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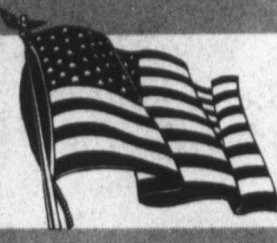


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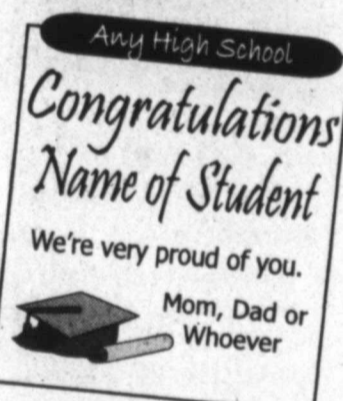
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He was born in Tahoka on September 11, 1938 to Cleave

and Jewell (Minor) Bairrington. The family moved to O'Donnell in 1948 where he remained a life-long resident. After attending high school in O'Donnell, Leo joined the U.S. Navy serving from 1956 to 1960. He married Gustene Sherrill June 1, 1964. By trade, he was a talented carpenter. After retiring, he became a farmer, which he enjoyed greatly. He had a love for the land, but was happiest when surrounded by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

His memory will be cherished by his wife of more than 46 years, Gustene; son, Kelly and wife Shellie of Draw; two daughters, Keri Goad and fiancé Dick Patterson of Lubbock and Kimberly Wright and husband Johnnie Ray of Big Spring; two sisters, Susie Newer of Richardson and Fern Childress of Tahoka; brother, Ronnie of Weatherford; sister-in-law, Paula Sherrill of Lubbock; brother-in-law, Gerry Sherrill of Post; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and, numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Linda Bairrington in 1966; and two brothers, Billy Jack and James Cleave Bairrington.

Memorials on behalf of Leo can be made to your favorite charity. (PAID)



Mike Ramirez, Sr.

Funeral services for Mike Ramirez Sr., 63, of Tahoka were held on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel-Tahoka with Rev. Alan Ehlo officiating. Military graveside services were held Monday, May 16, at 11:30 AM at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home and Chapel. He died on Friday, May 6, 2011.

He was born on March 9, 1948 in Midland to the late Gustavo Tijerina (1991) and Martina Baeza (2001). He married Janie Arausa in 1969 in Tahoka, she preceded him in death on April 3, 2006. After he graduated from high school he joined the U.S. Army and served in the Vietnam War where he received the National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, Purple Heart Medal, Republic of Vietnam Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Two Bronze Loops. He was currently working for Texas Workforce Veterans Services.

Survivors include two sons, Mike Jr. and Lisa Ramirez of Alexandria, Virginia, and Edward Ramirez of Lubbock; two daughters Melissa Ramirez of Tahoka, Cynthia and John Chavez of San Antonio; six brothers, Raymond Bustos of Midland, Gustavo Tijerina Jr. of Odessa, Raymond Baeza, Johnny Baeza, Shon Baeza and Rudy Baeza, all of Plainview; three sisters, Gracie Guerrero of Lubbock, Mary Baeza of Plainview and Andrea Perales of Lockney, and eleven grandchildren.



Good crowd at the auction ... A good crowd turned out to support the local hospital at the Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction on Saturday. Due to the generosity of area citizens, the unofficial tally from Saturday's event early this week was \$24,900 raised for the hospital, with some checks still to come in. Tahoka Rotary Club sponsored the event. (LCN PHOTO by Vondell Elliott)



Ribbon cutting ... City officials and others gathered at Jolly Time restaurant in Tahoka last Thursday for ribbon cutting ceremonies for the new owner, Manje Tejeda Duncan. Pictured from left, in front, are City Administrator Jerry Webster, Frances Thomas, Cheyenne Alvarado, Mindi Prieto and daughter Preslea, Mandi Tejeda Duncan, Jessica Morin, Cissy Erland and Winford Craig. In back from left are Dob Jolly, Ralph Robinson, Dan Turner, Frances Truehart, John Krey, Mayor John Baker, and Vernon Baker. (LCN PHOTO)

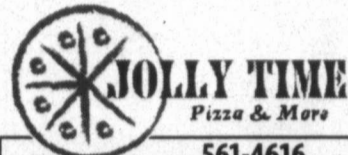
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"Letters with more information will be sent out soon," stated a classmate.



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1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka, TX 79373
Phone (806) 561-5317
PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.
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13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381
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Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.
LEADERS: REV. LESLIE LEWIS
TONDA FREITAG, PLM
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m.

