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# Did you know?



consume around 150 million hot dogs on 4th of July each year!

**NOTICE: The News Office will** be closed Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. And yes, we want a hot dog!

# 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.

A July 4th time capsule was buried by Paul Revere and Sam Adams.

On July 4, 1795, the two men placed the capsule under the Massachusetts State House in Boston. It was discovered more than two centuries later by workers fixing a leak. When state officials opened it, they discovered a pine tree shilling coin, a copper medal engraved with an image of George Washington, several newspapers, and a silver plate thought to be engraved by Paul Revere.

NWS official readings for Tahoka

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Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 21	96	72	
June 22	97	74	
June 23	98	72	
June 24	100	72	
June 25	100	69	
June 26	90	65	
June 27	86	63	

on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	0"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.19"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.19"
Total Precip for Apr:	0"
Total Precip for May:	0.60"
Total Precip for June:	1.19"
Total Precip. for 2022:	2.17"

# Mystery vehicle appears in owner's driveway, accidents reported here

the morning of June 24, of a BMW that was parked in the driveway of a local resident with Michigan plates that appeared sometime during the night. The resident stated he did not know where it had come from and after police officers searched through the vehicle, the owner was notified and the owner advised that he had arranged for the vehicle to be towed to the nearest tire service following a blowout on US 87. Apparently whoever had towed the vehicle had simply dropped the car off at the nearest tire shop location in Tahoka but had not notified anyone at the shop or residence that they were doing so. The owner of the vehicle had the tire shop replace all of the tires.

In another incident, a FedEx truck was abandoned for several days in a driveway on US 87 on June 21. A Lynn County Sheriff's deputy checked it out and advised everything seemed to be okay and told the residents they could have the vehicle towed if they wished to do

Officers were notified of a one vehicle rollover on US 87 near the old Allsup's location in O'Donnell on June 24. No injuries were reported and vehicle was towed from the scene. A couple witnessed anthe county line on US 87. The call-

Tahoka Police were notified on er advised her husband was a member of the Lamesa Fire Department and was accessing occupants of the vehicle for injuries. They advised that Lynn County EMS might be needed for one individual with moderate injuries, however EMS

obtained refusals on scene. At 4:30 a.m. on June 26, in the vicinity of N. 2nd and Ave. O, Tahoka police were notified of a dirt bike making lots of noise in the area. Upon arrival, officers located the motorcycle and when the driver attempted to run off on the cycle, officers were able to eventually apprehend the driver who was then charged with evading arrest and also issued several citations for running stop signs during the

A gas leak was reported in New Home on June 20, when a caller reported his girlfriend and other family members could smell gas and were complaining of headaches. Atmos Energy could not be reached due to an automated call line not working. New Home VFD, Lynn County EMS and Lynn County Sheriffs unit responded to the call and gas was turned off by fire department until Atmos could arrive to investigate the possible

A suspicious person report was other one vehicle rollover accident called in on June 23, a half mile on June 25 at 9 a.m., just north of north of FM 2192. Caller advised a (See Police reports, page 3)



Splash! ... A group of friends were spotted at the Tahoka Swimming Pool on the first day of summer. Pool hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 12:30-5:30 p.m., and cost is \$3 per person. For more information about renting the pool for parties, contact City Hall at 806-561-4211.

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There is something written on the back of the Declaration of Independence ... and no, it isn't a treasure map written in invisible ink. According to the History Channel, a simple message is written upsidedown across the bottom of the signed document that reads, "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776." According to the article, no one knows who wrote this or when, but it was believed to have been added as a label during the years of the Revolutionary War when parchment was frequently rolled up for transport.

# Happy Birthday Amprica

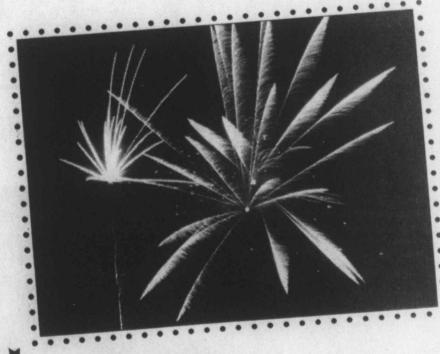
# TAHOKA ... Fireworks spectacular planned Saturday, July 2nd

The City of Tahoka has sanctioned an Independence Day Fireworks Spectacular on Saturday, July 2nd, at the city baseball complex, located on South 8th Street. The event is free and open to everyone.

