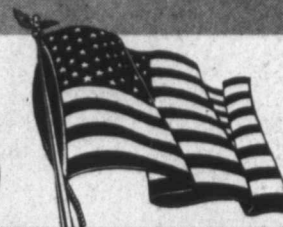




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## City pool to open June 8

Tahoka City Pool will open Wednesday, June 8. The pool will open Wednesday-Saturday from 12:30-5:30 p.m., and on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. Joey Jolly is life-guard, and may also be contacted for pool parties.

Call the City Pool at 561-5012 for more information.

## Free summer camp starts here Monday

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, 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.

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 25	90	58	
May 26	86	52	
May 27	102	54	
May 28	104	62	
May 29	101	62	
May 30	98	72	
May 31	93	68	
June 1	- 0.02" rain overnight		
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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## Burks Rescue Horse Ranch hosts Wilson FBC group

Trudy and David Burks, owners of the Burks Rescue Horse Ranch in the Wilson area, hosted 60 visitors from Wilson First Baptist Church last Wednesday evening. The outing was organized by church members as an end-of-school-year celebration for the Wednesday night youth groups, and included a hot dog supper at the horse ranch. A group of approximately 60 people, including children as young as three years old through high school age, as well as their parents and grandparents and other church members, attended.

The Burks Rescue Horse Ranch is located north of Hungry Hill. Trudy and David Burks currently care for seven horses, three of which are carrying foals, that they have rescued from various places. One, a horse named Missy who is an expectant mother, was rescued when she was very young

and was being sent to a factory where they use horses for dog food and making glue, according to the Burks. "She is now a very happy mother-to-be and she is a gentle girl," said Mrs. Burks.

The Burks told children in the outing about each rescue and the name of each horse, and how to care for the saddles and tack, and answered many questions from the group. Each child and adult had an opportunity to ride a saddled horse in a ring, and to have their picture made with a horse.

The FBC in Wilson has a very active Wednesday night program for children and youth during the school year, serving supper along with learning activities. A Wednesday night program for adults is offered year-round, according to Pastor Billy Parmer.

The church will host Vacation Bible School on June 20-24, and welcome all children to attend.



Ranch owner ...

Trudy Burks smiles as she shows one of the horses that she and her husband David, rescued.

## Thefts, damage to tractor listed in crime reports

Thefts, vandalism damage to a tractor and a possible burglary were being investigated this week by Lynn County sheriff's department.

On May 25, Brad Hammonds reported that someone had caused damage to his John Deere tractor after starting it and driving it around on Hammonds' property near County Rd. 22 northeast of Tahoka. The tractor was damaged after being driven around with a 12-row planter attached, when it was jumped across a ditch. Extent of the damage was being assessed this week.

Last Thursday Alton Cook reported that four rolls of wire had been stolen from his property northeast of O'Donnell near County Rd. 34. Two of the rolls were copper wire and two were Romex. Total value of the stolen wire was listed at \$1300.

The door of a house owned by Billy Haire and located in the northeast part of Lynn County was found open

when the owner returned after an extended absence. It apparently had been kicked in, but it was not immediately determined if anything was missing.

Also, Roy Ehlers reported a theft from property a half mile south of Wilson, but further details were not available.

Lynn County jail picked up 16 inmates from Gaines County and one from Andrews County to bring the total number in jail here to 31 early this week. Others were held on these charges: driving while intoxicated/second offense, public intoxication, unauthorized use of a vehicle, grand jury indictment for possession of cocaine, expired vehicle inspection sticker, no liability insurance and failure to appear, bond surrender on possession of controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence, possession of marijuana under two ounces, and driving while license invalid with previous conviction.



Big horsey ... Little Cheyenne Porter seems happy to be astride a big horse as her dad, Tyson, keeps a steadying hand on her, at the Burks Rescue Horse Ranch.



This is a nice horse ... Rebekah Parmer, and another youth behind her, pets one of the horses at the rescue horse ranch near Wilson.

## woodwork

by dalton wood



STOP COMPLAINING about the cost of gasoline at the pump. All this could be good for you and good for America. That's the first sentence of an article on MSN News, entitled "Why you should love \$5 gas."

Most folks, including me, and especially those who are paying \$50 to \$80 already to fill up their vehicles, are going to strongly disagree with what MSN is saying, even though they make a couple of good points.

The article says that when gas reaches \$5 a gallon, fewer people will die on the road, because "the less you drive, the more you'll survive." People will drive fewer miles and won't speed as much, to save money, because the Dept. of Energy says that on the average, every 5 mph you drive over 60 is like paying an extra 24 cents per gallon (based on a \$3.79 price).

It also was claimed that local businesses would profit because people would not be as likely to drive to the big city supermarkets and discount stores like Walmart just to save a few cents or even dollars on a purchase.

I admit those things would be good, but I am not convinced that all good things have to be financed by me. I have always said that laws setting speed limits, requiring seat belts, helmets, etc. would not be necessary if people would just use common sense (admittedly unlikely). If lawmakers really wanted to stop all traffic deaths and injuries, they should outlaw cars, trucks and all other motorized vehicles, but that won't happen.

Speaking of using common sense and logic, a woman once told me her husband's excuse for driving like a maniac: "He thinks that destiny already has determined that an accident eventually will occur at the next intersection ahead of him, so he drives really fast to get past that spot before it happens." Duh.

