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**Tahoka Bulldogs Baseball Team** drew a bye as District Champions and will play the winner of the bi-district round series between Winters and McCamey. Last practice game will be Monday, May 7th - 5 p.m. in New Deal vs New Deal. **Tentative Area Playoffs** set at Moffett Field in Snyder on May 11-12 (2 out of 3 series)

**EARLY VOTING** continues thru May 8 for City/School Elections (see story on page 4 for more details)

**Garage Sale to benefit Sr. Citizens Center**  
This Friday: 3:30 p.m.-dark  
& Saturday: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
at Lynn County Pioneers Center  
1600 South 3rd, Tahoka  
Lots of items for sale!

### Weather

| Date                           | High | Low | Precip.      |
|--------------------------------|------|-----|--------------|
| Apr. 25                        | 102  | 54  |              |
| Apr. 26                        | 91   | 62  |              |
| Apr. 27                        | 89   | 59  |              |
| Apr. 28                        | 87   | 55  |              |
| Apr. 29                        | 80   | 56  | 0.81"        |
| Apr. 30                        | 91   | 57  |              |
| May 1                          | 95   | 60  |              |
| Precipitation for Jan:         |      |     | 0.34"        |
| Precipitation for Feb:         |      |     | 0.91"        |
| Precipitation for Mar:         |      |     | 1.03"        |
| Precipitation for Apr:         |      |     | 1.58"        |
| <b>Total Precip. for 2012:</b> |      |     | <b>3.86"</b> |

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## Large hail pounds area in horrendous storm

by JUANELL JONES

The hailstorm came in with a roar Sunday night, with gunshot-like sounds as hail the size of golf balls and larger slammed into roofs, cars, and windows with a brutal force, leaving a trail of broken glass, scattered branches and holes punched in roofs, windshields, and in some cases, all the way through into some houses in the Tahoka area. No injuries were reported to *The News*, however.

Travelers on Hwy. 87 and 380



searched for any available shelter as golfball and some reports of baseball size hail pelted their vehicles, and flash flooding created havoc on the roads, as well as reports of zero visibility due to fog from the cold hailstones. Several reports of vehicles stranded in ditches were heard over scanners.

The heavy hail hit the city of Tahoka about 11:30 p.m., and Lubbock television newscasters issued reports of a tornado earlier in Lubbock County near FM 1585, and later in the Wilson area, although no damage has been

reported from a possible tornado. A second round of smaller hail, strong winds and brief heavy rain followed after a lull from the first storm, ending about 12:15 a.m. Monday in the Tahoka area.

Monday morning, the most popular guys in town were insurance agents, who were deluged with phone calls and visits regarding property damage such as dented vehicles, busted windshields, broken windows, shattered skylights, and roof damage to many houses in the area.

The storm was widespread, affecting areas of Levelland and Shallowater, then moving southeast toward Wolforth before turning in a more southerly direction to slam through northern Lynn County and down to the Tahoka area. Slaton also was in the path of the storm. Lubbock newscasters reported winds as high as 95 mph at one point, and many reports of golf ball to baseball size hail.

Locally, one woman reported the hail punched all the way through a double-paned window and screen to land on her bedroom floor, from a window on the north side of her home at the northern edge of Tahoka. Another

(See Large Hail, page 8)