The fun begins at 6 p.m. Food trucks will be on site including Webster's Craft BBQ, and Kurbside Sweets. Plan now to enter a Cornhole Tournament sponsored by Lynn County Harvest Festival, (contact Pam Hilger to enter, 806-252-7009).

Bring lawn chairs for seating, or park cars in designated areas to observe the fireworks show, which will begin at dusk.

Sponsors for the fireworks show include Happy State Bank, Lynn County, and Lynn County Healthcare Systems.



# WILSON

# Fireworks on Sunday, July 3

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson is sponsoring their annual Community Fireworks Show in Green City Park in Wilson, on Sunday, July 3rd. This event is free and open to everyone.

The fireworks show will begin after dark, usually around 9:45 p.m., and lasts approximately 45 minutes.

Parking is plentiful around the city park, located west of FM 400 on FM 211. Bring lawn chairs for seating in the park.

# O'DONNELL Saturday event planned

O'Donnell will have their Fourth of July celebration on Saturday, July 2, with events planned from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Community Park (1st & Nassau).

Food vendors and other activities will be offered, including live entertainment and a Street Dance.



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## **Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU**

**July 4-8** Join us for exercises on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 11 a.m - Noon! The dining area is open to visitors! Come see us! Monday: CLOSED FOR **JULY 4th** 

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

Wednesday: Salisbury steak w/ mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, spinach, pea salad, fruit cocktail

Thursday: Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, watermelon Friday: Beef tips & noodles (or rice), meadow blend vegetables, corn, chocolate cake w/ strawberries



# bituaries



# Maria Contreras

Maria Contreras, 73, of Tahoka passed away on Monday, June 20, 2022 in Tahoka surrounded by her family.

Maria was born on March 26, 1949 in Bryan, Texas to Urbano Estrada, Jr. and Maria Francisca Martinez. She was raised in Bryan and on a farm in New Home. She married Trinidad Contreras and they lived in Tahoka, where she was a homemaker and raised her two sons. She was simple person, but lively and sassy. She loved listening to music and dancing and collecting elephants. She was a member of Saint Jude During his service to his Catholic Church in Tahoka.

death by husband, Trinidad Following his discharge, he Contreras, two sons, Stephen and Samuel Contreras, sister, Victoria Morin, and her parents.

Maria is survived by her three sisters, Janie and Daniel Montelongo of Tahoka, Virginia Zuniga of Lubbock, and Pam Estrada of New Home; brother, Robert and Cheryl Estrada of Slaton; special friend, Manuel Del Valle of Tahoka, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under the personal care of Combest Family Funeral Homes and Crematory in Tahoka.



# Carl "Bud"

## **Francis**

Carl "Bud" Francis, 85, of Tahoka, passed away on Monday, June 20, 2022. He was born on July 4, 1936, in Plainview, Hale County, Texas, to the late Ernest Scott Francis and Addie (Brasher) Francis.

Carl graduated from high school in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He attended the University of New Mexico and Riverside Poly in Riverside, California. He enlisted in United States Army and was part of the Special Forces Group during the loved spending time with Vietnam War. Carl was one family, and she never met a of the original Green Beret's, stranger. She also helped as a under the administration of caretaker for the elderly. She President John F. Kennedy. country, he obtained a degree She was preceded in in electrical engineering. worked for Reliance Electric, Allied Signal and Honeywell. He also worked at Lockheed Martin as a test engineer. He moved to Tahoka, from

> LaPorte, in 2014. Carl was a member of the Pleasants 0063 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and was a 32nd Degree Mason at also a member of the Sudan Temple. Carl met the love of their home together in Tahoka since that time. He was a member of Sweet

Street Baptist Church. He was preceded in brothers, Wayne and Carmie

Francis; three sisters, Loretta England, Ima Robinson and Virginia Hardage.

Those left to cherish and honor his memory include his wife, Deloris; two daughters, Teeei Booth Gordon and Lesa Renne Marriman; three stepsons, Todd Henry of Tahoka, Michael Henry of Shallowater and Jack Henry of Richmond; one granddaughter, Kaitlyn Brown of LaPorte, and numerous extended family members, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation for Carl was held on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at Combest Family Funeral Home in Tahoka. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2022, at Sweet Street Baptist Church in Tahoka, 1300 Avenue J. Pastor Jesse Dale Cannon will be the officiant. Final rites and interment will follow in the Nevels Cemetery under the personal care and direction of Combest Family Funeral

Pallbearers Armando Blanco, Jr., Robby Cox, Robert Pool, Windell **Nicodemus** Lamberson, Ayala, Colton Summers, Christopher Gutierrez and Jordan Holly Qualyn Stroope.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations in Carl's memory to the Wounded Warriors Foundation, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.