Maybe if he drives fast enough, he will run out of gas before he gets to that intersection.

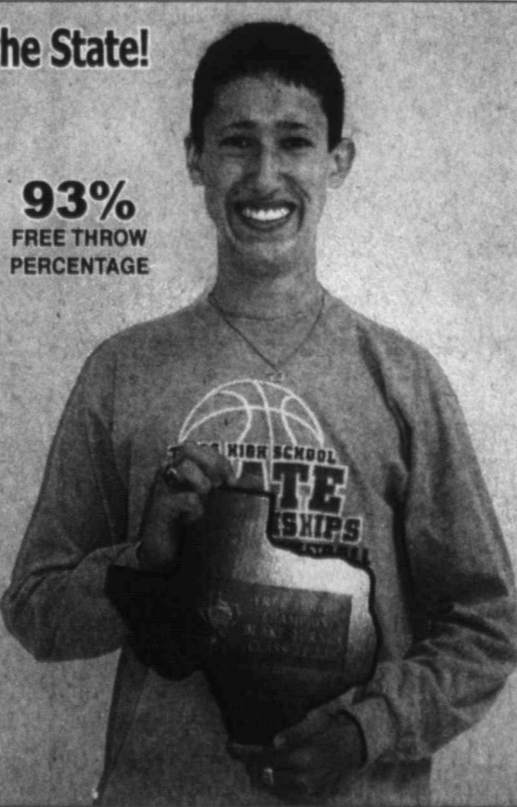
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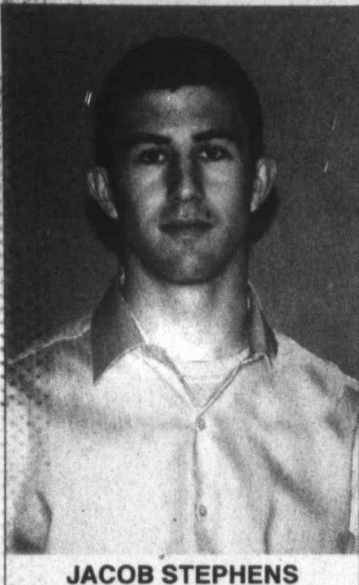
THE GRUMPY GUY at Grassland says his wife really enjoys eating out—"she eats me out nearly every day."

## Best free-thrower in the State!

Texas Association of Basketball Coaches announced that Blake Turner of Tahoka was the 1A Division 1 free throw champion for the 2010-2011 season at the annual convention in San Antonio which was held May 19-21, 2011. Not only was Blake's 93% good enough to win the title in Class A, it was the highest free throw percentage in the state of Texas for all classifications (the 5A free-throw champion had an 85%). The awards are presented by TABC in conjunction with MaxPreps. Blake is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bric Turner.

93%  
FREE THROW  
PERCENTAGE



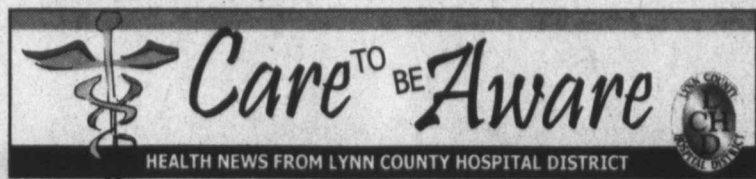


JACOB STEPHENS

### Stephens graduates from Texas Tech

Jacob Stephens, son of Monica Stephens and Stacy and Alicia Stephens, all of Tahoka, was among the 2011 spring graduating class of Texas Tech University. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering.

Stephens is a 2008 graduate of Tahoka High School. He is currently employed by Texas Tech University in the Pulse Power Research Laboratory, and also continuing his education at Texas Tech.



### Wear that Sunscreen

With the hot weather in full swing and more direct sunshine exposure and outdoor activities going, it's a good time to remind everyone to put on the sunscreen.

The US Dept. of Health and Human Services makes these recommendations:

#### When to Apply Sunscreen

- Apply sunscreen approximately 30 minutes before being in the sun (for best results) so that it can be absorbed by the skin and less likely to wash off when you perspire.

- Remember to reapply sunscreen after swimming or strenuous exercise.

- Apply sunscreen often throughout the day if you work outdoors, and wear hats & protective clothing. This includes all the farmers out there.

#### How To Apply Sunscreen

- Shake well before use to mix particles that might be clumped up in the container. Consider using the new spray-on or stick types of sunscreen.

#### Apply enough sunscreen.

As a rule of thumb, use an ounce (a handful) to cover your entire body.

- Use on all parts of your skin exposed to the sun, including the ears, back, shoulders, & the back of the knees and legs. Don't forget the lip balm with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30.

- Apply thickly and thoroughly. Be careful when applying sunscreen around the eyes.

#### What To Look for When You Buy Sunscreen

- Pick a broad-spectrum sunscreen that protects against UV-A and UV-B rays and has a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30.

- Read product labels. Look for a waterproof brand if you will be sweating or swimming. Buy a non-stinging product or one specifically formulated for your face.

- Buy a brand that does not contain para-aminobenzoic acid (PABA) if you are sensitive to it.

- Try a sunscreen with different chemicals if your skin reacts badly to the one that you are using. *Not all sunscreens have the same ingredients.*

- Use a water-based sunscreen if you have oily skin or are prone to acne.

