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**EMS to provide hot dogs, free information Saturday, 11 am-2 pm at LCHD Family Wellness Clinic parking lot**

May 15-21 is National Emergency Medical Services Week. The Lynn County Hospital District Administration & Board would like to say thank you to all our EMS workers who provide the day-to-day lifesaving "front line" services to the residents of Lynn County and surrounding areas. The 16-member EMS crew are all volunteers who provide many hours of service to the community.

The EMS staff also appreciates the local communities, and on Saturday the crew will be at the Family Wellness Clinic parking lot in Tahoka from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. giving out important emergency medical information and free hot dogs.

**Stop by, grab a hot dog and tell them thank you in person for what they perform for us all**

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 11	84	65	
May 12	85	50	
May 13	79	51	
May 14	73	46	
May 15	71	48	
May 16	81	49	
May 17	92	50	
Precipitation for Jan:			0.01"
Precipitation for Feb:			0.66"
Precipitation for Mar:			0.07"
Precipitation for Apr:			0.00"
Precipitation for May:			0.05"
Total Precip. for 2011:			0.79"

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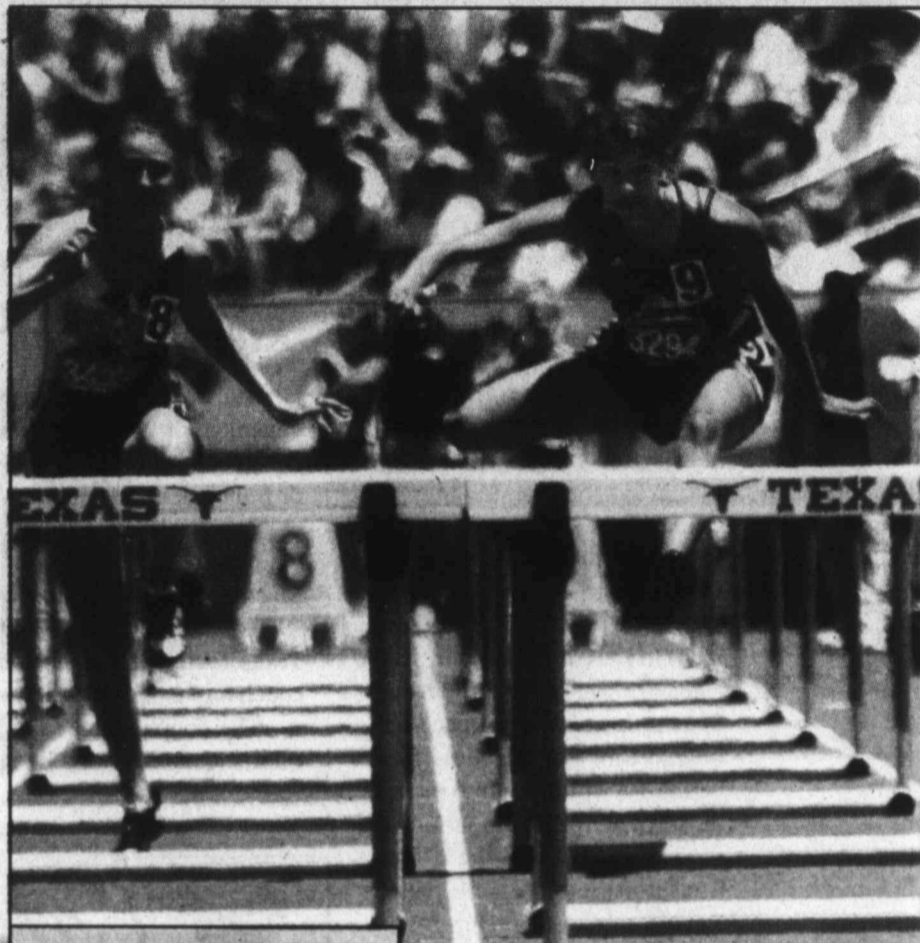
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**State hurdler ... Brittney Liggins won 3rd place in the 300 meter hurdles and 4th place in the 100 meter hurdles in Class 1A competition at the UIL State Track Meet in Austin last week, representing Tahoka High School. She finished in 15.99 seconds in the 100m hurdles, and in 46.22 seconds in the 300m event. Liggins, a junior at Tahoka High School, is the daughter of John and Joey Miller. She was the Class 1A Regional Champion in 300m hurdles and was second in region in the 100m hurdles. This was her first trip to the state track meet in Texas, however, she ran in the state meet in New Mexico as a freshman, according to THS Coach Corey Cunningham.**

## Head basketball coaches hired at Tahoka School

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met Monday night, approving contracts for two new staff members in the district.

Brandon Lee, who had resigned his position as head boys' basketball coach at TISD effective at the end of this school year, due to teacher certification issues, was rehired as the head coach after passing his certification recently. Lee led the Bulldogs to the regional quarterfinals this year, where the team ended a fantastic season with a 24-6 record, and claimed the District Championship bragging rights, bypassing bi-district with a bye, and bringing home the Area Championship trophy.

Anthony Catherall was hired as head girls' basketball coach and teacher. Catherall comes to Tahoka from Anton ISD where he was an assistant coach. He will take over coaching duties from Bric Turner, who took advantage of the voluntary exit incentive package and is resigning his position here.

One staff resignation was reported. Cross-country coach Ethan Inmon resigned his position here to accept a head coaching position elsewhere.

In other business, trustees approved an agreement with the Underwood Law Firm for redistricting of the TISD single-member districts, with new population figures provided from the 2010 Census. School officials are also appointing members for a redistricting advisory committee. More information on the redistricting issue will be provided in an article in next week's News.

Also in next week's News will be an in-depth explanation about a proposed tax rate increase and tax ratification election that TISD trustees are approving, due to anticipated shortfalls in state funding. Supt. Steve Burleson will provide information

to *The News* explaining the school district's position.

Trustees approved a contract with NCLB Title I with Vickie Luckenbach, regarding federal funds for the district. Action was tabled on approving an auditing firm for 2011-2012.

Prior to the business session, elementary students of music teacher Vivian McAfee performed a musical selection for the group. Singers included Sarah Crank, Branson Jester, Alyssa Rodriguez, Sophie Thomas, Mason Walker and Christian Watson. This student Skyler McCleskey presented a video about the laptop computers provided to students at the high school. Certificates were presented to FCCLA state qualifiers McKenzie Forsythe, Virginia Lopez, Gabriella Pando, Cari Rodriguez, Jacob Rodriguez, Selena Tello, Dastine White and Tempest White.

All board members were present at the meeting, including Board President Frank McLelland, John Hawthorne, Cathy Box, Jim Bingham, Kent Kahl, Scott Dimak and Abraham Vega.



## Blood Drive is TODAY

United Blood Services  
Blood Drive Thursday, May 19  
10 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Mobile unit in front parking lot of Lynn County Hospital District

(The wrong date was submitted to the paper last week for the Blood Drive - it was not held May 17)

## Voters mark choices in local elections

Lynn County voters marked their choices in several elections in Lynn County Saturday. In the Lynn County Hospital District election for two directors, incumbent W. Calloway Huffaker led the ticket with 203 votes and Sharon Isham was also elected with 152 votes. Also running was incumbent Frances Truehart, who garnered 66 votes, and Bianca Baker had 55 votes.

In the Wilson ISD school board election for two trustees, incumbent Josh Isham was reelected for another term with 48 votes, and write-in candidate Oscar Ortega was elected with 43 votes. Also running were Israel Ramirez with 26 votes, Kim Steen with 18, and Terri Covington with 2 votes.

It was a close election for three seats on the Wilson City Council, with Weldon Menzer in the lead

with 43 votes, and incumbents Helen Stephenson (42 votes) and Dennis Moore (37) also getting reelected. The other contender, Jesus Mendez, carried 12 votes.

