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Baccalaureate Services for graduating seniors from Tahoka and New Home will be held Sunday, May 24 . 6 pm, Tahoka Church of Christ *6 pm, New Home First Baptist

Commencement exercises for all Lynn County seniors will be May 29

(no information available for Wilson)



THS athletes honored ... These Tahoka High School students received top honors at the THS Athletic Banquet. They are, standing from left, Brittney Hair, Samantha Pridmore, Corl Vega, Brittani Ford, Kyra Helm, Xavier Zamarron, Allen Henderson, Taylor Abell, Neiko Garcia, A.J. Flores, Jac Calvillo and Logan Tekell; and seated in front, Nikki Box, Adrian Webster, Matt Taylor, Hannah Thomas, and Mitchell Chapa. Not pictured are Alex Robinson, Sarah Zuniga and Bryan Pena. See story inside for the list of awards. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Tahoka woman charged after drug raid May 4

A 38-year-old Tahoka woman has been charged following her arrest May 4 in a drug raid at her residence conducted by Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. and Tahoka Police.

Mona Vanessa Carter was charged with delivery of marijuana over 4 ounces and less than 5 pounds, a felony offense. Officers said she since sted bond on the charges

Friday afternoon. A soft drink vending machine outside the building also was damaged, but nothing appeared to be missing.

Tahoka Police investigated one incident of criminal mischief and one case of theft of services.

Juanita Valdez Rosas of Tahoka reported a window shattered, apparently y a rock, on her 2004 Dodge pickup while it was parked at her residence on Ave. O Sunday. Police also were advised by the owner of a Lubbock concrete company that the company had not been paid \$3,400 due on a concrete driveway installed at a Tahoka residence in January. That report remained under investigation.

held for Lubbock County and three for Gaines County. Charges on which the most recent arrests were made included five warrants on misdemeanors, one warrant on failure to appear, one bench warrant for possession of a controlled substance, grand jury indictment on indecency with a child, parole violation, aggravated assault/family violence, driving while intoxicated third offense or more, warrant on open container, and tampering with identification numbers plus driving while license invalid with previous conviction

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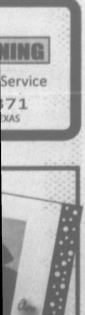
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Library slates book sale during June

The City-County Library will have a book sale June 1-6 in the small classroom at the Life Enrichment Center, located at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka.

The sale will open on Monday, June 1 and will run during regular library hours, which are Monday-Friday 9 a.m-1 p.m. and 2 p.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m.-12 noon. Prices will range from 25¢ to \$5 per item.

All proceeds from the sale will benefit the City-County Library.

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Sheriff's officers also investigated one case of criminal mischief and a reported assault on two women in

Wilson. A 20-year-old Wilson female told officers that both she and her mother had been struck by an 18-yearold Wilson man May 13. The suspect was arrested and jailed.

Glass was broken out of the doors on a building in Wilson owned by Lonnie Paul Donald sometime after

Forty-three persons were in Lynn County jail this week, with 10 of those

Randy Allen named Interim Superintendent at O'Donnell Independent School District

O'Donnell ISD Board of Trustees has named Randy Allen as interim superintendent for the school district, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Supt. Rodney Schneider after a separation agreement was reached between Schneider and the Board of Trustees.

Trustees were unanimous in their decision to name Allen as the interim superintendent at a special called meeting on May 14. Allen is a retired superintendent, who is also a former O'Donnell resident and OISD alumnus, graduating with the Class of 1965. He lives in Lubbock with his wife Kay, and they have two children and one granddaughter. Allen has served in the education field for 35 years. He was a

teacher/coach for 15 years, counselor for 10 years, principal for seven years, and superintendent for four years, and has served at Seagraves, Loop and Littlefield school districts.

Apparently, Allen is already taking the helm at OISD, and will have his first official meeting as superintendent with the OISD Board of Trustees next Thursday, at their May 21 regularly scheduled board meeting. After canvassing the May 9 election results, the oath of office will be administered to newly-elected trustees, Monty Hancock and incumbent Sharmye Jonas, and the board will reorganize and elect new officers at the May 21 meeting. Also on the agenda is consideration of the school calendar.



Oath of office ... John Baker, with his wife Suzanne beside him, takes the oath of office for Mayor of Tahoka. Retha Pittman, Assistant to the City Administrator, swore in the mayor at the city council meeting (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod) Monday night.

and evil and generally bad things, I was pleased to read an e-mail from a friend who shared a story about some office workers in San Antonio who went out of their way to help a mother duck and her newborn ducklings

My friend thinks the story is true, and since it was accompanied by photographs of the people and ducks involved, maybe it is. I hope so. Here is the tale (duck's tale):

Something really cute happened in downtown San Antonio this week . Michael R .. is an accounting clerk at Frost Bank and works there in a second story office. Several weeks ago, he watched a mother duck choose the concrete awning outside his window as the unlikely place to build a nest above the sidewalk. The mallard laid ten eggs in a nest in the corner of the planter that is perched over 10 feet in the air. She dutifully kept the eggs warm for weeks, and Monday afternoon all of her ten ducklings hatched.

Michael worried about how the momma duck was going to get those babies safely off their perch in a busy, downtown urban environment to take to water, which typically happens in the first 48 hours of a duck hatching. Tuesday morning, Michael watched the mother duck encourage her babies to the edge of the perch, intending to show them how to jump off. Office work came to a standstill, as everyone gathered to watch (photo shows several people looking out a window at the ducks on the outside).

