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## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 5	90	49	
May 6	96	56	
May 7	71	55	
May 8	58	47	
May 9	89	47	
May 10	91	55	
May 11	92	58	
Precipitation for May:			0.04"
Precipitation for Apr:			7.02"
Precipitation for Mar:			3.85"
Precipitation for Feb:			2.48"
Precipitation for Jan:			1.91"
Total Precip. year to date:			15.10"

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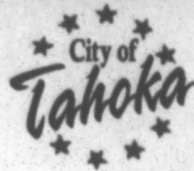
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## - CITY RESIDENTS TO RECEIVE THIS CARD -



### Phone Messaging Service REGISTRATION CARD

This is a **FREE** calling service provided by the *City of Tahoka* for our utility customers. If a city-wide water shut off is necessary, you will receive an automated call. You **must** register using this card in order to have this service.

1. You may have **UP TO THREE** phone numbers listed. *Carefully* write your numbers.
2. Place the card in the **DROP BOX** in front of City Hall or mail the card to City Hall, P.O. Box 300, Tahoka, Tx 79373.

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**MUST BE MADE IN PERSON**  
AT CITY HALL.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

### Water shut-off notification:

## City seeks resident phone numbers for new phone messaging service

Tahoka residents on city water service will receive a postcard in the mail sometime during the next week that allows citizens to register for a new automated phone message service that will notify them when the city water system is expected to be shut off. This is a free calling service provided by the City of Tahoka for all utility customers, but to receive the automated message a resident must register with the city for the service.

"Alerting residents of a disruption in the city's water supply or informing residents that a boil notice is in affect will be easier and faster with this new phone messaging service," explained City Administrator Jerry Webster. "Residents can receive an automated voice message informing them of the situation or what action, if any, needs to be taken. The city is contracting with Poka Lambro for the broadcast messaging service, which will allow

us to notify residents within a matter of minutes of emergency water shut-off or of planned routine maintenance that involves shutting off the water, boil notices, or if necessary, any other emergency situations," he added.

This service, however, is strictly voluntary for city residents. To receive the automated message notification, residents **MUST** fill out the registration card to include up to three phone numbers, and must include their signature on the card. There is no cost to the resident to sign up for the service. Simply complete the registration card and return it by mail or drop it off at City Hall.

"These registration cards will allow us to build a database for the new automated phone messaging service," said Webster. "When we get the database in place, we can implement the new program, probably sometime in mid-to-late summer. We believe this will be an efficient way to notify our citizens of water shut-offs, which we know can be a big inconvenience to our residents. At least with notification ahead of time, citizens can plan ahead for such situations."

Once a citizen has registered phone numbers with the city for the service, any changes to phone numbers must be requested in person at city hall, to fill out and sign a new registration card. "This will protect a citizen from someone else making the request, and provide an authorizing signature to make the change," Webster explained.

For more information, contact City Hall at 561-4211.

## Taylor wins bronze at state golf tourney

Tahoka High School senior Matt Taylor won the Class 1A bronze medal at the UIL State Golf Tournament, winning a playoff for third over Gruver's Parker Grotegut after both shot 80-79-159 for two rounds at the Morris Williams Course in Austin on Monday and Tuesday, May 10-11.

Matt is the son of Toby and Dana Taylor.



**Kadi's got it ...** Tahoka hindcatcher Kadi Larpenar keeps her eyes on the ball in last weekend's regional playoff against Marfa. The Lady Bulldogs finished a terrific season as they bowed to a tough Marfa team. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

## Elections bring new faces to city councils, school boards

Voters in Saturday's elections in Lynn County chose several newcomers to city councils and school boards, in some instances by very close margins. The City of O'Donnell will have a new mayor and one new council member, Tahoka and O'Donnell ISD will each have two new trustees, and the City of Tahoka will have a new councilman in District 2.

Following is a list of election results with the number of votes listed in front of candidate names, and an asterisk (\*) next to the names of those who were elected.

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### City of Tahoka

- District 2 Council member:**  
21 - Ronny A. Jolly\*  
14 - Max Mendieta III  
14 - Edward Gomez  
4 - Michael Walker  
3 - Billy Bishop

### Tahoka ISD

- District 1 Trustee:**  
17 - Scott Dimak\*  
15 - Kent Kahl  
**District 2 Trustee:**  
30 - Abraham Vega\*  
7 - Beth Huffaker  
6 - Martin Hammonds

### Wilson ISD

- 3 Trustees:**  
86 - Doug Bolyard\*  
70 - Janie Rios\*  
23 - Mary Kathleen Mendez\*  
21 - Yolanda Trevino  
5 - Angelic Frausto

### City of O'Donnell

- Mayor:**  
124 - Scotty Martinez\*  
120 - James Williams  
**2 Council members:**  
126 - Norma Ramirez\*  
123 - Max Mendieta\*  
122 - Roger Doss  
110 - Rex Little

### O'Donnell ISD

- 3 Trustees:**  
211 - Billy Edwards\*  
189 - Jerry Castro\*  
149 - Mark Royce\*  
113 - Randy Cook  
109 - Kirby Williams  
60 - Missy Jaquess

### Democrats find no Pct. 4 commissioner candidate

RosaLinda Guitierrez, Lynn County Democratic Chairman, has notified The Lynn County News that there is no Democratic candidate for Lynn County Precinct 4 Commissioner, after last Friday's no-show meeting to consider possible candidates for the Democratic contender for the Lynn County Precinct 4 Commissioner race. The local party meeting had been scheduled to consider interested candidates to appoint someone to fill the position after the former candidate, Wendell Morrow, was withdrawn from the race.