Honor ... Tahoka students Lakyn and Truett Young along with Melissa students Blade and Blair Paris made 21 wire flowers to honor and memorialize the nineteen students and two teachers who tragically lost their lives May 24, 2022 at Robb Elementary in Uvalde, Texas.

# bituaries



# Grubbs

Jordan Holly Grubbs was born on May 27,1988 in Hobart, Oklahoma to Ivan and Jennifer (Pearson) Grubbs. She passed away on Friday June 24, 2022 surrounded by

her family in Slaton, Texas.

Visitation was Monday, June 27, 2022 at Englunds. Funeral services were 10:30 Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at Englunds Funeral Service under the direction of Englunds Funeral Service of Slaton. Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at Fletcher Cemetery in Fletcher, Oklahoma under the direction of Fletcher-Elgin Funeral Home of Fletcher.

Jordan was a 2006 graduate of Geronimo High School. Jordan loved spending time with her family. She especially enjoyed anything that had to do with her children. It did not matter what the activity was, she was there. Jordan loved watching them play sports and show their pigs. She loved her nephews and shared a special "best friend" bond with Kenneth.

Jordan is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Barbara Jean Pearson and Donald Pearson; her paternal grandparents, Bill and Lonetta Grubbs; her uncle, Billy Wayne Grubbs; her aunt, Betty Grubbs; and sister Melissa Smith.

She is survived by her children, Zachary Alexander, Caleb Lane, and Airyn Jordyn; her parents Ivan and Jennifer Grubbs; her sister, Jenna Layton and her husband, David, and their children, Ivan and Kenneth; her brother, Clay Grubbs; her sister, Dana Grubbs; maternal grandmother, Bernice Pearson; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

A GoFundMe page has been set up for her children. https://gofund.me/cfc65d1f

# Area News ...

News items from area newspapers

# the New Bern Lodge. He was Andrews mourning loss of popular agriculture teacher

his life, Deloris Short, and ANDREWS - An Andrews ISD teacher with aspirations they were united in 2016 in of soon pursuing a master's degree in agriculture and rapidly Lubbock, Texas. They have approaching wedding date, (July 1 2022), tragically died in a vehicle crash on the afternoon of June 16, in Midland County.

The community is grieving the loss of Stephanie Stokes, who recently completed her first-year teaching agriculture at the high school and middle school.

Stokes, 24, was described as being as sweet as they come, death by his parents; two and one who would light up a room with her presence.

Community members and friends were grappling with how to cope with the loss of an "outstanding young woman" who made such a positive impact on many and had so much in front of her, they noted on social media.

Services were held June 22. Donations can be made to the Stephanie Stokes Memorial Livestock Scholarship Fund, ACJLA, PO Box 103, Andrews, Texas 79714.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

# Open House Event Paris N Bloom MAXTIQUE'S 1926 LOCKWOOD (806)561-1266 10:00 am. til FLORALS, ANTIQUES & GIFTS L

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# **Tahoka City Council approves** property easement ordinance

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka City Council members approved a property easement ordinance that should benefit property owners in Tahoka, at their June

The ordinance will allow the city to grant a blanket easement for access for property owners whose property structures may encroach on the city easement, due to structures being built in the past when easement considerations were not traditionally imposed. These easements are for the city to access underground and overhead utilities, including pipeline, water lines, sewer lines, gas lines, electric lines, and communication lines.

According to City Administrator Julie Arrington, property owners who may have sheds or fences or other structures in the easement area (typically within 20 feet of either side of the constructed street) are actually encroaching on city property. When these property owners are interested in selling these properties, the city was being asked to grant easements for each property.

To simplify the process, Arrington asked the council to approve a blanket easement for access, rather than having to address the issue for each property request, which is a time-consuming and potentially cost-prohibitive process requiring legal expertise.

Historically, the streets in Tahoka were platted and dedicated by its forefathers to the width of 80 feet. Thereafter, roads were constructed to a width of less than 80 feet, leaving an area of approximately 20 feet on either side of the constructed street. Since then, however, residential and commercial property owners may have added structures, improvements or other features within the 20-foot area between the platted and dedicated lines to the built curb on the adjoining streets. The property located from the existing curb to the platted lines is shown by specific subdivision plats recorded in the deed records of Lynn County for the City of Tahoka.