- Be aware that more expensive does not mean better. Although a costly brand might feel or smell better, it is not necessarily more effective than a less expensive product.

- Check the expiration date because some sunscreen ingredients might degrade over time.

*We all need to be aware of the importance of sunscreen for*



**The New Home Minor Girls ... The New Home minor girls Little Dribbler basketball team, coached by Tara Lehman, placed 5th in the tournament held in Meadow on May 5-7. Celee Smith was named All-Tournament. Pictured on back row from left is Natalie Fuentes, Celee Smith, Kyle Gill, Savanna Lehman, Constance Adams, Taylor Smith and Brooke Tyson. Front row from left is Destiny Torres, Ashlyn Ballard, Effi Correa, Sam Correa, Lexis Hargrove and Alice Hamilton.**

### Gov. Perry signs bill requiring photo ID at polling places

Gov. Rick Perry signed Senate Bill 14, which requires voters to present photo identification at a polling place.

"The right to vote is simply too important for us to take the act of voting lightly," Gov. Perry said. "Today with the signing of this bill, we take a major step forward in securing the integrity of the ballot box and protecting the most cherished right we enjoy as citizens."

SB 14 requires a voter to show a valid form of photo

ID, either a driver's license, Department of Public Safety issued photo personal identification card, U.S. military ID card, U.S. citizenship certificate that contains a photograph, U.S. passport or Texas concealed handgun license. The bill creates a free election identification certificate with a photograph issued by DPS for registered voters who need a photo ID. The bill also increases the penalty for voting illegally to a second degree felony, and increases the penalty for attempted illegal voting to a state jail felony.

Voters who fail to show a photo ID at the polling place may cast a provisional ballot, which is only counted if they appear at the county voter registrar's office within six days after Election Day with the appropriate photo identification.

Exemptions to the photo ID requirement are available to people who have a religious ob-

jection to being photographed, and disabled individuals who provide written documentation from the Social Security Administration or Department of Veterans Affairs confirming their disability and a statement that they do not have any form of photo identification. A disabled voter would then be issued a registration certificate to show in order to vote.

### Obituaries



### Noe Rodriguez

Mass for Noe Rodriguez, 49, of O'Donnell was held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 30, 2011 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in O'Donnell. Interment was at O'Donnell Cemetery. He died on Friday, May 27, 2011. Services were under the direction of Combest Family Funeral Homes, O'Donnell.

He was born in O'Donnell on March 12, 1962 to Marciano and Juanita (Torres) Rodriguez. He was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church of O'Donnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Felix Rodriguez.

Survivors include his ex-wife Sherri Rodriguez; one daughter, Jessica Martinez of Lubbock; two brothers, Raul Rodriguez of San Antonio, and Mike Rodriguez of Garland; one sister, Maria Garza of O'Donnell; two grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

## ATTEND CHURCH IN LYNN COUNTY

**Sweet Street Baptist Church**  
1300 Avenue J • Box 751 • Tahoka, TX 79373  
(806) 561-5310  
PASTOR: LYNN LONG  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)  
Morning Worship - 10:55 a.m.  
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
(Praise & Worship - Gospel Message)  
Wednesday Night - 7 p.m.  
(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**PRAY FOR OUR NATION**  
  
Jesus replied,  
"What is impossible with men is possible with God." ... Luke 18:27

**Wilson First Baptist Church**  
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381  
(806) 628-6333  
PASTOR: BILLY FARMER  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training - 5 p.m. Sunday  
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
6:30 p.m. Wednesdays:  
Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages  
• Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth

**Grassland Nazarene Church**  
2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373  
(806) 327-5656, 327-5655  
PASTOR: Rev. James Miller  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Youth and Adults:  
Wednesdays - 7 p.m.

**New Home United Methodist Church**  
350 N. Main  
New Home, TX 79383  
(806) 924-7549  
PASTOR: RICK WOLFE  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m.  
Youth Activities

**Tahoka Trinity Church**  
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.  
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Youth - Sundays at 7 p.m.  
For a ride to Sunday School or Church,  
call 561-5317

**Wilson St. John Lutheran Church**  
13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381  
(806) 628-6573  
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.

**New Home Church of Christ**  
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.

**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.

**Possible Futures**  
READ GENESIS 22:15-18  
"I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. -Jeremiah 29:11 (NRSV)  
I wish I could change parts of my past. Some acts I would NOT do again. Others that were left undone, I WOULD do. However, time moves forward without mercy. The stories of our lives offer no pauses and no rewinds. Each scene sets the stage for the next.  
If we knew only the scene in Abraham's life recounted in Genesis 22:15-18, we might think this was a man with nothing in his life he would edit. But the Abraham we see in this passage is a person who had been shaped by adversity, doubts, and even failures, as well as great acts of faith. Chapters 12-22 in the book of Genesis make this clear. Everything in Abraham's past brought him to Chapter 22's account of faithfulness and blessing. He lived, as we all do, in the unrepeatable present and trusted God who alone owns the future. Thus Abraham becomes for us a living example that "all things work together for good for those who love God" (Rom. 8:28).  
Each of us is moving toward many possible futures. All of these possibilities have one thing in common for people of Abraham's faith: God who awaits us in the future encompasses all of them. God goes before us just as before Abraham.  
Daniel Wray (N.Carolina) ... from *The Upper Room*

**TAHOKA Church of Christ**  
2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373  
(806) 561-4060 • email: tocc@poka.com  
INTERIM MINISTER: STEVE BONNER  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.  
Bible Classes - Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

**Draw First United Methodist Church**  
(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

**First United Methodist Church**  
1801 Ave. J • Box 500  
Tahoka, TX 79373  
(806) 561-4503  
email: functahoka@poka.com  
PASTOR: VERNON BAKER  
SUNDAYS: Praise Worship - 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
TUESDAYS: Branded Ministries - 6:30 p.m.  
WEDNESDAYS: Youth - 6:30 p.m.

**Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381  
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com  
PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE  
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.  
Divine Service - 10:15 a.m.  
"Where Christ Serves People"

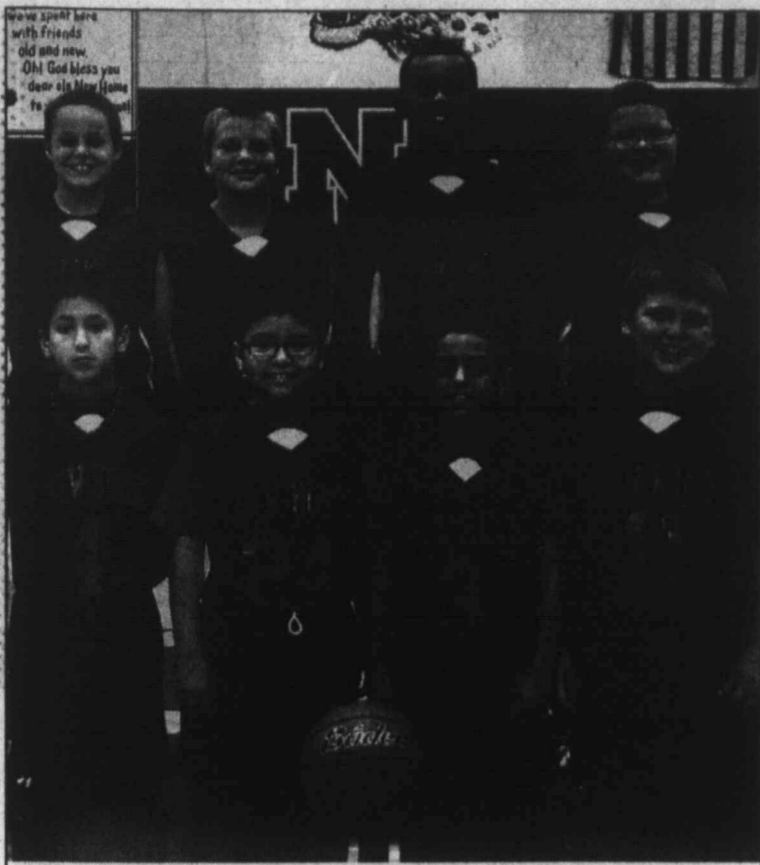
**NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Corner of Fourth & Smith  
"Serving the Lord for 100 Years"  
SERVICES:  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 pm  
Wed. Youth/Children's Activities.....7:00 pm  
Pastor: Calvin Gray

**O'Donnell First Baptist Church**  
701 Standefer • O'Donnell, TX 79351  
(806) 428-3236  
PASTOR: SCOTT HENSLEY  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship:  
10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373  
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship Service - 6 p.m.  
Activities For All Ages -  
Call For Complete Schedule  
There's A Place For Me at FBC!

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### Gov. Rick Perry appeals denial of major disaster declaration for wildfires

Gov. Rick Perry has sent a letter to President Barack Obama appealing his administration's decision to deny Texas' request for a Major Disaster Declaration for counties that have been threatened or impacted by the devastating wildfire season. This declaration would provide much needed federal assistance to support response efforts for ongoing wildfires.

"As Texas continues to be impacted by the worst wildfire season in recent memory, I urge President Obama to reconsider and approve our request for federal assistance in fighting these fires," Gov. Perry said. "Our federal government has an obligation to assist Texas in its response efforts. Texas will continue applying all resources available to fight these fires and I commend the brave men and women who continue to put their lives on the line to protect Texas families and property."

The governor's appeal includes updated cost information for Texas' ongoing wildfire response, and reiterates his request for Direct Federal Assistance and Category B-Emergency Protective Measures. The letter specifically highlights why Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAGs) approved to date are insufficient to meet the needs of local jurisdictions and state agencies that have been fighting wildfires since Dec. 2010. According to the Texas For-

est Service, FMAGs may only cover about 21 percent of costs incurred by local and state response efforts. Federal guidelines allow a state that has been granted a major disaster declaration to be eligible to receive no less than a 75 percent cost share from the federal government, with state and local entities covering the remaining 25 percent of wildfire response costs.

A Major Disaster Declaration, originally requested on April 16, would make the state eligible for response and recovery assistance from the federal government. The governor's request includes:

- Direct Federal Assistance including aviation assets and wildland, structural and wildland/urban interface firefighting resources to state and local agencies in support of firefighting operations, and

- Emergency Protective Measures - measures taken before, during and after a disaster to save lives, protect public health and safety, and protect improved public and private property.

Gov. Perry also issued a statewide Emergency Disaster Proclamation on Dec. 21, 2010, which was subsequently renewed on Jan. 19, Feb. 17, March 18, April 15, and most recently on May 13.