Shannon Ash Frankl led the ticket with 129 votes in the O'Donnell City Council election for three seats, followed by Lydia Loera with 77 and incumbent Wayne Mott with 48 votes for a term on the council. Two other incumbents also ran, with Harry Howell garnering 25 votes and Paul Houston getting 24.

Three candidates were seeking two seats on the O'Donnell ISD Board of Trustees. Cade Furlow, an incumbent on the OISD board, led the school election with 106 votes, and Mike Renteria was also elected, with 89 votes. Incumbent Chad Summers had 81 votes.

## After business hours, call Sheriff's Office to report county animal control issues

Need to report an abandoned animal, or calling to check to see if your pet has been picked up by animal control? Call 561-4056 - but please call during regular business hours.

Although Animal Control Director Abbey Elrod is dedicated to her job, she is not, however, available to answer phone lines 24/7 at the Lynn County

night and weekends, and I appreciate the interest people have in the Animal Control department, but we are a small department and cannot be available 24 hours a day. If it is after 5 p.m. weekdays, or a weekend, please leave a message on my phone. I will return your call as soon as possible during regular business hours if you will leave your

**Lynn County Animal Control:  
Call 561-4056 Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
After hours, or weekends, leave message/phone number for return call, or call the Sheriff's Office for emergency, 561-4505**

Animal Control office. Elrod says she welcomes calls to the animal control office at 561-4056, but after business hours (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F) citizens may leave a message for a return call, or if it is an emergency situation call the Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 561-4505.

"I have people coming by my house or calling me at all hours, day and

number on the message," says Elrod. "If it is an emergency after business hours, such as a dog attacking a human, please call the Sheriff's Office at 561-4505 for a more immediate response. And please, do not come by my house to leave an animal or to contact me on the weekends - please wait until the regular workday and contact me at the (See ANIMAL CONTROL, page 8)

**woodwork**  
by dalton wood



IF GOV. RICK PERRY signed the bill last week, and I expect he did, Texas now has a law making it a crime to lie about how big a fish you caught.

But most of you guys who have been adding inches and pounds to the fish you've been telling me about catching need not worry. It's not against the law unless you're doing it to win money in a fishing tournament.

The bill would make it a misdemeanor (and in some cases, a felony) to misrepresent the size, weight or provenance of a fish in a tournament. It went to the governor for signature last week. It mainly addresses cheating in high-level bass tournaments, which sometimes offer high dollar prizes.

In 2009 an angler who entered a bass tournament on Lake Ray Hubbard east of Dallas put a one-pound lead weight inside the stomach of the 10.5-pound bass he had entered to win the grand prize, a \$55,000 fishing boat.

The fishermen I know don't usually enter tournaments. In fact, this one guy who tells me how great he is at fishing probably thinks a tournament is something you twist around a leg after you cut your foot on a broken beer bottle.

Under the new law, which most fishermen apparently are happy with, a violation would be a Class A misdemeanor, unless the tournament prize offered was more than \$10,000, in which case it would be a third-degree felony, punishable by 2 to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

(Hey, Joe, what's this guy in here for—murder, burglary or what? Oh, he lied about the size of the fish he caught? Okay, put him in the cell with that guy who got caught tearing the tag off the mattress...)

THE PUBLICATION *Progressive Farmer* quotes Robert Benchley as saying this about dogs: "A dog teaches a boy perseverance, fidelity and to turn around three times before lying down."

## Obituaries



### Jimmie Knight Jones

Jimmie Mae Jones of O'Donnell departed this life on May 12, 2011, at the age of 82 years. She was born in Granite, Oklahoma on August 19, 1928, to Marvin Ed and Lorene (Barnett) Glidewell. She graduated from City View Oklahoma High School in 1946. She married Ralph Knight January 5, 1946. He preceded her in death December 23, 1972. She married Nolan Jones on April 15, 1983 in O'Donnell. She was a homemaker as well as a General Manager for Texas Electric in O'Donnell before retiring in 1991. She was a member of the 1946 Study Club, and a Sunday School teacher and very active member of First Baptist Church in O'Donnell.

Survivors include her husband of 28 years C. Nolan Jones of O'Donnell; two sons Bobby Knight of O'Donnell and Tommy Knight and wife Lynda of Lubbock; one step-daughter: Deona Jones Hale of Seagraves; one brother Robert Glidewell and wife Janice of Hooker, OK; two sisters Ramona Knight of Seagraves and Peggy Hinton and husband Wiley of Beaver, OK; nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband Ralph Knight and two step-sons Ken Don and Joe Bob Jones.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 14, 2011,

at First Baptist Church in O'Donnell. Interment was follow at the O'Donnell Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, family request contributions be made to the First Baptist Church 701 Standerfer O'Donnell, TX 79351, 1946 Study Club in care of Mazelle Little PO Box 637 O'Donnell, TX 79351 or to the Dan Blocker Museum, PO Box 605 O'Donnell, TX 79351.



### Winona Orr

Services for Winona Orr, 87, of Tahoka will be held 3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 19, 2011 at Tahoka Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka. She died on Monday, May 16, 2011.

She was born in Lubbock on June 16, 1923 to W. J. and Mary Lee (McNabb) Weaks. Winona married O.D. Orr on June 18, 1939 in Slaton. She was a homemaker and a member of the Tahoka Garden Club and Tahoka Church of Christ.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Survivors include three daughters, Barbara Morton of Tahoka, Linda Rowe of Arlington and Lee Ann Orr of Lubbock; two sons, James Michael Orr and Danny Orr of Tahoka; three sisters, Mary Jean McClintock of Slaton, Margaret Ann Saunders of Euless and Patsy Ellen Beene of Muleshoe; six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Family suggest memorials be made to Lynn Co. Pioneers PO Box 223 Tahoka, TX 79373.

## Tahoka 3-D band sets spring concert Thursday

"Get ready for an entertaining evening of exciting, uplifting music as the award-winning Tahoka 3-D Band celebrates the end of another successful year of making music with its annual Spring Concert this Thursday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the high school auditorium," invites Carroll Rhodes, TISD band director.

This has been a very good year with the Tahoka 3-D Band earning straight I's in marching, concert, and sightreading, resulting in its 9th straight large Sweepstakes.

Prior to the program starting, around 6:35 p.m., there will be a special opportunity to hear some soloists and a trio. Performing his UIL State piano solo will be Patrick Wells. Providing vocal entertainment will be Taya Bishop, Braiden Fisher, and Jacob Wells. The final number before the Tahoka 3-D Band takes the stage will be the woodwind trio of Jacob Wright, Braiden Fisher and Hannah Thomas.

The 3-D Band 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 Galop," which was written especially for the Tahoka 3-D Band. Next will be the lyrical "The Steppes of Russia," which was one of the UIL concert contest pieces. Following this will be selections from one of the top TV shows of the past two years, "The Best of Glee," which showcases "Don't Stop Believin'," "Lean on Me," "Sweet Caroline," and "My Life Would Inhale Without You."

For those who remember the 60's with a fond remembrance, the next selection of songs will bring back fun memories with "Big Fun in the Sun" featuring "Barbara Ann," "Surf City," "Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polkadot Bikini," "California Dreamin'," "Good Lovin'," and "Wipe Out."

A sneak peak at next year's marching show will be provided with selected snippets of it," said Rhodes. "The theme is 'American Musical Heritage,' which starts off with the spiritual 'Just a Closer Walk with Thee' and then goes with a jazz roll-off into a foot-tapping rendition of 'When the Saints Go Marching In.' This quickly transitions into a 'Big Band Swing' section in the spirit of Benny Goodman and Gene Krupa that will have everyone doing the jitterbug! Providing a change of pace will be the 'Low Down Blues,' from which we will move into the age of rock and roll with first a '50's Doo-Wop Rock' which then transition into '21st Century Rock,'" said the director.