The blanket easement ordinance will allow city officials to expedite most easement issues with properties within the city of Tahoka.



Fun at the pool ... Aubree and Averee Williams, twin daughters of Cory and Whitlee Williams are pictured here at the Tahoka Swimming Pool, located at S. 8th and Ave M. Pool hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 12:30-5:30.

# **Area News**

News items from

# Slaton, cities to host annual July 4th festivities, activities

SLATON - The annual Chamber of Commerce July 4th Festival will be conducted Monday July 4 on the Town Square from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. It will be conducted on the actual holiday, as several questioned if it would be changed due to the day the date falls this year.

The event will feature music from the Texas Cadillac Band, Cathy Jewell, Jerry Brownlow and Danielle Henzler.

There will also be games, food, inflatables and other fun activities.

-- from the Slatonite

# Helicopter supports operation

LAMESA - A helicopter that was seen and heard flying above Lamesa at various times late last Thursday was part of a multi-agency law enforcement operation, according to Lamesa Police Chief Josh Peterson.

The criminal interdiction operation included not only local law enforcement officers but also personnel with the Lubbock police and sheriff's departments and other agencies.

"A DPS airship was on station to provide support if we needed it," Chief Peterson said of the helicopter.

He said gang and narcotics personnel, along with patrol officers, were involved in the effort.

Peterson said the operation was part of an ongoing operation, and additional information would be available at a later

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

substance.

# Did you know?

Did you know a single watermelon once sold for \$6,125? A man in Japan in 2008 bought a nearly black Densuke watermelon for ¥650,000 or \$6,125. This special kind of watermelon is only grown on the island of Hokkaido and has a different kind of sweetness than the watermelon we're used to eating.



HAVE A SAFE 4TH OF JULY

# Main Street in Tahoka. All area children are invited to attend.

Llama llama red pajama ... Special guest reader last

Wednesday at the City/County Library's Storytime was Shea

Askew, co-owner of The Home Place and volunteer Children's

Director for the First Baptist Church. She read two children's

books, "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" and "Llama Llama Red

Pajama." Storytime is every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the

library, located inside the Life Enrichment Center at 1717







TAKE ME HOME, PLEASE! These adorable puppies, all 10-12 weeks old, need good homes! Call Tahoka Animal Shelter to adopt, 806-201-2894.

# The Lynn County Harvest Festival

is Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 on the Courthouse Square in Tahoka

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For Vendor space, contact by email: vendors.lynncountyhf@gmail.com

Or call: Jynna Bass 806-759-4959 or: Marisa Webster 806-201-2279

# Got Allergies?



**Meet Shalina Marin** Allery Coordinator at the Allergy Clinic located at **LCHD Fast Track Clinic!** 



Allergy testing and injections now available at the Allergy Clinic! Call today for an appointment! 806-601-0233

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Allergy symptoms can include: Rash, Tearing, Runny Nose, Red Eyes, Itching, Sneezing

#### Police reports (Continued from page 1)

couple came up to her door asking to fill up some water bottles, but after noticing their bottles were already full, she refused to let them enter the home. The couple became angry and started creating issues with resident and then left walking north on FM 2192. Several calls were reported on the couple. A LCSO deputy investigated and found out that a Wilson pastor had picked up the couple and taken them to a residence that was just north of the original caller's address.

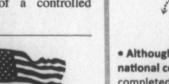
Juveniles were reported to be walking on the street with flashlights in the 2000 block of N. 4th on June 24, at 1:40 a.m. Teens reported they were trying to locate an individual they saw walking in the alleyway with a flashlight. The officer advised the teens of curfew, and told the teens that in the future they needed to call police if suspicious persons are seen in the area instead of checking it out themselves.

A complaint was reported last Thursday at 7:45 p.m. in the 1600 block of Ave. J for a loud beeping noise that the caller could not locate. Upon arrival, officers could also hear the noise and located it at the Stripes parking lot. The driver of a FedEx truck could not get the brake alarm to re-

Police responded to a call in the 2000 block of N. 7th involving a deceased animal. Police advised that the dog possibly died from drinking contaminated water which was observed near the dog. A cruelty to animal citation was issued to the owner.

