruled 1 (Girls) Ziploc Quart-size bags

(Boys) Ziploc Gallon-size 3 Folders with Brads & Pockets

1 Pkg Baby Wipes (girls) Container Clorox Wipes (Boys)

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