"At this time there are no interested Democrats from Pct. 4 who would like to be the County Commissioner candidate in the November election," said Guitierrez. "As was previously stated, the former candidate was declared ineligible per Texas Election Code 145.003, section (f)(2). A Declaration of Ineligibility has been mailed to the former candidate and the County Clerk's office," she added.

For more information, contact her at 806-561-2233 or 806-781-4679.

## Erratic driver jailed for DWI

Tahoka Police Tuesday arrested a 34-year-old Tahoka woman and charged her with driving while intoxicated after having been notified earlier that a vehicle headed south on U.S. 87 toward Tahoka had been weaving and running other vehicles off the road.

Lynn County jail held 41 persons early this week, after 10 persons were arrested during the last week. Of the total, 17 were held for Lubbock County.

Charges for which arrests were

made included warrant on failure to appear on displaying suspended drivers license, warrant on theft of service over \$500 and less than \$1500, warrants on violating promise to appear plus no vehicle registration, warrant on order to revoke probation for false report, possession of marijuana plus supplying alcohol to a minor, warrant on failure to appear for displaying altered inspection sticker, driving while intoxicated and hold for immigration authorities.

## woodwork

by dalton



LOTTA TAHOKUM came into my office carrying a hammer, and I asked her what that was all about.

"I just bought it," she said. "I'm going to go into business roofing houses in Tahoka. Now I need to go buy a ladder."

I asked her why she would want to start roofing, and she explained that "it just seems like the thing to do--after all, nearly everybody else is wanting to roof houses lately, so I figure it must be a good deal."

I said, "I don't want to discourage you, but roofing is hard work, and besides, have you had any roofing experience?"

"Sure," she said. "Two years ago I had shingles. Spent three days in Lynn County Hospital."

I suggested that having shingles might not qualify anyone to do roofing, but she seemed all excited about the prospects, saying "I'm sure I can do it, and people will see what a good job I'm doing and I will get even more work. Besides, my dog will go along with me on the job and point out to everyone what I am doing."

"How is that?"

She explained that while she was working on top of the house, her dog could stand on the ground, point his nose up in her direction, and go "Roof, roof, roof."

I politely invited her to leave the premises, and I'm not recommending her roofing business to anybody.

BUMPER STICKER: I Drive Way Too Fast To Worry About Cholesterol.

### Free hearing test available at Lynnwood

Hearing Technologies will be at Lynnwood Assisted Living Center on Tuesday, May 18 from 10:00-12:00 noon to offer their services to any interested citizens in the area.

The company is offering free amplified telephones, hearing evaluations, free cleaning and service of any make, model, or age of hearing aid, and free hearing aid batteries.

### Lynn County Conservatives to meet Saturday

Lynn County Conservatives, a group of concerned citizens, is hosting a coffee and conversation get-together on Saturday, May 15 from 9-10 a.m. at Tom and Barbara Mandry's barn, located at 1310 FM 211. Brad Bentley, founder of Americans For Integrity In Government and a Tea Party organizer, will be guest speaker. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

"We meet monthly for coffee and conversation, to encourage other conservatives, to learn about issues and candidates, and to identify ways to fill leadership positions with those who embrace our conservative values," said Mandry.



**Trophy winners ...** The New Home Little Dribblers placed 2nd in the Minor League basketball tournament held in New Home on May 7th and 8th. The team includes 3rd and 4th graders, in back from left, Ariah Morales, Michaela Rodriguez, Danielle Torres, Maddison Truhlicka, Savanna Lehman and Carolynne Olsen; and in front, Britney Escobedo, D'Andre Dominguez, Natalie Fuentes, Clara Barrington and Celee Smith.

For more information, contact Tom and Barbara Mandry, 806-792-3511, or Lynn and Kim Smith, 806-863-2774.

## Tahoka 3-D Band to present Spring concert on May 20

On Thursday, May 20, the award-winning Tahoka High School 3-D Band will present its annual Spring Concert at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The 3-D Band has finished a successful year, finishing 4th at the UIL Area Marching Contest and recording its eighth consecutive Sweepstakes, which

was straight I's in Marching, Concert, and Sightreading.

This concert will be unique in that the Tahoka 3-D Band will perform on the same concert all three compositions that have been written especially for the Tahoka 3-D Band and have been published by TRN Music.

The program will start with the stirring rendition of Gene Currie's arrangement of "The Star-Spangled Banner," which will be followed by another tradition, "The Tahoka Gallop," which was written especially for the Tahoka 3-D Band. Next will be the lyrical "Dolce and Dance," which was one of the UIL concert contest pieces, followed by a popular selection from the movie Twilight, "Bella's Theme."

Memories of white t-shirts, rolled-up jeans, and poodle skirts will be appropriate for the next musical treat as the band performs "Sock Hop Tonight!" The second of the pieces written especially for the Tahoka 3-D Band will be "The 3-D Gallop."

If vampires are not your cup of tea, the 3-D Band hopes pirates will be with its rendition of "Music from Pirates of the Caribbean." The final third composition written just for the Tahoka 3-D Band and in memory of Meg Flynn is also the piece the band performed for the UIL

Concert Contest, "And My Spirit Lives On."