The mother flew down below and started quacking to her babies above. Michael watched as the first fuzzy newborn trustingly toddied to the edge and astonishingly leapt into the air, crashing onto the cement below. Michael couldn't stand to watch that happen nine more times, so he dashed out of his office and ran down to the sidewalk where the first duckling appeared to be in a stupor after a near-fatal fall. Michael stood out of sight under the awning-planter, ready to help.

As the second one took the plunge, Michael jumped forward and caught it with his bare hands before it hit the concrete. He set it down safe and sound by its mother and the other stunned sibling, and those watching believe that the mother duck sensed that Michael was trying to help her family.

One by one the babies continued to jump, as Michael hid under the awning, reaching out to catch each one in free fall and then placing them down on the sidewalk. Sidewalk traffic came to a halt as people stopped to watch. Finally all the ducklings were safe on the ground.

Michael and the other office workers realized that the ducks still faced a dangerous journey of two full blocks in traffic to the nearest open water, the San Antonio River, site of the famous "River Walk." Office secretaries and some police officers joined in, and they loaded the ducks into an empty copy-paper box, showed them to the mother, and took them to the river, with the momma duck waddling along behind (as shown in photos).

At the river, the mother duck took to the water, the baby ducks were dumped at the edge and then they all paddled out to the mother duck. (Photo shows all 11 ducks safely in the water after their adventure).

I think that's a good story, a fine duckumentary, in fact.

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Sharon Kaye Black

Kaye Black, 63, of Tahoka, were

held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 18,

2009 at the Nevels Memorial Cem-

etery, in Tahoka, with Dr. Terry W.

Jones officiating. She departed this

life on May 15, 2009. Visitation

was held at White Funeral Home

in Tahoka on Sunday, May 17, 2009

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(Thorekmorton) Brown. She was

employed by JC Penny as a cus-

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married Eddie Wayne Black on

quiet yet strong Christian woman.

She was a devoted wife, mother,

and grandmother. She had the most

giving spirit, a love for family, and

a strong faith and was unselfish

with her time, always putting others

needs before her own. The values

she taught her children and grand-

children will be her legacy. She had

a love of life that was contagious to

all those that surrounded her. Her

life was characterized by her un-

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ory are her husband of 45 years,

Eddie; one daughter, Lori Kaye

Black of Cary, North Carolina; one

son, Todd Wayne Black of Odessa;

two grandchildren, Presley Paige

She was preceded in death by

Black and Lexi Ann Black.

Those left to cherish her mem-

to God and family

her parents.

She was first and foremost a

January 26, 1964 in Tahoka.

She was born August 30, 1945

from 3-5 pm.

Graveside services for Sharon

Arrangements are under the personal care of White Funeral Home in Tahoka. To register to send condolences online at www.whitefuneralhome.com.

Felix Deleon

Services for Felix Deleon, 49, of Tahoka are pending with Calvillo Funeral Home. He died Saturday May 16, 2009.

Jacob F. Guenther

Services for Jacob F. Guenther, Jr., 43, of O'Donnell were held Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at the Old Colony Mennonite Church in Seminole with the Rev. Peter Thiessen officiating. Interment was in the Gaines County Cemetery.

He died May 16, 2009 in Lubbock.

He was born September 19, 1965 in Mexico to Jacob and Susan Guenther, Sr. He married Susana Fehr August 3, 1986 in Seminole. He moved to Texas in 1982 and lived in O'Donnell for the last 23 years. He worked as a farm worker in O'Donnell.

He was preceded in death by his wife, who died June 22, 2008, and his father.

Survivors include two sons, Frank Guenther and his wife Irene of Lubbock, Jacob Guenther, III of Tulia; two daughters Suzi Guenther of Plainview, Maria Guenther of O'Donnell; his mother, Susan Guenther of Seminole; five brothers John, Abe, Isaac, Henry and Peter Guenther; six sisters, Susan Wiebe, Mary Guenther, Kathy Neufeld, Annie Dennis, Beth Jenkins and Annette Kennedy.

DONATIONS to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are greatly appreciated. LCHD EMS, Box 1310, Tahoka, Tx



School Cafeteria Superheros... These students received the Superhero award at Tahoka Elementary for being the Best Student in their grade level in the cafeteria. Criteria for the awards was eating nutritious foods, following the rules, and using their manners. Each of these students also received a goodle bag filled with lunch promotion Items and had their picture placed on the SUPERHERO poster. Pictured back row from left are, Alexandria Salinas, Katle McCullough, Katharina Nickel, Bentley Harbison, and Abraham Nickel. Front row from left, Charlie Conner, Katle Crank, Mia DeLeon, Ishlah Coronado and Matthew Diaz. Not pictured were Grant Tekell and Jasmine Aguayo.



Area round

... Tahoka's Kaitlyn Reno makes a throw at Friday night's game against Marfa in the area round of softball playoffs. Marfa won 4-1 to end the Lady Bulldogs' playoff run. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

USDA extends CRP contracts

Rodney Schoppa, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Lynn County announced today that FSA will offer certain producers the opportunity to modify and extend their Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts that are scheduled to expire on Sept. 30, 2009

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"USDA is committed to safeguarding the nation's natural resources and this program will help protect millions of acres of American topsoil from erosion and enhance the quality of our water," said Schoppa,

According to Schoppa FSA can only extend approximately 1.5 million acres out of a total 3.9 million acres expiring this year. This extension will ensure that FSA meets the statutory CRP acreage limitation of 32 million. acres established in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

CRP is a voluntary program for agricultural landowners. CRP protects millions of acres of American topsoil from erosion and is designed to safeguard the Nation's natural resources. Participants receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland.

