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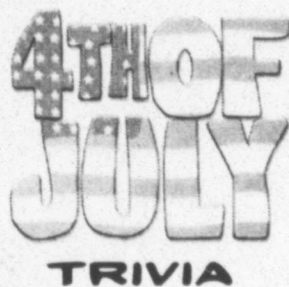
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Do you know?

How many people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th?
Two

When was the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence?

July 8, 1776. Actually, the Liberty Bell rang out from Independence Hall to summon the crowd.

On what date did most of the signers actually sign the doc?
August 2, 1776

Which president was born on the 4th of July?
Calvin Coolidge, in 1872.

Which three presidents died on the 4th of July?
John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe. Adams, the second president, and Jefferson, the third president, both died on the same day in 1826.

What's

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 24	86	62	
June 25	84	65	
June 26	92	65	
June 27	96	67	0.03"
June 28	101	71	
June 29	100	71	
June 30	97	70	
Total Precip for Jan:			0.00"
Total Precip for Feb:			0.48"
Total Precip for Mar:			0.06"
Total Precip for Apr:			0.03"
Total Precip for May:			3.95"
Total Precip for June:			3.74"
Total Precip. for 2014:			8.26"

Dr. McFarland named TISD Supt., to begin duties here on July 8th

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in special session last Thursday, June 26, offering Dr. George McFarland, an Abilene middle school principal, a contract as Superintendent of Tahoka ISD. He signed a 3-year contract that night, at an annual salary of \$105,000, and will begin his duties here July 8.

The Board named Steve Burleson as interim superintendent until Dr. McFarland assumes his duties in July, and also voted to hire Mr. Burleson as a certified administrator until Aug. 31, 2014, at which time his retirement comes into effect.

Dr. McFarland was named the lone finalist for the position at the June 5 board meeting, and the board waited the required 21 days to offer a contract. Trustee Michael Duncan made the motion to name Dr. McFarland as superintendent, seconded by Brenda Dotson, and the Board approved the motion in a unanimous 7-0 decision.

"Dr. Box, and members of the TISD Board of Trustees, I want to say thank you," Dr. McFarland said as he addressed the board. "I feel privileged and honored to serve at Tahoka ISD. It is humbling that this trust has been given, because

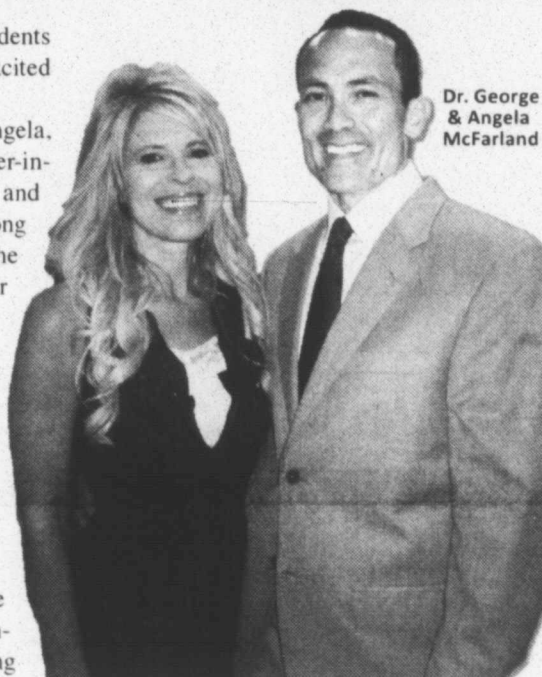
the livelihood and futures of the students now has been given to me. I am excited and thrilled to be here," he added.

Dr. McFarland and his wife, Angela, along with their son and daughter-in-law, and daughter, greeted staff and community members at an hour-long reception hosted by the Board at the Harvick Educational Building prior to the special session.

In other business, the Board approved contracts for two new staff members, Jarrod Wright, middle school science teacher, and Tammy Barnett, high school math teacher. One resignation was accepted, for Caleb Nies, an assistant football coach/teacher.

Outgoing superintendent Steve Burleson made a special presentation at the meeting, recognizing Juanell Jones of The Lynn County News with a 2014 Media Honor Roll award, expressing the school's appreciation for fair and balanced reporting and for providing the community with information about Tahoka ISD.

"I appreciate the good working relationship I have with the administration and Board of Trustees. It is a privilege to work with you, and I look forward to continuing that relationship," Jones said.



Dr. George & Angela McFarland

Trustees approved several purchases for the school campuses, including new laptops for the middle school students and staff to replace laptops purchased four years ago (at a cost within a \$60,000 budget); new security keys and locks for the elementary campus (cost approx. \$23,000 for the card key system and additional security cameras); acoustic ceiling tiles for the band hall; and replacement of two 65-ft. tall light poles at the baseball field that had become rotted and were leaning, causing safety concerns (cost \$9,000).

"Last year, we redid the locks at the high school campus with this new key card reader system and some security cameras. In the past year, we have not had a single item stolen from the campus and the cameras have actually helped solve some disciplinary issues," technology director Kory Saenz told the Board, in making the presentation for replacing the locks at the elementary campus.

Trustees also clarified policy regarding local reimbursement of sick leave upon retirement to state that the employee must have been with Tahoka ISD for at least 10 years to qualify for the reimbursement.