The seniors, who have helped to make this a very special year for the 3-D Band, will be recognized. Concluding the program will be the foot-tapping (provided you can tap your foot that fast) "Big Cage," which was also performed at UIL.

Directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith invite all to come hear this free, uplifting concert. "We are very proud of the accomplishments of this year's band and the beautiful music they have made."

### Obituaries



#### Jonathon Moore

Services for Jonathon Moore, 25, of Lipan were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at Lipan First Baptist Church. Burial was held at 4:30 p.m. at New Castle Cemetery in New Castle. He died on Wednesday, May 5, 2010, in Lipan.

He was born June 19, 1984, in Tahoka. He married Jennifer Millington, Dec. 10, 2005, in Lipan. He was a loving son, husband and father.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Charles and Lois Posey.

Survivors include his wife, Jennifer Moore of Lipan; sons, Jade Troy Moore, David Moore; parents, Troy and Pamela Posey; mother-in-law, Rhonda Millington; brothers, Jarrod Posey, Jason Posey, Seth Moore, Dustin Moore; brother-in-law, Mark Millington and wife, Amanda; grandparents, Glenda McCleskey, Stanley and Delta Krause, Carroll and Loretta Moore; great grandfather, Jodie Halford; aunts and uncles, Paul and Kyra Krause, Lana Moore, Beverley Smith, Kathy and Michael Wise, Jack and Penny Posey, Benji and Tammy York, Sharlet Davis, Tom and Shana Posey; nieces and nephew, Jacie Posey, Jackson Posey, Kaylynn Millington; and numerous cousins.

(PAID)

**Levi & Nicole Haste**  
along with their son, **Elijah**  
ARE PROUD TO  
ANNOUNCE THE  
BIRTH OF  
**Harli Elizabeth Haste**  
April 9, 2010  
7 lbs., 8/16 oz., 21" long  
She was born at Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney, Texas.  
Her grandparents are Rickey & Jackie Green (formerly of Tahoka) and Steve & Carolyn Haste, all of Plainview.  
Great-grandparents are Betty Bearden, Nelva Green and Maurice & Loretta Haste.

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**Thanks!**  
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Thank you,  
**Janie Rios**

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**Lynn County Animal Shelter**  
Abbey Redman, Director  
806-561-4056

### Tick Prob

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**Wilson community cleanup ...** On May 8, the City of Wilson held a community clean-up day of the downtown area, with about 50 volunteers from ages 5 to 84 offering their services. "We would like to thank every one that participated with labor and supplies," said a city official. "Special thanks for donations to Fiber Brite Ltd., monetary and man power, Texas Star Gin, monetary, First Bank & Trust, monetary and man power, Atmos Energy for providing lunch, Xcel Energy, monetary, O. D. Kenny, supplies, Slat-Co Printing, supplies, Sunday Lawn Care, cleanup of weeds and trees. A good time was had and a good job appreciated."

**Care TO BE Aware**  
HEALTH NEWS FROM LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
by Julia Allen

**Senior Citizens MENU**  
May 17-21

**Tick Problems?**  
Are the ticks bad in your yard? They seem to be everywhere in Lynn County. Taking care of ticks can be costly in more ways than one. There is the cost of treating the yard and your animals but also the cost of treating yourself or a loved one who have been bitten by the ticks.

First of all, most ticks do not carry diseases, and most tick bites do not cause serious health problems. But, some can and we should be aware of what should be done in these cases. It is important to remove the tick as soon as you find it. Removing the tick's body helps one avoid diseases that the tick may pass on during feeding.

- Use fine-tipped tweezers to remove a tick. If you don't have tweezers, put on gloves or cover your hands with tissue paper, then use your fingers. Do not handle the tick with bare hands.
- Grab the tick as close to its mouth (the part that is stuck in your skin) as you can. The body of the tick will be above your skin.
- Do not grab the tick around its bloated belly. You might push infected fluid from the tick into your body if you squeeze it.
- Pull the tick straight out until its mouth lets go of your skin. Do not twist or "unscrew" the tick. This may separate the head from the body.
- Do not try to smother a tick that is attached to your skin with petroleum jelly, nail polish, gasoline, or rubbing alcohol. This may increase your risk of infection.
- Do not try to burn the tick while it is attached to your skin.
- Put the tick in a dry jar or Ziploc bag and save it in the freezer for later identification if necessary.
- Wash the area of the tick bite with a lot of warm water and soap. A mild dishwashing soap, such as Ivory, works well.
- If a bite becomes irritated, apply an antibiotic ointment, such as bacitracin or polymyxin B sulfate, and cover it with an adhesive bandage. The ointment will keep the bite from sticking to the bandage. Note: Stop using the ointment if the skin under the bandage begins to itch or a rash develops. The

ointment may be causing a skin reaction.

After you remove the tick, wash your hands really well with soap and water.

When you return home from areas where ticks might live, carefully examine your skin and scalp for ticks. Check your pets, too.

Next week we will learn more about the diseases that can come from certain tick bites.

