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County To Receive \$742 Grant To Purchase Bulletproof Vests

The U.S. Department of Justice will award a grant of \$742 to Lynn County, under the Bulletproof Vest Partnership program to help purchase seven vests, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn announced this week. The Bureau of Justice Assistance approved the payment for the purchase of body armor to help protect local law enforcement.

"These brave men and women risk their lives every day to defend our homes and families," Cornyn said in making the announcement. "Providing these grants to help defend them is the right thing to do, and a small way of showing our appreciation for all they do."

The legislation authorizing the grants mandates that priority in awarding grants be given to jurisdictions with populations under 100,000. As a result, all \$59 million in funding this year will be awarded to grantees in smaller localities.

More than 6,500 applications for vest grants were submitted nationwide this year, and more than 5,700 will be funded. The funds will be available next month, according to Cornyn's office. Federal payment can provide up to 50 percent of each jurisdiction's costs, including costs associated with purchasing and shipping the vests.

O'Donnell Rodeo Begins Today

The "Biggest Little Rodeo In Texas" starts today (Thursday) in O'Donnell and continues through Saturday with several events, including a parade at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 12.

Rodeo events will be held nightly at 8:30 p.m. at the rodeo grounds in O'Donnell. A dance will held Friday and Saturday nights, featuring the music of the Devil Ridge band.

Admission is \$5 at the gate (\$3 for children under 12).

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 2	94	68	
July 3	94	70	
July 4	92	68	
July 5	91	68	
July 6	82	69	
July 7	86	70	
July 8	87	70	0.06"

Total Precip. in July: 0.06"
Total Precip. to date: 8.62"



8 YEARS OF SERVICE - Tahoka Mayor Mike Mensch (right) presents a plaque of appreciation to former city councilman John Chapa Jr. for his eight years of service to the City. Chapa served on the City Council from 1995 until 2003. (LCN PHOTO)



THE WORD FROM JOHN - Lynn County pioneer John Edwards of New Home tells it like it is - or was - as one of the featured rocking chair speakers at the County Centennial Celebration on June 21. The rocking chair he is standing behind was given to Rhonda Ledbetter, another of the speakers at the event, from a drawing for the chair with the names of all the speakers in the hopper. (LCN PHOTO)

Area Program Serves Children With Disabilities

West Texas Parent Education Network (PEN), a new program serving West Texas children with disabilities and their parents, has opened its doors in Lubbock. Information, technical assistance and training for parents of infants, children and youth with disabilities are available at no charge. The new project covers the western third of Texas, the Panhandle south to Del Rio and west to El Paso.

West Texas PEN is a non-profit Parent Training and Information program funded by the U.S. Dept. of Education. The majority of staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors are parents or family members of children with disabilities. Thus, the driving force is the perspective of those who have "been there", who know first-hand the challenges of parenting and living with a child with a disability. They hope to give parents information on resources, knowledge and skills they need in their roles as parents, decision makers, and advocates for their children.

A goal of the project is to reach rural and minority parents who have not had access to such services in the past.

Satellite offices are in San Angelo and El Paso. The Coordinating office in Lubbock is open Monday through

Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and by appointment. For information call (806) 762-1434, or toll free for parents in Texas, 1-877-762-1435. Write to: West Texas PEN, 1001 Main St., #804, Lubbock, TX 79401.

TISD Athletes Must Get Physicals

Every athlete in grades 7-12 at Tahoka Independent School District is required to get a physical in order to participate in any sport within the Tahoka athletic program, according to Athletic Director Troy Hinds.

Physicals will be given on Tuesday, July 22 at Dr. Freitag's office for all female athletes, from 10 a.m.-12 noon, and 1:30-3 p.m. Physicals for all male athletes will be given on Thursday, July 24 at Dr. Freitag's office, from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1:30-3 p.m.

All physical examinations cost \$10 and must be given on the UIL-issued form that can be picked up by Coach Hinds at the field house.

"Absolutely no equipment will be issued without a physical and UIL paperwork all signed and in order with the athletic department," says Hinds, who may be contacted at the field house, phone 561-4414.

You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps.

—David Lloyd George

Wreck Near Wilson Kills Southland Man

A 30-year-old Southland man died Tuesday, July 1 as his 1977 Chevrolet pickup overturned 9.3 miles east of Wilson on Lynn County Rd. 10.

David James Cray, whose occupation was listed as a farm worker, was the only occupant of the pickup. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Ed L. Follis Jr. Investigating Dept. of Public Safety troopers said Cray was west-bound on County Rd. 10, a dirt road, when his pickup ran off the road and then overturned into a ditch after the driver apparently over-corrected to the opposite side of the road.

Officers said the driver, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected. One officer also stated that alcohol was a factor in the accident.

Tahoka Police Dept. investigated several incidents during the week, including the stabbing of a parked police car in the city on July 7. There were six puncture wounds to the driver's side door and the windshield had been scratched. A suspect was later arrested on outstanding warrants who confessed to the stabbing.

A man reported his wallet missing after he accidentally left it in a restroom at a local business. The wallet contained no money but did have personal papers and identification inside. Another man reported a DVD player valued at \$150 was missing from his home on Main Street the night of July 4, after he went to bed.

A Tahoka woman reported her U.S. Flag and pole missing the morning of July 5 from her residence in the 1900 block of N. 1st. Two incidents of assault were investigated during the week.

Fourteen people were jailed during the week on the following charges: three for public intoxication, one for public intoxication plus failure to identify, one for theft by check, one for unlawfully carrying a weapon, three for possession of a controlled substance, one for DWI first offense, one for ARP/no insurance, and three for traffic warrants from other counties.

A total of 50 prisoners were in Lynn County Jail, including 19 from Lubbock County, three from Hockley County, and one from Garza County.

Senior Citizens To Host Ice Cream Social, Auction

The Lynn County Pioneers (Senior Citizens) will host a homemade Ice Cream Social, along with an auction, bake sale and drawing for a quilt on the same day.

Quilt chances are \$1 each and can be purchased at several locations, including The Lynn County News, Jolly Time, Main Street Express, First National Bank of Tahoka, and Paris 'N' Bloom.

Donation items are being sought

for the auction and are also needed for the bake sale that day. Anyone wishing to donate an item may bring it to the Senior Citizen's building, which is open 9:00-3:00 Monday-Friday.

"All our government money is seriously dwindling and we really need the help of our local citizens to help us out. We also could use volunteers to help gather auction items," stated Nancy Guilliams, director.

Tahoka City Council Approves Restricted Parking Ordinance

Tahoka City Council Monday night gave final approval on second reading of an ordinance prohibiting parking vehicles on the west side of the 1500-block of Main St., just west of the courthouse. County Judge H.G. Franklin had requested the restriction.

All council members were present, with Mayor Mike Mensch presiding. The council also approved a budget workshop set for August and a public hearing on an alleged viola-

tion of city ordinances in regard to "junk" around a home was set for the next regular meeting.

Billy Miller, representing Tahoka Housing Authority, spoke to the council about a possible future project involving more public housing in the N. 6th St. area.

Also present was Chief of Police Doyle Lee, who presented the monthly report of police department activities.