Dr. Cathy Box, Board President, asked trustees to consider nominating TISD Board member Jimmie Bingham for the Texas Association of School Boards Director vacancy in Region 17. Brenda Dotson made the motion, and trustees voted unanimously to nominate Bingham for the TASB position. His name will join any others submitted by other school districts to be considered in a TASB election for the director's seat.

It's a wonderful life...

Wilson pastor David Rohde to celebrate 30th anniversary at St. Paul Lutheran

by JUANELL JONES

From the sprawling urban metropolis of Chicago to the small community of Wilson, Texas (population: 489), a pastor of a small rural church reflects on a career that he never anticipated would span three decades in the same location. But after 30 years, and more than 2,000 sermons, Pastor David W. Rohde is observing his 30th anniversary in the ministry, all at St. Paul Lutheran Church, and he is quite happy about it.

Pastor Rohde came to Wilson's St. Paul Lutheran Church 30 years ago, fresh out of the Lutheran seminary, coming from Chicago to a tiny little west Texas town that was beyond any of the young pastor's life experience.

"It was 1984. I was just out of seminary, and when they asked what I was looking for in my first appointment I asked for a congregation of 200-300 people in Southern California, Texas or Arizona. They came back and asked if I would take a change in the size of the congregation, or choose a different area, and I said I could work with a smaller congregation. So they appointed me to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson," said Rohde.

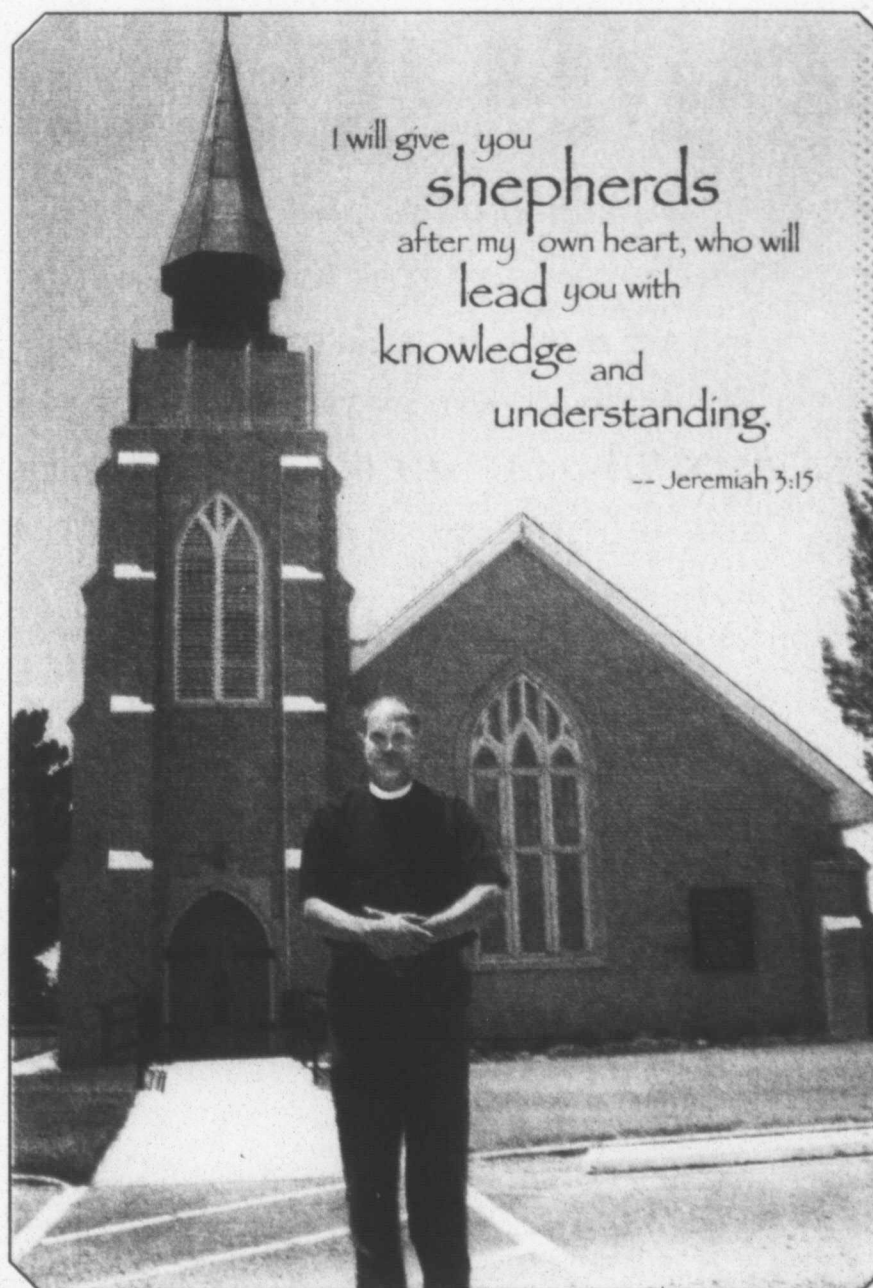
"Basically, I did get what I was asking for ... I just didn't expect that Wilson would be so tiny. I would say the smallest town I had ever lived in was maybe the size of Lubbock,"

Rohde recalls with a smile.

"This was my first appointment, and when I arrived I had somewhat of a shock, I guess you could say ... I had never lived where there were no traffic lights, no sidewalks, no restaurants. So when I saw the little community of Wilson I figured, okay, I can stay here a couple of years and then probably move on. If you had asked me then if I would have been here 30 years later, I would never have believed it," he admits.