- Monday:** Baked potato, topping choices: broccoli & cheese, chili, sour cream, butter, cheese & bacon bits, waldorf salad, melon
- Tuesday:** Smothered chicken, white gravy, broccoli & rice casserole, homemade biscuits, pecan pie
- Wednesday:** Chicken & dumplings, carrot-raisin salad, sliced tomatoes, pineapple cobbler cake

**Thursday:** Turkey salad, deviled eggs, crackers, strawberries & bananas

**Friday:** Philly burgers, black bean fiesta, tossed salad, snickerdoodle bars

**Reminders and Activities:**

- **Special Request: We need a new vehicle!** The Senior Citizen Center homebound program is in need of a new delivery vehicle. If you have a late model jeep, Explorer or similar vehicle that is in good working condition that you would consider donating, please contact Bianca at 561-5264.
- Weekly domino night, Mondays at 6:00. Everyone is

invited to join!

- Our cookbook, "Timeless Treasures" is available for \$12 each at the Center, Lynn County News, Virginia's Beauty Salon, Huffaker Law Office and the City/County Library.
- The recycle bin is open

weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for can donations. After 1:00 p.m. and on weekends, call Bianca at 201-9169 and she will arrange to accept can donations. Thank you for your continued support with our community cans collection.

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## Commissioners approve updates to subdivision regulations

Lynn County Commissioners met Monday morning, approving changes to the County Subdivision Regulations as presented by Tahoka Mayor John Baker. Baker met with county officials to ask that regulations be updated to meet current standards and codes, which would not only provide for protection of future subdivisions in the county but also help incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county in applying for certain grant funding.

Baker said the updated regulations must be in place

in both the City of Tahoka and Lynn County in order for the city to apply to the Texas Water Development Board for grant funds for a new waterline system in the city. He told *The News* that it had been several years since the regulations had been updated. Commissioners unanimously approved the requested changes and updates.

In other business, commissioners approved property insurance renewal for the Community Supervision Building and Animal Control Shelter, raising the coverage to include the new animal shelter facilities.

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on the jail facilities and monthly bills were approved.

Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin presided at the meeting with all four commissioners present, including Keith Wied, Mike Braddock, Don Blair and Brad Hammonds.

## 6th grade orientation set here on May 18

Tahoka Middle School will host an orientation meeting for next year's 6th graders on Tuesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. in the Tahoka High School auditorium. Students and parents are invited to attend.



**Slide ...** Taryn Bishop starts her slide into third base (above) and finishes in the photo below in the Lady Bulldog game against the Marfa Shorthorns on Saturday. Tahoka's girls lost 4-1 and on Friday lost 8-2, ending their playoff run. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



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## Tahoka Athletic Banquet May 21

The Tahoka Athletic Banquet will be held on Friday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the Tahoka Housing Authority.

For more information and tickets, contact Michelle Williams at 928-8269.

## Book Sale set at library

The City-County Library will host a week-long Book Sale on May 24-29, selling books donated by patrons to benefit the local library. Book prices will range from 25-cents to \$5, and a wide range of books will be offered including hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books, audio books, videos, grab bags and book bags.

The Book Sale will be held in the room across from the library, inside the Life Enrichment Center at 1717 Main Street, during regular library hours. The library is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m., and 9 a.m. til noon on Saturdays.

Donations of books are always welcome, either for the book sale or for library patrons. Call Library Director Claudia Guin at 561-4050 for more information.

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**After May 18, you must comply within 24 hours of a citation. Failure to comply will result in removal of the animal and legal action.**

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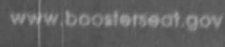

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## Band slated

The annual Banquet will be held on Friday, May 14 at the Tahoka City Center. Tahoka Band members will perform at the event. Tickets are available at the banquet and meal. For more information, contact Tom at 4928.

## Property Too High? Comptroller offer appraisal

Properly appraised property is essential for a district to have a fair value of the taxes it collects. The comptroller offers a free appraisal of your property. Two appraisals are provided on Texas Combs' worksheet. Homeowners are advised to get an ARB appraisal to make an informed decision on the value of their property.

For a complete appraisal, a property owner should prepare a list of improvements, including additions, alterations, and other improvements. The appraisal is valid for one year or until the next business day after the appraisal. The appraisal is not a guarantee of value, but it can provide a baseline for negotiations with the appraisal district.

The appraisal process is designed to be fair and equitable. If you are dissatisfied with the appraisal, you can file a protest with the appraisal district. The protest process is a legal process that can be time-consuming and costly. It is recommended that you consult with a professional appraiser or attorney if you are having difficulty with the appraisal process.

## Ad

Lynn County lists address at www.lynncountytx.gov. The website provides information on various services and programs offered by the county. For more information, visit the website or contact the county office.

## Band Banquet slated May 17

The annual Tahoka Band Banquet will be held Monday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the Tahoka Housing Authority Center. Sponsored by the Tahoka Band Boosters, the event honors all Tahoka band students from grades 6-12.

Tickets for family members and guests will be available at the door for \$8 for the brisket and all the trimmings meal.

For more information, contact Tonda Freitag at 998-4928.

### Property Value Appraisal Too High?

## Comptroller's videos offer tips to appeal appraisals

Property owners who believe their county appraisal district has overestimated the value of their homes or businesses have a right to appeal to their local Appraisal Review Board (ARB) to reduce their property values.

Two video presentations on Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' website inform homeowners and small business owners about protest procedures, what to expect during an ARB hearing and how to make an effective presentation to the ARB.

"For a successful appeal, a property owner must be prepared to present well-organized, clear and convincing evidence to persuade the ARB that a particular home or business has a lower value than the value placed by the appraisal district," Combs said. "Our videos also explain how property owners can protect their right to appeal in court if they disagree with the ARB's decision."