Lynn County 4-H Members Place At District Horse Show

Six Lynn County 4-H members competed recently at the South Plains District 2 4-H Horse Show in Lubbock. Sixty-five 4-H members from 13 counties competed in the show, performance, speed, and roping events. Results for Lynn County 4-H members were:

Amanda Whitten - 5th Barrels, 4th Grade Mares, 12th Stakes Race; R.H. Whitten - 3rd Team Roping, 4th Registered Mares 5 and over; Kyndra Cox - 3rd Registered Mares under 5, 3rd Yearling Longe Line, 8th Barrels; Ashley Hanks - 2nd Yearling Longe

Line, 5th Registered Geldings 5 and over; Delci Willis - 7th Stakes Race, 8th Poles, 9th Barrels; Wacie Barnett - 3rd Stakes Race, 4th Poles, 11th Barrels.

Wacie Barnett will represent Lynn County at the State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene July 21-25.

9-1-1 Address Reminder

If the Post Office requires you to use a 9-1-1 address to receive mail, you also need to notify The Lynn County News of your new 9-1-1 address if you receive your paper by mail.

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The Lynn County News office will be CLOSED FRIDAYS from June 27-Aug. 8



STORK REPORT

Ainsley Eileen Smith was born to Jeff and Amber McNeely Smith of San Antonio on Tuesday, June 24, 2003. She weighed 7 lbs and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Billie McNeely of Tahoka and Larry and Barbara Smith of Lubbock.

Kylie Reese Adams was born to Stacy and Colleen Adams of Horizon City on May 24, 2003 at 12:30 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs. and 5 ounces and was 19 inches long.

She has an older sister, Claire. Grandparents are Adolph and Teresa Chapa of Tahoka and Mike and Janie Kollar of Clint.

New Home Baptist To Host Sunday Morning Concert, Kick-off VBS

New Home Baptist Church will have a Gospel Concert by Lonnie Carroll on Sunday morning, July 13, for their 11:00 worship service.

They will also kick-off their upcoming Vacation Bible School with a County Fair Theme this Sunday night from 5:00-7:00 p.m. There will be booths, games and refreshments. VBS will be held Monday - Friday, July 14-18, from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. for ages 2 years through 6th grade.

"Everyone is welcome to attend the Sunday morning concert and our Vacation Bible School," said Rev. Jarrell Rial, pastor.

SPC Fall Registration Set Aug. 27-28

South Plains College's fall 2003 registration is Aug. 27-28.

Registration for fall classes at SPC Levelland will be 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-6 p.m. Aug. 27 in the Administration Building. The Levelland campus is located at 1401 S. College Avenue.

Fall registration for classes offered at the SPC Reese Center campus and Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center in Lubbock will be 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-7 p.m. Aug. 28 at Reese. Sign-up will be in Building 1, Administrative Offices, 528 Gilbert Drive.

Registration permits are required. Classes at all locations begin Sept. 2. Late registration is Sept. 2-5 and Sept. 8.

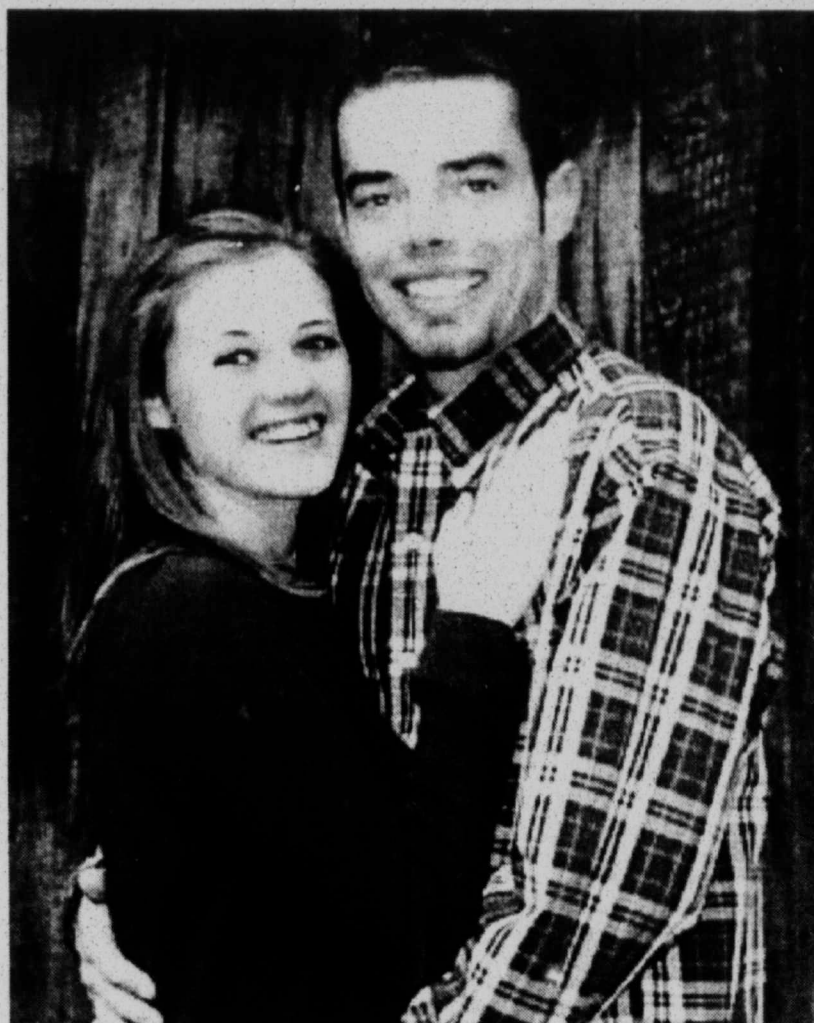
SPC's fall 2003 class schedules and other information can be accessed online at the college's website, www.southplainscollege.edu.

SPC, a two-year comprehensive community college, offers a wide variety of academic transfer, health occupations and technical education programs.

Internet courses will be offered in Agribusiness Technology, Agriculture, Anthropology, Biology, Business Administration, Computer Information Systems, Electrical and Power Transmission Technology, English, Government, History, Human Development, Law Enforcement Technology, Psychology, Reading and Sociology.

Registration permits can be obtained by contacting SPC at 894-9611, ext. 2570 or ext. 2375 (Levelland) or 885-3048, ext. 2902 or 4660 (Reese).

Pray for our Nation



COURTNEY EDWARDS and DUSTIN MCNEELY
Couple to Marry August 2

Darrell and Teresa Edwards of Artesia, NM announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Dawn Edwards, to Dustin Todd McNeely, son of Todd and Rhonda McNeely of Tahoka.

The couple plans to marry August 2, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at Sweet Street Baptist Church in Tahoka.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Terry and Juanell Deutsch of Odessa; Wayne Pickett of Lubbock; and the late Helen Braly of Odessa. McNeely's grandparents are the late Deanie Bingham, the late Lloyd and Genita Huddleston, the late Richard McNeely, and Morris Bingham of Buchanan, Tx.

Miss Edwards is a 2000 Artesia High School graduate and is employed by PJ's Deli and Bakery in Tahoka.

The future groom is a 1998 Tahoka High School graduate and a 1999 graduate from Hi-Tech Institute in Phoenix, Az. He is employed as a groundman with Lyntegar Electric Coop.