Apparently, Pastor Rohde was a good match with the St. Paul Lutheran Church - so good that 30 years later he is still leading the membership, building on relationships and traditions that have spanned three decades. And in all those years, Rohde says he has only missed two services because of illness - that's a pretty good track

(See A WONDERFUL LIFE, page 4)



I will give you
shepherds
after my own heart, who will
lead you with
knowledge and
understanding.

-- Jeremiah 3:15

Words of

Inspiration:

"Ask not what your country can do for you,
but what you can do for your country."

-- JOHN F. KENNEDY



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Obituaries

**Dorothy Lee Smith**

Dorothy Lee Smith of Lubbock passed away on Sunday, June 29, 2014 at the age of 86. She was born December 26, 1927 in Garza County to Rex and Mabel (Scott) Welch. Dorothy worked as a Teacher's Aide, operated a dress shop, and sold Avon for over 40 years as well as always caring for her whole family. She married James L. Smith who preceded her in death in 2010. She was a member of New Home Church of Christ.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; husband; James and daughter, Sheree Temple.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Jeanne Garner and husband Jerry of Perryton; sons, Ronnie Bruton, Harlan Bruton, Kent Bruton and wife Mitzi all of New Home; sister, Rexene Pennell and husband Novis of Mineola; ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be held 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday July 2, 2014 at Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka. Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 3, 2014 at New Home Church of Christ with interment to follow at Terrace Cemetery in Post.

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

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**Dr. Charles Benson Whitfield, Jr.**

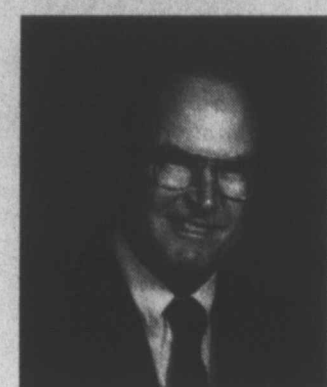
Dr. Charles (Charlie) Benson Whitfield, Jr., was born May 26, 1928 in Abbeville, GA, to Charles Sr., and Sarah Laverne Whitfield. He died June 20, 2014, at the age of 86. A Memorial Service was held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 25th at Dannel Funeral Chapel.

He graduated from Roswell High School in 1945, received his BS, Master's and Doctorate degrees in Education from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. With many years in education he taught and served as elementary school principal in Lubbock ISD. He was assistant professor and served as director of the Laboratory School at Morehead State University in Kentucky and served as director of Elementary Education in Denison ISD for many years before retiring in 1995. He was a member of many professional organizations including Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Phi, life member of TSTA, life member of NEA, and Grayson County Retired School Personnel Association (past president). He married Edie Lois Hamilton in the First Baptist Church July 3, 1947. Charlie and Edie, (daughter of the late Ed and Opal Hamilton) lived in Tahoka until moving to Lubbock in 1957. He worked as an appliance and TV repairman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his son Charles E. Whitfield.

Survivors include his wife Edie; his son Dr. Larry Whitfield and wife Kate Whitfield; and three grandchildren.

The Whitfield family would be honored by memorial donations to: Denison ISD, 1201 S. Rusk St., Denison, TX (75020); Texoma Medical Center, 5016 S. US Hwy 75, Denison, TX (75020); the Doris Hibbert Scholarship Fund, c/o First United Methodist Church, 401 N. Elm, Sherman, TX (75090); or the Grayson County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship Fund, c/o Mrs. Dorothy Lee-Treasurer, 509 Stewart Ln., Sherman, TX (75092).

**Wesley Edward Owen**

Wesley Edward Owen passed away on Thursday, June 26, 2014, just shy of his 89th birthday.

Wes was born in Merkel, to Joe and Winnie Sharp Owen on August 2, 1925. He joined the Navy at age 17 during WWII and served in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans. He was stationed on a submarine base in Australia. After the war, Wes enrolled at Hardin Simmons University where he met and married Janet Turner Owen, the love of his life for 65 years. Wes continued his education at Texas Tech College in Lubbock, receiving a degree in Electrical Engineering. He was registered as a professional engineer and was a member of NSPE and TSPE for many years. His entire professional career was spent at Lyntegar Electric in Tahoka before retiring after nearly 33 years. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Tahoka where he served as a Deacon and taught Sunday school for many years. He made several mission trips to Mexico with the River Ministry, building churches, clinics and other projects.

He was preceded in death by his wife Janet; his parents; two sisters, Annie Lee King and Frances Russell; and a brother Roy Owen.

Wes is survived by five children, Jane (Paul) Graham, Betty (Andrew) Pope, Jerry (Charlotte) Owen, Mary Anne (Lee) Moore and Barbara Owen; eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at First Baptist Church in Tahoka with interment at Nevels Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers those who wish to make a donation may do so to the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1547 Tahoka, Texas 79373.

The family expresses a special appreciation for the good people of Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka and the staff at Stonegate Nursing Center in Fort Worth for their compassionate care.

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

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by Dalton Woodwork



THERE ARE SEVERAL reasons why people have trouble sleeping, according to big-brains who are supposed to know all about such things, and I probably can claim most of them, since I don't sleep well at all, and when I wake up I am already tired and grouchy.

(There's an old joke that can be inserted here: My wife doesn't wake up Grouchy—she let's me sleep as late as I want to).