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St. address • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7579
MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON
Bible Class - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.
Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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(established 1907)
P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351
Phone (806) 428-3357
or Fern Barnes (806) 327-5583
PASTOR: REV. MONTY BARNETT
Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School following

TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church
South 4th & Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4436
PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TEO
DEACON: FRANCISCO AGUILAR
Mass - 9:30 a.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wed. & Thur.
Rosary - 7 p.m. Tues.
CCE Class/Confirmation Instruct. - 7 p.m. Wed.

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PASTOR: DAVID W. RHODE
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God says, "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." - Isaiah 43:25 (NIV)
Once when I was getting frustrated with aggressive drivers, I started making a list of their license-plate numbers. I called this my "Hall of Shame." However, I had barely written down a handful of plate numbers before totally forgetting about the list. Recently, I found it again, but it appeared rather strange to me. I tried hard but could not remember what these people had done to warrant a place in my little "Hall of Shame." I felt no anger, no indignation; it seemed just a random list of numbers.
Until this experience, I could never fully understand the importance of the remember "no more" part of forgiveness in the scripture quoted above. As a result of my poor memory, I discovered a list of offenders without the offenses. I knew they were "sinners" but could remember their "sins" no more. I could no longer be angry with them.
Unlike me, God is not forgetful; God just chooses to hold no record of our confessed sins. Because of the sacrifice of Jesus, God sees us not as sinners but as children -- pure and justified. With this example of forgiveness, we too can see as beloved those who have wronged us.
Prayer: God of peace, thank you for your forgiveness -- complete and final. Help us forgive others the way you have forgiven us. Amen.
Derek Sum Wei Siang (Malaysia) ... from *The Upper Room*

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Senior Citizen MENU

MAY 16-20

Monday: Fettuccine Alfredo, mixed green salad, garlic bread, watermelon

Tuesday: Smothered steak, brown gravy, broccoli & rice casserole, rolls, pumpkin pie

Wednesday: Ham & cabbage, Au gratin potatoes, green onions & cucumber spears, jalapeno cornbread, birthday cake

Thursday: Chicken & potatoes, sweet peas, green salad, biscuits, strawberries & bananas

Friday: Beans & cornbread, oven fried potatoes & onions, spinach, bread pudding

Reminders & Activities:

• Make plans to play BINGO on Thursday, May 26. We will begin at approximately 1:30 and will play 12 games. We have terrific prizes to give away!

• Rightway Medical Supply of Lubbock will be at the Center June 9 from 9-12 for diabetic shoes/inserts. However Certification and Rx paperwork must be completed by your doctor **BEFORE June 9th** in order to be eligible to be measured. Call the Center at 561-5264 or come by between 10-4 **BEFORE June 9** for paperwork to take to your doctor.

• Wednesday, May 18 we will celebrate May birthdays: Mary DeLeon, Manuel Devaille, Julia Denzy, Frances Durham, Jack Miller, Ann Patterson, Lois Roberts, Ralph Robinson, Larry Sanford, Antonio Silvas, Jackie Stephens, Phyllis Taylor, Wayne Tekell, Nancy Williams, and from Wilson, Josephine Benavides, Wilma Follis, and Lenore Wells. *Birthday people eat for free!*

• Weekly domino nights are Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

• Timeless Treasures Cookbooks are available for \$12 each at the Center, Lynn County News, Huffaker Law Office, Virginia's Beauty Salon, and City/County Library.

• Remember: our aluminum recycle bin is located across from the City Warehouse. The cans belong to and help the Center.

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Job shadow day ... Tahoka High School student Brittani Ford (left) learned about the daily routine of a medical secretary as she followed Ashley DeLeon (right) throughout her duties at Dr. Donald Freitag's office at the Lynn County Hospital Clinic during senior job shadow day.



Let's help Shannon ... Tahoka High School students Taryn Bishop (left) and Kaitlyn Reno (center) followed Family Nurse Practitioner Shannon Hammonds (right) throughout her duties at the LCHD Family Wellness Clinic during senior job shadow day recently.

Police investigate theft, traffic accident

Tahoka police checked out reports of a traffic accident, vandalism, theft and domestic disputes during the last week.

No one was injured in a collision Saturday at the intersection of Main and N. 2nd St. in Tahoka, involving a 2004 Cadillac driven by Helen Chowning Whitaker, 89, and a 2003 Toyota Highlander driven by Raymond Flores Garza, 72, of O'Donnell.

A 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe owned by Roman Lopez of Tahoka was slightly damaged Saturday when a passenger side door was kicked by a 24-year-old man, who admitted kicking the vehicle and said he thought it was owned by someone else.

A possible suspect was named in the theft of two toolboxes and tools from a residence on S. 3rd St. Saturday.

On Friday, police were called to the scene of a domestic disturbance where witnesses said they saw a Tahoka man stabbing tires on a woman's vehicle. The woman valued the tires at a total of about \$100.