The Comptroller's video, How to Present Your Case at an Appraisal Review Board Hearing, A Guide for Homeowners, can be found online at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/homeportestvid/player.html>. How to Present Your Case at an Appraisal Review Board Hearing, A Guide for Small Business Owners is located at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/businessprotestvid/player.html>.

The Comptroller's property tax Web page at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/> also includes much more information about local property taxes.

Most ARBs schedule property value protest hearings in May, June or July, except in certain major urban areas, where hearings occur year round.

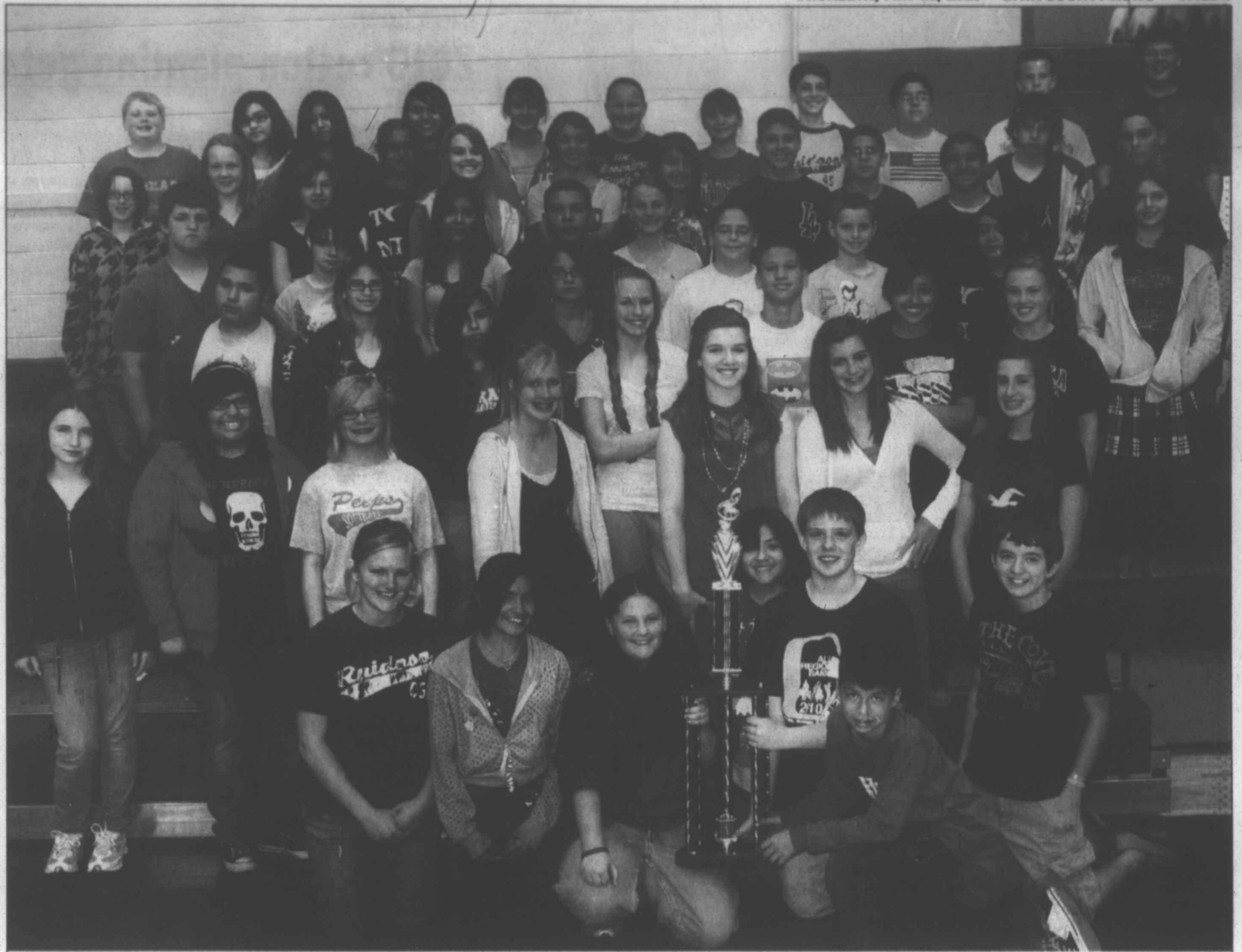


### Adopt a Pet!

Lynn County Animal Shelter lists adoptable pets online at [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com). At the website, simply enter Tahoka, TX in the location box to bring up photos and lists of adoptable pets at Lynn County Animal Shelter and surrounding areas.

**IF YOU HAVE LOST A PET** ... please be sure and check with the shelter. The shelter is located southeast of the Lynn County Courthouse.

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**Middle School Symphonic Band earns All I's ...** On Thursday, May 6, at the Abernathy Middle School Band Festival, the Tahoka Middle School Symphonic Band performed and earned straight I's in concert and in sightreading. They played "Pride of America March," "Dance Celebration," and "Comet Ride." The judges were very complimentary on the band's performance. "We are proud of these young people and their performance at the Festival," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith. "We hope people will come and hear this group perform at their spring concert, along with the 6th grade band, on Monday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m."

## 'Pack the Pantry' local food drive now underway

"Pack the Pantry" food drive began Monday, May 10 and continues through May 23 in Tahoka, with food barrels at various locations in town and a Boy Scout canned food collection, according to organizer Elizabeth Tew.

The food drive honors the memory of Roy Riddle, a man who devoted much of his life to providing food for others, and who started the local food drive here last year.