Anyway, I heard one strange reason for poor sleep given on a TV program last week. Some "experts" are claiming that having electronic devices in the bedroom can keep you awake. Not because you stay up all night messing with them, but because just by being in the room, they disturb your sleep somehow, like the circuits short out your brain waves or something.

These people said nobody should even have a TV set, cell phone, iPad, computer or any e-reader (such as Kindle or Nook) in the same room, and that you shouldn't use any of those things for at least an hour before retiring for the night.

I almost always read in my Kindle or watch TV right up to the time I decide to move from the recliner to the bed. I don't sleep well, but I'm not sure these electronic things have any bearing on that.

And our dog sleeps soundly right next to the TV in the bedroom, not bothered by any electronic emissions, and with absolutely no concerns about politics, finances or any obligations.

THE PUNSTER on Ave. P says a chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

COME TO THINK of it, I never have seen a chicken cross a road. Has anybody? If so, please let me know the details. If not, maybe we ought to forget the old question of why did the chicken cross the road, and replace it with "When did a chicken ever cross a road?"

Stage 1**Water Restrictions extended thru July**

Stage 1 Water Restrictions has been extended through July in Tahoka:

- Outside watering will be limited to two (2) days per week.
- Outside watering times should be limited so there will be no runoff of water onto the street.
- Normal watering times should be used so no more than 1.5 inches of water is applied.
- There will be no outside watering allowed between 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.
- If your address ends in an EVEN number, outside watering will be allowed on Monday and Thursday.
- If your address ends in an ODD number, outside watering will be allowed on Tuesday and Friday.
- Hand watering with a hose, or a soaker hose, is okay anytime.
- Residents or businesses (such as Tahoka ISD campuses) that have irrigation systems connected to their own water wells are exempt from the Stage 1 requirements.

If anyone has questions about the water limitations, contact Tahoka City Hall at 806-561-4211.

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MRS. MATTHEW TAYLOR (nee CAYCEE LYNN JONES)

Jones - Taylor exchange wedding vows

Caycee Lynn Jones and D. Matthew Taylor exchanged wedding vows at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 21st at Cotton Creek in New Home, with Heath Hobgood of Lubbock, officiating the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Carla Jones of Levelland. She is the granddaughter of LaRue Jones and the late Bill Jones of Levelland and Stanley and Lou Burleson of Floydada.

The groom is the son of Toby and Dana Taylor of Tahoka. He is the grandson of Kathy Taylor and the late Jimmie D. Taylor of Smyer and Kathy Rice and the late Stewart Rice of New Home and the late Buford Moore of Ropesville.

The bride, given in marriage by her father wore an ivory and silver mermaid shaped gown by Allure. The fitted bodice had a sweetheart neckline and dropped waist. The entire design is adorned with delicate lace applique over organza with covered buttons running the entire length of the gown. Her boots completed her ensemble.

Following tradition, the bride tied the 1952 Texas Tech Class Ring of her paternal grandfather Bill G. Jones in her bouquet for something old, something new was her wedding dress. Something borrowed was her wedding veil from Tara Hobgood, cousin of the groom and friend of the bride and something blue was the wedding date monogrammed inside the hem of her dress by the groom's grandmother, Kathy Rice. She placed pennies minted in the year of their births in her boot.

Lindsey Stanczak of Lubbock served as Matron of Honor. The bridesmaids were Cynanne Jones, sister of the bride of Levelland, Nicole Taylor, sister of the groom

of Tahoka, Hillary Shaheen and Rebecca Thomman of Levelland, Tara Hobgood of Lubbock and Jordan Martin of Plains. The best man was Cooper Hughes of Seminole. The groomsmen were Tye Jones, brother of the bride of Levelland, Chandler Caddell of Stamford, Matt Savage, Rance Meadows, Jay Martin, of Lubbock and Rayce Douglas of Lamesa. The flower girl was Brittan Brock of Childress. The ring bearers were Tyler Stanczak and Braxton Bitar, both of Lubbock. Emmie, the beloved dog of Caycee and Matt escorted Tyler down the aisle.

The wedding party entered to "Home" by Edward Sharpe and the Magnificent Zeros and exited to "My Dear" by Bethel Music and Hunter Thompson. Tammy Maxx and Music to the Maxx provided the music for the ceremony and dance.

Following the ceremony, guest enjoyed fajitas prepared by the brides father.

The bride and groom's table featured cakes made by the groom's aunt, Kendra Donaho. The bride's cake was Magnolia Vanilla with Butter Cream icing with a raspberry mousse filling. The groom's cake was a red velvet cake in the shape of a golf bag with edible leather, miniature golf balls and clubs.

Following a honeymoon to Ruidoso, NM, the couple will make their home in Lubbock.

The bride is a 2011 graduate of Levelland High School, a 2012 graduate of South Plains College with an Associate degree in Applied Science and a 2014 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelors of Science in Agriculture and Applied Economics.

The groom graduated from Tahoka High school in 2010. He attended South Plains College and is employed as a Flowback Operator with Rockwater Energy Solutions of Odessa.

O'Donnell Rodeo slated July 10-12

The O'Donnell Rodeo will be held July 10 -11-12, with performances slated at 8 p.m. nightly and a rodeo parade on Saturday, July 12. The parade starts at 6 p.m., featuring the Six White Horses drill team from Hardin Simmons University.

The 2014 Rodeo Queen candidates include Hanna Naumann, daughter of Patti Vestal and step-daughter of Tom Ed Vestal; Lexi Villarreal, daughter of Willie and Denise Villarreal; and Chloe Gleghorn, daughter of Tommy and Kim Gleghorn.