A general CRP signup is not scheduled during fiscal year 2009. However, producers may continue to enroll relatively small, highlydesirable acreages, including land that is not extended, into Continuous CRP. Continuous CRP includes such practices as filter strips and riparian buffers.

FSA will notify participants by letter beginning May 6, 2009. The sign-up for this voluntary extension will begin on May 18 and run through June 30, 2009. Farmers and ranchers may apply for this extension at their FSA county office. FSA administers CRP on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

CRP contracts with the highest environmental benefit or with the highest potential for soil erosion will be selected. CRP contracts can not exceed 15 years in

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John Cornelius named AD/Football coach

District Board of Trustees met last Thursday, voting unanimously to hire John Cornelius as the new Athletic Director/Head Football Coach for Tahoka ISD. Trustees approved a salary of \$58,500 with a one-year probationary contract for the AD/coach position for the 2009-10 school year

Cornelius is filling the position left by the resignation of AD Drew Stone and head football coach Jesse Garza, whose resignation was reported at the board meeting. He comes to Tahoka from Merkel, where he was defensive coordinator in their football program from 2005-2009. Prior to that, Cornelius was Athletic Director at Amherst ISD, as well as head football coach, head track and head basketball coach, from 2002-2005.

TISD trustees also voted unanimously to name Shelly Stone as District Coordinator, filling the position left vacated by the resignation of Shelby Garza, which was reported at the meeting. Mrs. Stone has taught business/computer classes at Tahoka High School for the past five years. Trustees approved the position at the teacher salary schedule plus a \$2,000 counselor stipend.

Supt. Jimmy Parker reported the resignations of Jesse and Shelby Garza, as well as the resignation of coach Katy Craft, and the resignation of longtime teacher Patti Rambo. Mrs. Rambo is retiring after 31 years with Tahoka ISD. She teaches family and consumer sciences and is a longtime FCCLA sponsor. "My work with FCCLA (formerly FHA) has been a highlight, working with all those leaders in school who became leaders in our community and other communities. Tahoka

has been a great place to work, which is why I guess I have been here such a very long time. I would not have wanted to teach

Tahoka Independent School is accepting a business manager # position at Muleshoe ISD.

> In other business at last week's board meeting, trustees canvassed the results of the May 9 trustee election, accepting the results as reported. Incumbent John Hawthorne was re-elected to another term on the board, and Cathy Box was also elected, both for at-large positions. These trustees will take the oath of office at the June 11 board meeting, at which time new officers for the Board of

Trustees will be elected. Trustees approved several action items with unanimous decisions, including extending the district's depository contract with First National Bank of Tahoka for another two-year period, and renewing contracts with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss as district auditors, and with Vicky Luckenbach Consulting Services for professional educational consulting services. An interlocal cooperative agreement with Region 17 Technology Consortium was also renewed,

for wireless internet services. Tony Garcia, Vice President of the Board, led the meeting during the absence of Board President Jimmy Dorman. Other trustees present included Frank McLelland, John Hawthorne, Kent Kahl, Joe Calvillo, and Jimmy Bingham who arrived late:

Free Summer Camp Offered In Tahoka

Children in grades 1-8 in Lynn County are invited to attend a free summer camp for two weeks on Monday through Thursday, June 1-4 and June 8-11. The camp will be held at the Tahoka Elementary Gym.

Registration will be on May 18-29 and forms will be available at the Lynn County Juvenile Probation Office, Tahoka City Hall, and Tahoka ISD Business Office (Harvick building). Children may also register on the first day of camp at 12:30 pm. Camp activities include life skills, education, swimgames, scavenger ming, hunts and more, and children will have snacks provided. There will be t-shirt giveaways and lots of door prizes. Volunteers are also needed. Please sign up with Gracie at the Lynn County Ju-Probation venile Office.



Ready to play ... The Tahoka Lady Bulldogs softball team stands at attention during the playing of the national anthem prior to their Area match against Marfa in Midland last Friday. Marfa won 4-1. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Better Business Buruea warns of auto warranty harassment calls/mail

Automobile owners receiving harrassing phone calls and mail are encouraged to check with their auto manufacturer about warranty issues or questions on their vehicles.

Do you own a car? Have you received phone calls and/or mail telling you the warranty is about to run out? If so, you are just one of millions of consumers receiving. these kinds of phone calls almost daily. Consumers also receive postcards and other kinds of mail from auto warranty companies trying to sell extended warranties. There are major auto manufacturers such as. Chrysler and GM that are contending with bankruptcy or fighting off bankruptcy, which is causing a lot of confusion surrounding the status of auto warranties. BBB is concerned that consumers are particularly susceptible right now to deceptive telemarketing phone calls and other solicitations that seem to be coming from their manufacturer regarding the status of their warranty

"These companies are selling extended service contracts - basically a health insurance for your car if something should break", stated Nan Campbell, president BBB serving the South Plains of West Texas. "Many consumers are complaining to BBBs after they purchased a service contract and found that there were many caveats and exemptions and it didn't cover the work they needed on their car", she continued. Just recently, two senators asked the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to crack down on these types of "robo-dialer harassment" calls. It is the BBB's understanding that the FTC will be filing lawsuits shortly on several companies. Several states Attorney Generals are investigating and Verizon Wireless has sued two companies which settled out of court in April 2009 and they announced a new lawsuit against three more companies claiming that 2 million of their customers had been called.