### Grapefruit size hail damage

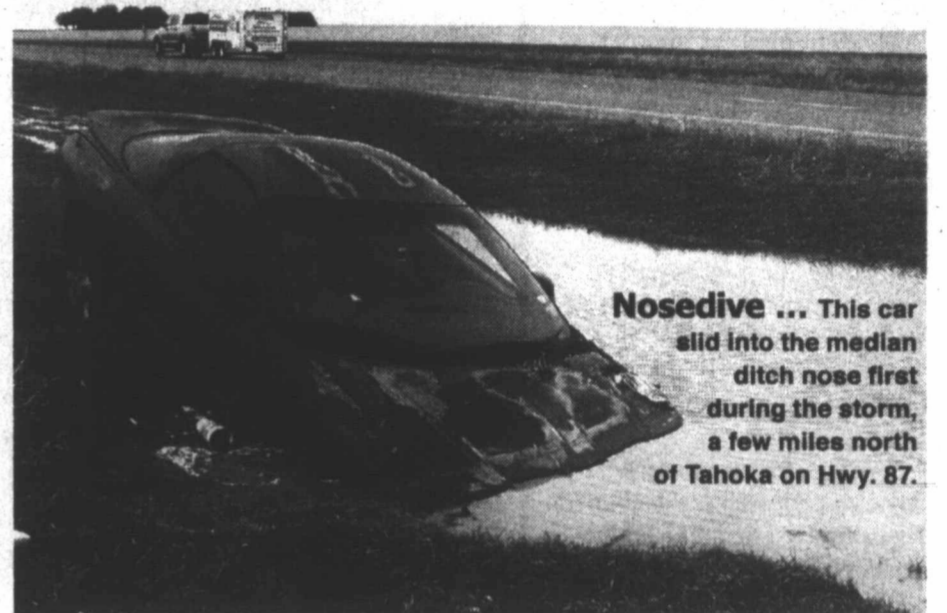
... This is what happens to a car's windshield when golfball to grapefruit size hailstones are hurled at it, and it's not a pretty sight.

The vehicle was parked at the home of Bobbye Bailey, near the Lubbock/Lynn County line just off FM 41, who reported the extremely large hail during Sunday night's storm.



**Abandoned in storm** ... This vehicle was abandoned in a ditch a few miles north of Tahoka on U.S. Hwy. 87 during a brutal thunderstorm that moved through Lynn County late Sunday night, dropping golfball and larger size hail on vehicles traveling on US87. Since it was not involved in an accident, law enforcement officials had no information, but apparently the passengers must have exited the vehicle on the passenger side and were unable to close the door.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



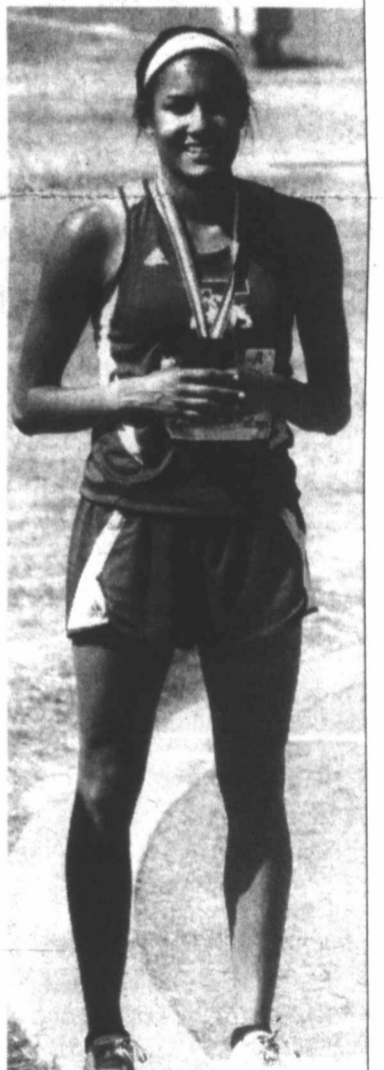
**Nosedive** ... This car slid into the median ditch nose first during the storm, a few miles north of Tahoka on Hwy. 87.

## State-bound, again! Brittney Liggins is regional champion in 300m hurdles

Tahoka High School senior Brittney Liggins is statebound to the Class 1A State Track Meet in Austin, to compete in two events after claiming wins in the Regional Track Meet in Levelland last week. She was Regional Champion in the girls 300 meter hurdles, taking first place with a time of 45.63 seconds, and she claimed third place in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 16.85 seconds.

Liggins has made several trips to the state track meet to compete in these events, and it's her second trip to Austin this school year, after advancing in cross country to the state level. She is the daughter of John and Joey Miller of Tahoka. As a junior, she earned a 3rd and 4th place medal in the 300m and 100m hurdles at the state track meet. This year's state competition is slated for May 11-12, at track facilities at The University of Texas at Austin.