The O'Donnell rodeo grounds are located just west of Hwy. 87 in O'Donnell.

TDCJ Recruiter screening applicants in Lamesa

The TDCJ Recruiter will be screening Correctional Officer applicants in Lamesa at the Smith Unit on July 1, 15, and 29 at 7:30 a.m. The Smith Unit is now offering a \$4000 Recruiting bonus.

To schedule for screening go to www.tdcj.state.tx.us Select Employment; select Request CO Screening; Choose screening location and date. Download and complete the employment application forms.

Bring a completed State of Texas Application for Employment, TDCJ Employment Application Supplement, statement of availability and all required documents and copies to a scheduled Correctional officer screening appointment.



JAMES AND JANET WUENSCHKE

Wuensches celebrate 50th Anniversary

James and Janet Wuensche celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 27, 2014. The couple were married in Wilson at St. John Lutheran Church on June 27, 1964. They have lived and raised their family near Wilson.

They are the parents of three children and their spouses, Mark and Tina Wuensche of Tahoka, Jana and Jack Adams of Lubbock, and Craig and Sheila Wuensche of Lubbock; and grandchildren Trista and husband Luke Carpenter, Britt Wuensche and wife Cheree, Kalee Wuensche and fiance Slade Cupps, Lauren, Kaylyn, Amy and Mallory Adams, Monica Burroughs, Micheal Willis, and Cody Wuensche; and three great-grandchildren, Skylar and Summer Burroughs and Kaegen Carpenter.

Their children honored them with a special celebration of family and close friends at the home of their daughter in Lubbock.

Healthy living program offered here July 17

Keys to healthy living, a series sponsored by Lynnwood Independent and Assisted Living and IntegraCare Home Health, will have a program on Thursday, July 17 from 2:30-3:30 at Lynnwood. The topic will be "Maintaining a Healthy Mind".

All are invited to attend. For any questions, or for more information contact Lynnwood at 998-1226 or IntegraCare at 561-1115.

Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

July 7-11

Monday: Sloppy Joe, potato salad, carrots & zucchini, fruit square
Tuesday: Lasagna, brussel sprouts, garlic bread, pears

Wednesday: Baked chicken breast, au gratin potatoes, peas & carrots, waldorf salad, cornbread, banana

Thursday: Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, stewed okra, corn, pumpkin square

Friday: Fish on a bun, potato wedges, coleslaw, peach chantilly

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The Tahoka Daws Football Association (Youth Football) will be painting street addresses on curbs.

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Youth Activities

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Sunday School - 9:45 am

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Morning Worship - 10:55 am

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Wednesday Night - 7 pm

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PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD

Sunday School - 9:45 am

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am

Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm

Youth - Sundays at 7 pm

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Grassland Nazarene Church

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PASTOR: Rev. James Miller

Sunday School - 9:45 am

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am

Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm

Youth and Adults: Wednesdays - 7 pm

Prayer

Romans 8:26-27

The Holy Spirit perceives our heart's agonies and comforts us in our weaknesses. We wrestle with how to prioritize our prayers. We struggle with imposing our human agendas on a holy God. Life's frustrations can mute us spiritually: "We do not know what we ought to pray for" (verse 26). But God does not stop hearing us when we're dumbstruck before him. The Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf to the Father. The next time your spirit groans with a weight heavier than you can bear, trust that even when you might not be able to find words to pray, God clearly hears your cries through the intervention of the Holy Spirit.

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record.

This Sunday, July 6, the church is celebrating with great joy the 30th anniversary of Pastor David Rohde's ministry with a special service beginning at 5:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. James May, a missionary in Africa whom the St. Paul membership has supported for the past several years. Following the service, a barbeque meal will be served to the members at the Parish Hall, and Rev. May will give a presentation on his ministry in Africa. The event will conclude with the church's annual community fireworks show celebrating America's Independence Day, at Green Memorial Park. The fireworks show is open to the community and all visitors, and will begin after dark, at approximately 9:45 p.m.

When Rohde first arrived, the first people he met in Wilson were Roy and Sharon Isham, as the couple had the keys to the parsonage and let him into the house, which was across the street from their home.

Mrs. Isham laughs when she recalls the first time they met the young man who had just driven from Chicago to make his new life in Texas.

"He was... well, he was very scary when we first met," Sharon Isham recalls with a laugh. "He was wearing a cowboy hat, and cowboy boots with the long socks pulled up over the top of the boots... and shorts! I think someone told him that's what Texans wore, so he was trying to fit in," she added with a grin, noting that the young pastor fresh out of seminary was driving a car that was so old that he carried an old spare battery in the trunk.

Mrs. Isham, who began playing the organ for St. Paul Lutheran Church when she was in the fifth grade, long before Pastor Rohde arrived, has been the sole organist for the 30 years of

Pastor Rohde holds a photo of himself taken his first year at St. Paul



Rohde's pastorage at the church. She and her husband, Roy, have come to know David Rohde quite well, and she is enthusiastic in her praise of the pastor's service to the church.

"Our church is so thrilled that he has stayed this long - it's been wonderful, and we hope we never lose him," said Mrs. Isham. "He is so good in the pulpit, very much a pastor and leader, and yet when he leaves the pulpit and becomes just a 'regular person' in the community he fits in very well, and is so approachable. You wouldn't think somebody from Chicago would fit in so well in our little town, but he does."