A LCSO deputy conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle at US 87 and CR 6 on June 27 just after midnight and after conducting a vehicle search, the driver was arrested and transported to the Lynn County Jail for possession of a controlled substance. Vehicle was towed by Lubbock wrecker service.

Other calls for LCSO and Tahoka Police during the week were for welfare concern, forgery, road assistance and threats. Arrests were made last week for domestic assault, evading arrest and possession of a controlled



# July 4th Fun Facts



 Only Two Men Signed the **Declaration of Independence** on July 4, 1776 Charles Thompson and the infamous John Hancock were the only two men who actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The other 54 delegates signed over the course of the next month.



 The Declaration of Independence was written on a laptop ... Okay, not a modern laptop, but still. Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence on a writing desk that could fit over one's lap. This device was referred to at the time as a "laptop."



 Of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, the youngest signers, Thomas Lynch Jr. and Edward Rutledge of South Carolina, were only 26. However, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania was the oldest signer at 70 years old.



• Fireworks date back as a tradition of Independence Day as early as the first anniversary in 1777.



 Although an official national census was not completed until 1790, the **U.S. Census Bureau estimates** that there were only about 2.5 million people living in America in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was signed.



 Bizarre 50th Anniversary ... Thomas Jefferson, 82, and John Adams, 90, both died on July 4, 1826 within five hours of each other on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



## These local firms are sponsoring this **FARM NEWS:**

**AgTexas Farm Credit** Services Travis Ferguson and Mike Metzig

Capital **Farm Credit** 

Farmers Co-op Association

**Lynn County Farm Bureau** 

# **BURN BAN** IN EFFECT IN LYNN COUNTY

**NO CONTROLLED BURNS ARE ALLOWED IN** LYNN COUNTY **DURING THE 90-DAY BURN BAN** without permission

July 4th Fun Facts



Men Love Fireworks...

\$1 Billion Worth! According to the American Pyrotechnics Association, Americans spend more than \$1 billion on fireworks each year. Out of this, only 10% of firework displays are set off professionally, which probably accounts for the estimated 12,900 fireworkrelated emergency room visits across the country.



 Every Independence Day, how many times does the Liberty Bell ring? 13



 Which president of the United States was the first to host a Fourth of July celebration at the White House? -Thomas Jefferson



· What is the location of the nation's oldest Fourth of July parade? Bristol, Rhode Island

## FSA accepting nominations for farmers/ranchers for local committees

Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting nominations for county committee members. Elections will occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA) for members. LAAs are elective areas for FSA committees in a single county or multi-county jurisdiction. This may include LAAs that are focused on an urban or suburban area.

County committee members make important decisions about how Federal farm programs are administered locally. All nomination forms

decision-making and policymaking, and that starts with our local FSA county committees," said Kelly Adkins State their local FSA office to regis-Executive Director for FSA in Texas. "We need enthusiastic, diverse leaders to serve other agricultural producers on is up for election this year. these committees as we work To be considered, a producer to build equitable systems and programming inclusive of all employees and all of our customers. I ask that you consider to eligible voters beginning making a difference in your Nov. 7, 2022. community by nominating yourself, or another agricultural producer, to serve on your local FSA county committee."

Adkins said agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in a USDA program and reside in the LAA that is up for election this year, may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee. A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation to FSA, even if they have not applied

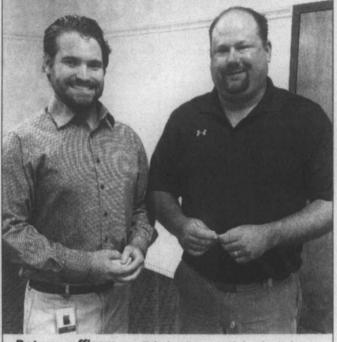
The U.S. Department of or received program benefits. Agriculture (USDA) Farm Individuals may nominate themselves or others and qualifying organizations may also nominate candidates. USDA encourages minority producers, women, and beginning farmers or ranchers to nominate, vote and hold office.

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA county committees. The committees are made up of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Producers serving on FSA county committees play a critical role in the day-tofor the 2022 election must be day operations of the agency. postmarked or received in the Committee members are vilocal FSA office by Aug. 1, tal to how FSA carries out disaster programs, as well "It is a priority for USDA as conservation, commodity to integrate equity into its and price support programs, county office employment and other agricultural issues.