Following this will be the exhilarating music from "Escape from the Deep," which was one of the 3-D Band's UIL Concert Contest pieces. It musically portrays the story of the Tang, a WW II US Navy submarine, and the events that took place in October 1944. It is a musical portrait of the only Americans to date who have managed to escape from a sunken submarine.

"The seniors, who have helped to make this an awe-inspiring year for the 3-D Band, will be recognized," said Rhodes. Concluding the program will be the "The 3-D Galop," which was also performed at UIL and was written especially for the Tahoka 3-D Band.

Directors 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."

### Senior Citizen MENU

MAY 23-27

**Monday:** Spaghetti & meatballs, mixed green salad, garlic bread, apricots

**Tuesday:** Meatloaf, hobo potatoes, green bean bake, rolls, cookies

**Wednesday:** Chicken strips & gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable salad, biscuits, peach cobbler

**Thursday:** Beef stroganoff, seasoned vegetable blend, wheat bread, brownies

**Friday:** BBQ brisket sandwiches, potato salad, chips, winter fruit salad

#### Reminders & Activities:

• Play BINGO on Thursday, May 26 at 1:30 pm and play 12 games, with terrific prizes!

• Rightway Medical Supply of Lubbock will be at the Center on June 9 from 9:00-12:00. Call the Center at 561-5264 or come by between 10:00-4:00 BEFORE June 9 for the diabetic shoes/inserts Certification and Rx paperwork, which must be completed by your doctor and brought to the Center on June 9.

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

### Wedding Announcement Policy

The Lynn County News accepts wedding announcements at no charge if run within 8 weeks following the event. A \$35 fee will be assessed if run after that time.

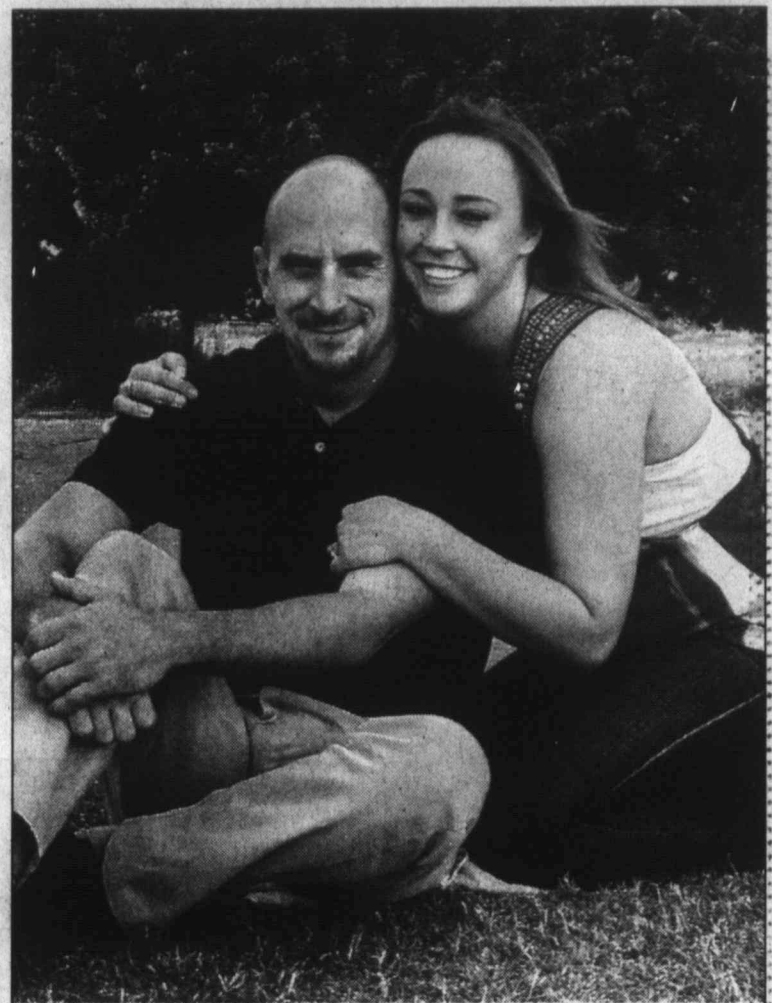
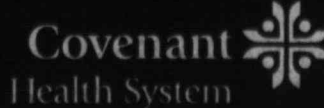
All information is subject to editing. Wedding and Engagement forms are available at the Lynn County News, 1617 Main, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, Tx 79373, (806) 561-4888, Fax 561-6308.

Covenant Mobile Mammography will be providing screening mammograms in Tahoka.

June 2, 2011  
Family Wellness Clinic  
1705 Lockwood

For information or to schedule an appointment call 1.877.494.4797

Financial assistance, for those who qualify, is funded in part by the Lubbock Komen for the Cure.



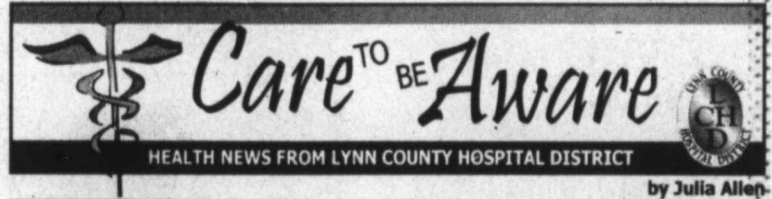
STEPHANIE KIETH and KRISTOPHER ORTIZ

### Kieth, Ortiz announce engagement

Murray and Angie Kieth of New Home announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Nicole, to Kristopher B Ortiz, both of Lubbock. He is the son of Mark and Becky Heath of Lubbock and Joe and Peggy Ortiz of Plainview.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of New Home High School and a Texas Tech graduate in 2007 and received her Master's Degree in Education in 2010 from LCU. Ortiz is a 1997 graduate of Jim Ned High School and a 2001 graduate of Texas Tech with a Bachelor's Degree in History. Both currently coach and teach at Ed Irons Middle School in Lubbock.

The couple plans to marry June 4, 2011 at the New Home Baptist Church with a reception to follow at 4 Bar K Ranch.



#### Thanks to our EMS

May 15-21 is National Emergency Medical Services Week. The Lynn County Hospital District Administration & Board would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our EMS workers who provide the day-to-day lifesaving "front line" services to the residents of Lynn County and surrounding areas. All of our EMS staff work on a voluntary basis. This means they all have full time jobs and work for the EMS on their time off or when they are needed.

Members are:  
• EMT-Paramedic: Donnie Henry  
• EMT-Intermediate: Kent Stone, Sr.  
• EMT-Basic: Todd Henry, Ginger Henry, Rebecca Dimak, Amy Preston, John Baker, Jerry Tew, Emily Byram, Michelle Wiseman, Kyle Preston  
• EMS Drivers: Chad Swinford, Heather Jester, Janis Thomas, Micah Stone, Anna Stroepe

With a combined total of more than 110 years of experience, the 16 members of the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are ready to serve the citizens

of Lynn County and more if needed. So far this year the EMS crews have responded to 338 emergency calls. Most calls come in over the 911 phone service.

Being a total volunteer group can be challenging but LCHD is blessed to have several members of our crew who have been with us for more than 20 years. And this past year we have had 7 new members come onto the crew. Three of the new members have already become EMT-Basics. The continued addition of these new members aids in the sharing of responsibilities and prove once again that this community knows how important this job is to the safety and well being of our loved ones. Our volunteers treat each patient as they would want their families treated.

The EMS staff would like to give back just a little to the communities, so on Saturday, May 21st the crews will be at the Family Wellness Clinic parking lot in Tahoka from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. giving out important emergency medical information and also hot dogs.