All friends and family are welcome to attend the wedding.

Pages from the last 100 years ...

FROM THE JUNE 24, 1960 ISSUE:

Leroy King, Son of First Merchant In Tahoka, Visited Here Last Thursday

Leroy H. King, son of one of the two men who established the first store in Tahoka, Sweet & King's Tahoka Mercantile, which was soon sold to J. S. Wells and son-in-law, J. S. Welcher, was a visitor in Tahoka Thursday of last week.

Mr. King now lives at 4825 Falcon Ave., Long Beach 7, Calif., where he has been with The Texas Company 32 years. He was a child when the family left here, but still remembers early day Tahoka.

His father, L. E. King, came out to Lynn county, then unorganized, in 1902 from Brownwood and dug a dug-out. A short time later Mr. King and B. G. Street, also from Brownwood, established the first store.

The county was organized in the spring of 1903, and Sweet & King had to move the little store from south of the present town to the new proposed site of Tahoka. It was set down at the southwest corner of the square at the present

location of the brick Wells building, now owned by Mrs. C. A. Thomas.

Mr. King built a little three-room house behind the store, and his wife and five children came up in 1903 from Big Spring to live. Mr. Sweet also engaged in the land business and surveying. A few months later, the store was sold to Wells & Welcher, who had come here from Indian Territory, Oklahoma.

Leroy King, on a visit to The News, says he remembers antelope playing around the new little town, some of which they caught and some of which they ate.

He was returning home in California from a visit in Brownwood with his brother, S. M. King, and sisters, Miss Willie Mae King and Mrs. Dee Carter.

He said he hopes to return next year for the Pioneer Reunion and was writing his brother and sisters to come up today if they can.

OBITUARIES

Joseph Locke

Funeral services for Joseph Locke, 82, of Tahoka were held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 7 at First United Methodist Church in Tahoka with Ron Fant, Minister of Tahoka Church of Christ, officiating. Burial followed at Nevels Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Locke died July 3, 2003, in Tahoka. He was born Feb. 7, 1921, in Hill County. He married Dorris M. Carroll in 1948. He was a retired machine operator from Lynn County.

Survivors include his wife of Tahoka; two sons, Roger of Tahoka and Tommy of Tye; a brother, Robert Locke of Brownfield; a sister, Helen Leacy of Lamesa; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Jack Stark Jr.

Funeral services for Jack Stark Jr., 77, of Tahoka were held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 7 at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka with Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Interment followed in Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka, under the direction of White Funeral Home in Tahoka.

Stark died July 5, 2003 in Tahoka. He was born July 18, 1925 in Justin, Tx.

He was a longtime Tahoka resident. He married Mary Ann Tankersley on Nov. 18, 1951 in Tahoka. She died June 18, 1998. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He owned and operated Jack's Auto Service in Tahoka, and was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, R.T. Stark of Tahoka and D'Wayne Stark of El Paso; a daughter, Robin Renee Campbell of Okmulgee, Ok.; a sister, Mary Wanda Barnard of Mesquite; and nine grandchildren.

Bill Sawyer

Services for William "Bill" Martin Sawyer, 78, of Tahoka were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 9, 2003 at the United Methodist Church, O'Donnell with Rev. Ken Peterson and Rev. Wesley Brown officiating. Interment followed in Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka under direction of White Funeral Home.

He died July 6, 2003 in Tahoka. He was a longtime Tahoka resident. He married Marguerite Boswell July 16, 1949 in Dallas. He was the general manager at an auto dealership and retired in 1985. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign War, the Elks Lodge, the Masonic Lodge, the Rotary Club, and LULAC. He was a member of the O'Donnell United Methodist Church. Sawyer received several decorations and citations by serving as a surgical technician in the US Army during WWII.

Survivors include his wife, Marguerite of Tahoka; two sons, William Martin Sawyer of San Angelo and John Stuart Sawyer of Lubbock; a brother, Fred Sawyer of Del Rio; two sisters, Madalene Butler and Joyce Love both of New Braunfels; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association or the United Methodist Church, O'Donnell.



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Rosary for Severiano "Sam" Jasso, 80, of Liberal, Kan., formerly of Tahoka, were held Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka.

Services will be on Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church with Father Arsenio Redulla officiating. Burial will follow at Nevels Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He died July 6, 2003 in Liberal, Kan.

He was born on Feb. 21, 1923 in Dimebox, Tx. He married Rosa Deleon on Oct. 22, 1940 in Lamesa. She preceded him in death on Aug. 17, 1998. He was a retired, self-employed plumber. He was a lifelong resident of Tahoka.

Survivors include two sons, Walter of Lubbock and Sammy of Pampa; four daughters, Mary Rodriguez of Turpin, Okla., Janie Ramos of Houston, Mickey Martinez of Liberal, Kan., and Linda Komloske of Salina, Kan.; a brother, Tony Jasso of Salem, Ore.; 24 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

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Letters To The Editor

Every summer near the Grand Tetons outside of Jackson, Wyoming, and also near Bryant Pond, Maine, hundreds of teachers and high school students enjoy an outstanding educational program. The fun and unique experience creates memories to last a lifetime, while instilling a profound appreciation of wildlife and the great outdoors. I am referring to the SCI Foundation's American Wilderness Leadership School that for many is the ultimate summer vacation.

Since 1976, the American Wilderness Leadership School has been promoting conservation as a way of life. The school's multidiscipline and expert team makes ecology, wildlife management and conservation easy to understand. They reinforce classroom instruction with field activity in truly beautiful natural settings. Most attendees receive scholarships, and their hands-on work includes backpacking, hunter and firearm safety, fly fishing, fly tying, archery, wilderness survival, outdoor ethics and interpretive techniques. Project WILD (Wildlife In Learning Design), and whitewater rafting.

Many educators earn credits toward advanced degrees through Colorado State University, and all return to their classrooms in the fall with a proven outdoor curriculum to enrich learning for their students. This creates an important multiplier effect that has exposed some 10 million people to crucial wildlife conservation concepts.

There are still a few openings for teachers this summer at the American Wilderness Leadership School near Jackson, Wyoming. Applications will be accepted until the day before each of the 2003 sessions remaining (July 7-14; July 16-23; July 25-Aug. 1; Aug. 12-19), and educators can apply for next year, too. Call 520-620-1220, ext. 231 or E-mail dhudson@safariclub.org.

Sincerely,
Donald J. Brown
Director of Education

The New Home Volunteer Fire Department wants to thank you for your contribution to our auction. Your donation helped to make our 4th of July Barbecue and Auction a super success.

Our small community could not survive without the help and generosity of people and businesses like yours.

John Smith of New Home won the rifle.

Thanks again,
Dale Clem, Fire Chief
New Home VFD

Lynn County News Office:

Thank all of you for your work for the Special Centennial Issue of the Lynn County paper. We moved to Draw in 1932. Later we moved north of Tahoka on a farm. They were hard times. I will always remember W.T. Kidwell Grocery. He would let my dad have groceries on credit. As soon as dad got his first bale of cotton he would pay him in full. I now live in Austin. I still have sisters there, Dede Harper and Mary Elrod and their families. I look forward each year for our family reunion there, seeing relatives and friends. Thanks again for the memories.