The State of Texas has provided assistance to communities threatened by 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) has frequently been activated this season in order to

### FBC "PandaMania" VBS begins June 6

A summer kids' event called "PandaMania" will be offered at First Baptist Church of Tahoka's Vacation Bible School, June 6-9. "Kids will explore a bamboo forest filled with crazy pandas, as they discover that God loves us," said a sponsor.

PandaMania is for kids who have completed kindergarten through 6th grade, and will be held from 9:00-12:00 each day. For more information, call FBC at 561-4557.

Children will participate in memorable Bible learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork building games, dig into yummy treats, experience Bible adventures, and create Bible point crafts to take home and play with all summer. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings.

Each day concludes with a Rowdy Wrap-up, a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they have learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 11:45 a.m. The church is located at 1701 Ave. K, in Tahoka.

provide additional assets from around the state. TIFMAS is a network of Texas fire departments willing to provide emergency resources to neighboring communities during the threat of disasters.

### Does your pet need a summer shave?

The summer weather in Texas can become almost unbearable. It's the kind of weather that makes you realize how difficult it would be to survive without air conditioning. We Texans may complain about the intense summer heat, but probably won't suffer near as much as animals that spend more time outdoors. The hot and humid weather can create miserable circumstances, especially for long haired pets.

"Dogs that are bred in cooler temperatures can develop problems because of this heat," said Dr. Mark Stickney, clinical assistant professor at Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "For example, the heat makes it difficult for the dog to pant, which allows them to cool themselves down. Long hair also makes finding and removing ticks more difficult." Then there are the Texan's all too familiar friends, the mosquitoes. "It is a myth that long-haired animals get bit by mosquitoes less than short haired animals," said Stickney.

If your animals are going to be outside this summer there are some things to take into consideration. Make sure that all animals have access to fresh water (cold if possible) and some form of shade. The shade is necessary to help prevent sunburns, hot spots, and blistering on the bottom of more sensitive doggie paws.

Another important fact to note is that dogs can have heat exhaustion and heat strokes just like people. Owners should encourage high energy dogs to take breaks when playing out in the sun because of this.

Veterinarians will most likely hold different opinions on when or if to shave your pets depending on the region that you live in. Some might argue that long hair on certain breeds will work as a cooling mechanism.

"This would not hold true in climates with high levels of humidity," explains Stickney. "If your dog seems exhausted and overheated ask your local veterinarian if shaving could be an option for you and your pet."



**New Home Major Girls ...**The New Home major girls team placed 3rd in the Little Dribbler tournament held in Ropes on May 12-14. The team was coached by Damien Rodriguez and Michael Rodriguez. DD Dominguez was named All-Tournament. Pictured back row from left, Sydni Salvato, Carolynne Olsen, Caitlynn Adams, Britney Escobedo, Aria Morales, Kelsey Weatherly and Katherine Barrington. Front row from left, Destiny Torres, Michaela Rodriguez, Clara Barrington, DD Dominguez and Kayla Gonzales.



**New Home major team ...**The New Home major boys Little Dribbler team placed 2nd in a recent tournament in Ropes. The team was coached by Brian Kirkland. Billy Castro was named All-Tournament. Pictured on back row from left, Brayden Kirkland, Miguel Gomez, Emmanuel Rosa, Ramon Barraza and Billy Castro. Front row from left is Vicente Fuentes, Triston Hargrove, Blaine Kirkland and Garrett Jameson.



**New Home Mini Boys ...**The New Home mini boys Little Dribbler team was coached by Jason Kirkland. Pictured back row from left is Hayden Ehlers, Strait Earwood, Glen Gonzales, Trevor Lehman, Sam Kirkland, Connor Cook and Jake Tabor. Front row from left, Noah Mojica, Jordan Moore, Ryan Weeks, Tristan Truhlicka, Brady Parker and Sunny Torres.

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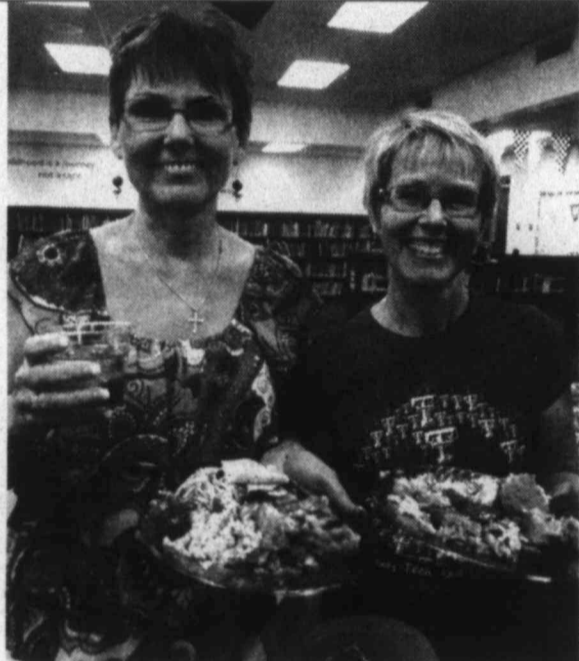
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**Student achievement ...** Two New Home High School sophomores, Maranda Hymes and Taylor Shellman, received the "Texas Student Achievement Award" from the Texas ACT Council for their performance on the PLAN (the pre-ACT) Assessment. These students are on target to meet or exceed ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks by graduation. ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks are empirically based and identify the level of achievement necessary in English, mathematics, reading and science to have a successful college freshman experience.