Stop by, grab a hot dog and tell them thank you in person for what they perform for us all.

## ESL Summer School Offered

(English as a Second Language)

Tahoka ISD is offering an 8 week summer school program for ESL students who are entering kindergarten or first grade in the 11-12 school year.



June 6<sup>th</sup> - July 28<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am - 11:45am  
Monday-Thursday  
at Tahoka Elementary

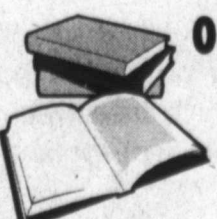
Transportation will not be provided.

Contact the Elementary School (561-4350) for more information.

## ESL Summer School Offered

(El inglés como segundo lengua)

Tahoka ISD está ofreciendo un programa de la escuela de verano de 8 semanas para los estudiantes de ESL que están incorporando kindergarten o el primer grado en el año escolar 2011-2012.



06 Junio - 28 Julio, 2011  
8:00am - 11:45am  
Lunes - Jueves  
Tahoka Elementary

La escuela no sera responsable del transporte de los niños.

Para más información, por favor llamar la escuela primaria (561-4350).

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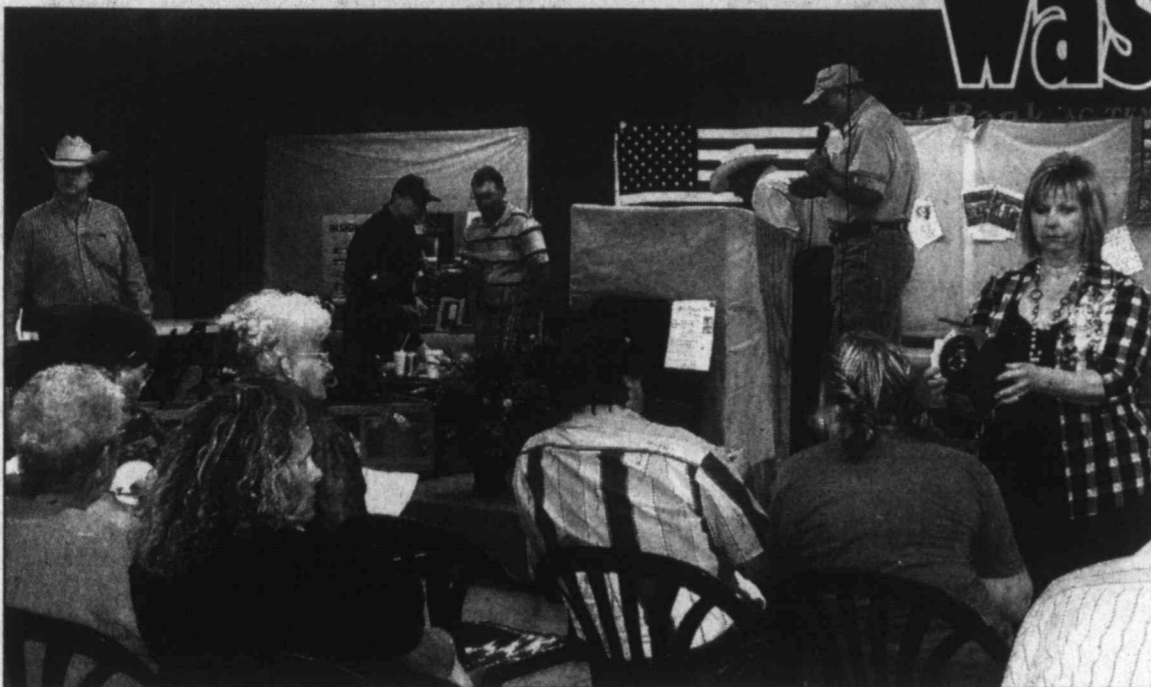
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*On behalf of the Tahoka Rotary Club we wish to express our sincere appreciation for the tremendous support you gave the 31st Annual Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction for the Lynn County Hospital District. I would like to thank the members of the Tahoka Rotary Club for all their help and Julia Allen for coordinating the Auction, lots of work goes into making this a special event. Thank you for your participation and generous donations that continue to make this a worthwhile cause.*

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President, Tahoka Rotary Club

*In the event a person's name has been omitted, you are asked to contact Julia Allen or Donna Raindl. We do not intend to overlook anyone who helped or contributed in any way, but it is not always feasible to write down names at the moment -- later they escape us!*





**All-District honors ...** Pictured here are members of the Tahoka High School Lady Bulldogs Softball Team who received All-District honors, including three Most Valuable Players, Nikki Box, Sabrina Moralez and Britanni Ford. They are, in back from left, Kaitlyn Reno - 1st Team Outfield; Nikki Box - MVP; Kayla Long - 2nd Team Outfield; Sabrina Moralez - Offensive MVP; Monica Strickland - 1st Team Outfield; Britanni Ford - Defensive MVP; Taryn Bishop - 1st Team Infield; Brittany Garcia - 1st Team Catcher; and in front, Gretchen Henley - 2nd Team Infield.

**Gov. Perry renews State Disaster Proclamation due to ongoing wildfire threat**

Gov. Rick Perry today renewed his emergency disaster proclamation for the fifth time since it was originally issued on Dec. 21, 2010 due to the ongoing threat of wildfires across the state. The renewed proclamation covers all 254 counties in Texas, and directs all necessary resources be made available to aid response efforts. Since the beginning of wildfire season, local and state firefighters have responded to more than 9,000 fires that have destroyed more than 400 homes and burned more than 2.5 million acres, an area the size of Rhode Island and Delaware combined.

"As Texas continues to suffer from one of the worst wildfire seasons in recent memory, we will continue providing all resources available to fight these fires and protect Texans' lives and property," Gov. Perry said. "I am thankful for the many brave Texans who are putting their lives on the line to contribute to this effort."

On April 15, Gov. Perry sent a letter to President Barack Obama requesting a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Texas, which would make the state eligible for Direct Federal Assistance and Emergency Protective Measures from the federal government. The Obama Administration denied the governor's request on May 3. The governor's office is reviewing

all options available and will continue working to secure the much-needed assistance Texas deserves to continue responding to wildfires.

The State of Texas continues to provide assistance to communities threatened by the raging fires this season, including deploying hundreds of Texas Forest Service personnel and air assets to assist with multiple fires; Texas Military Forces personnel and Blackhawk helicopters to assist fire suppression efforts; Texas Department of Transportation bulldozers and other resources as needed in the affected areas; and deploying Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol and multiple communications trailers to the Texas Forest Service Incident Command Post in Merkel, Texas and other areas across the state.

Additionally, the Texas Intra-state Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) was activated to provide additional resources to fight fires. TIFMAS is a network of Texas fire departments from across the state willing to provide emergency resources to neighboring communities during the threat of disasters. The State Operations Center has been partially activated and continues to work closely with the Texas Forest Service, National Weather Service and other state and local entities to monitor this severe wildfire threat.

**Free Summer Camp Offered In Tahoka June 6-9, 13-16**

Children in grades 1-8 in Lynn County are invited to attend a free summer camp for two weeks on Monday through Thursday, June 6-9 and June 13-16. The camp will be held at the Tahoka Elementary Gym.

Registration will run through June 3 at the Lynn County Juvenile Probation Office. Children may also register on the first day of camp at 12:30 pm.

Camp activities include life skills, education, swimming, games, scavenger 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 Juvenile Probation Office.