Taylor finishes in top 20 ... Nicole Taylor, a New Home High School Senior. finished 16th Overall in the 1A State Golf Tournament held May 11-12 in Austin. She is the daughter of Randy and Bridget Taylor of Tahoka.

selling extended service contracts are misleading consumers or violating the Do Not Call lists. BEFORE YOU BUY, check the company's reliability report at www.bbb.org.

If considering an extended war ranty, be sure to read and understand

Wes-Tex RC&D announces matching grants available

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anywhere else. The faculty, staff, students and community are very dear to me and will be remembered," Mrs. Rambo told The News. Mrs. Rambo will be taking a

job at the Curriculum Center for Family and Consumer Sciences at Texas Tech University working on curriculum materials and other issues for the family and consumer sciences teachers in the state of Texas and around the country."

The school district will also be looking to hire a new Business Manager, as Daniel Harper turned in his resignation this week. Harper told The News that his resignation is effective at the end of June, and that he

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make sure that everything is spelled out and check with your auto manufacturer so that you are not duplicating coverage. Make sure your home and cell phone numbers are registered on the Federal Do Not Call list (www.donotcal.gov) as well as the Texas Do Not Call list (www.texasnocall.com). The FCC regulation states that the use of auto-dialers and recorded messages to cell phones is illegal and cell phone users should file complaints if they receive such calls - even if their cell phone is not registered on the Do Not Call List.

File a complaint with the Texas Attorney General (www.oag.state. tx.us), your BBB (www.bbb.org) and the FTC (www.donotcall.gov)

by Julia Allen

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Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, Inc. has announced the availability of funds for the 2009 Matching Grant Program. Barry Pittman, Lynn County Board of Directors, says "Our goal is to make these funds available to the communities and organizations in our sixteen county area for local projects."

The RC&D program is authorized by USDA and administered by the Natural **Resources Conservation Service** (NRCS). The individual RC&D councils direct the program to the needs of the local communities.

The county RC&D council or Board of Director must approve the submitted grant application. Grants will require an equal match of local contributions or donations and will be limited to \$500. Applications will be due

June 30, 2009

Pittman says, "We feel that this is an excellent way to leverage federal dollars and improve our communities." Congress appropriates funding yearly for the RC&D program. Pittman also says, "Our U.S. Senators and Representatives have been tremendous supporters of the RC&D program." Congress appropriated over \$50 million for the RC&D program in fiscal year 2009.

Grant dollars can be used for a variety of community projects. So if you have an idea or something you are currently working on, give us a call. For more information and to obtain grant applications, contact your local USDA-NRCS office, or RC&D Board of Director or by calling the Wes-Tex RC&D office at (806) 266-5067 or log on to www.westexred.c

Thank You

I appreciate your vote in the recent Tahoka ISD school board election. I look forward to serving the community and school in this capacity.

Cathy Box

first day of summer.) With summer comes all the water activities we look forward to so much. We will all be headed to our favorite lake, river, swimming pool or maybe even an ocean beach! With all this water activity we need to keep in mind water safety facts and tips. The Texas Trauma Coordinators

Water Safety

May 25. It's the unofficial first day

of summer. (June 21st is really the

Forum released a fact sheet that LCHD would like to share with Lynn County citizens.

Fact: Fatal drownings remain the #2 leading cause of unintentional injury related deaths in children age 1-14 years

Fact: For children age 1-4 yrs drownings most often occur in residential swimming pools. They usually have been out of sight less than 5 minutes, and were in the care of one or both parents.

Fact: Children under 1 year most often drown in bathtubs, buckets, or toilets

Fact: Alcohol was involved in up to half of all adolescent and adults death associated with water recreation in 2006.

Let's try and prevent any of our loved ones becoming part of these statistics.

Prevention tips: ALWAYS supervise young children while in the bathtub,

Always wear a lifejacket when boating Do not use air-filled of foam toys such as "floaties" or "water wings" or "noodles" in place of a life jackets. They are not designed to keep swimmers or boaters safe. Be careful when diving. Dive only in areas that are known to be safe, such as the deep end of the

pool When at a lake always check out the depth of water and make sure there are no hidden hazards.

One last piece advice we can give is to be alert, accidents can happen in a split second. We all want this to be the safest summer Lynn County has had.

NEW HOME ISD IS HOSTING A **RETIREMENT RECEPTION** HONORING LINDA BALLARD for her 29 years of teaching in the New Home community

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2009 2:00 P.M. **Refreshments in the School Library**

It's your last chance... to get your congratulations ad in by 5:30 p.m. TODAY for the graduation issue!

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles...

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Junior High boys golf team...The Tahoka Junior High school boys took 1st place overall at the tournament hosted by Tahoka. Pictured from left; Trystan Hilger, 1st individual boys; Jalen Garza 2nd; Smith McLelland 8th; and JR Barrientez 5th.

Athletes honored at THS banquet

Tahoka High School athletes were honored at the Athletic Banquet recently, with Mitchell Chapa named Bulldog Athlete of the Year, and Cori Vega and Brittney Hair sharing the honors for Lady Bulldog Athlete of the Year. Chapa was also named Male Scholar Athlete of the Year. Female Scholar Athlete of the Year went to Samantha Pridmore, and she also received the Lady Bulldog Fighting Heart award. The Bulldog Fighting Heart award went to Xavier Zamarron.