Only four persons were jailed in Lynn County during the last week, leaving the total jail population at 22, with two held for Andrews County.

Recent arrests were for public intoxication, driving while license invalid, driving while intoxicated with open container, and resisting arrest.

Kids can earn free circus tickets at local library

The City-County Library is once again teaming up with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey to host *Reading with Ringling Bros.*, where children from ages 2-12 can earn a free circus ticket just for reading!

According to library director Claudia Guin, "This is a really fun program and I hope lots of children take advantage of the opportunity to earn a free ticket to the 'Greatest Show on Earth'. Basically, they need to read five library books (or two chapter books) in the next three weeks and we will give them a voucher they can exchange for a ticket."

Students at Tahoka Elementary should have received information in their May 10 Tuesday Packet and anyone else that is interested in the program may obtain a packet of information from the library, which is located at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka.

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus will be at the Citibank Coliseum in Lubbock Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 3-5.

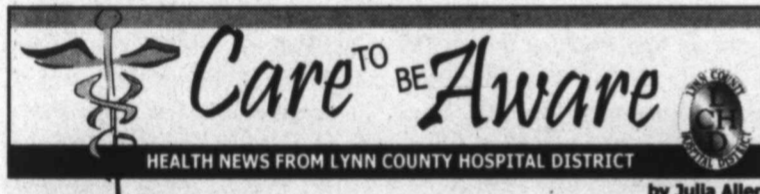
For more information on *Reading with Ringling Bros.*, call the library at 561-4050.



Presenting the keys ... Tahoka Mayor John Baker (kneeling) presents keys to a brand new house to Lucy Zuniga Wednesday afternoon, as representatives from the City of Tahoka and South Plains Community Action, and others, look on. The 2-bedroom brick home at 1920 S. 2nd is free to Zuniga, through the Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs home program, and is one of five homes in Tahoka that are being built for qualifying home owners. Pictured from left behind Baker and Zuniga: Henry Tarango, Director of Housing and Community Services, South Plains Community Action; Rudy Fuentes, Tahoka City Council; Jerry Webster, City Administrator; James Craig, attorney who handled the closing; Vernon Baker, Advancing the Community of Tahoka (ACT) committee; Juanita Salinas and Teofilo Flores, South Plains Community Action; and Tera Tyner, builder, Glover Construction Co., who built the house. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Can't wait to move in ...

Lucy Zuniga (center) visits with Tera Tyner (left), the builder of her new home, and Tahoka Mayor John Baker during ceremonies when she was presented the keys to her new home in Tahoka. Baker told Lucy that his Sunday School class at First Baptist Church, where both he and Lucy are members, would move her furniture into the new home this week. "I want to thank everyone for my beautiful new house, and just give all the glory to God," Zuniga said, expressing her appreciation to those at the ceremony. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



YOUR BLOOD IS NEEDED!!

Lynn County Hospital District is hosting a United Blood Service blood drive on May 17, 10 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in the hospital's front parking lot. Why should you sign up and come donate?

Blood transfusions save more than 4 million lives each year. It is estimated that blood is needed every two seconds, and that 1 out of 7 people entering the hospital will need blood. Since blood cannot be manufactured or harvested, it can only come from Heroes like YOU - the volunteer blood donor!

In addition, the advancing age of the Baby Boomer generation has caused stress on the blood supply.

You may not think that your one little donation really makes a difference but: A whole blood donation can be separated into its different components and used for specific treatments for cancer or other illnesses, bleeding disorders or traumatic injury. In fact, the majority of blood is not used by accident victims, but for everyday needs such as cancer treatments, orthopedic surgeries, organ and marrow transplants, cardiovascular surgery and blood disorders such as anemia or sickle cell disease. In fact, since a single blood donation can be separated into components, your one little donation may help three different transfusion patients!

If you are still a little weary of donating find a buddy to come and experience this live saving event together. Also, all donors are registered to win 1 of 4 Flip Cams United Blood Service is giving away in May.

Ok, so you have signed up to donate, what now?

Things to remember are:
1. Bring your picture ID. 2. Eat a good meal & drink plenty of water before you donate. 3. Wear a loose-fitting sleeve top.

Hope to see some of our citizens out at the bus at the hospital parking lot on May 17th!!

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LETTERS to the EDITOR

New homeowner is thankful

I want to say thank you to everyone who helped me get a new home. I am very grateful to so many for my new home and I ask the Lord to bless each and every one who helped.

I want to say a special thank you to Gary and Betty Stennett and Billy Curry for providing me a place to live while my new house was being built, you are so generous to do that for me. Thanks to Bro. Richard Harbison who helped me so much with getting all the paper work done and taking me to sign paperwork, and in so many other ways.