The free camp is sponsored by the following organizations: Lynn County Probation Office, Tahoka Rotary Club, Calloway Huffaker Law Firm, Walker & Solomon Agency, Dr. Donald Freitag, Wildcat Mfg., Calvillo Bail Bonds, Tahoka Drug, Farm Bureau, Lyntegar Electric, Poka Lambro Telephone, Agua One, First Bank and Trust, Tahoka Thriftway, Allsup's, First Baptist Church, Managed Care, Girl Scouts of the Caprock, and Tahoka City Pool.

*Pages from the Past...*

By Vondell Elliott  
The following excerpts were taken from past issues of THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS.

**English Opens New "Talkie" Theatre Is One of Best in the Entire State**

The new English Theatre is open. All work on this excellent new building has been completed, and Tahoka now has one of the most beautiful theatre buildings. One of the best equipped "talkie" theatres in all Texas. Those in a position to know, declare it to be the best of any on the entire plains and the best in Texas for its size.

Build of brick, tile and concrete, Egyptian style of architecture, this new building is one of the most valuable additions made to Tahoka in several years, both from a commercial standpoint and from the standpoint of beauty ...

The outside of the building is finished in a light gray brick, trimmed with a darker gray, and occupies a ground space of 40x100 feet. Over the entrance at the center front are lights around the border; over this the electric sign bordered with more chaser lights and bearing the word, "English." Four bracket lights also adorn the front.

At the left front of the building is a small store space and on the right the office of Mr. and Mrs. D.B. English, owners and managers of the new show place and also of the other English theatre ...

- Oct. 31, 1929

**Advertisement about the first "talkie" movies at the English theatre:**

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Wednesday and Thursday - "Why Leave Home?" - It's a scream - this musical comedy of neglected wives and wild husbands. With Sue Carrol, Walter Catlett, Helen Twelvetrees, Charles Eaton, Helen Chandler, Richard Keene and Joseph Wagstaff. - Oct. 31, 1929

**Giving Trial To Irrigation Louis Shambeck Will Operate Pump This Year; Plans To Water Several Acres**

Louis Shambeck, a prominent farmer residing on Highway No. 9 west of Wilson, has decided to try the virtues of irrigation on his farm.

He recently sunk two wells and installed pumps. One of the wells is a ten-inch hole a little more than 100 feet deep, and the power for pumping is to be supplied by a Ford V-8 engine. The other is a four-inch hole, about the same depth, and a regular gasoline motor is to be used.

Mr. Shambeck hopes to be able to irrigate several acres of land with these outfits if the expense does not prove to be too heavy. Many farmers will watch the equipment with much interest.

Twenty-five wells have been drilled in Lubbock County recently, it is said, while there are scores of new wells in Hale, Floyd, Crosby and Lamb counties. - Feb. 21, 1935



**First Holy Communion ...** These young children received their First Holy Communion and gave homage to the Blessed Virgin Mary by laying roses at her feet during mass at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka. Pictured from left are Maribel Garcia, Marcus Garza, John Michael Calzonci, Yulissa Tomamao, Julio Saucedo, Marisol Morin, Tamara Ramirez, Samantha Lee, Trenton Anderson, and David Perez.

**Blood Drive is May 19 at LCHD**

Lynn County Hospital is sponsoring a blood drive to collect lifesaving blood from volunteer donors on May, 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the donor coach, which will be parked in the front parking lot of the hospital.

All donors will enjoy free refreshments and will be entered into the monthly drawing for a grilling package including a gas grill, grilling tools and a grill cover.

All blood types are needed and one donation can save the lives of three people in need.

"If all who are eligible to donate would do so on a regular basis (three to four times per year), blood needs could be met and shortages could become a thing of the past," said local spokesman, Brandon Baker.

In the West Texas area alone, 130 units of blood and blood products are used everyday. Anyone who is able to donate is encouraged to come by the blood drive and save lives.

To schedule an appointment log on to [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) and enter sponsor code: lynn. Walk-ins are also welcome.



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

**St. Jude sets grad mass**

This Sunday, May 22, St. Jude's Catholic Church in Tahoka will have their annual Grad Mass. Any college/high school graduates interested in attending the 9:30 a.m. Annual Mass are welcomed to join in this celebration, and are asked to please wear their cap/gown for the event.

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### Language on phone results in charges

A Lubbock woman who told police a Tahoka man used foul language in a message left on her cell phone May 9 advised officers that she wished to file charges of disorderly conduct against the man. The suspect had identified himself in the last of five calls, police were told.

Early Sunday police arrested a 26-year-old Tahoka for public intoxication after he reportedly was involved in a domestic altercation.

Only 17 persons were in Lynn County jail early this week, with one held for Andrews County. Charges bringing arrests during the week included driving without liability insurance and involved in a fatal accident, three others for driving while license invalid, two for driving while intoxicated, disorderly conduct, immigration hold, theft, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, purchasing and furnishing alcohol to a minor and assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

### Design a 'Don't Mess with Texas' Litterbag

Texans with a knack for design are encouraged to submit original art for the chance to have that image on Don't Mess with Texas litterbags.

The Design A Litterbag contest begins May 12, and designs are due by June 16. The winner will see the winning design on 200,000 special-edition Don't Mess with Texas 25th anniversary litterbags.

The public can order free litterbags at [www.DontMessWithTexas.org/getstuff](http://www.DontMessWithTexas.org/getstuff). Litterbags are reusable and help keep trash off roadways. Research shows that the Texans most likely to litter are ages 16 to 34.

A completed application should accompany the design.

To view the application and complete rules, or obtain mailing information, visit [www.DontMessWithTexas.org/DesignALitterbag](http://www.DontMessWithTexas.org/DesignALitterbag).



**Tricky situation ...** Zaylee Vega takes a fall in the background, as teammate Ella McCormick keeps her eye on the ball for the Tahoka Sweet Peas soccer team. At right is Natalie Lopez, checking to see if Zaylee is okay (she was reportedly okay, although she did have a minor injury from the fall). (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



**We got our trophies ...** The Tahoka Sweet Peas soccer team proudly shows their trophies after completing their first season. They are, in front from left, Natalie Lopez, Gaby DeLeon, Makayla Moya, Zaylee Vega, and Nalyssa Vega; and in back, Ella McCormick, Coach Gina Tamplen, and London Williams. Anyone interested in playing soccer may call Tamplen for information on the upcoming fall season. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

### Things parents and grandparents say that can cause eating and weight problems

Parents can sometimes forget that they are raising adults, not children. The goal is to equip kids with the skills and increasing responsibility for managing their lives without constant vigilance, according to Michelle May, M.D., author, board-certified family physician, and expert for TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), a nonprofit weight-loss support organization.

Here are seven things that well-meaning parents commonly say that may have unintended consequences - and what to say instead:

**1. You are such a good eater!** - Children want nothing more than to please their parents. While mealtime should be a pleasant time to connect with your children, eating should only meet your child's fuel needs, NOT earn your praise.

**What you could say instead:** You must have been really hungry today! Or, I love spending time with you while we have dinner.

**2. You are such a picky eater!** - All children (and adults) have some foods that they just don't like. Some children are highly taste and/or texture sensitive, but most will outgrow it. Picky eating becomes an entrenched behavior when we berate, beg, bribe - or worse, feed kids only what they say they'll eat.

**What you could say instead:** I know you didn't like it last time; tell me what you think about it today after you have one polite bite. Or, Did you know your taste buds grow up just like you do? I wonder if you like this big kid food yet?

**3. Clean your plate; there are starving children in ...** - Avoid teaching children scarcity eating behaviors in our plentiful food environment.

**What you could say instead:** It's important to not be wasteful, so please only take as much as you think you need. Or, If you're full, we can save the rest for later.

**4. You have to eat all your vegetables or there will be no dessert.** - Kids are smart. When you bribe

them for eating certain foods, they quickly realize that those foods must be yucky and that dessert is the reward. They also learn to hold out until a reward is offered.