Awards in individual sports included: Cross Country - Nikki Box and Alex Robinson; Football - Mitchell Chapa (offense) and Jac Calvillo (defense); Boys Basketball - Adrian Webster (offense and MVP) and Neiko Garcia (defense); Girls Basketball - Kyra Helm (offense and defense); Baseball - Allen Henderson (RBI leader) and Taylor Abell (MVP); Powerlifting -Bryan Pena; Softball - Sarah Zuniga (offense) and Cori Vega and Brittani Ford (defense); Tennis - Logan Tekell; Golf - Matt Taylor; Track - Xavier Zamarron (boys) and Hannah Thomas (girls).

Kyndra Selmon to study Law in France

Kyndra Selmon, a 2004 THS graduate, 2008 Texas Tech graduate, and a current secondyear law student at the Texas Tech University School of Law, will be studying abroad in Paris, France from May 28th until June 28th.

She is one of forty-five other students from various law schools around the country (including two other students from Tech Law) who will be participating in the Summer Comparative Law Program, administered through the Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco, California, and the University of Paris X (Nanterre). All classes are held at the Nanterre campus on the western edge of Paris and are team-taught by a professor from Nanterre and a professor from the U.S.

During the first two weeks of the program, all students take a single two-unit course: Introduction to French and European Law. Classes meet four days a week for 210 minutes of lectures each day and include lectures by faculty, lawyers, public officials and judges at law firms, courts agencies. She will visit at least two of the three French Supreme Courts (the Civil/Criminal Court, the Administrative Court, and the Constitutional Court, with lectures at each by members of the Court). She will also take an overnight trip to visit the European Commission in Brussels and visit several major international law firms. The last two weeks of the program, students choose one of five two-unit comparative law courses, and are joined in the classroom by French and other European graduate law students. Students are in class for two 60-75 minute sessions each day, followed by a 60-90 minute panel or mini-conference on a topic of comparative law, four days a week.

Memorial Day service in Wilson

There will be a Memorial Day service at the Wilson Green Memorial Park Cemetery on Monday morning, May 25, at 8:00 a.m. The ceremony will include a flag raising with "Taps" being played. The public is invited.



SARAH BOX DESCAMPS Former THS graduate receives degree

Sarah Box Descamps, of Abilene, was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from Abilene Christian University on Saturday, May 10, 2009.

She is the daughter of Ray and Cathy Box of Tahoka and the granddaughter of Ruth Ham of Lubbock. She is a 2004 Tahoka High School graduate and is married to Matt Descamps of Warren, Michigan, who serves in the U.S. Military.

Veterans and Cancer survivors to be recognized at THS band concert

which is hopefully a real crowd This Thursday evening, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. the Sweepstakes pleaser. winning Tahoka 3-D Band will of the 3-D Band will be recogprovide an evening of delightful music to lift the spirit and tap the nized and presented with their toe. After another successful official discharge from the 3-D year, having earned straight I's Band plus special mementos of in every contest and accolades their years in the 3-D Band. from the judges, the Tahoka 3-D Band wishes to recognize some Johnathan Smith stated, "We are very special people at its spring extremely proud of this year's concert: cancer survivors and 3-D Band and all its members their families and our wonderwho have help to make it an ful veterans. outstanding one, especially the

One of its UIL tunes, a 3A seniors. At contest they played ntest piece. "With Ouiet Courthree very difficult pieces very



Junior High girls golf team...The Tahoka Junior. High School girls took 1st place overall at the tournament hosted by Tahoka. Pictured from left are Madison: Lockaby 8th, Taya Bishop 2nd, Haylee Brewer 9th and Nicole Taylor 1st overall girls.

ACRE program underway

Rodney Schoppa, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Lynn County reminds producers that as of April 27th, enrollment in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program is underway. ACRE is a provision of the 2008 Farm Bill

"The Average Crop Revenue Election program is an innovative alternative to the traditional farm safety," Schoppa said. "This new option presents an opportunity for producers to review both programs and decide

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Directors Carroll Rhodes &

which one will work best for their operation."

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Producers have until Aug. 14, 2009, to make their decision for the 2009 crop. USDA will not accept any late-filed applications

Producers who elect the ACRE program for a farm agree to: forgo counter-cyclical payments; accept a 20-percent reduction of the direct payments; and accept a 30-percent reduction in loan rates for all commodities produced on the farm.

Commodities eligible for ACRE payments are wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, peanuts, soybeans, sunflower seed, canola, flaxseed, safflower, mustard seed, rapeseed, sesame seed, crambe, dry peas, lentils, small chickpeas and large chickpeas.

The ACRE program was created in the 2008 Farm Bill to give producers an option in lieu of traditional counter-cyclical payments. Producers may elect and enroll in ACRE for the 2009 crop year even if they have already accepted advance direct payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program.

To elect ACRE for a fai

Save on energy efficient appliances this weekend

This weekend is the second annual Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday, an event designed to help Texas consumers buy energy efficient appliances that will help lower utility bills. The tax holiday provides an incentive to help consumers replace old, energy-zapping appliances.

During the three-day tax holiday, May 23-25, Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes when they purchase certain energy-efficient appliances and other household equipment bearing an Energy Star label. Annual savings in average utility costs can add up after purchasing an Energy Star product.