I want to say thank you to Mayor John Baker and the City of Tahoka and to SPCAA for the beautiful new house, I am just so grateful to you all and appreciate everything you did. And thank you to everyone who has prayed for me all these years to get a new house, to the churches of Greater Antioch and Mission

Bautista, and to my church family at First Baptist Church of Tahoka. My church family is so important to me, because I don't have any family left - it's just me. It is such a blessing to have a church family!

Thank you so much to John Baker and his Sunday School class and other members for moving me into my new home, and a special thanks to John Darden for praying for me and with me at the new house on the day I got the keys.

I just give all the glory to the Lord and ask the Lord to bless each and every one.

Lucy Zuniga

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); email (LynnCoNews@poka.com) or by fax (806-561-6308).

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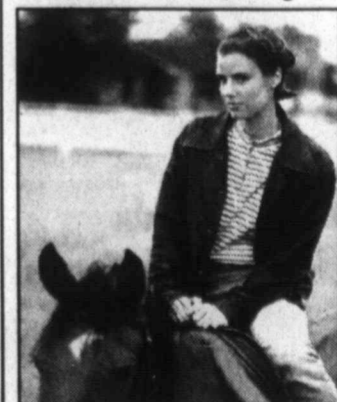
Parents, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles...

Congratulate your senior in our graduation issue!

If you would like to congratulate your high school senior in **The Lynn County News' graduation issue on May 26**, send **\$8** (for a small size ad) or **\$14** (for an ad with a photo like the one at right), the name of the student, high school and congratulators names to Box 1170, Tahoka, Tx 79373 or come by the News Office at 1617 Main St.

Tahoka High School

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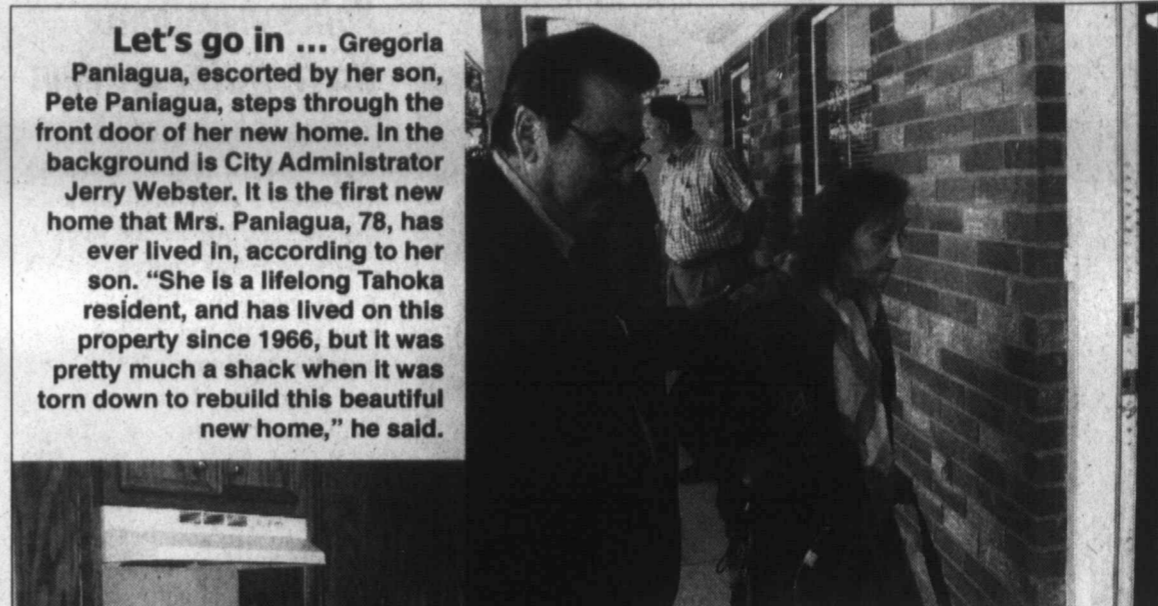
Tuesday, May 17, 2011

4:00-5:30 p.m.

at the Tahoka High School LRC



Mayor presents keys to new home ... Tahoka Mayor John Baker (fourth from left) presents keys to Gregoria Paniagua for her new brick home at 1721 S. 7th Street last Wednesday afternoon, as representatives from the City of Tahoka and South Plains Community Action, and others, look on. The 2-bedroom brick home is free to Paniagua, through the Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs home program. Pictured from left: Henry Tarango, Director of Housing and Community Services, South Plains Community Action; Jerry Webster, City Administrator; James Craig, attorney who handled the closing; Baker; Rudy Fuentes, Tahoka City Council; Pete Paniagua, son of Mrs. Paniagua; Juanita Salinas and Teofilo Flores, South Plains Community Action; and Tera Tyner, bulldier, Glover Construction Co., who built the house. (LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)