Producers should contact ter and find out how to get involved in their county's election, including if their LAA must be registered and sign an FSA-669A nomination form. Election ballots will be mailed

# Did you know?

We Didn't Actually Declare Independence on the 4th of July One of the greatest misconceptions of the 4th of July lies in the name and date. It is widely believed that America declared their independence from Britain on July 4, 1776. However, the official vote actually took place two days before and the "Declaration" was published in papers on July 4.



Rotary officers ... Tahoka Rotary Club elected new officers last week. Pictured here is outgoing president Seth Manly, and new president Stephen Overstreet.

(Photo from Tahoka Rotary Club Facebook)

# Water level measurements indicate declines in in area

An average decline of -0.63 feet was calculated in the groundwater levels of the Ogallala/Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifer (ETHP) from 2021 to 2022, according to water level measurements made by High Plains Water District six and under. Buckles will (HPWD).

HPWD field technicians measured approximately 1,333 water wells during the first part of 2022. From these measurements, about 1,300 were also measured in 2021, allowing HPWD to calculate the average change. The publishable results of 2022 water level measurements are now available on the HPWD interactive web map.

Also of importance is the saturated thickness of the Ogallala and ETHP, which is the thickness of the water bearing formations. For 2022, the average saturated thickness of all observation wells is about 53 feet. This compares to the average of 54 feet in 2021.

More detailed statistics of the measured change include: 16 wells with declines of 5 feet or more 16 wells with declines of 4 to 4.99 feet

41 wells with declines of 3 to 3.99 feet 87 wells with declines of 2 to 2.99 feet 201 wells with declines of 1 to 1.99 feet 596 wells with declines of 0 to 0.99 feet 347 wells with rises of 0.01 feet or more

The largest water level decline was -9.35 feet in a Castro County observation well. The largest water level rise was +5.25 feet in a Lubbock County observation well.

For the Dockum Aquifer, HPWD measured 30 observation

wells. The average change for the Dockum Aquifer is -0.71 feet for 2022.

HPWD has updated all with the 2022 measurements. This includes all of the data found using the "Aquifer Info" tool, which provides estimates of saturated thickness, 5-year change, and 10year change.

Created in September 1951 by local residents and the Texas Legislature, the High Plains Water District works to conserve, preserve, protect, and prevent waste of underground water in aquifers within its 16-county service area. HPWD is the first groundwater conservation district created in Texas.

# O'Donnell rodeo set July 7-9

The · Biggest Rodeo in Texas is coming to O'Donnell July 7-9 at the rodeo arena on Hwy. 87.

Rodeo performances begin at 8 p.m. The cost for general admission is \$10, with children under five getting in free. Ticket purchases qualify buyers for a chance to win a drawing for \$100 during the July 7 show, \$200 at the July 8 performance, and the grand prize of \$300 on July 9.

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Goat sacking and mutton bustin' competitions will be held for the youngsters. The goat sacking contest is open for ages 8 and under. The mutton bustin' is for ages be awarded to the winners. There are no entry fees to participate.

# **Rodeo Queen Candidates**



Juanita Renteria is sponsored by Brad Williams Farms. She is the 19 year old daughter of Mirna and Alfonso Renteria. She is a recent graduate of O'Donnell High School.



sponsored by Ice Tower. She is the 14 year old of Jessie Gutierrez and Nancy Baltazar. She is an upcoming freshman at O'Donnell High School. Jessie is excited to be apart of the Biggest Little Rodeo in Texas.



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- I. Prepares engineering drawings, graphs, charts, and posters, and does other drafting work as necessary or assigned;
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- P. Be familiar with the proper use and care of tools, working equipment, and safety equipment; Q. Be familiar with the rules of the National Safety Code and the National
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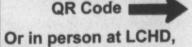
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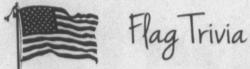
# Harvest Festival set for Sept. 17

The 2022 Lynn County Harvest Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Lynn County Courthouse square in Tahoka. This year's festival will be held in conjunction with Tahoka ISD Homecoming, which will be Sept. 16.

Anyone interested in signing up as a vendor for the Harvest Festival may contact Jynna Bass for more information at 806-759-4959, or email vendors@lynncohf@gmail.com.

Follow the Lynn County Harvest Festival on Facebook for more details @lynncountyharvestfestival.

# The LYNN COUNTY NEWS WILL BE **CLOSED ON MONDAY JULY 4th**



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(b) Red (c) Blue

(d) Let me go look.