"Actually, he lives just across the street from us, so we feel like we have raised him as part of our family," she said. "And he is just like one of our kids to us. As the organist at the church, he has just had to learn to put up with whatever I say," she added with a laugh.

The pastor has, of course, had opportunities to leave the Wilson congregation, getting calls to consider other churches in other cities. But, he, says, the timing was never right for various reasons, and he turned down each offer. His last offer to consider came in 1998, he says, to a city in Ohio.

"I really struggled with that offer, because by that time I had been here 14 years and thought

perhaps it was time for a change," Rohde says. "But the timing just wasn't right... it's like there were times when I wanted to leave that there were no calls to consider, and when I didn't want to leave is when there were calls. So here I am," he says with a laugh.

St. Paul Lutheran Church has a church roster of approximately 130 members, and Pastor Rohde says attendance on Sunday mornings is usually around 70, which is quite good for a small rural church.

Basically the congregation size has remained the same over the years, although the median age of the membership does change. Currently, he says, the largest age group is 45-60 years of age, with the second largest in the 25-35 year age group.

"I would say that the congregation now is younger than when I arrived 30 years ago. We haven't had the kind of exodus like a lot of churches in rural areas, and I don't know what it is that attracts people to this church, but we have members who have moved to Lubbock and other areas who still regularly attend here. It's where they feel at home. We have a very traditional church service. I would call it historic, even. I find that fits us and works for us. My point is, this type of service is like 2000 years old and still works. You can't throw it away just because it's not modern. I believe there is a danger when you think your particular modern tastes must be used, just because it's modern," says Pastor Rohde.

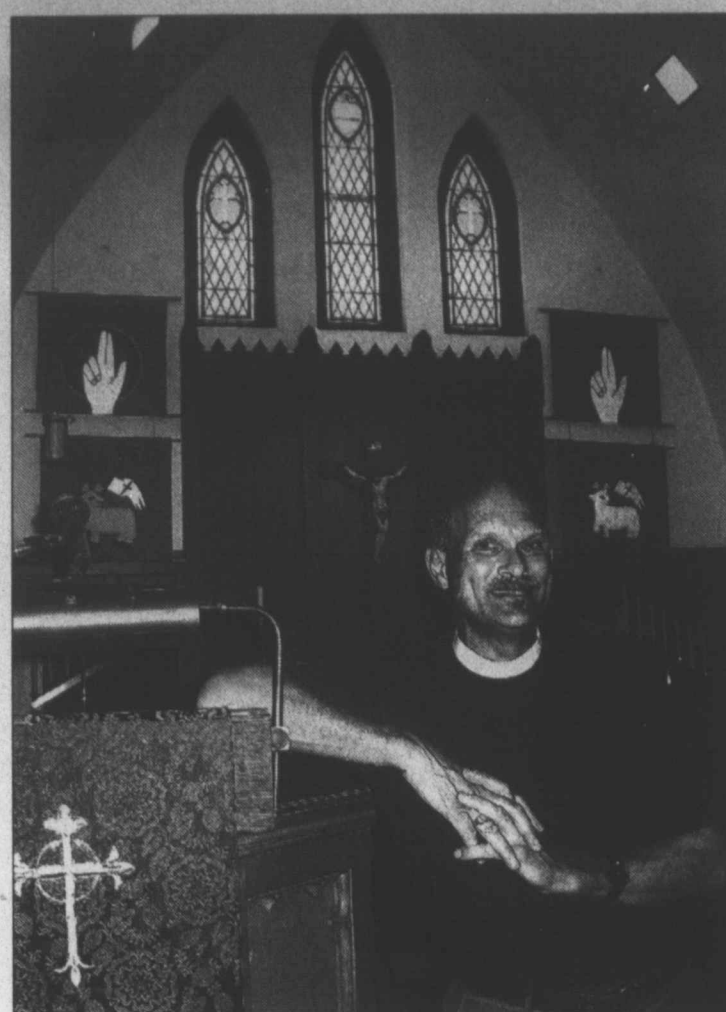
He has a four-drawer filing cabinet filled to the brim with 30 years of sermons (filed by text), Bible studies, bulletins, and class notes, and can lay his hands on any topic within minutes. His filing cabinet is extremely organized - unlike his massive desk that is piled with papers, books, notebooks, scraps of paper and other material.

"I don't know why - my desk never seems to get organized, although I keep trying to do that. I get distracted by something else," he admits with a wry grin.

Rohde was born the second of four sons to John and Lenore Rohde in Chicago, Illinois and was a product of Lutheran education beginning in kindergarten at Bethesda Lutheran School in Chicago. His only experience with public school came when he attended Stephen Mather High School in Chicago, graduating in 1976. Following high school he enrolled in the pre-ministerial program at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Michigan where he received his Associate of Arts (1978) and Bachelor of Arts degrees (1980).

Part of the pre-ministerial requirement for the degree included the learning of the Biblical languages Greek and Hebrew as well as classes in German and Latin. To this day, the pastor is still studying Biblical texts in the Greek and Hebrew language, in order to prepare his material for sermons and Bible classes that he offers, believing strongly that he should research the context and all facets of scripture to deduce the true meaning of the words.