**TISD retirees ...** These long time Tahoka Elementary educators retired at the end of the 2010-2011 school year, after many years of service to Tahoka ISD. Pictured at their retirement reception are Chiole Jan Wells, left, with 24 years, and Vivian McAfee with 34 years of teaching the students of Tahoka.

### Tahoka students to perform at musical recital in Slaton

Music students of Slaton music teacher Colleen Pinar will present their annual recital at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 5 at Bible Baptist Church at 925 W. Panhandle Ave. in Slaton. Among those on the program for the afternoon performances are three Tahoka students: Abby Rodriguez playing Folias de Es-

pana on the guitar, Kaleb Rodriguez playing Red River Valley on the guitar, and Evelyn Hardt playing Waltz by Tchaikovsky on the piano.

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### Barham Foundation golf/poker tourney fundraiser slated

The Douglas G. Barham Foundation fundraiser event has been scheduled for the weekend of July 29-30.

The pre-tourney round of golf and poker tourney will be on Friday, July 29th. The golf tournament, meal and auction will be held on Saturday, July 30th.

More information on the event will be printed later.

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**Thursday:** Chicken fried steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, corn & green beans, biscuits, berry glazed picnic cake

**Friday:** Layered tortilla sandwich, Mexican rice, chips & salsa, ice cream cookie sandwiches

#### Reminders and Activities:

- **Mark your calendars!** 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 9th for the diabetic shoes/inserts. Certification and Rx paperwork must be completed by your doctor and bring it to the Center with you on June 9.
- **Wednesday, June 22** we will play 12 games of BINGO! Start time will be approximately 1:30, lots of prizes.
- **Weekly domino nights** are continuing each Monday evening at 6:00 p.m.
- **Timeless Treasures Cooks** are still available for \$12 each at the Center, Lynn County News, Huffaker Law Office, Virginia's Beauty Salon, and City/County Library.
- **Remember that the aluminum recycle bin** is located across from the City Warehouse. The aluminum cans continue to belong to the Center.
- **The Center has gently used medical equipment** to lend out. Call the Center at 561-5264 for more information.



**Reading is fun ...** These 1st-3rd graders from New Home Elementary were treated to a 100 point AR (Accelerated Reading) Party at the new Bodyworks. Pictured are, in back row, Strait Earwood, Taylor Smith, Hunter Bolton, Callie Bundy, Kyley Gill, Bode Stewart, Nathaniel Mojica, Karson Zant, Sam Kirkland and Trevor Lehman; middle row, Kealey Benson, Connor Cook, Hunter Reimer, Nicki Salvato, Ryan Weeks, Effi Correa and Destiny Torres; and in front, Alice Hamilton, Jake Tabor, Ryan Bundy, Allison Ward, Regan Meunier, Brylee Parker, Noah Mojica, Alex Vitolas, Jordan Moore and Katelyn Hargrove.

### Wilson ISD lists Honor Roll

The final six weeks Honor Roll for Wilson is as follows: All A's: First grade, Tanner Clark, Dylan Steen, Kaitlyn Hernandez, and Leslie Pantoja; Second grade, Garrett Racca; Fourth Grade, Rebekah Parmer; Fifth grade, David Trice and Kylie Steen.

A/B Honor Roll: Second grade, JD Maldonado, Britlyn Yell; Third grade, Ryan Isham, Kaitlyn Yell; Fourth grade, Bryan Mendez; Fifth grade, Ebby Spencer, and Amanda Walton.

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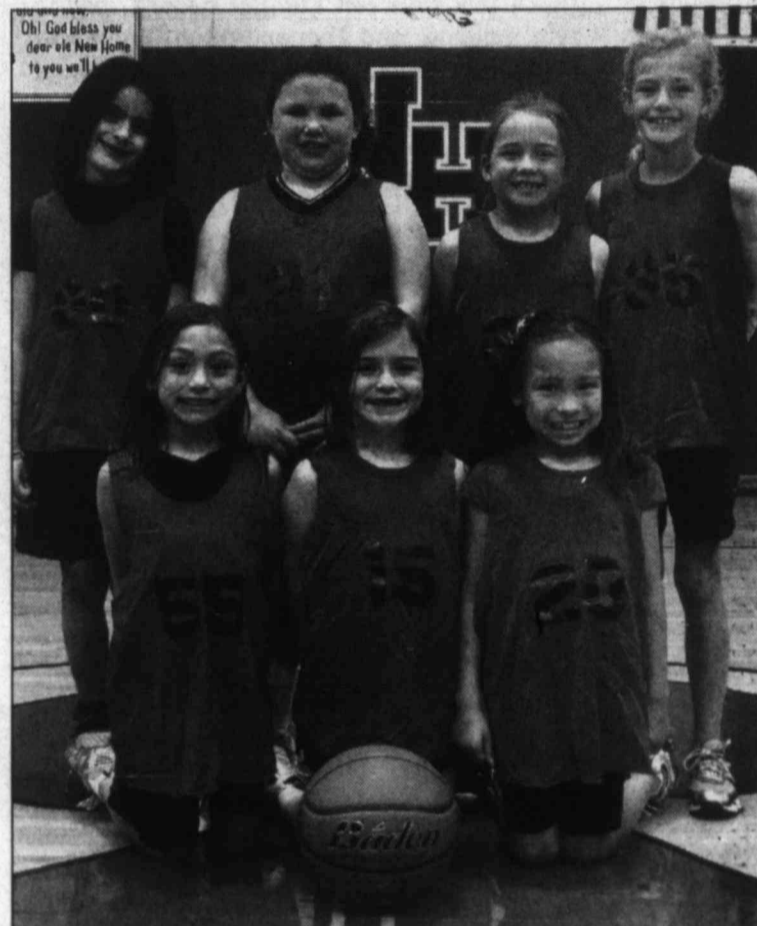
The American Heart Association supports your goal to lose weight for healthier living. If you're overweight, don't waste your energy feeling bad about it. Instead, embrace your decision and use your energy to make it happen. Your choice can dramatically reduce your risk for heart disease and stroke and could increase the quality and length of your life. Here's what you can do to work toward your goal.