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Possible short supply ... Hay bales could be in short supply as much of the state has reported poor forage and hay production conditions as the season, according to Texas A&M AgriLife experts. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Laura McKenzie)

Texas hay season looks bleak

The 2022 Texas hay production outlook appears in doubt

due to high fertilizer prices and widespread drought, said

Joe Paschal, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Corpus Christi, and Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension forage specialist, Overton, said dry weather, high

temperatures and reduced inputs like fertilizer have inhibited warm-season grass production across much of Texas.

Hay quantity and quality are down, while the cost to produce bales is up, and weather forecasts do not look favorable.

ers from making applications. As a result, hay baled was ex-

and hay have continued to increase. Range cubes reached \$400 per ton, while round bales were starting to fetch \$75-

\$80. For weeks, AgriLife Extension agents have reported

their herds deeper to reduce stocking rates and "mouths to feed," Paschal said. But many more face declining grazing,

tightening hay supplies and below-average bale production

be one cutting, maybe two," he said. "There is hay being fed

"People are baling, but it looks like this hay season could

Paschal said hay production and grazing conditions were

Some cattle producers around the state have been culling

\$80-plus bales in extremely dry areas of the state.

pected to be of lower quality.

this season.

Pockets of the state have received decent moisture, they said, but high fertilizer prices have discouraged hay produc-

Paschal said prices for supplemental feed like range cubes

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June, 1953 ... This advertisement is from the pages of The Lynn County News in the June 12, 1953 issue, promoting the City of Tahoka swimming pool opening date, as the "Gateway to Vacationland", The pool has been updated of course since then, and has served the citizens of Tahoka for almost 70 years.



spotty and mirror scattered rainfall in south Central Texas from Del Rio to Kerrville and east of Corpus Christi back to the Rio Grande River. Some pockets have reported 4-7 inches, but much of that area had not received any rainfall since last fall.

now, so the hay situation could be tough."

Most of East Texas is experiencing abnormally dry to moderate drought conditions, according to the drought monitor map of Texas produced by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska. Areas in south Central Texas were showing mostly severe and exceptional drought conditions, which translates into major to exceptional crop and pasture loss and widespread water shortages and

restrictions. Grasses and crop growth are stunted under abnormally dry conditions, and damages begin to show as moderate drought sets in, according to the center. Extremely high temperatures are exacerbating the moisture deficit for plants, including

pasture grasses. Corriher-Olson said weather outlooks suggest Texas will slip further into the drought. Weather systems during hurricane season could change that, but producers with grazing should be implementing contingency plans if they have not

"I really don't have a feel for how many producers are adjusting their grazing management as a result of drought and high fertilizer prices," she said. "It gets harder to avoid overstocking when forage production is limited. But it puts a lot of producers in a really tight spot when they don't have the hay

or grazing to try and maintain their herd." Both Corriber-Olson and Paschal expect hay supplies to be tight and low quality going into winter if conditions do not

reverse soon. Paschal said producers should be planning for ways to stretch available nutrition - whether that is finding alternative feed like cotton seed, purchasing failed corn crops or using supplemental feeds with a limiter to reduce the number of trips to feed.

Hay production conditions are better in states east of Texas, he said, and bales are likely to be moved into Texas or cattle are expected to be moved to better pastures. He suggests cattle producers test bales for their nutritional value, whether purchased or produced. Tests can provide information that will better guide cattle supplementation, improving the digestibility and nutritional value of that hay.

Producers can reach out to AgriLife Extension agriculture agents in their county for assistance with hay testing, Paschal

"It's going to be tough," he said. "There is a lot of hay cows will eat when there is nothing else, but it doesn't mean it is good. There are ways to stretch a cow's nutritional needs, but the bottom line is getting the right amount of protein and energy in her."

In the South Plains area, AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

SOUTH PLAINS: Subsoil and topsoil moisture levels were adequate in some areas. Producers were working to finish plantings. Cotton was struggling with the heat. Cattle were in good condition.

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture levels were short. Crop conditions were poor to fair. Producers were dusting in grain, hay and silage sorghum. Irrigation pivots were running steady to water corn and sorghum crops. Wheat grain harvest was expected to be very short as many fields were cut for silage and hay or damaged by May hailstorms. Some fieldwork continued. Pasture conditions recovered briefly but with very little vegetative growth due to drought. Overall, rangeland and pasture ratings were poor.

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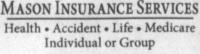


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