Kyndra will be taking Comparative Criminal Law during

Citizens of Lynn County:

I would like to thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me to serve on the Lynn County Hospital Board. The citizens of Lynn County deserve to have a hospital they will use and be proud of. I will do my best to do my duty on this board. Thank you again,

Nancy Guilliams

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this second part of the program.

Aside from classes, Kyndra

plans to go on weekend excur-

sions to Spain, Amsterdam, and

portunity to travel and see the

world, immerse myself in legal

education, and break out of my

normal academic routine. This

is truly the experience of a life-

time and definitely a big change

from little Tahoka!", said Selm-

Curry of Tahoka and the grand-

daughter of Wanda Curry of

Buchanan Dam and Wiley and

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Kay Curry of Wills Point.

She is the daughter of Wendi

"I am excited about the op-

other nearby countries.

Monday: Closed for Holiday Tuesday: Smothered steak w/ brown gravy, scalloped potatoes, spinach, bread, peaches & bananas

Wednesday: Pork chops, baked potatoes, cauliflower w/ cheese, homemade rolls, birthday cake Thursday: Cornflake chicken, macaroni, corn and green onion salad, biscuits, cherry cobbler Friday: Texas nachos, ranch style beans, ice cream sundaes

· Weekly domino night Mondays at 6. Everyone is invited! · Buy our cookbook, Timeless Treasures. Available for \$12 each at the Center, Lynn County News and the City/County Library.

· On Wednesday, May 27, join us for a meal and birthday cake! May birthdays are: Mary DeLeon, Manuel Devalle, Julia Denzy, Frances Durham, George Glenn, Jack Miller, Ann Patterson, Lois Roberts, Ralph Robinson, Larry Sanford, Antonio Silvas, Jackie Stephens, Charlie Stice, Phyllis Taylor, Wayne Tekell, Helen Whitaker, and Nancy Williams. Those from Wilson having birthdays are: Josephine Benavides, Wilma Follis, Vanita Hobbs, and Leonore Wells. Note: Birthday people eat for free!

 Also on Wednesday, May 27, Maurine, who has previously performed at the center, will entertain us with songs during the lunch hour.

Thank you!

I appreciate your vote and support as Mayor in the

recent Tahoka City election. I will strive to represent

the citizens of Tahoka, promoting our future and

advocating for our citizenry in every way possible.

MAYOR, CITY OF TAHOKA

age," will be dedicated to the memory of those who walked that final road "with quiet courage." The 3-D Band wishes to honor those who have fought or are fighting the fight against cancer and those who support

them, their family and friends. "A medley of Armed Service' songs will be played and all veterans will be recognized, without whose service we would not be able to enjoy the wonderful freedoms we have," stated director Carroll Rhodes.

As usual the concert will start with the hauntingly beautiful arrangement by Gene Currie of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Continuing the 3-D tradition, a galop written just for the 3-D Band, "The Tahoka Galop" will commence the rest of the program. Closing the evening's performance will be another galop which was played at the UIL Concert Contest, "Prestissimo."

A medley of television and movie theme songs from the last half of the 20th century entitled "Pop Culture" will guarantee to get everyone humming along with these well known favorites. If that does not get their feet to tapping, than Glenn Miller's "In the Mood" definitely will. The remaining powerful contest tune, "The Battle of Jericho" features two famous African-American spirituals: "Go Down, Moses" and "The Battle of Jericho." Before the evening is over there will be a special surprise song

well and played them musically and won praises from all the judges."

Prior to the start of the concert, around 6:40 p.m., those ensembles and solos competing at, the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Marcus on June 1will share some of their songs. So come early and enjoy a full evening of wonderful, heart-touching, foot-tapping music

S.A.L.T. tourney results given

Results from the 2-person S.A.L.T. tournament held May 16-17 at T-Bar Country Club are as follows.

Championship Flight: 1st Erickson and Ashcraft with a score of 169; and 2nd - Jolly and Johnston with a score of 171.

In the first flight, 1st was Moore and Brown with a score of 175, and 2nd was Hitt and Hitt with a score of 182.

In the second flight, 1st was Hancock and Vega with a score of 202, and 2nd was Taylor and Taylor with a score of 204.

Thank you!