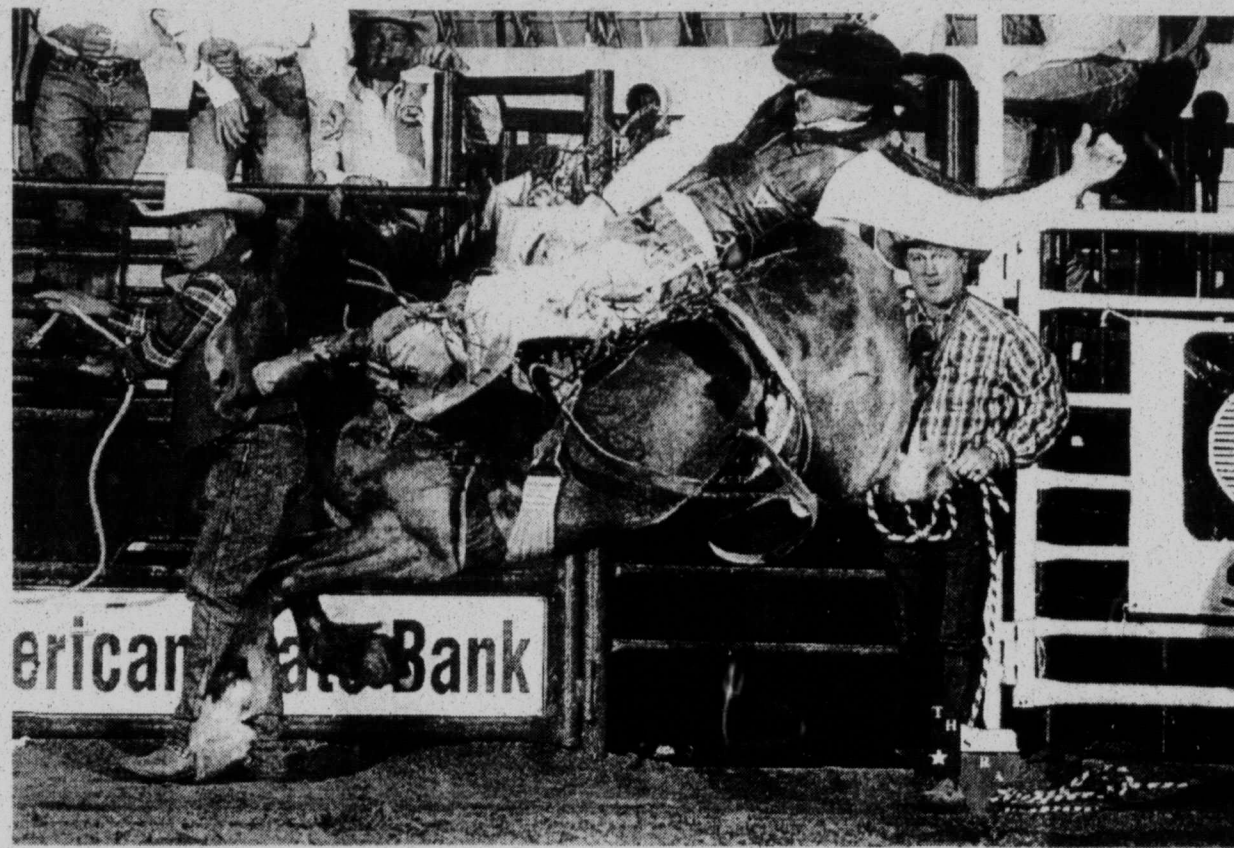
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Letters To The Editor -- POLICY --

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All letters must be signed with a handwritten signature, and all are subject to editing for length. The editor reserves the right to refuse any letter because of vulgarity or libel issues.



WRANGLER BAREBACK CHAMPION — Chad Mask of Amarillo was recently crowned as Wrangler Bareback Champion at the Texas State High School Rodeo held June 8-14 in Abilene. He will compete at the national finals in Farmington, NM on July 20-27.

From the files of the
Tahoka Pioneer Museum

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1903-2003

DATED AUG. 30, 1963:

Tahoka's First School Opened 60 Years Ago

(By Nettie Wells Edwards)
Sixty years ago the 19th day of this month, August, my family (the J. S. Wells) arrived in Tahoka.

It was a hot Sunday afternoon about four o'clock when we drove to the town lots, southwest of the square that Dad had bought on a previous trip to Lynn county.

Our tent was erected and wagons unloaded so the boys could start to Big Spring the next day after lumber and supplies to build our house.

Mama took advantage of our neighbor's cow lot and penned up her milk cow. The Bob Edwards family, living in a half dugout, were gone from home at the time. They returned in the night, and Dad had Uncle Bob drilling as well the next day.

Mr. Faulkner, a carpenter from Lubbock, was sent for and was here to start building the house, by the time the first load of lumber arrived. The foundation was made from rocks hauled from Guthrie Lake. By Thanksgiving, we had moved into our new home.

Charley Doak, our first sheriff, had just completed his new residence where the Higginbotham-Bartlett lumber yard now stands. Sam McDaniel, the first county clerk, had a home built south of the present First Baptist Church.

W. R. Hampton's home was where the Legion Hall is located, and due south a block was the

King residence.

Some of our citizens were living in half dugouts. Mr. Gilmore, owner of the first drug store, and his family lived in a half dugout where our present water tower stands.

Judge Elliott, our first county judge and father of the late Jim Elliott, drove from his farm in a buggy every week day to serve as county judge. His farm is the C. T. Tankersley place now.

He ate his mid-day meal with us, and brought us children some of the finest watermelons he raised! We all thought he was one of the kindest old gentlemen we ever knew.

The new court house was being completed, and all the entertainment for the town took place there in the district court room.

Church was held there when they could get a preacher. Some medicine shows and slight-of-hand shows, and a square dance now and then, marriages were performed, all-day singings with everybody carrying a basket lunch on some Sundays, and other events were held in this court room.

King and Sweet were building a new store where Dub Kenley grocery is located. Several loads of stock had been ordered for the new business. Dad bought the store that fall.

R. D. Morris ran a store where Borden Davis hardware is, and W. R. Hampton owned a dry goods store where the First National Bank stands.

Between these two stores, a new postoffice was being built, and Mrs. Edd Henderson was appointed the first postmistress. Mr. Sherrod was still delivering mail from the Lynn postoffice in a buggy while the new building was being completed.

Mrs. Sherrod ran a boarding house on the east side of the square and served meals for 25 cents.

That fall a one room school building was completed, and Mr. and Mrs. Norton, school teachers from Lubbock, moved here to teach our very first school term. They had one child, an adopted daughter about ten years old. Her name was Bessie. Their home was built southeast of the present Mrs. Tom Garrard home. Mr. Norton taught the higher grades and Mrs. Norton the lower ones.

We had no desks, just rough benches with high backs. A hand bell was rung by Mr. Norton for the pupils to line up and march into the building. We had a morning recess and one afternoon recess.

At noon the pupils usually ate their lunch gathered around the front door step. Most of them used lard buckets or molasses buckets to carry their lunch in, which usually consisted of fried bacon or ham, a baked sweet potato, boiled eggs, and sometimes the lid of the bucket was used to pour molasses in, which was sopped up with buttered homemade biscuits.