**What you could say instead:** I love all kinds of different foods - some that make me healthy and strong and some that are just for fun. What kinds of foods do you like? Or, Enjoy your dinner. We'll be having dessert later.

**5. Eat all your dinner or you don't get dessert.** - This variation on the threat above translates to "you must overeat and I will reward you by giving you more!" Children naturally love sweet foods, so they learn to override fullness signals.

As an adult, they might be tempted to order a 1,200-calorie salad to "earn" a 1,200-calorie piece of cheesecake.

**What you could say instead:** Save room for dessert tonight!

**6. I was so bad at lunch today!** Now I have to spend an extra hour on the treadmill. - Children are born to move. They naturally love exploring their environment, challenging themselves, and playing actively. Unfortunately, the messages they get from adults teach them that exercise is punishment for eating.

**What you could say instead:** I ate more than I needed and now I feel too full and uncomfortable. I think a walk would make me feel better. Want to join me? Or, anybody up for a bike ride?

**7. I am so gross and fat!** Or, I can't believe \_\_\_\_\_ has let herself go! - Kids learn from us even when we think they aren't listening. Statements like this teach kids that it's okay to put yourself and others down and judge people for their weight or other physical attributes. Perhaps they also secretly wonder what you really think about them.

**What you could say instead:** I'm not perfect, but I do my best to make healthy choices.

And whatever else you say, remember to say often... I love you just the way you are.

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**MS Band earns Sweepstakes ...** The Tahoka Middle School Symphonic Band shows off the Sweepstakes trophy they earned last Thursday at the Abernathy M.S. Band Festival where they earned all I's in Concert and Sightreading. They performed Coronation Fanfare, Dark Fortress, and Mango Tango and received many compliments from the judges. In addition they sightread a UIL piece they had never seen before. This coming Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the THS auditorium, all the Tahoka M.S. Bands will be performing with the 6th grade Concert Band performing first, followed by the Symphonic Band (7th & 8th graders). All are invited to attend. Band directors are Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith.

## USDA authorizes emergency use of CRP acres for 27 Texas counties

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced authorization of emergency use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres in 27 Texas counties. Eligible producers must request and receive FSA approval for emergency use of CRP acres before they are eligible to graze these acres.

Emergency use of land enrolled in CRP has been authorized for 27 counties including Lynn. Livestock may be tempo-

rarily moved to land enrolled in CRP for grazing till September 30, 2011, as approved by the county office, on a case-by-case basis. A 25% payment reduction applies to the authorized acres that will be grazed. Emergency grazing is limited to the acreage physically located within the boundary of the eligible county.

The use of the CRP acreage is authorized for grazing only. CRP participants who wish to provide land to eligible producers must request approval to graze eligible acreage; obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to include grazing requirements. If the participant has grazed in the past two years and grass does not currently meet the average height requirement, grazing should not begin. This will be considered a non-compliance issue. Participants must understand that livestock are to be removed the earlier of reaching the average height requirement as determined by NRCS or September 30, 2011.

CRP participants who do not own or lease livestock may rent or lease the grazing to an eligible livestock producer. However the CRP participant is responsible for identifying the acreage to be grazed and the name of the eligible livestock producer. The eligible livestock producer must sign a statement that he or she will not sublease the CRP acreage.

Grazing shall not begin until the COC has provided a written notification of approval to both the CRP participant and livestock producer.

For more information and eligibility requirements on USDA disaster assistance, contact the Lynn County FSA at 806-998-4501.



**Food Bank donation...** An anonymous donation of food was purchased at the local Dollar General for the Tahoka Church of Christ Food Bank. At left is Dollar General Manager Joshua Zavala, and accepting the donation on behalf of the church are Kelley and Jack Scott and Yolanda Aleman. "The Tahoka Church of Christ would like to thank the anonymous donor for the generous donation of support for the local food bank," stated a member.

## Extreme drought crippling Texas agriculture

The Texas Farm Bureau board of directors, meeting in its regular quarterly session at its headquarters in Waco issued the following statement of urgency:

"As wildfires in Texas continue a rampage across more than two million acres, another major disaster is gripping the Lone Star State. Dry weather has a stranglehold on all but a small portion of Texas. Almost the entire state is officially classified in drought—much of it as extreme or exceptional. The seven-month period from October of 2010 to April of this year is officially the driest on record. May is usually our wettest month. Except for a few isolated areas, rain has refused to fall.

"Texas farmers and ranchers are in an extremely critical situation as we prepare for June and the hot summer months. Crops are shriveling in the field. Pastures are burning. Many farmers likely will have little or nothing to harvest. Some ranchers already are selling their herds.

"The irony is that Texas farmers and ranchers entered 2011 with great hope. Crop and livestock prices were high. Texas agriculture was looking forward to a great year. Instead, we're facing a situation which could be more devastating than the drought of 2009, when farmers and ranchers suffered direct losses of \$4 billion. This year, input costs for producing crops and livestock are close to historic highs. According to the American Farm Bureau Federation, these costs have increased 85 percent since last year. Fuel, fertilizer, seed, feed and other high-cost production items already are invested with little hope of breaking even finan-

cially. Although it's too early to speculate, those kinds of losses two times in three years will be hard to overcome for many producers. Texas agriculture is responsible for about 14 percent of jobs in Texas. The agriculture industry has been a positive national force in helping the U.S. pull through the recession. We are concerned about the negative consequences even beyond our farms and ranches.

"Texas Farm Bureau will continue to explore all avenues

## HPWD Board takes no action on Proposed Rules Amendments

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) Board of Directors took no action regarding proposed rules amendments to achieve a "50/50" management goal at their May 17 regular meeting. In fact, the board meeting agenda contained no mention of rules amendments at all.

"There was an unfounded rumor circulating earlier in the week that the High Plains Water District's Board of Directors planned to adopt rules amendments at the May 17 meeting. This was completely false," said General Manager Jim Conkright.

Originally, it was hoped that a second set of proposed rules amendments would be released for public review following the Board of Directors meeting. However, revisions to the initially-prepared draft rules amendments are still in progress, based upon comments received at the five public meetings held March 23-25 and written comments received at the district office.

"In addition, staff members are closely watching progress of water-related legislation during the remaining days of the regular session of the 82nd Texas Legislature to see if there are any impacts to the desired future conditions process. The legislative process has also kept the district's attorneys busy and we were not able to complete the revisions by the May 17 meeting as planned," Conkright said.

He said there was a possibility that the rules could be made available for public review sometime in June.

Once finalized, the revised rules amendments will be posted to the district's web site at [www.hpwd.com](http://www.hpwd.com) for public review and downloading.

of assistance with state and federal officials. We will marshal what resources are available to help farmers and ranchers through these difficult times. We call upon federal and state officials to recognize the plight of Texas farmers and ranchers and to expedite any assistance that can be made available.

"What will help most is steady, abundant moisture. Farmers and ranchers ask all Texans to join us as we pray for rain."

## Comptroller raises revenue estimate

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs increased her state revenue estimate this week based on a strengthening economy.

"I am raising the general revenue estimate for the next biennium by \$1.2 billion," Combs said. "Maintaining a cautious outlook for the next biennium, my office estimates sales tax, oil production tax and motor vehicle sales tax will bring in more revenue than previously estimated in the next biennium. We are updating the revenue estimate after reviewing numerous economic indicators and yesterday's franchise tax filing deadline."

The Comptroller is increasing the sales tax revenue estimate for the fiscal 2012-13 biennium by an additional \$1 billion.

The state's motor vehicle sales tax revenue projection for the fiscal 2012-13 biennium is increased by an extra \$100 million.