"All food collected will stay in Lynn County to help the Senior Citizens Center and the local food pantry at the Tahoka Church of Christ, who provides food to those in need," said Tew.

Collection barrels have been placed in several locations in Tahoka, including Thriftway Grocery (where pre-packaged \$5 and \$10 bags of food may be purchased for the barrels), and at First Baptist Church, St. Jude Catholic Church, First United Methodist Church, Tahoka Trinity Church, Lynn County Courthouse, and Tahoka Elementary and Middle School/High School campuses. Signs designating the food drive will be placed at the barrels.

In addition, local Boy Scouts will conduct their door-to-door collection of

canned goods. Local citizens who want to participate may simply provide grocery bags containing canned food items or other non-perishable items, to be collected by the Scouts. Citizens are asked to have food out by their front doors by 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, and Scouts will come by to pick them up.

For more information about the Pack the Pantry food drive, contact Elizabeth Tew at 561-9994.

### Letters To The Editor -- POLICY --

Our readers are encouraged to express their opinions in Letters to the Editor.

Letters to the Editor are accepted by the Lynn County News in person (1617 Main Street); by mail (P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka 79373); or by fax (806-561-6308).

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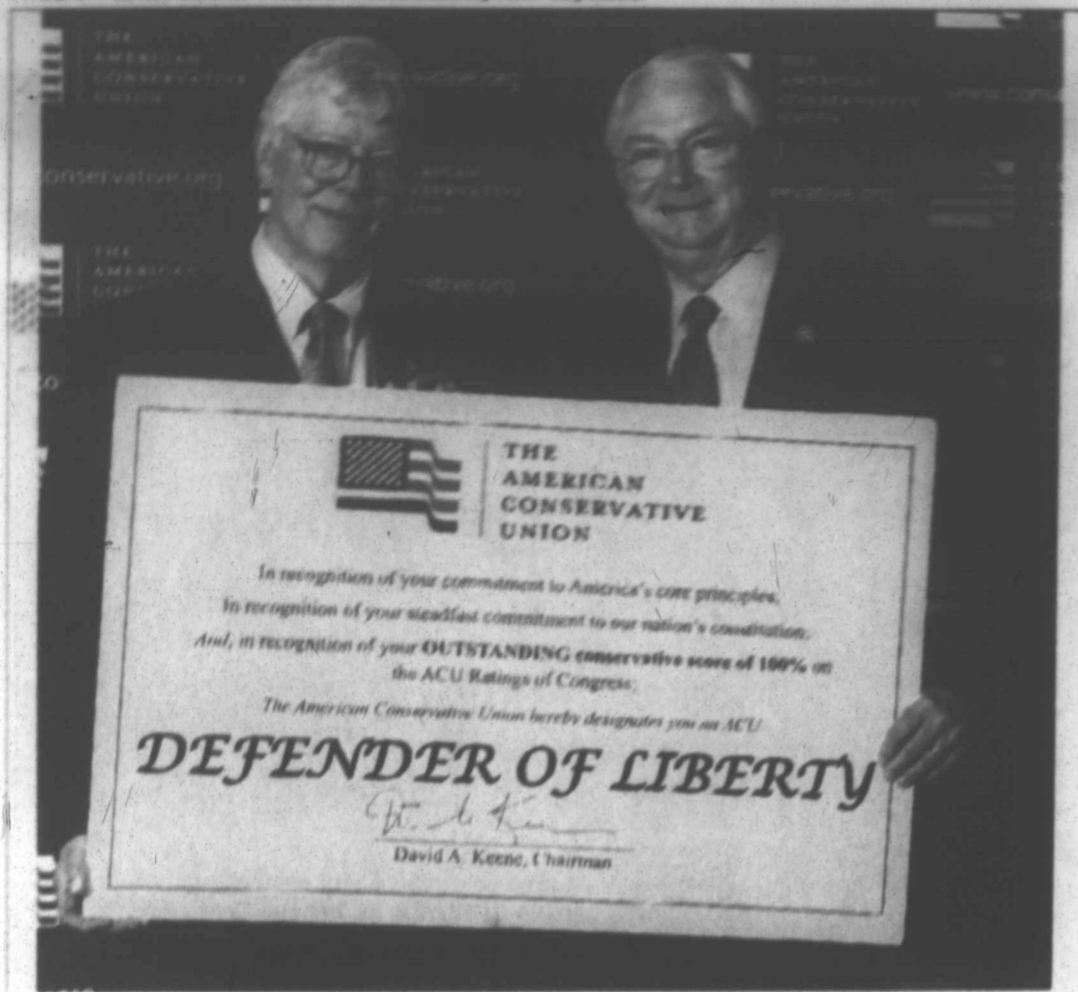
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**Defender of Liberty ...** Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R-TX), pictured at right, was awarded the "Defender of Liberty" award from the American Conservative Union for his perfect 100 percent rating and dedication to conservative principles in 2009. "Holding true to the conservative principles that this nation was founded on is now more important than ever. I will continue to push for limited government, policies that won't bankrupt our nation, and a strong national defense in Congress," said Neugebauer. American Conservative Union Chairman David Keene (left) presented the award, saying, "This Defender of Liberty award is a reflection of Representative Randy Neugebauer's outstanding record in support of conservative principles on a wide range of issues. At a challenging time when the fundamental principles on which the American system of government are being challenged, Representative Neugebauer stands with those who are trying to preserve those principles."