**Plan for success one day at a time.** Each day is a new opportunity to make healthy choices. What steps have you taken during the last few weeks to reach your goal?

**Find out your calorie needs.** Learn how much food your body needs to thrive and how much is too much. Learn the proper serving sizes and pay attention to the nutrition facts panel on foods. Take in fewer calories by controlling portions. Track your eating for a day or two. Writing down what you eat will help you recognize your habits. Even if you only dedicate one or two days to food journaling, the practice will help you to be more mindful of your choices. Plan healthy substitutes. Love cakes and donuts? Learn to satisfy that craving with a healthy substitute like a whole grain food like bread or cereal with a small amount of fruit and yogurt. If you crave crunchy foods like chips, allow yourself two or three chips and a handful of baby carrots. Plan well and select substitutes you'll really enjoy!

**Get active.** Your goal is to burn more calories than you take in. For weight loss, we suggest you learn how many calories you're burning and get a minimum of 150 minutes per week of moderate exercise or 75 minutes of vigorous activity. Even when you're short on time, finding ways to squeeze in short bouts of physical activity for at least 10 minutes three times each day is good for your heart health and your mind.

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Encourage yourself; just keep moving! Record your achievements and efforts, no matter how small. You can do this one-day at a time, and by keeping at it, you will achieve your goals.



**Mini Little Dribblers...** The New Home mini girls Little Dribbler team was coached by Brett Parker. Pictured back row from left, Allison Ward, Mackenzie Bolton, Darby Sherwood, and Kealey Benson. Front row from left is Regan Meunier, Brylee Parker and Kriston Coronado.

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

**Two Sick With Scarlet Fever**  
County Health Officer Dr. E. E. Callaway reports two cases of Scarlet Fever in Tahoka... both patients have been quarantined and every reasonable precaution is being taken to prevent the spread of the disease... the mother of [one of the patients] is just recovering from an attack of diphtheria.  
Dr. Callaway also reported two other cases of diphtheria in the county. 22-1tp

**J.S. Wells Breaks Arm Cranking Car**  
J.S. Wells suffered the fracture of both bones of his right forearm Monday night when he undertook to crank his car and it kicked back. 22-1tp

**Uncle Pete Interviews Billy The Kid**  
"There is no longer any doubt that Billy the Kid still lives. We are reliably informed by old settlers from Borden County that an old white-haired man lives in a cave near Gail and subsists entirely on cottontail rabbits, prairie dogs, rattlesnakes and mesquite beans, and when he will talk at all, freely admits that he is Wm. C. Bonnie, whom Pat Garrett was erroneously reported to have killed at Ft. Sumner, New Mexico, 32 years ago. Some time ago a party of newspaper writers approached the cave intending to interview old Billy but lost heart when they saw the old hero standing at the cave door clad in meekness only and armed with a large rawhide quirt with which he slapped his bootleg in a most threatening manner." -- UNCLE PETE  
(Excerpt from "Opinions of our Readers" column), October 6, 1932

**New Confidence Is Felt in Return of Prosperity as Banks are Re-Opened**  
Most of the banks in Texas and throughout the nation opened Wednesday morning, after having been closed about ten days under the direction of the governor of Texas. The First National Bank of Tahoka did not close, however, until the President issued his order closing all banks. It opened for business as usual on Wednesday morning of this week, along with most of the other banks of the nation.  
The First National here is in perfectly sound condition and has been all the time. There has never been any question as to its soundness. It was the condition of a few of the large banks of the nation and the questionable operations of some of their officials that brought on the emergency which made it necessary or advisable for the President to close all the banks. Conservators have been placed in charge of these few shaky banks and they will not be opened again until their affairs are gotten in the very best of condition, it is announced. 22-1tp

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### Lea Gustafson selected to participate in Texas wildlife camp

Lea Gustafson of Lynn County will participate in the Texas Brigades program this summer. She was selected based on her academic records, interest in wildlife and natural resources, and leadership abilities.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to empower high school youth with the necessary skills and knowledge in wildlife and fisheries, habitat conservation, land and water stewardship, team building, communica-