Oil production revenue is projected to increase by an additional \$400 million for the 2012-13 biennium. Three-quarters of this extra oil production revenue, \$300 million, is constitutionally reserved for future deposit into the Rainy Day Fund and the remaining \$100 million will be available for general revenue spending.

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**MS Band earns Sweepstakes ...** The Tahoka Middle School Symphonic Band shows off the Sweepstakes trophy they earned last Thursday at the Abernathy M.S. Band Festival where they earned all 1's in Concert and Sightreading. They performed Coronation Fanfare, Dark Fortress, and Mango Tango and received many compliments from the judges. In addition they sightread a UIL piece they had never seen before. This coming Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the THS auditorium, all the Tahoka M.S. Bands will be performing with the 6th grade Concert Band performing first, followed by the Symphonic Band (7th & 8th graders). All are invited to attend. Band directors are Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith.

## USDA authorizes emergency use of CRP acres for 27 Texas counties

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced authorization of emergency use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres in 27 Texas counties. Eligible producers must request and receive FSA approval for emergency use of CRP acres before they are eligible to graze these acres.

Emergency use of land enrolled in CRP has been authorized for 27 counties including Lynn. Livestock may be tempo-

rarily moved to land enrolled in CRP for grazing till September 30, 2011, as approved by the county office, on a case-by-case basis. A 25% payment reduction applies to the authorized acres that will be grazed. Emergency grazing is limited to the acreage physically located within the boundary of the eligible county.

The use of the CRP acreage is authorized for grazing only. CRP participants who wish to provide land to eligible producers must request approval to graze eligible acreage; obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to include grazing requirements. If the participant has grazed in the past two years and grass does not currently meet the average height requirement, grazing should not begin. This will be considered a non-compliance issue. Participants must understand that livestock are to be removed the earlier of reaching the average height requirement as determined by NRCS or September 30, 2011.

CRP participants who do not own or lease livestock may rent or lease the grazing to an eligible livestock producer. However the CRP participant is responsible for identifying the acreage to be grazed and the name of the eligible livestock producer. The eligible livestock producer must sign a statement that he or she will not sublease the CRP acreage.

Grazing shall not begin until the COC has provided a written notification of approval to both the CRP participant and livestock producer.

For more information and eligibility requirements on USDA disaster assistance, contact the Lynn County FSA at 806-998-4501.

## Comptroller raises revenue estimate

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs increased her state revenue estimate this week based on a strengthening economy.

"I am raising the general revenue estimate for the next biennium by \$1.2 billion," Combs said. "Maintaining a cautious outlook for the next biennium, my office estimates sales tax, oil production tax and motor vehicle sales tax will bring in more revenue than previously estimated in the next biennium. We are updating the revenue estimate after reviewing numerous economic indicators and yesterday's franchise tax filing deadline."

The Comptroller is increasing the sales tax revenue estimate for the fiscal 2012-13 biennium by an additional \$1 billion.

The state's motor vehicle sales tax revenue projection for the fiscal 2012-13 biennium is increased by an extra \$100 million.

Oil production revenue is projected to increase by an additional \$400 million for the 2012-13 biennium. Three-quarters of this extra oil production revenue, \$300 million, is constitutionally reserved for future deposit into the Rainy Day Fund and the remaining \$100 million will be available for general revenue spending.



**Food Bank donation...** An anonymous donation of food was purchased at the local Dollar General for the Tahoka Church of Christ Food Bank. At left is Dollar General Manager Joshua Zavala, and accepting the donation on behalf of the church are Kelley and Jack Scott and Yolanda Aleman. "The Tahoka Church of Christ would like to thank the anonymous donor for the generous donation of support for the local food bank," stated a member.

## Extreme drought crippling Texas agriculture

The Texas Farm Bureau board of directors, meeting in its regular quarterly session at its headquarters in Waco issued the following statement of urgency:

"As wildfires in Texas continue a rampage across more than two million acres, another major disaster is gripping the Lone Star State. Dry weather has a stranglehold on all but a small portion of Texas. Almost the entire state is officially classified in drought—much of it as extreme or exceptional. The seven-month period from October of 2010 to April of this year is officially the driest on record. May is usually our wettest month. Except for a few isolated areas, rain has refused to fall.

"Texas farmers and ranchers are in an extremely critical situation as we prepare for June and the hot summer months. Crops are shriveling in the field. Pastures are burning. Many farmers likely will have little or nothing to harvest. Some ranchers already are selling their herds.

"The irony is that Texas farmers and ranchers entered 2011 with great hope. Crop and livestock prices were high. Texas agriculture was looking forward to a great year. Instead, we're facing a situation which could be more devastating than the drought of 2009, when farmers and ranchers suffered direct losses of \$4 billion. This year, input costs for producing crops and livestock are close to historic highs. According to the American Farm Bureau Federation, these costs have increased 85 percent since last year. Fuel, fertilizer, seed, feed and other high-cost production items already are invested with little hope of breaking even finan-

cially. Although it's too early to speculate, those kinds of losses two times in three years will be hard to overcome for many producers. Texas agriculture is responsible for about 14 percent of jobs in Texas. The agriculture industry has been a positive national force in helping the U.S. pull through the recession. We are concerned about the negative consequences even beyond our farms and ranches.

"Texas Farm Bureau will continue to explore all avenues

## HPWD Board takes no action on Proposed Rules Amendments

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) Board of Directors took no action regarding proposed rules amendments to achieve a "50/50" management goal at their May 17 regular meeting. In fact, the board meeting agenda contained no mention of rules amendments at all.

"There was an unfounded rumor circulating earlier in the week that the High Plains Water District's Board of Directors planned to adopt rules amendments at the May 17 meeting. This was completely false," said General Manager Jim Conkwright.

Originally, it was hoped that a second set of proposed rules amendments would be released for public review following the Board of Directors meeting. However, revisions to the initially-prepared draft rules amendments are still in progress, based upon comments received at the five public meetings held March 23-25 and written comments received at the district office.

"In addition, staff members are closely watching progress of water-related legislation during the remaining days of the regular session of the 82nd Texas Legislature to see if there are any impacts to the desired future conditions process. The legislative process has also kept the district's attorneys busy and we were not able to complete the revisions by the May 17 meeting, as planned," Conkwright said.

He said there was a possibility that the rules could be made available for public review sometime in June.

Once finalized, the revised rules amendments will be posted to the district's web site at [www.hpwd.com](http://www.hpwd.com) for public review and downloading.

of assistance with state and federal officials. We will marshal what resources are available to help farmers and ranchers through these difficult times. We call upon federal and state officials to recognize the plight of Texas farmers and ranchers and to expedite any assistance that can be made available.

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## Lynn roadways scheduled for seal coating projects

More than 291 miles of state roadways are part of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Lubbock District's 2011 seal coat program. Roadways in 16 Lubbock District's counties will see \$11.6 million in preventative maintenance work during the summer months.