**Enroll now for Texas International Cotton School to be held in August**

Students can enroll online for the 30th Texas International Cotton School which begins Monday, August 9, 2010, and continues through Friday, August 20th. The school is a coopera-

tive effort between the Lubbock Cotton Exchange and the International Textile Center at Texas Tech University. The program comprises hands-on instruction of all phases of cotton production, harvesting, ginning, classing, testing, preparation and processing. Students also undergo in-depth training in many phases of marketing, futures, indexing and other sectors of the ever-changing economic climate for cotton.

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**High hopes: 2010 cotton planting gets in full swing**

by **BRYAN REYNOLDS**  
Texas Agri-Life Extension Agent, Lynn County

The 2010 crop is going into the ground with high expectations. Obviously the wet winter weather of 2009 and into 2010 along with the wet spring have gotten the excitement level up and the potential for this crop to be much better than in recent years. Producers are much more optimistic to plant this year's crop with the soil profile having much more available moisture than what they have started with for the last 8 or 10 years.

Rainfall amounts at the West Texas Mesonet site for O'Donnell from January through April have been 10.63" and at the Tahoka site, rainfall received for this year has been 14.81". 2004 was a wet Spring but this year is 4 to 5 inches above that year.

Certainly the rainfall and moisture will be of great benefit as we get into the growing season, however the temperature variation may be of more

concern right now. Large changes in temperatures from the low 40's to mid 90's have forced many growers to wait until this week or even next week to see if we can get to more normal temperatures. The 10 day average minimum for soil temps at the 8-inch depth is in the low to mid 60 degree range. This is close to the minimum of 60 degrees for what cottonseed needs to germinate once it is planted. After the seed come up, the cooler temperatures can cause problems with seedling disease issues and the plants can get off to a slower start.

As temperatures start to level off and warm up, watch for more planters in the field within the next few weeks. Many growers will

plant their irrigated acres first and then come back to the dryland, however with moisture available, both irrigated and dryland acres could be going in at the same time.

Other crops such as peanuts, sunflowers, and grain sorghum have been planted within the last two weeks and are looking to get off to a good start. Many wheat fields have been cut and baled for hay as well.

Obviously, we don't have a single bale at the gin for the 2010 crop, but if we can avoid some storms and have some cooperation with the weather this summer, the prospects for this year's cotton crop look much better than many of the recent years. Time will tell what the outcome will be.



**Herrera hits two home runs ...** Dominique Herrera played in the USSSA Spring tournament in Plainview the weekend of May 8-9. He plays for the Blue Devils, who finished with 2nd place in the tournament. Dominique hit two over the fence home runs during the tournament and is pictured here showing off his championship figalist ring.

**Concealed Handgun License application process goes online**

Starting on May 1, all applicants for concealed handguns will be able to complete the entire application form, as well as schedule their digital fingerprint appointments online.

"Completing the application form online will allow us to process applications faster," said RenEarl Bowie, the Assistant Director, Regulatory Licensing, for DPS.

Applicants are also encouraged to have their fingerprints digitally scanned, instead of sending in ink fingerprints.

Digital fingerprints have a 98 percent accuracy rate, far higher than traditional fingerprint captures, reducing the number of card rejects and the inconvenience of reprints.

Also starting on May 1: applicants for CHL renewals will no longer have to submit fingerprints, and applicants with a valid Texas ID or Driver License will no longer have to provide photos for renewal. See [http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/crime\\_records/chl/chlsindex.html](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/crime_records/chl/chlsindex.html).

*A Note of Gratitude ...*

We want to thank you all, from our hearts, for adding to the beautiful memories that gets us through our daily lives. To Rotary Club and Lynn Co. Hospital Board of Directors, special thanks for taking the dream of this: The Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction, and making it a reality.

You know, this is just the kind of event in which Billy would LOVE to participate in. We can tell you all - he is here...in our hearts and, I'm sure, in lots of other hearts. We greatly appreciate the special attention you have given to Billy Tom. The years he served for LCHD was an important part of his life.

There are no words to express the depth of our gratitude. We want to thank our family and friends and community for joining us on the special day of April 24<sup>th</sup>. It was beyond doubt a joy to have you surround us as the beautiful symbol was given in memory of Billy Tom.

Compassionately accept our heartfelt thanks for the surprising Memorial/plaque. Both the Memorial and the plaque made us very happy. It was touching and emotional!

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**Gutierrez to graduate from TTU May 14**

Crystal Marie Gutierrez will graduate from Texas Tech University on Friday, May 14, 2010, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Multi-disciplinary Studies. She will graduate Summa Cum Laude with highest honors. She will be the first in her family to do so. While at Texas Tech she was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, project TEACH, STEP 2, TCTA and ATPE. Following graduation, she plans to teach at an elementary in Lubbock ISD or any of the surrounding districts. She also plans to further her education and receive her Master's degree in the near future.

In 2008, she graduated from South Plains College with an Associate of Arts Teaching Degree. She was on the Dean's List, Student Government Association Senate Majority Leader, Student Texan Booster Club President and a Focus Lubbock Member. She was also crowned South Plains College Homecoming Queen. She is a graduate of Tahoka High School.

She is the daughter of JoAnn Morales, David Graves, Pedro Gutierrez, Jr. and Lorena Vidales. She is the granddaughter of Pedro and Angie Gutierrez of Tahoka, and the late Maria Morales.