The small children played "make believe house" and "drop-the-handkerchief" while the older ones played town ball. Many an interesting game was broken up by the ball rolling down a dog hole.

I can name most of the pupils attending that first school, beginning with my own family, Thurman, Claud, Ruby and I (Nettie)

were present. Jack wasn't old enough, but he ran off from home and visited school every day.

Jack was there the day Mr. Norton and Sam Jones were having a fight. They were down on the floor, rolling over and over and getting close to Jack; so he made for an open window and jumped out, running home fast as he could go. That ended his visiting school.

The Sherrod children attending school were Mae, Ivy, Carl, Guy and Jo. Mrs. Norton had trouble trying to teach Guy to spell. She called him to come to her chair where she was sitting one morning and told him to repeat the letters after her to the word she wanted him to spell. Guy, a cotton-headed boy with freckles and barefooted, stammered over the word. Mrs. Norton would put one hand on top of his head and spin him around with the other, and have him try again. This went on and on until she was satisfied Guy knew the word.

The Nevill girls, Callie, Laura, and Olive, and their two brothers, Frank and Linden, attended the first school.

They all had to watch Linden to see that he got to school. He hid behind mesquite bushes on the way to try and escape going. Frank was one of the boys, usually two were sent, to the Wells place for drinking water three times a day. It was carried in two large zinc buckets. A long-handled dipper was used in each bucket and everyone lined up to wait his turn for a drink. I was always glad when Frank got hold of the dipper, as he offered all the girls a drink first.

Grandma Phoenix, our oldest citizen, raised three grandchildren. Their names were Valerie, Verda and Virgil. Uncle Press, her son and uncle of these children, made a living for them owning and operating the first blacksmith shop. He was noted for making up poetry and songs, and if he were living today he could have gotten rich selling his poetry for jingles on television.

The McDaniel children going to school were Fred, Pearl and Henry. Rescola wasn't of school age. The King children, four in all, of which only two were in school. Jewell and Sandy were the oldest.

Sandy, a dwarf, had to use a wooden box to stand on to reach the blackboard. He was one of the brightest pupils in school. Several years back I read about Sandy making a very prominent lawyer and judge down in Brown county.

Mask Crowned Wrangler Bareback Champion

Chad Tyler Mask, a junior from River Road High School in Amarillo, Tx was recently crowned The Wrangler Bareback Champion at the Texas State High School Rodeo held in Abilene, June 8-14, 2003. Mask won the first go, split the second go, won the short round and then won the average to take home the first place prizes. He also posted the top score of the finals with a 79. He will be the #1 seed from Texas in Bareback at the High School National Finals to be held in Farmington, N.M., July 20-27.

Chad is the son of Rick and Debbie Mask of Amarillo. His grandparents are R.D. and Norma Mask also of Amarillo. Sheriff & Mrs. Bob Wilson of Tahoka and Ernest & Phyllis Wait of Campo, Co. Also Ella Mac Hall of Tahoka and the late Smokey Hall of Springfield, Co.

The Outdoor Channel will air the short go from Abilene, July 28, 30 and Aug. 4, 6. The Monday dates air at 11 a.m. eastern time; Wednesday dates air at 8 p.m. eastern time.

Clara Porterfield, an only child of the Porterfields who built the first hotel building in Tahoka, used a special chair to sit in at school. This chair remained there until the old school building was torn down. Some later teachers used it to punish their students for being naughty. I have had to sit in it with my face toward the corner for 30 minutes at a time for talking or laughing out loud.

Syble Alford, the only daughter of the Alford who owned the boot and saddle shop, also used a special chair. It was sawed off short and had a leather bottom her dad had made.

Nellie Honea was the adopted daughter of the Honeas, he being the first man to operate a barber shop.

Johnnie and Odessa Henderson were faithful pupils to attend the school. Their dad, Edd Henderson, was one of the first trustees.

The Cass Cowan children drove in from their farm southeast of Guthrie Lake. They were Annie, Jessie and Linnie.

The Cadés, Myrtle, Annie, Edd, and Viron (Soaky) drove in from near the sandhills.

The Napiers, who lived in a half dugout where the Irving Stewart place is northwest of town, either walked or rode in to school. They were Lois, Otis, Robert, Edweena and Zola.

The Gilmore girls and boys attending school were Della, Kay, Dee and Durwood. Miss Lula, the oldest, kept house for her dad.

The children of the Bob Edwards family were Calvin, Lillie, Robert and Otis.

The two Doak girls, Birdie and Jewell, attended this school.

There were possibly others that moved into Tahoka later and started before the Nortons finished their second term of school.

The last day a program was given and all the parents invited, speeches were recited, songs were sung, and dialogues were acted out.

Mr. and Mrs. Norton move back to Lubbock, and I remember seeing them one time a few years later. They were here at the trial of their best friend and neighbor, Sheriff Roberts of Lubbock county, in the year 1908.

He was being tried in district court for killing a man that resisted arrest. He came clear of the charges, and happier people I never saw than were the Roberts family and the Nortons.

Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.

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Tractor Raffle To Benefit WPS

Women's Protective Services of Lubbock, Inc. (WPS) will host its 4th Annual Tractor Raffle, "Planting the Seeds for Change," Aug. 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. A 150 hp 2003 7810-John Deere Tractor will be raffled off at the end of the evening.

Tickets are on sale now and must be purchased prior to Aug. 9. Proceeds benefit WPS. Only 2,000 tickets will be sold and may be purchased for \$100. Ticket price includes ad-

mission for two, one raffle entry, a barbecue dinner provided by J&M Barbecue, a silent auction and live entertainment by the Rex Thomas Band.

Gary Ivey of Ralls was last year's winner. Ivey has farmed cotton and maize on the South Plains all of his life. Currently Ivey farms on approximately 3,000 acres in the Ralls area.

For more information on where to purchase tickets, check with your local bank: John Deere dealer or call (806) 748-5292 for sales outlets in your area.

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THE WINDMILL

By E. I. Hill, 1953

(Note: I needed a poem about the windmill and asked Mr. Hill if he knew one. He said: "I'll look and see." A few days later he came up with this one of his own.

I was to make a talk on "My first 25 years in Tahoka" and wanted to use a poem on the windmill — and Mr. Hill wrote this for me. (K. R. Durham)

Of all the pioneers who have blessed our State,
Here's one whose praises are sung too late.
This ensue here on the Plains did live
and cool clear water for life did give.
You ask what pioneer we failed to thank?
It's the faithful windmill at the water tank.

Out yonder it stands in the pasture alone
or close by house our slight to condone.
For whether it's hot or whether it's cold,
It pumps water for man, cattle or foal.
The rancher's cattle from dale and hill,
The long horn cattle —
The white face cattle —
The thirsty old cattle —
That gather at the mill, that gather at the mill.

Now the summer is dry and the wind is hot,
And the flies are plentiful but the grass is not.
The cows drift as they eat 'til they're far away,
Then straggle to the mill at the noon of day.
And to the mill at the well at the close of day.

They pick up their pace at the sight of the tank,
And begin to run as they break the rank,
And I fancy no thanks for the water is given,
For they know nothing of God's love or heaven.
Who gives the ever flowing water,
The pure living water,
Fresh pumped from the windmill well.