Thanks so much

for your support in

the recent Tahoka City

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Your votes are truly

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I'll do my best to

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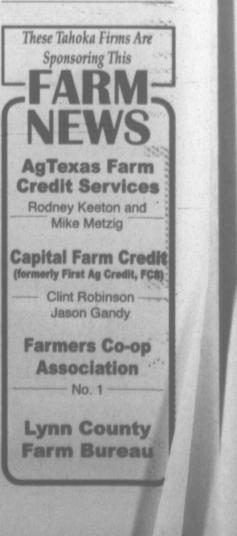
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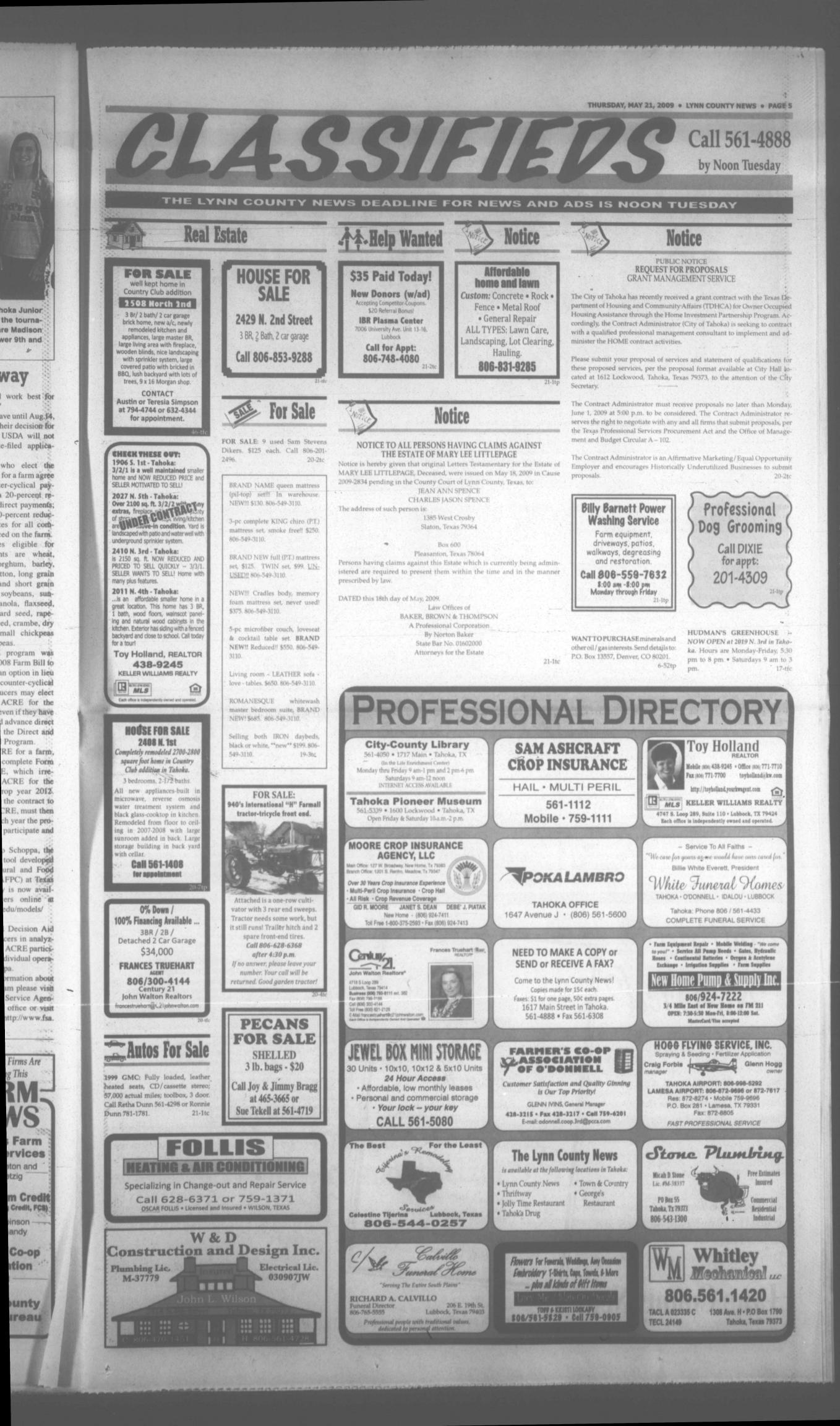
producers must complete Form CCC-509 ACRE, which irrevocably elects ACRE for the farm through crop year 2012. Form CCC-509, the contract to participate in ACRE, must then be completed each year the producer intends to participate and receive benefits.

According to Schoppa, the ACRE decision tool developed by the Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC) at Texas A&M University is now available to producers online at www.afpc.tamu.edu/models/ acre/index.php

"This ACRE Decision Aid will assist producers in analyzing the impact of ACRE participation on their individual operation," said Schoppa.

For more information about the ACRE program please visit your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office or visit FSA online at http://www.fsa. usda.gov.





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TMS band earns Sweepstakes ... Last Friday at the Abernathy Band Festival, the Tahoka Middle School Symphonic Band earned straight I's in Concert and Sightreading. In addition, they were deemed best in their class of all those who competed in the 7th-8th grade middle school bands. The band performed Coronation Fanfare, Courtlandt County Festival, and Pirates of the Caribbean. After they performed they then sightread a UIL level 1 piece after a brief explanation. The judges were very complimentary, commenting on the mature sounds the band was getting. Directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith stated, "We are very proud of these fine young people and their performance at Abernathy. In addition, they were ladies and gentlemen wherever they went that day and represented Tahoka very well." The Tahoka Middle School Bands (Concert-Sixth Grade and Symphonic) will perform this coming Monday night, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the THS auditorium, and the public is invited to attend.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Softball Team Support

Acknowledged

On behalf of the softball parents, we would like to congratulate the Tahoka girls softball team and Coaches Sabrina Gonzales and Marietta Decker on a successful 2009 season and post-season as they advanced in the playoffs. They fought hard and won the Bi-district game against Hamlin 1-0 and played their hearts out, but fell 4-1 to Marfa for the Area title.