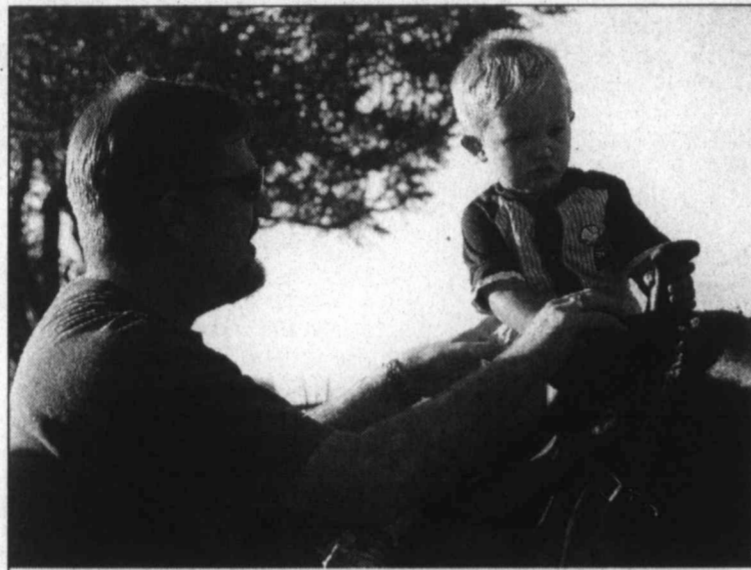
tion, and leadership to become ambassadors for conservation in order to ensure a sustained wildlife and fisheries legacy for future generations. This is the 19th year of the Brigades.

There are five Brigade camps being held this summer; two Buckskin Brigades, two Bobwhite Brigades, and a Bass Brigade.

Due to the high interest of these camps, the application season has closed for this year's camps.

### "Turtles in Turmoil" ...

Lea Gustafson won 2nd place at District 4-H Round-Up on May 7th with her educational presentation on Sea Turtles called "Turtles in Turmoil". Educational presentations are one of the many contests youth can enter through the Lynn County 4-H program. Lea also applied and was accepted to participate in the Texas Rolling Plains Bobwhite Quail Brigade, a competitive summer program where she will learn about wildlife and wildlife conservation. Donations are being accepted to help defray costs for Lea to attend the week-long educational event. "If you are interested in learning more about all that 4-H has to offer, or to make a donation, please call the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Lynn County at 561-4562," said a local representative.



Ride, cowboy ... Jacob Racca rides a horse as his dad, Derek, stays close by at the Burks Rescue Horse Ranch.



This is fun ... Olivia Goodman enjoys her ride on one of the horses at the Burks Rescue Horse Ranch near Wilson. She was part of the group of youth and adults from Wilson First Baptist Church who celebrated the end of the school year with the outing.

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Points for reading ... Students at New Home Elementary were treated to a 100 point AR (Accelerated Reading) party at the new Bodyworks. These 4th-6th grade students are, in back row, Emmanuel Rosa, Carolynne Olsen, Brayden Kirkland, Caitlynn Adams, Gloria Martinez, Triston Hargrove, Kelsey Weatherly and Miguel Gomez; middle row, Michaela Rodriguez, Blaine Kirkland, Arian Mireles, Garrett Jameson, Bobby Barraza and AJ Holley; and in front, Clara Barrington, Katherine Barrington, Joshua Gilmore, Celee Smith, Savanna Lehman and Brooke Tyson.

### Beef cattle care program set in Gail on June 6

Beef cattle care, with a nod to the current drought, will be the basis for a multi-county Texas AgriLife Extension Service program set for 9:30 a.m.,

June 6 in Gail's Borden County Event Center.

The program, titled "Cow/Calf Management in Dry Times," will focus on management priorities in response to the continued low rainfall and subsequent reduction in forage production, said Cody Hill, AgriLife Extension agent in Borden County.

Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist at Amarillo, will be the keynote speaker. He will discuss specific strategies on how to adjust management practices to the lingering low-rainfall conditions.

"A topic of particular interest to many of our producers will be how to find and acquire

the various commodity or 'by-product' feeds available in our region and then how to realize their full potential as supplemental feeds for cattle on our area ranches," Hill said.

Texas Department of Agriculture will offer two continuing education units in the general category.

The program is being conducted by the AgriLife Extension offices in Borden, Dawson, Garza, Lynn, Mitchell and Scurry counties.

Individual pre-registration is \$15 and includes lunch.

For more information and to RSVP by June 3, call the AgriLife Extension office in Borden County at 806-756-4336.

### New directors take oath at LCHD meeting

New board member Sharon Isham and incumbent member Cal Huffaker were administered the oath of office at the May 26 meeting of the Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors. The oath was administered by Notary, Carmen Chapa. In addition, members voted to maintain the current officers and committee members were appointed.

Huffaker brought the board up to date on his involvement with the re-districting efforts and will present more at a later date. In other business, members approved an updated policy and procedure manual for the swing bed program.

Hospital Administrator Jim Morris reported that the hospital has sought request for proposals for an electronic medical record, and demonstrations from three separate vendors have been scheduled for the month of June. The administrator hopes to have the proposals and recommendations for members at the June meeting.

Morris also gave a report of a recent meeting of the Region B Advisory Council on Regional Preparedness and updated members on some of the state's legislative decisions which includes the passage of Senate Bill 894 that gives hospitals in counties with populations of 50,000 or less or "sole community hospitals" or "critical access hospitals" the option to directly employ physicians.

Present at the meeting were directors James Craig, Jannis Horwood, Cal Huffaker, Nancy Guilliams, Victoria Baker, Sharon Isham, Jerry Ford, President and administrator, Jim Morris.

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