Children come to the well to play,
Or to dip in the tank with the cattle away.
Mother came in a dress plain and long
to the well for water, humming her song.
She wars her bonnet of gingham too,
and she's strikingly pretty in red and blue.
She fetched her water in a bucket or two,
For cooking of meals and laundry to do.
She fills the pitcher at the washstand too,
For the menfolk would be coming
For vittles, cool water and rest, She knew.

And now though the weather be foul and icy
winds blow,
And the coyotes howl, as down comes the
snow,
The mill never stops but works faithfully on
Through the wild stormy night from twilight
'till dawn.
Pumping the water in the face of the storm,
Water from the depths that is now clear and
warm.
The ice thawing water, the thirst quenching
water,
The life-giving water that is pure and warm.

So here's to that greatest pioneer of old,
Whose worth is not measured in silver or gold.
For it gave itself, its very life,
That man might live with less want and strife.
So I bow my head to the old wind mill
Whose tattered wheel is now torn and still,
For I cannot forget how it opened the way
For man and beast and this good day.

County Ground Water Levels Show Decline

Lynn County ground water levels declined an average of 0.91 of a foot during 2002. This is based on measurements taken from 81 privately owned wells in the observation network maintained by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

Ground water levels in Lynn County declined an average 1.00 foot annually during the ten-year period from 1993 to 2003. An average annual decline of 1.23 feet was recorded for the five year period from 1998 to 2003.

Ground water levels in the Ogallala aquifer within the 6.8 million acre water district service area declined an average of 1.06 feet from 2002 to 2003. This decline increased by 0.28 of a foot as compared to the previous year.

"All counties within the water district's 15 county service area saw an average decline in depth-to-water levels. This decline is probably due to a number of reasons, but primarily, a lack of precipitation at opportune times resulted in the requirements of additional ground water pumpage last year," said Don McReynolds, High Plains Water District geologist/technical division director.

Water District May Implement Refunds On Drilling Permits

Recent rainfall may have been more of a burden than a benefit to some producers across the Texas High Plains, according to the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

In some cases, the rains caused significant crop losses, created cave-ins around newly-drilled water wells, and made it difficult for water well drillers to move their machinery into fields. These setbacks have caused some producers with the water district to reconsider completing water wells they planned to drill.

"The High Plains Water District understand the hardships weather can sometimes bring," said a representa-

tor. A network of 1,214 privately-owned observation water wells is used to determine the annual change in the quantity of water in the Ogallala aquifer within the High Plains Water District. The depth-to-water measurements are taken in January and February of each year to allow water levels to stabilize from pumping during the previous growing season.

Nine counties showed average annual water level declines of less than one foot, while six counties showed an average annual water level decline of more than one foot.

Maps showing the location of observation wells were published in the April issue of the district's newsletter, The Cross Section, as well as tables listing the water levels in these wells at one-, five-, and 10 year intervals.

Copies of The Cross Section for April 2003, are available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Tx 79411 or by calling (806) 762-0181. The water district's web site is www.hpwd.com and its email address is @hpwd.com

"Please contact us if you are nearing the expiration date of your water well drilling permit extension and if you have decided not to complete your well due to weather-related problems. District management will consider refunding the \$250 water well drilling permit deposit on a case-by-case basis."

All requests must be in writing and must include an explanation of the weather-related hardship. Please send requests to the High Plains Water District, 2930 Ave. Q, Lubbock TX 79411-2499.

Producers with questions may call the water district office at (806) 762-0181.

Mixed Golf Event Set At Lamesa

Lamesa Golf Club is sponsoring a Senior/Seniorita Scramble Saturday and Sunday, July 12-13, with one male and one female on each team.

Cost to enter is \$120 per team, and tee times will be at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Private carts are welcome; cart rentals also are available.

To enter, or for more information, golfers are asked to call the pro shop at 872-3059.

Better three hours too soon than a minute too late.

—William Shakespeare

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Peace Officer Night Academy Offered At SPC

Pre-registration deadline is Aug. 3 for the next Basic Peace Officer Evening Academy at South Plains College in Levelland.

The 576-hour academy will meet Sept. 2 through Aug. 3, 2004.

Classes will meet 5-10:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday in the SPC Law Enforcement Building, Room 115.

A fingerprint and criminal history background check is required through the Texas Department of Public Safety and takes a week to 10 days to process, said Larry Nichols, chairperson of the Professional Services and Energy Department and academy coordinator.

The course is designed to meet requirements set by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education for persons wishing to take the state's peace officer licensing exam. The course will include basic topics such as all Texas laws and procedural requirements, use of force, human relations, professionalism and ethics, fitness and wellness, strategies of defense, mechanics of arrest, criminal investigation and many others.

A total of 24 hours of college credit will be awarded on completion of the academy.

The academy is open to persons 21 years of age or older who want to become Texas peace officers. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, high school graduates or possess the GED certificate with 12 hours of accredited college or university credit. Applicants cannot have a Class B or higher conviction in the last 10 years.

A non-refundable \$25 application fee is required for the background check. Applicants must take an SPC police academy entrance exam and apply separately to the college.

Academy packets are available in the Law Enforcement Building, Room 102.

The academy will be offered in four sessions.

For more information, contact the SPC Law Enforcement Office at 806-894-9611, ext. 2291.

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2 - two pocket folders (one red and one blue) No brads
2 - #2 pencils
Fisker scissors (not sharp)
markers
KINDERGARTEN
1 pkg. of Crayola markers
watercolor paints
1 glue stick
construction paper - 1 assorted colors and 1 manila
2 lg. boxes of Kleenex
3 - 2 pocket folders (no brads) one blue, one yellow, one red
1 - 4 oz. bottle of white Elmer's glue
1 pair of children's scissors (Fisker brand) not sharp
1 box of 24 crayons
1 backpack
3 - spiral notebooks (wide-rule)
1 Kinder-mat
1 school box
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A change of clothes in a separate bag labeled with your child's name.
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FIRST GRADE

Label all items with your child's name!
Sharp point scissors (Fisker brand)
2 - 4oz. Elmer's glue (no gel or colored, NO bigger sized & NO glue sticks)
8 - pencils
24 count box of crayons
2 - large boxes of Kleenex
large eraser school box
1 - spiral notebook (120 pages) - wide rule
assorted construction paper
2 - 8 count Crayola washable markers (basic colors)
2 - folders with pockets (no brads) 1 red, 1 blue
watercolor paints
SECOND GRADE
School box
10 - #2 pencils
scissors - sharp point
Inch & metric ruler
24 count box of crayons
4 oz. White Elmer's school glue

2 - lg. boxes of Kleenex
2 - lg. erasers
8 washable markers (wide/Crayola basic)
3 pocket folders with brads
1 wide-ruled spiral notebook
1 backpack or book bag
wide-lined notebook paper
notebook

THIRD GRADE

5 pocket folders with brads - 1 blue & 1 yellow
erasers
#2 pencils (NO PEN PENCILS)
school box
sharp point scissors
notebook with wide-lined paper
16-24 count crayons
inch/centimeter ruler
3 large boxes of Kleenex
3-10 washable markers (wide ends) glue (not colored)
3 wide-ruled spiral notebooks - 120 pages each
map colors