Beautiful new kitchen ... Gregoria Paniagua steps into her kitchen for a look at the finished product during ceremonies when she was presented with the keys to her new home through a program with the City of Tahoka, South Plains Community Action, and the Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs Home Program. (LCN PHOTOS by Juanel Jones)

Learn basics about free website for genealogical research

The South Plains Genealogical Society will meet Saturday, May 14 in the Lubbock Mahon Library Community Room, 1306 9th Street, at 10:00 am. Pam Downing, an SPGS member and frequent speaker, will present, "Using Cyndi's List." Join us for refreshments and learn the basics about accessing

this large website that continues to provide useful, frequently updated, and perhaps most importantly, free research. For questions regarding the program or the South Plains Genealogical Society, contact President Barbara McDougal at 797-9687.

Notice

Public Service Announcement: Fair Housing, It's the Law

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Tahoka ISD MENU

- May 16-20 Breakfast**
Monday: Morning sausage roll
Tuesday: Cinnamon roll
Wednesday: Egg, cheese & biscuit
Thursday: Elem: Yogurt w/ graham cracker- TMS-THS Breakfast burrito
Friday: Pop Tart
Lunch
Monday: Stuffed baked potato, carrots w/ ranch, Texas toast, fresh fruit cup
Tuesday: Oven crispy chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, roll, gelatin
Wednesday: Nachos grande, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato, cornbread, orange smiles
Thursday: Corn dog, oven fried potatoes, fresh broccoli w/ ranch, crispy cereal treat, apple
Friday: Hamburger w/ trimmings, tots, carrots w/ ranch, chocolate pudding cup

Online scams proliferate in the wake of Osama's death

BBB serving the South Plains of West Texas has issued a warning to consumers to watch out for a slew of cyber-scams that have popped up in the past few days prompted by the killing of Osama Bin Laden a few days ago.

According to Kaspersky Labs, an Internet security firm, malicious Web sites and links have been proliferating on Google Images search, Facebook, and other social media sites.

On Facebook, a fake video purporting to show the death of Bin Laden prompts users to input a malicious URL into their browsers, which will infect their computer with a virus. Kaspersky also reports that other Facebook scams lure victims to malicious Facebook Pages with promises of free airplane tickets, and other "free" offers to "celebrate Osama's death."

Consumers should also be very wary of links to Osama related Web sites that they find on Twitter, or any link with a URL that leads to an unfamiliar webpage. Often these links will lead consumers to Web sites with viruses, or forms that encourage consumers to enter personal information, which can be used to steal their identity, or for phishing scams.

Renovation projects underway at Tahoka city swimming pool

by JUANELL JONES

Renovations are underway at the Tahoka city pool, with work being sponsored by both the Tahoka A.C.T. (Advancing the Community of Tahoka) funds as well as general city funds. The A.C.T. committee, using funds generated by the half-cent city sales tax, is spearheading some much-needed renovations of the restroom facilities at the pool. New plumbing and new fixtures will upgrade the facilities, and city officials are also looking at replacing torn canvass shading with steel roofing material to provide a place for parents to sit in the shade while watching their children play in the pool.

Additionally, the city council approved funds of \$11,000 at Monday's council meeting to repair the gutter around the inside edge of the pool where the water laps over. Currently the gutter is made of tiles, which break often and can cause scrapes on skin. Council members approved replacing the gutter with stainless steel around the inside edges, which is expected to be a permanent fix for the problem.

City Administrator Jerry Webster told *The News* that he anticipates all pool renovations will be completed soon and that the pool should open for patrons

on Memorial Day weekend and remain open for the summer season.

In other business at Monday's council meeting, it was reported that there is still no word on approval for the city's water grant funds to replace water lines beneath the city. The grant committee met May 3 but postponed approving any new projects, most likely due to uncertain funding until state legislators set funding, according to Webster.

In another water-related issue, the council approved a 20-year term payment to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA) of \$33,335 per year to pay Tahoka's \$666,107 cost-share for development of a new well field to supplement declining levels of Lake Meredith, the source for water for CRMWA members. The City of Tahoka, along with the other ten member cities of CRMWA, will share the cost of purchasing approximately 211,000 surface acres of water rights currently owned or controlled by Boone Pickens and Mesa Water. CRMWA has agreed to pay approximately \$103,000,000 for this nearly 4 trillion gallons of groundwater in place.

"This is anticipated to ensure a good supply of water for the City of Tahoka for the next

100 years," said Mayor John Baker.

Webster said the city will most likely have to raise water/sewer rates to pay for the project.