"The reason for the emphasis on learning the Biblical languages is best put by a quote from the Rev. Charles Porterfield Krauth: 'The student of theology is to be taught the Biblical languages, to make him an independent investigator of the word of the Holy



Blessed... Pastor Rohde, pictured beside the pulpit in the sanctuary of St. Paul Lutheran Church, says he feels "blessed" to be celebrating his 30th anniversary in the ministry as well as his 30th anniversary as Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson.

Spirit, as the organ through which that Spirit reveals His mind' (The Conservative Reformation and Its Theology - Pages 165-166)," says the pastor.

His education continued at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana and he received his Master of Divinity Degree in 1984. Part of the seminary curriculum included a year of vicarage (internship), which he fulfilled at Hope Lutheran Church in Shawnee Mission, Kansas (September 1982 through August 1983). Upon graduation from the seminary, he received and accepted the Call to serve as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson, Texas where he continues to serve 30 years later.

"The church body to which I and the congregation belong is the Biblically conservative Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. The church body is divided into 35 districts, one of which is the Texas District which is composed of all the LCMS congregations in the State of Texas, except for those in El Paso County. Beyond my duties as pastor of St. Paul in Wilson, I was elected to serve the Texas District as a Vice President from 2000 to 2006," said Rohde.

The pastor has come to know his congregation quite well in the day-to-day life of a small community.

"I'm most delighted to have leaders in the congregation today who were just small children or

some not yet born when I arrived 30 years ago. I recall a certain Lock-In where I absolutely forbid the presence of shaving cream by any of the youth. However, I can't blame the youth for what their parents put them up to that night! Some of the parents stuck shaving cream in the bags of their kids. It didn't matter. After I confiscated the shaving cream, the kids started squirting their toothpaste on me. One way or another, they were going to get me that night," he reminisced, laughing.

"Many pranks were played, both on me and by me, when some of them were teenagers. Like the winter night when I froze Oreos cookies to the windshield of Blake Talkmitt's car," he remembers.

"My motto was: 'When you least expect it; expect it.' I think some of them might consider that phrase as I'm still planning a prank or two!" he added.

Rohde says he wasn't pastor of St. Paul very long before he heard a rumor in town that he wouldn't be staying long because... as someone said... 'he is too good to stay in such a small place.'

"Obviously they were wrong. Even after 30 years I wonder if I'm really good enough to stay and serve such fine people as the members of the congregation here at St. Paul. I can still hear Mrs. Clara Wuensche, as she was making her way through the 'valley of the shadow of death' say to me after a devotion: 'Pas-

tor Rohde, although the cancer may weaken my body it cannot weaken my faith in Christ.' Such faithfulness is exhibited by many people in this congregation," said Pastor Rohde.

"All in all, I look back on my 30 years and it doesn't really seem that long. When others that I know who serve much larger congregations in much larger places ask me about my small rural congregation I tell them: 'I serve the best congregation in the whole synod.' I'm also very confident that if you asked any member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson, Texas about their pastor they would respond: 'We have the best pastor in the whole synod.' It isn't that we always see eye to eye or never have problematic issues. It's just that as we respect each other it goes a very long way in solving the issues in a way that glorifies Christ and benefits His people," he explains.

"It looks like I'll be here until either I retire or the Lord calls me home," the pastor said. "Either way, I've been very blessed to be celebrating my 30th anniversary in the ministry as well as my 30th anniversary as Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson, Texas."

From City Hall

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-- Jerry Webster, City Administrator

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The last day to file for a place on the ballot will be August 18, 2014, at 5:00
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An application for a place on the ballot is available at the Wilson ISD Su-
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Police seek suspect in burglary, assault

Tahoka police Tuesday were trying to locate a 31-year-old Tahoka man named as a suspect in an assault, burglary and interference with an emergency telephone call.

A Tahoka woman told police the suspect, described as her ex-boyfriend, entered her residence uninvited Monday evening and choked her. During the assault, she attempted to use her cell phone to call police, and he took the phone away from her and left.

During the week, police also took reports of an accident in which one vehicle backed into another, a Tahoka woman who said her boyfriend took her car keys and medications, and a Tahoka

man who threatened suicide.

Police Chief Doyle Lee said investigation is continuing in the armed robbery of Thriftway Supermarket in Tahoka June 20, but no new developments were announced.

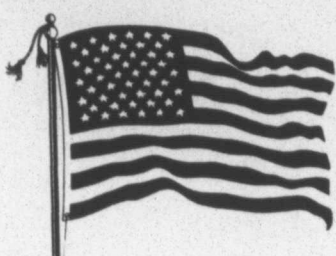
Lynn County Jail was holding 40 prisoners early this week, including 20 for Ector County, five for Dawson County and one for Andrews County. Nine were jailed during the last week, including four for Ector County.

Charges bringing recent arrests included an application to revoke probation on conviction of driving while intoxicated second offense, public intoxication, evading arrest or detention, assault and DWI.

Who designed the 50-star U.S. Flag?

from www.united-states-flag.com

Did you know that our 50-star U.S. Flag was designed by a 17-year-old high school student for a high school history project?



The story of the fifty-star flag is an intriguing tidbit of American history. It begins with the impending statehood of Alaska and Hawaii. Between 1898-1912 Alaska and Hawaii both became United States territories. In 1916 the first official statehood bill for Alaska came before Congress, and three years later the bill for Hawaii followed. Statehood legislation was brought up year after year for both territories, but by 1958 it seemed only Alaska would gain statehood.