FOURTH GRADE

#2 pencils
2 spiral notebooks
1 - 5 subject notebook
3 large boxes of Kleenex
wide-lined loose leaf paper
2 red pens
sharp point scissors
2 glue sticks
12-inch ruler with metric & inches
map colors
5 - pocket folders with brads
blue or black pen
large eraser
box of 16-24 count crayons
4 highlighters
1 box of markers

FIFTH GRADE

#2 pencils
2 spiral notebooks
1 - 5 subject notebook
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wide-lined loose leaf paper
2 red pens
sharp point scissors
2 glue sticks
12-inch ruler with metric & inches
map colors
5 - pocket folders with brads
blue or black pen
large eraser
box of 16-24 count crayons
4 highlighters
1 box of markers
protractor

NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LYNN

DATED July 3, 2003, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in a certain suit No. 2100, and styled Lynn County Appraisal District vs Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, successor in interest to Texas Bank & Trust (In Rem Only), and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court. I have on July 3, 2003, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in August, 2003, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Tahoka, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Lynn and the State of Texas, to-wit:

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or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgement for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED July 3, 2003, at Tahoka, Tx

By Bob Wilson
SHERIFF, Lynn County,
Texas

s/ Abraham Vega
DEPUTY
SHERIFF

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The O'Donnell I.S.D. will accept sealed bids until 1:30 p.m. (C.D.T.) July 28, 2003, for the 2003-04 school year for the following items: (1) consumable and non-consumable paper goods, (2) cleaning supplies, (3) audio visual equipment, (4) classroom furniture, (5) activity supplies and equipment (football, basketball, track, and band instruments), (6) teaching supplies and materials, (7) turf equipment and supplies, (8) technology labs, equipment and software, (9) fuel, oil and related transportation supplies, (10) student accident insurance, (11) milk and other dairy supplies, (12) property and liability insurance. One or all bid packets will be mailed by written or telephone request (806-428-3241). Please specify each packet requested. Each bid must be marked by the number identifying the item. O'Donnell I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any or all technicalities, and accept the bid which will best serve the needs of the school district. All bids will be opened on July 28, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. in the business/tax collector's office, 501 5th Street, O'Donnell, Texas.

/s/ Dale Read, Superintendent

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Events In New Home Area (Courtesy Tahoka Pioneer Museum - New Home file)

Early Days In New Home Area Recounted By Mittie Ater

The following events were told by Mittie Ater:

At this time (1901 or 1902) when Jack White came to Lynn County, all legal business was done in Lubbock County. In order to file a claim on the land, the men would have to line up in a chute similar to the cattle chute and stand in line for their turn.

We moved from a place, where Wolfthorpe now stands, to a piece of land adjoining the Deuce of Hearts Ranch. This ranch belonged to Van Sanders and J.K. Milwee. The headquarters for the ranch is the place now farmed by Gene Roper. Three miles due north of the headquarters, Papa filed on one section and bought another section which he later sold to P.F. Renfro. Papa helped elect the first county officers for Lynn County.

Charlie Brown, the real estate man, brought prospects from Iowa in 1904. Mother sent back to East Texas for the flower seeds. Some of the seeds came from H.G. Hastings, Atlanta, Ga. She would get little sprigs of cottonwood and poplar and plant them in lengths under the lead trough and raised enough of the little trees to have a hedge around the place and also supply the neighbors. She planted flowers all over the place. In fact, on every inch of ground she had flowers or veg-

etables. She hung buckets around the windmill and in each bucket she planted moss which would grow and finally cover the buckets.

Papa made his living freighting from Big Spring and Colorado City to Amarillo and Canyon. The B.T. Sumner's house, which land joined the old Hubbard land on the west, was the only house to be seen.

The only plough we had was a turning plough working two mules. I planted with Papa at the age of 9. He would plow two rows and on this third row I would plant, so on his fourth round he would cover up my row.

The planter was made from a flat plank rounded at the corners on which had been bolted a wash basin upside down with nails. Holes were bored around the sides of the wash basin with one large hole, which had a cork. This large hole was used to fill the basin with grain. There were two handles coming from the top of the basin with which to push the planter. As this was pushed, the basin revolved, planting the seed. We planted Dwarf Maize, corn, Kaffir Corn, and cane. The maize was headed by hand and the corn was gathered by hand.

The people who finally moved in were: Watt Emery, and John Emery, brothers; J.R. Evans, brother-in-law to

the Emerys; and Bob Haney, who married the Emerys' sister, came in 1904; E.Y. Lee who lived north of Lakeview where A.C. Fillingim now lives; J.Q. Robinson, and Will Robinson, brothers who owned the section where Speckman lives, in 1905.

These men decided we needed a school (Lakeview area) so Papa, Robinson, and Haney hauled lumber from Colorado City and built the school themselves. The piece of land on which the school was located now belongs to Dr. English north of Roy Nettles' place.

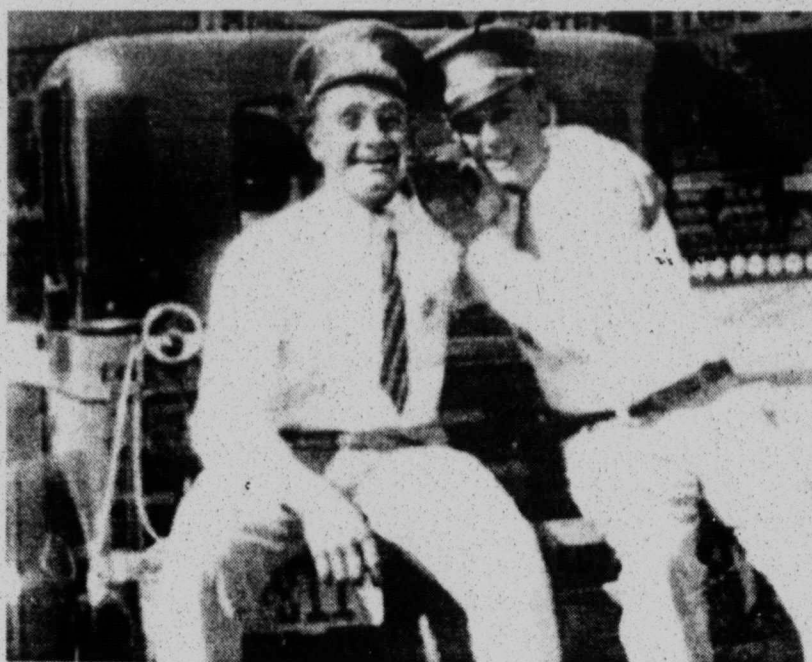
These same men were also instrumental in organizing the first Sunday School. Bob Haney was superintendent and Dora Lee was the first secretary. Mr. Haney was song leader and his wife was the organist. J.R. Evans was teacher of the adult class, Mrs. Haney was teacher of the young people and my mother was teacher of the primaries.

All of these men, except Will Robinson, put in \$5.00 each and bought the first organ, costing \$35.00, from Sears, Roebuck. The organ arrived at the freight depot in Colorado City and had to be hauled out here. The first church was organized in the school house around 1910. Brother Trammel was the preacher who organized the church.