"We're proud of you!" JoAnn, David, Pedro Jr., Lorena, Pete and Angie and Brandon.

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**Sign Vandalism: It's a costly safety issue, and puts lives in danger**

Stop and think before you remove that traffic sign. Someone, maybe someone in your family, might die.

Sound harsh? It is. Missing stop signs and other traffic advisory signs means a motorist is going to miss a cue to stop, detour, turn or slow down on a particularly sharp curve. When that driver misses a cue, lives are jeopardized.

But, that can be avoided. Just stop and think before

costs, but more because of the safety hazard it can create for the traveling public," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's director of traffic operations.

Effective September 1, 2007, damaging, destroying or tampering with transportation communications devices or equipment, including signs and signals, is a third-degree felony if the amount of the loss is \$100,000 or less. The penalty of a third-degree felony is 2-10 years

**Take down a stop sign on a rural road, and you've just turned that highway into a death trap.**

removing a traffic sign.

Lonely stretches of highway can be particularly dangerous late at night. But, take down a stop sign on a rural road, and you've just turned that highway into a death trap.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) spent almost \$100,000 of taxpayer money replacing stolen or vandalized signs throughout the 17-county Lubbock District this past year. But it's not just about money.

"They may not realize the risk they are taking," said Douglas Eichorst III, P.E., Lubbock District engineer. "There can be some serious consequences to taking a stop sign, and it's not just a fine or jail sentence. People could be seriously injured or killed. The signs aren't just designations. They provide important information to travelers, especially those who are unfamiliar with the area."

Vandalism of highway traffic signs costs Texas taxpayers \$2.5 million annually, according to TxDOT officials.

"We are always concerned with vandalism of our state roadway signs. Not just because of the monetary

imprisonment in a state penitentiary and/or up to a \$10,000 fine.

However, much stiffer penalties have been handed down in cases where sign vandalism has resulted in serious injury or death. It happened several years ago when a group of teenagers removed a stop sign on a state highway in Florida. Three people lost their lives because they didn't stop at the intersection. The vandals were convicted on three counts of manslaughter and one count of grand theft for their criminal act.

The most commonly vandalized sign is the stop sign. Signs in remote locations and those near schools and recreation areas are the most frequently targeted. Stolen signs sometimes find their way to a bedroom, apartment or dormitory walls. Such decorations, however, can make a deadly fashion statement, according to transportation officials.

"A sign on the wall is a sign missing from a roadway where it is essential to safety. Although sometimes viewed as a harmless prank, tampering or removing any roadway sign can have tragic and deadly results," said Lopez.

Each year, TxDOT replaces more than 50,000 stolen or vandalized signs. TxDOT continues to ask the public for their help with information leading to return of the signs or leading to the conviction of the persons responsible for sign thefts and vandalism.



**Out!** ... Tahoka's Brittani Ford makes a sliding catch to get a Marfa player out, in last weekend's regional playoff. Other Lady Bulldogs looking on are Kayla Long and Sabrina Moralez. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

**The U.S. Census Bureau Will Only Ask Basic Questions From Decennial Survey**

As 2010 Census operations continue, an estimated 8 million U.S. households will receive phone calls from the U.S. Census Bureau as part of its follow-up operations in the coming months.

U.S. Census Bureau workers are making phone calls to some households in an effort to count everyone living in the United States, as mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Some who receive these calls might have mailed back a questionnaire several weeks ago.

Reasons for these calls include:

- Questionnaires might have been returned by households past deadline

- A discrepancy between the numbers of residents listed on the form and the number of names given

- An ambiguous answer regarding where someone lives most of the time.

- Illegible handwriting

- Partial answers or an incomplete form

- More than one return from the same address

When census workers call, they can be identified in the following ways:

- Callers will say they work for the U.S. Census Bureau and that the purpose of the call is to take the most accurate and complete census count, and that the Census Bureau must count everyone at the right address;

- Those calling will check to make sure the household address matches with their information. The caller will then give an approval number and its expiration date; that number authorizes the survey, among other things.

- Callers will ask some of the basic questions found on the decennial census form, including the number of people living in the residence, any additional people that might be living there as of April 1, 2010, whether the residence is owned or rented, etc. (to view the questions from the decennial form, go to <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/how/interactive-form.php>).

- If a census interviewer telephones and no one answers, he or she will attempt to leave a message, including a phone number and a case identification number, so the interview can be completed with a return call.

- Callers will not ask any questions related to finances, or for social security numbers, bank account information or country of origin.

- Households that would like to confirm they are being contacted by the Census Bureau in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas may call the Dallas Regional Census Center at 800-563-6499. Those who further doubt whether an individual works for the Census Bureau and suspect foul play, should call their local law enforcement agency and file a report.

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The only civic event that includes every person in the country, the decennial Census is the basis for America's representative democracy, ensuring that Congress is fairly reapportioned every 10 years among the states. Census counts are also used to redraw state and local legislative boundaries so that political representation is fairly distributed across their changing populations. Census data also help determine how more than \$400 billion in federal funds are distributed to tribal, state and local governments every year - including funding for schools, roads, health care and other critical programs.

All census responses are confidential; they are protected by law and not shared with any other arm of government or business. The Census Bureau takes extreme measures to protect the identity of individuals and businesses. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' individually identifiable answers with anyone, including tribal housing authorities, other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

All Census Bureau employees take the oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000, imprisonment of up to five years or both.

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