"We discussed the issue at the council meeting, and it looks like we will raise rates by \$1.25 for water and \$1.25 for sewer rates to fund the water purchase," said Webster. "Our first payment is not due until August. We are not looking at raising the water/sewer rates this summer, and I would like to wait until this fall to raise the rates, possibly Oct. 1, when the new fiscal year begins," he added.

A property owner in Tahoka was given 45 days to clear dilapidated housing off the lot at 1228 North 6th St., and monthly bills were approved for payment. City attorney Cal Hufaker presented information on redistricting issues, saying the numbers for precinct divisions within the city must be considered from the new 2010 census figures to see if redistricting was going to be needed to comply with justice regulations.

All council members were present at the meeting led by Mayor John Baker, including Ray Box, Jeff Martin, Amy Preston, Ronny Jolly and Rudy Fuentes, as well as Webster and others.

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The Wilson ISD Board reserves the right to refuse or accept any or all bids. All required proceeds, taxes and fees will be due at closing. 17-3tc

ORDER OF CANCELLATION

The Tahoka Independent School District hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

El Distrito Escolar Independiente Tahoka por la presente cancela la eleccion que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el dia 14 de Mayo, 2011 de conformidad, con la Sección 2.053(a) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos únicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a continuación:

Candidate (Candidate)	Office Sought (Cargo al que presenta candidatura)
Jimmie Bingham	Precinct 3 - Full Term
Frank McLelland	Precinct 4 - Full Term
Brenda Dotson	Precinct 5 - Unexpired Term

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

El Dia de las Elecciones se exhibirá una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la eleccion.

Frank McLelland Secretary (Secretario)
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Card of Thanks

The outpouring of love and support from the Tahoka community during this time has been wonderful to say the least. We are grateful for the hugs, the prayers, the flowers and cards, the donations, the food sent and all the other expressions of love and support offered by everyone. Jim had lived here only a short time but I can tell you that he loved and appreciated his new friends.

Even though this is a difficult time and our hearts are broken, we know Jim is now healthy, happy, and enjoying what he loves most. Like Vernon said "HE'S SAFE, and he's gone on ahead to prepare the way for us."

Thank you for all your deeds of kindness.

**Barbara Morton
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I would like to thank everyone that bought enchiladas or made a donation for my mission trip to Romania. A special thank you to the Church of Christ for the use of their church. I appreciate each of you. You are all truly a blessing.

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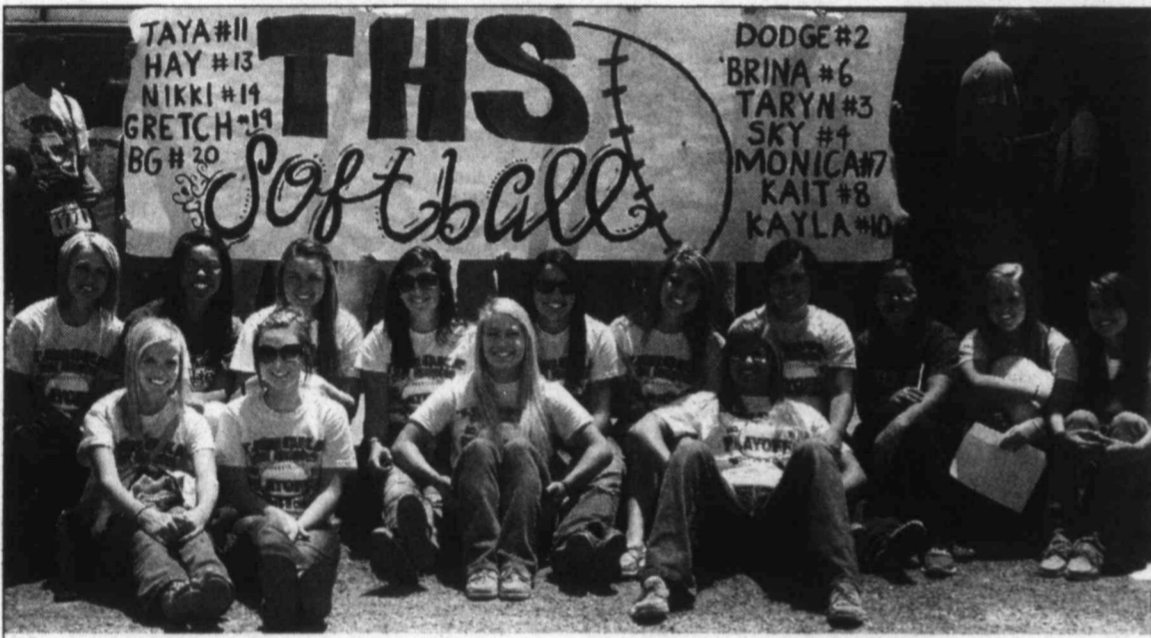
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Playoff team ... The Tahoka Lady Bulldogs softball team is pictured here before leaving for Abilene for the Area playoff game Friday. Tahoka lost 8-7 to Perrin-Whitt in a one-game playoff to end a terrific season. In back from left are Taya Bishop, Sabrina Morales, Nikki Box, Kaitlyn Reno, Brittany Garcia, Haylee Brewer, Skyler McCleskey, Kayla Long, and managers Coy Mercer and Amanda Hill; and in front are Monica Strickland, Taryn Bishop, Brittani Ford and Gretchen Henley. Sabrina Gonzalez is their coach.