Seal coat operations are set to begin in late May. Roadways included in this year's program in Lynn County include:

- Loop 76—from US 87 south to the US 87 access road
- FM 2053—from the Dawson County Line to US 87

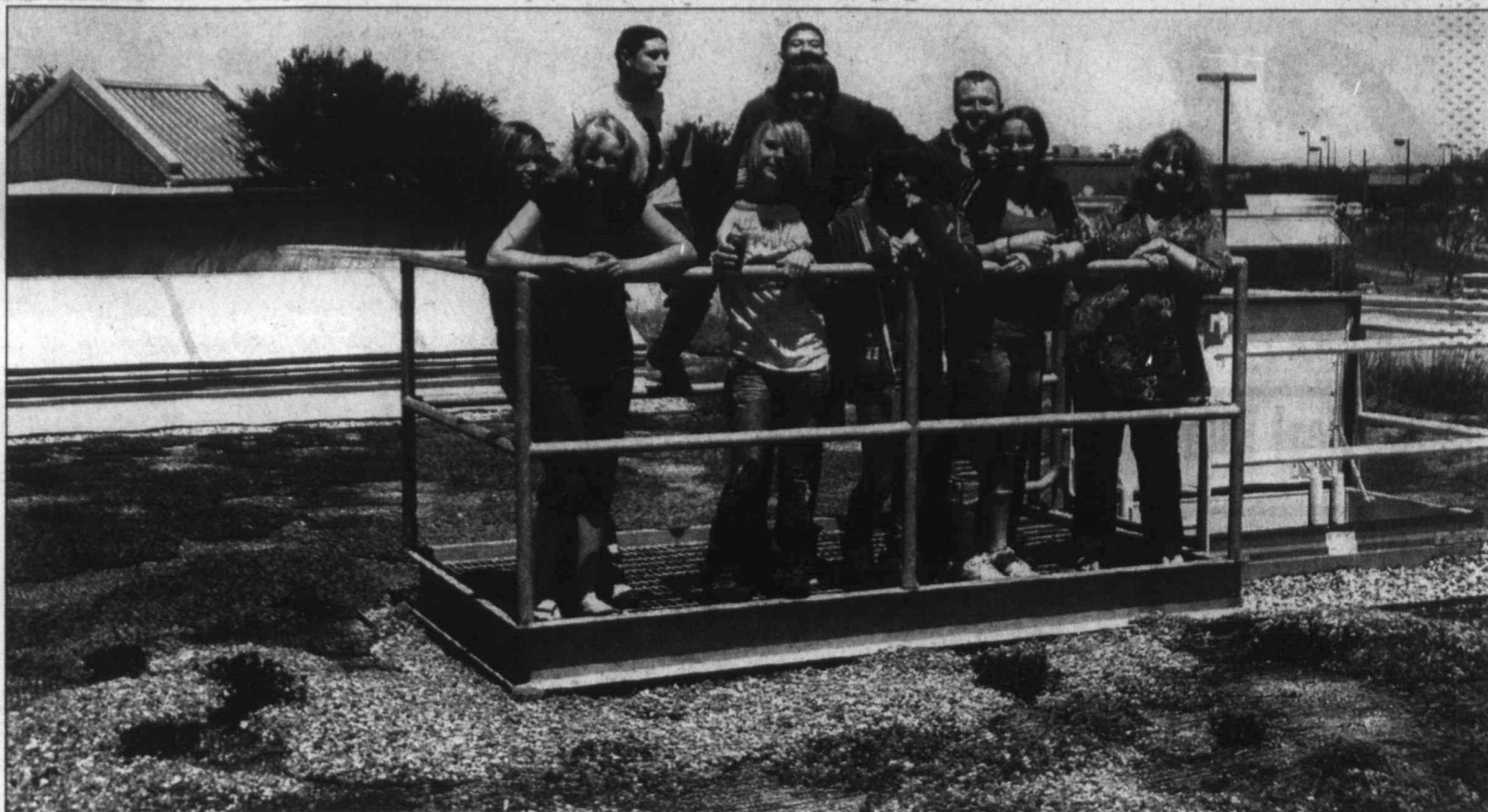
"Seal coating provides a variety of benefits to the roadway," said Jim Combes, P.E., Brownfield Area engineer overseeing the project, "including a waterproof surface that prevents moisture from entering and weakening the roadbed. Seal coating also reduces deterioration and cracking of the asphalt surface,

which prolongs the life of the pavement."

Other benefits from seal coating include an improved non-skid surface in wet or icy conditions and an anti-glare and increased reflective surface for night and wet weather driving, Combes noted.

### Memorial Day observance set at Wilson cemetery

Volunteers from Wilson will be hosting a Memorial Day celebration at the Wilson Cemetery on Monday, May 30, at 8 a.m. with the flag being raised and the taps played. The Wilson Volunteer Fire Department will be there, and the Wilson Community would like to invite everyone to attend this annual celebration. Any Veterans in the area who would like to participate are encouraged to call Tony Villarreal at 806-790-9515.



**On the green roof ...** Wilson ISD 9th graders took a trip to Parkhill Smith and Cooper (PSC) in Lubbock on May 5, shown here on top of their office building that features a green roof with plant cover. The company is a full service architectural/engineering firm. Several architects and engineers talked to the students about what they do in their jobs and the type of education required. PSC also provided lunch to the group. PSC has an office building that is LEED certified (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design), an internationally recognized green building certification system, and their office building features a green roof.



**Story time! ...** Amy Stroope, assistant at the City/County Library in Tahoka, reads to young children during story time last Tuesday. Story time is offered at 10 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month (except during July, when the Summer Reading program is offered weekly) at the library. Children who attend must be accompanied by an adult or guardian. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

## Texas Tech VorTECH simulator helps researchers better understand tornadoes

More than 40 years ago, a massive tornado tore through the heart of downtown Lubbock. It left a path of destruction a mile and a half wide, crippling the city. Twenty-six people were killed, and more than 1,500 were injured.

Since then, the Texas Tech Wind Science and Engineering

Research Center (WISE) has become the leading research facility of its kind, with a focus on testing wind speed resistance in relation to storm shelters. Recently, they took their research a step further by studying how tornadoes do their damage, with the construction of a tornado simulator at Reese

Center, about 10 miles west of the main campus.

Darryl James, professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and WISE associate, and his team spent more than a year and a half building the device known as VorTECH.

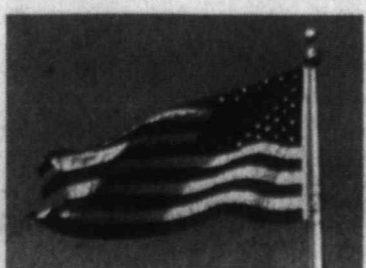
"VorTECH was designed to simulate tornadic winds in the mid-EF3 range or less," James said. "Approximately 92 percent of all tornadoes have maximum wind speeds of about 150 miles per hour or less."

The simulator uses eight large fans to suck up approximately 160,000 cubic feet of air each minute, while 64 strategically placed vanes surround the simulator to create rotation.

The force of the wind is measured by dozens of pressure sensors applied to structural models. The data collected will contribute to understanding vulnerability.

"If we can understand how the tornadoes interacts and damages a structure, then maybe we can develop building codes to improve the safety of homes," James said.

### Burn Ban in effect for Lynn County



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### Animal control ...

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office," she added.

Lynn County Animal Control is available for citizens throughout the county, as well as in the cities of Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell. The animal shelter is located at South 2nd and Ave. H in Tahoka, just southeast of the courthouse.

In another issue, Elrod reminds citizens to please ensure their dog is current on its rabies vaccine, which in most cases should be given annually.

"If your dog bites someone and you have no proof that it is current on its rabies vaccine, your dog will be quarantined at the animal shelter for ten days, at a cost of \$25 per day," Elrod says. "All dogs must have a rabies vaccine."

Elrod and her assistant, Maria Banda, try to find homes for all animals abandoned at the shelter.

"We have kept some dogs for several months while we try to find them a home," said Elrod. "If the animal is adoptable, we try very hard to get it adopted

locally or through the Humane Society. We only euthanize an animal as a last resort, or if it is a dangerous animal that we know won't be a good candidate for adoption," she said.

The animal shelter cannot accept monetary donations, but Elrod says they do eagerly accept donated items such as dog food or toys, blankets, dog treats, etc.

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It takes *courage to grieve* - no one can do it for us and there is no way to go around it. Some choose to go through it alone; others choose to share their stories with those who are on a similar journey. Healing from grief can and will occur through the telling of our own stories and the listening to stories of others. Each in our own way and in our own time can contribute to our own healing and the healing of others as we journey down the pathway of loss together.

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