This was a union Sunday School with all faiths, such as Jehovah Witness, Methodist, and Baptist, etc. The preachers came from everywhere and were Methodists, Baptists, Church of Christ, and Nazarene. Jake Whitley, preacher from Meadow was of the Nazarene Church. Meadow and Lakeview combined and located the church on the southwest corner of the Nettles/Marcy place.

Ora Copeland donated the land, but the church later bought and moved a church from Meadow to the site.

I boarded the carpenters while they were working on the church. The Baptist and Methodist preachers did most of the preaching. Later the church members joined with the Petty members and built the present Methodist Church. Church trustees sold the old church building to Jay Moore who moved it to Slaton, using it for a warehouse. The present church is located on the Murray Nettles land. Baptist



CHESTER SMITH (right), New Home native, drove a taxi while attending Texas Tech during his youth

Church is at Lakeview Center.

Roy Nettles came here in 1908; Fritz Speckman in 1912; the Marceys lived north of the present Ater place, in 1907; Sister Burton married Toe March in 1909. Campbells came in 1908 or 1909. W.S. Perry in 1916; Northams in 1916; Newmans in 1917. Saleh Williams came in 1907. His wife was the former Ellie Nettles. They owned land where the present Coop Gin now stands. The balance of their land is owned by their sons, Pete and M.J.

The first teacher (at Lakeview) was Carrie Miles who taught in 1904-05 and married George Shumake. She and her husband ranched west of Seagraves; Lulu Allen, from Hale Center, taught in 1905-06; Lulu Jones of Beeville taught in 1906-07. She later married Mr. Trigg, an attorney in Lubbock. She also had a sister who taught in the schools at a later date — Lena Jones who married Joe Baldrige. Gertrude Clifford, who was Ora Copeland's sister, taught in 1907-08; Meda Clayton in 1908-09. This was the year I left and went away to school. Mrs. Curry taught in 1909-10; Lucy Tubbs in 1914-15. Sara Hudson, from Brownfield, boarded with me and taught school here before Jack was old enough to go to school, back in 1914. I taught at West Point in 1911-12. There was not enough money to run school for nine months so I went to another school.

The Albert Taylor Ranch is the place where Claude Brown now lives and "Big" Jim Robinson was his foreman.

We moved from Montague County to Scurry County where we lived 10 months before moving to Lubbock on Oct. 31, 1899. Lubbock, at this time had approximately 200 people, and a one-room school house. Papa arrived here with a wife, five children and 75 cents. We lived in a tent and Judge Bean gave Papa his first two lots valued at 75 cents each. They were located on land which is now two blocks south on Ave. H and east one block. The floor of the tent was covered by a rug made by my mother and her mother. It was large enough to cover the entire floor. Our beds were placed on the floor in order that we could keep warm.

In order to earn a living Papa hauled freight to and from Lubbock. Wagons were the only means of hauling in supplies such as medicines, hardware, lumber, fuel. On one trip he was going to bring a load of lumber to Lubbock. One wagon he left intact, but the other one he took off the wagon bed

and wagon rods leaving the running gears.

On this trip from Canyon City it rained for 15 days. They became bogged down to the axle and were unable to move the load. During this time his family had just about reached the point of starvation before he arrived home. Mother sent us three miles across the open pasture to the Milwee farm to borrow a 10-pound can of flour.

Any mail or visitors arriving would have to come by stagecoach by way of Big Spring or Canyon. The stagecoach would arrive two or three times a week.

When Charlie Brown would bring any prospective buyers to find land he would always come by our place to see all of the flowers Mother had. She also planted Boi'd are hedge which was used as a clothesline because of the thorns which it had.

T.S. Johnson was manager of the 06 ranch where Papa made tanks one winter. We lived on the section near the T4 pasture. Papa was gone four to six weeks at a time leaving his family alone except for the occasional cowboy who passed by.

The pasture grass, and everything was pasture as far as the eye could see, was knee high. I could ride my pony and the grass would touch the soles of my feet.

Prairie fires were very common due to the long grass. The fires would sometimes start in New Mexico and burn all the way here before they could be controlled. The men would take anything they could find to beat the fire. They would try to build fire breaks around their homes. The cowboys found one of the best ways to check a fire was to kill a poor yearling or an old cow and while the blood was running out of the animal one cowboy would take the front feet and the other the hind quarter and drag it along the fence row, thus checking the fire. I could lay in bed and watch the reflection of the flames on the wall from the T4 pasture fires.

The land was covered with pasture grass. There were very few mesquites and I have seen as many as 500 antelope in a bunch.

It was common for it to rain as much as 24 hours at a time. The lakes would run together from so much rain. They would be so deep the horses would have to swim them. The time it rained for 15 days the ground was so wet we kids were able to stick the wagon rods all the way in the ground.

Snakes were everywhere! One evening the cat was watching something making a noise in the catsclaw.

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As my sister, Bert, stooped to pick up the cat a large rattlesnake struck at her, but missed. We were not always this lucky!

When we moved from Scurry County to Lubbock, we had a herd of cows, brood mare, colt, and teams. We had a 13-year-old boy by the name of Millard Lowrey with us to help herd the cows. We left Bull Creek and took off for Lubbock with Millard leading the horses and cattle. I was seven years old now and was driving one of the wagons which had the kids, as well as three baby chickens in a small wire cage, which my sisters and I were very proud of having.

Just outside of what is now Gail, Millard screamed, "A snake has bitten me. I will die won't I?"

A rattler had bitten him on the big toe. Immediately my father cut a strand of hobble cord which we kept around the horses necks when not in use, and tied a tourniquet around the calf of the boy's leg. He then took his whetstone and sharpened his knife as sharp as possible and slit his toe from top to bottom and side to side. Next he came to our wagon and asked us to give him one of our little chickens, which was almost more than we could do, but under his insistence we gave him one of the baby chickens. He took it and slit its breast, placing the open chicken over the cut. The chicken turned green due to the poison it was drawing out of the boy's toe. Papa then asked us for the second chicken. He used it the same way and it still turned green. The third chicken did not turn green, therefore he knew the venom was out of the toe.

While Mother dressed his foot, Papa rode to Gail for help and medicine, but found neither. We were scared to death the boy would die, but he did recover. When he was well enough Papa made a pair of crutches for him.

Delbert White related the following event:

The family had sold our house to Mr. Milwee and moved to Presidio in 1909. We were there for about a year when Papa decided to move back to this area. The trip back took 15 days. One day the horses got away from us in the Jeff Davis Mountains and it took two days to round them up. We hobbled the lead horses at night with rope hobbles — the chain hobble with a leather buckle was too expensive, this way the lead horses couldn't travel very far very fast and usually the other horses would stay near the lead horses. I had the job of bringing up two foals — one had run into the fence and severely cut its neck; the other's mother had died so we were feeding it. Progress was slow, and by the time I would arrive into camp each night, everyone would have had supper and bedded down.

We arrived here (the second time) on Sept. 10, 1910 and moved into a two-room house on the Shumake place. We used one room for cooking and the other was the bedroom for Papa and Mother. The boys slept in the covered wagons. The girls slept on the porch — a wagon sheet was nailed to the house and covered the north, west, and east sides, but the south side was open. This was our living quarters until we could improve it.

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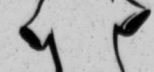
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