Neugebauer remarks on FEMA's response to Texas Wildfires

On May 2, the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) denied Governor Rick Perry's request for a Major Disaster Declaration in response to areas of Texas that were decimated by wildfires last month. Representative Randy Neugebauer (R-TX) issued the following statement regarding the denial of a Major Disaster Declaration:

"These wildfires have left a path of destruction in Texas, and it is very unfortunate and disheartening that FEMA Director Craig Fugate and President Obama do not seem to recognize the damage that has been done in our state. Over 2 million acres have been burned, 1,200 miles of fences have been destroyed and we have suffered over \$20 million dollars in agriculture production losses. Additionally, 800 electrical poles have been destroyed, leaving

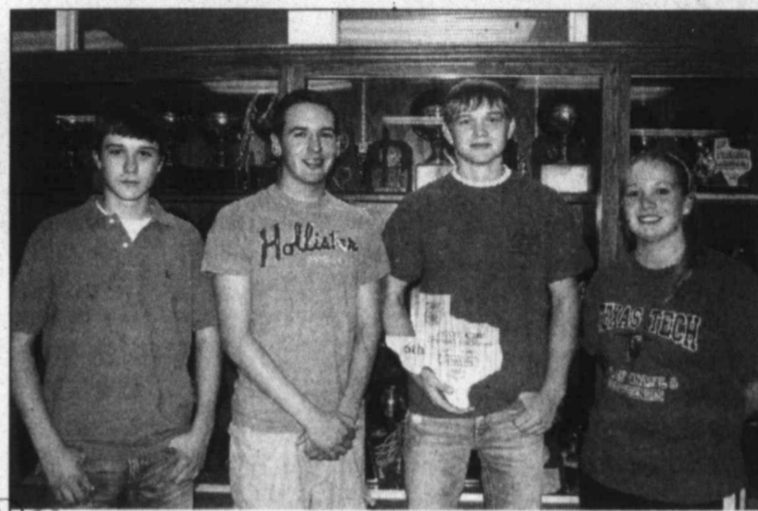
thousands without power.

"Sadly, there have been many natural disasters in the United States, and all over the world, this past year. Many other states have not been left to combat an uncontrollable tragedy with only state resources. I look forward to working with the Congressional Delegation to support Governor Perry's appeal and efforts to reverse FEMA's decision. I will work with my colleagues to learn why FEMA did not grant the state of Texas a Major Disaster Declaration for the wildfires that affected thousands of people, destroyed homes and devastated lives of Texans. I am determined to get an honest answer to this question and work hard on changing FEMA's decision. Once again, faceless bureaucrats in Washington have made the wrong decision affecting hard working Americans."



Former Tahokan pitches in state playoffs ... Rhyan Ehlers, formerly of Tahoka, is seen here pitching in the state playoffs, for the (2A) Ballinger Bearcats baseball team. Rhyan and the Ballinger Bearcats won the first game 19-1, pitching 7 complete innings against the Comfort Bobcats in Brady, Texas. However, Ballinger came up short the following day yielding to the Bobcats 1-7 and losing a third game thriller 19-20. Rhyan is the senior son of David Ehlers of Tahoka and Angie (Brooks) and Tim Gau of Ballinger. Rhyan is the grandson of Joe and Jerry Brooks of Tahoka, and Ray and Barbara Ehlers of Wilson.

(LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)



Team judging at State ... The New Home FFA livestock team ended their judging season this past Saturday at the State Contest at Texas A&M University, earning 6th place in the state competition. There were over 600 livestock judging teams that began this season. These teams ranged from all divisions of schools, including 5-A. Of these 600+ teams, there were 90 teams that advanced to this state competition. Team members of the state team included senior Kollin Long, sophomores Jonathan Nieman and Haley Lehman, and freshman Karter Long.

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A hymn for mothers ... Rudy Arellano, Ruben Nambro, Genaro Carrasco, Heriberto Chavarria sang a special mother's day hymn (Mananitas) during Sunday services at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Tahoka.