Flag makers began designing forty-nine star flags anticipating the addition of a new state. Meanwhile, 17-year-old Bob Heft decided to create a fifty-star flag for his high school history project. Wise beyond his years, Heft already had an ongoing interest in flags and politics. He concluded that Pres. Eisenhower, who was a Republican, would want to add Hawaii shortly after the addition of Alaska, since Hawaii was predominantly Republican and Alaska Democratic.

Heft used his mother's sewing machine and a hot iron to

add a new blue canton and 100 hand-cut stars (50 for each side) to the field of an old forty-eight star flag. With a yardstick he was able to place the stars in a proportional pattern. After 12 grueling hours, his flag was sewn and pressed. Heft handed the project in to his history teacher, Stanly Pratt. Pratt first asked Heft where he got his crystal ball, referring to Heft's presumption that Alaska and Hawaii would both be added to the Union. He then commented that if the design was accepted by Congress, he'd change the grade from a B minus to an A. Heft was up for the challenge. He first sent his flag to Ohio's governor, and then gave it to Congressman Walter Henry Moeller. Heft asked Moeller to store the flag until there was a need for a fifty-star flag.

In January of 1959, Alaska was admitted into the Union. July 4 of that year, the forty-nine-star flag became official, but it was short lived. By the end of August, Eisenhower signed a proclamation adding Hawaii to the Union, as Heft had predicted. Congressman Moeller brought Heft's flag to the design committee, where Eisenhower himself selected the flag to become the national emblem. On July 4, 1960, Heft and Eisenhower stood together in Washington to watch the first fifty-star flag be raised.

Since then Heft's flag has been all over the world, flying over American embassies, state capitol buildings and the White House. Turning down a \$500,000 offer from a museum, Heft decided to keep his flag, no longer putting it on display.

In 2003 The Ohio Historical Society placed a Historical Marker in front of Heft's high school. The marker says:

"The design for the fifty star flag was born here at Lancaster High School in 1958 when student Robert Heft designed it for a history class project... Heft constructed a fifty star flag from an old 48-star flag using blue cloth to replace the field and white adhesive for the stars... President Dwight D. Eisenhower made the design the official American flag in 1960. It is the only flag in American history to have flown over the White House for more than five administrations."

On July 4, 2007, the 50-star flag became America's longest serving flag.

FLAG TRIVIA: What was one unique innovation on the first American Flag that no country's flag before had depicted?

- A. Horizontal stripes
- B. Five-pointed stars
- C. Red, white and blue color scheme
- D. Arranging of the stars in a circular pattern

Answer: B

Where in the world is
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In the 49th State ... Melanie Richburg of Tahoka holds her Lynn County News aloft during her visit to Ketchikan, Alaska recently, traveling about 2100 miles from home. Ketchikan is known as Alaska's "first city" due to its location at the southern tip of the Inside Passage – it is the first city you reach as you cruise north. The United States purchased Alaska from Russia on March 30, 1867, for \$7.2 million at approximately two cents per acre. The area went through several administrative changes before becoming organized as a territory on May 11, 1912. It was admitted as the 49th state of the U.S. on January 3, 1959.

The Story of the Fourth of July

from www.constitutionfacts.com

The Declaration of Independence

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation.

But July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776).

It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either (that had happened back in April 1775).

And it wasn't the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence (that was in June 1776). Or the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that didn't happen until November 1776). Or the date it was signed (that was August 2, 1776).

So what did happen on July 4, 1776?

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Decla-

ration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadside, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.

In contrast, we celebrate Constitution Day on September 17th of each year, the anniversary of the date the Constitution was signed, not the anniversary of the date it was approved. If we'd followed this same approach for the Declaration of Independence we'd be celebrating Independence Day on August 2nd of each year, the day the Declaration of Independence was signed!

How did the Fourth of July become a national holiday?

For the first 15 or 20 years after the Declaration was written, people didn't celebrate it much on any date. It was too new and too much else was happening in the young nation. By the 1790s, a time of bitter partisan conflicts, the Declaration had become controversial. One party, the Democratic-Republicans,

admired Jefferson and the Declaration. But the other party, the Federalists, thought the Declaration was too French and too anti-British, which went against their current policies.

By 1817, John Adams complained in a letter that America seemed uninterested in its past. But that would soon change.

After the War of 1812, the Federalist party began to come apart and the new parties of the 1820s and 1830s all considered themselves inheritors of Jefferson and the Democratic-Republicans. Printed copies of the Declaration began to circulate again, all with the date July 4, 1776, listed at the top. The deaths of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams on July 4, 1826, may even have helped to promote the idea of July 4 as an important date to be celebrated.

Celebrations of the Fourth of July became more common as the years went on and in 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4 to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas.

Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4, was passed in 1939 and 1941.

Wilson ISD sets special election for trustee seat

Wilson Independent School District Board of Trustees have set a special election to fill a one-year unexpired term on the Board, due to the resignation in May of trustee Anissa Purswell. The special election will be held on Nov. 4, 2014 in conjunction with the national general election.

Ms. Purswell moved away from the school district, but her resignation was not made in time to have the position on the ballot in the May 2014 school board election. Rather than appoint someone to fill the seat, trustees have set a special election for the position. The one-year term will expire in 2015.

Applicants may file for a place on the ballot from Saturday, July 19 through 5 p.m. on Aug. 18. Applications are available at the Wilson ISD Superintendent's Office during business hours, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

U.S. FLAG TRIVIA:

How many times has the American flag been changed?

- A. 15
- B. 8
- C. 43
- D. 27

Answer: D

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