We want to thank everyone for the support you demonstrated by attending games, both at Tahoka and on the road. At most of the out-of-town games,

There have been many other volunteers that have made this a great season - thanks to all! Ray & Cathy Box

Christmas Decorations Appreciated For Santa's Drive-Thru Park

Only 217 days til Christmas! We are so excited about the upcoming season and we are very excited about all the decorations and lights we have received. I want to thank everyone that has given us Christmas decorations for our drive-thru Santa park in Tahoka. We have received some very nice decorations and lights from folks all around the area. All items donated are going to be used throughout the park - and we are still accepting donations of outdoor Christmas decorations. We are planning to have the park opened starting Thanksgiving weekend of 2009. Santa and Mrs. Claus are very excited and are planning on visiting at the park themselves. Thanks,

NOW AT THE LIBRARY Borderline by Nevada Barr

Embarking on a guided rafting trip with her husband, Paul, in Big Bend National Park on the Texas-Mexico border, Anna Pigeon is drawn into dangerous

intrigue when one of their companions on the trip discovers a pregnant woman caught among tangled branches in the river. Cursed

by Carol Higgins Clark

Receiving a frantic call from an eccentric former neighbor from the Los Angeles neighborhood where she once worked as a private investigator, Regan reluctantly traces the activities of the woman's ex-boyfriend, a

con man with suspicious ties on both sides of the law. Dead before Dark

by Wendy Corsi Staub When the Night Watchman,

from prison, renowned psychic Lucinda Sloan finds herself the target of this twisted madman who lets her know that her time is almost up. **Execution Dock**

by Anne Perry Thames River Police Su-

perintendent Inspector William Monk and his team are pursuing Jericho Phillips, a child pornographer who runs a sex ring from inside an old ship, and when the body of a thirteen-year-old boy

washes ashore and is revealed to be one of Phillips' victims, the need to find, arrest, and convict him gains new urgency. First Family

Summoned by First Lady Jane Cox to rescue her niece from kidnappers, investigators Sean King and Michelle Maxwell are pushed to the limit in a search that is hampered by the highest levels of government security and Michelle's personal demons.

Visit the City-County Library at 1717 Main St., Tahoka.



New Home School will offer an ESL program for LEP (Limited English

KAREN and **KRYSTAL MUNIZ** Muniz twins graduate from Texas Tech

Krystal Renae and Karen Nicole Muniz, twin daughters of Manuela Muniz of Tahoka, graduated from Texas Tech University on Saturday, May 9, 2009.

Karen graduated Cum Laude and received her Bachelor's degree in English.

Krystal received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology.

New Mayor leads Council meeting

John Baker, recently elected as Mayor of Tahoka, took the oath of office at the City Council meeting on Monday, May 18 after the council canvassed the May 9 election results. After he was sworn in, the new mayor swore in newly re-elected council members Amy Preston and Rudy Fuentes, and led the remainder of the meeting.

The council voted to apply for participation in a grant through SPAG for purchasing 12 digital mobile and portable radios, to replace the old analog radios for the fire department and police department. The grant is through a Homeland Security program, which would provide for 75 percent of the cost of replacing the radio equipment.

Monthly bills were approved as presented.

a notorious serial killer, escapes by David Baldacci

we had more fans in attendance than the home team! Your support was really appreciated.

A special thanks to the school board, and Mr. Parker for the new uniforms and the improvements to the softball field. We would also like to thank the athletic booster club, the City of Tahoka along with Jerry Webster, and Rusty Cook for their help in making much needed improvements to the field.

The Ross & Chancy families & Santa & Mrs. Claus

Getting Married:

Come in and browse through our large selection of wedding invitations, announcements and accessories. These beautiful, embossed invitations have raised lettering and take about two weeks to receive them after you place your order. OR you may choose from our selection of in-house printed invitations ... add a photo and custom design your own!

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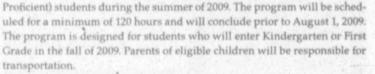
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If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Elementary Principal at Box 248, New Home, TX 79383, (806) 924-7542 for a registration form. Complete and return the form by JUNE 12, 2009.

DISCLAIMER: New Home School will offer this program only if ten (10) or more students qualify.

ESL PROGRAMA NOTIFICACION

New Home Escuela Primaria ofrecerá a un ESL programa par LEP (Experto Inglés Linutado) estudiantes durante el verano de 2009. El programa estará programado por un minimo de 120 horas y concluirá previamente de agosto 1, 2009. El program aestá diseñado para estudiantes que entrará Jardin de Infantes o Primer Grado en el otono de 2009. Los padres de niños elegibles será responsable de (transportation).

Se usted conociera de un niño qu calificara por el programa, notifica Elementary Principal at Box 248, New Home, TX 79383, (806) 924-7542 par solicitar una forma de registro. Completa y regresa la forma por junio 12, 2009.

LaDENEGACION: New Home Escuela Primaria ofrecerá este programa solamente si diez (10) o más estudiantes califican. 21-1tc

PREKINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

New Home School will offer a prekindergarten program during the 2009-2010 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2009. Students can qualify for the program by meeting at least one of the following requirements: 1) Be economically disadvantaged; 2) Be limited English proficient (LEP); or 3) Be homeless.

If you know a child who qualifies for the program notify Elementary Principal at Box 248, New Home, TX 79383, (806) 924-7542 for a registration form. Complete and return the form by July 1, 2009.

LA NOTIFICACION DE PREKINDERGARTEN PARA LOS 2009-2010 ANO ESCOLAR

New Home Escuela Primaria ofrecerá a un (prekindergarten) programa durante los 2009-2010 año escolar. El programa estará para estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años adultos en o antes de septiembre 1, 2009. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa se encontrando al menos ino de los siguientes requisitos: 1) Estén perjudicado económicamente; 2) Esté limitado experto Inglés (LEP); or 3) Sea destituído.

Si usted conociera de un niño que calificara por el programa, notifice a Elementary Principal at Box 248, New Home, TX 79393, (806) 924-5742 para solicitar una forma de registro. Completa y regresa la forma por julio 1, 2009.



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