State awards \$28,600 to regional nonprofit to help migrant farm workers

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) today announced a \$28,627 award to a Levelland-based regional nonprofit organization working to reduce the number of migrant farm-worker households living in poverty and helping them transition toward greater self-sufficiency.

The South Plains Community Action Association (SPCAA) will use the award to provide direct assistance to an anticipated 275 migrant and seasonal farm-workers through rental subsidies, utility deposits and assistance, medical and dental care, transportation vouchers, minor car repairs, and allowances for basic necessities. Case management will also be arranged for seasonal farm-workers to help access other services through a coalition of 30 partner agencies.

SPCAA serves low-income clients living in Lynn County as well as surrounding counties.

"Helping Texans transition out of poverty and toward self-sufficiency is a critical compo-

nent of TDHCA's mission," noted TDHCA Executive Director Michael Gerber. "Meeting the unique needs of migrant farm-workers furthers this aspect of our mission and helps more individuals achieve self-sufficiency. In turn, this allows the state to measure our success by the number of low income persons who are no longer dependent on the state for financial assistance."

The award was part of a \$750,000 discretionary fund award under the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program and represents a portion of the state's \$33 million annual allocation from the federal government. In addition to SPCAA, TDHCA also awarded discretionary funds to four other regional nonprofit organizations serving migrant/seasonal farm-workers or Native American populations and two statewide organizations providing homelessness services or assisting other nonprofit agencies through training and research.

The CSBG Program assists households earning no more than 125 percent of the federal poverty guideline, which is an annual income of \$22,050 for a family of four. Funding for the program comes from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and supports a variety of direct services in addition to helping maintain the core administrative elements of local partner organizations.

For more information about the CSBG Program, CSBG eligible organizations and their designated service area, please call TDHCA's Community Services Section at (512) 475-3950 or visit the Section's Web site at www.tdhca.state.tx.us/cs.htm#csbg.



Horse Summer Dermatitis

"Sweet Itch, also known as summer eczema or equine dermatitis, is one of several seasonal allergies that your horse may encounter," notes Dr. Glennon Mays, clinical associate professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.

"Equine dermatitis can have varying causes," explains Mays. "Allergens may irritate your horse's skin, but viruses and bacteria may also manifest themselves as dermatitis. These foreign agents can cause inflammatory conditions in the skin and may affect your horse's hair coat. Equine sweet itch is a seasonal allergic skin condition that can be caused by fly bites or midge bites. Horses that suffer from sweet itch have developed an allergy to these bites."

Insects flourish in the summer and horses may have sensitivities to insect bites, notes Mays. In particular, black flies, known as buffalo gnats, can seek horses as hosts. These flies feed on the blood of mammals and are attracted to hosts by smell, heat and sight. They prefer the host's head, hair and ears but will also bite any skin that is exposed.

Black flies feed during the day, so stable animals during the day when fly populations may be more abundant. Fly repellents applied to the chest, belly and ears can be effective if applied daily, says Mays. Cloth coverings fitted over horses'

ears may be used for additional protection. Coverings may also be used to protect your horse's eyes and head.

"Allergic dermatitis can result from the black fly bite," states Mays. "Antigens in their saliva can cause allergic reactions. Additionally, the black fly bite can become painful and itchy as blisters form. Therefore, protecting the face and ears from flies eliminates a major source of irritation for your horse."

Equine dermatitis will usually result in symptoms such as scratching, biting affected area, crusts, hair coat damage or loss, flaky dandruff and thickened skin, explains Mays. The itchy skin can be further irritated when the horse rubs the area (on fences or stalls) to the point of hair loss and scabbed skin. This is when secondary bacteria can enter the skin and cause infection.

"Sweet itch is commonly seen in 4 to 6 year old horses," notes Mays. "Repeated exposure to the allergen, in this case, fly bite, is required for the allergy to develop."

To help reduce the incidence of sweet itch, begin preventative measures before fly season is in full force, suggests Mays. Use a fan in your horse's stall. The constant airflow deters flies from lighting and biting. If possible, place fine-mesh screens over barn openings to prevent flies from entering stalls. Install automated insecticide mist systems to help control fly populations. Consult your local veterinarian for the best insecticide to use in your stables and on your horse.

Black fly, stable fly, horse fly and midge bites all can cause allergic skin reactions in horses. Corticosteroids are the most useful treatment for controlling these skin allergies, notes Mays. This anti-inflammatory helps stop the itching so that the skin can heal. However, there may be steroid side-effects in horses, so they must only be prescribed by your veterinarian.

If your horse has an annual encounter with summer sweet itch, help him to manage the itch by taking preventative measures to lessen the severity of an annoying allergy.

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