Several other Tahoka High School athletes competed in the Regional Track Meet as well. Kordell Baker earned 5th place in the boys 800 meter run, with a time of 2:05.43. Dastine White earned 6th place in girls shot put, with a distance of 34'5 1/2", and McKenzie Dimak took 7th place in the girls 400 meter run, with a time of 1:03.81. Taya Bishop competed in girls high jump (4'8"), and the boys 800 meter relay team also competed, consisting of Traivone Smith, Ian Zamarron, Smith McLelland, and Preston Hammonds.



## woodwork

by dalton wood



THE SKY IS FALLING in California, and Chicken Little gave no warning at all. And in Bryan, TX, considered the home of Texas A&M, a 4-foot alligator was seen on a downtown street.

These were two of the more interesting stories in the Lubbock newspaper last Thursday, along with a report of record high temperatures around here and a nice tribute to a teenaged Lubbock violinist who has composed some notable classical music.

Over northern California, scientists say a giant fireball ("about the size of a minivan") exploded when a meteor four or five billion years old entered the earth's atmosphere, with a loud boom and with about a third of the explosive force of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in World War II.

The scientists say they found little particles of the meteor in the Sierra foothills. The tiny rocks weighed about as much as two nickels. The story didn't say how they found the little pieces. Maybe they just followed the sound of rock music in the desert.

The alligator found in the streets of Bryan was captured and released into the Navasota River about 10 miles west of the city, so here's a warning for any Aggies planning to swim in that river: don't do it.

Authorities had no clue about how the alligator wound up in Bryan. But possibly someone had brought the reptile there to enroll in some college course considered a snap.

It was a rare species, called an Aggiegator.

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THE LOONEY on Lockwood admits he's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.



### Joyce Tilley Gary

N. Joyce Tilley Gary of Big Lake, departed this life on April 29, 2012, at the age of 77 years. She was born in Morgan Bosque Co. Texas on September 15, 1934, to Steve and Rutha (Billings) Tilley. Joyce married Raymond Gary on September 30, 1951. Joyce worked as a teacher's aide.

Those left to cherish her memory are two daughters, Kim Heap and husband Craig of Big Lake and Kasha Craig; two sons, Keith Gary of Big Lake, TX and Kevin Gary and wife Rhonda of Odessa, TX; sisters, Ora Lee LaFon of Waco, Earlene Bolin of McGregor, Ima Jean James and Dorma Osben, both of Lubbock and Sherry Tilley of Tahoka; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Gary is preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Kathi Brookshire and a brother, Weldon Tilley.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at Combest Family Memorial Chapel in Tahoka. Celebration of Life

Service was held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at Combest Family Memorial Chapel in Tahoka. Interment was at Nevels Cemetery.

Please join us in celebrating Joyce's life by visiting [www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com). (PAID)

### Nellie Kelley

Graveside services for Nellie Mable Kelley, 100, of Pasadena, Tx were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 25, at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in

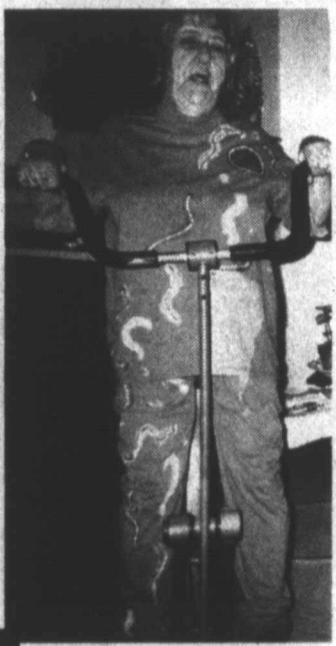
Houston, with Rev. Roland Hill officiating. She died April 21, 2012.

She was born April 11, 1912. She was a longtime member of Richey Street Baptist Church, Pasadena, where she taught Sunday School classes for many years. She was a beautician in earlier years, and was also an artist.

Survivors include her niece and caretaker, Bobbie Schniebs, of Pasadena; three sisters, Lura Lavenia Robertson, Audene Pilkinton, both of Lubbock, Lenda Wood, of Tahoka; and a brother, Travis Cain of Lubbock; and several nieces and nephews.

### Dear Mom ... R.I.P.

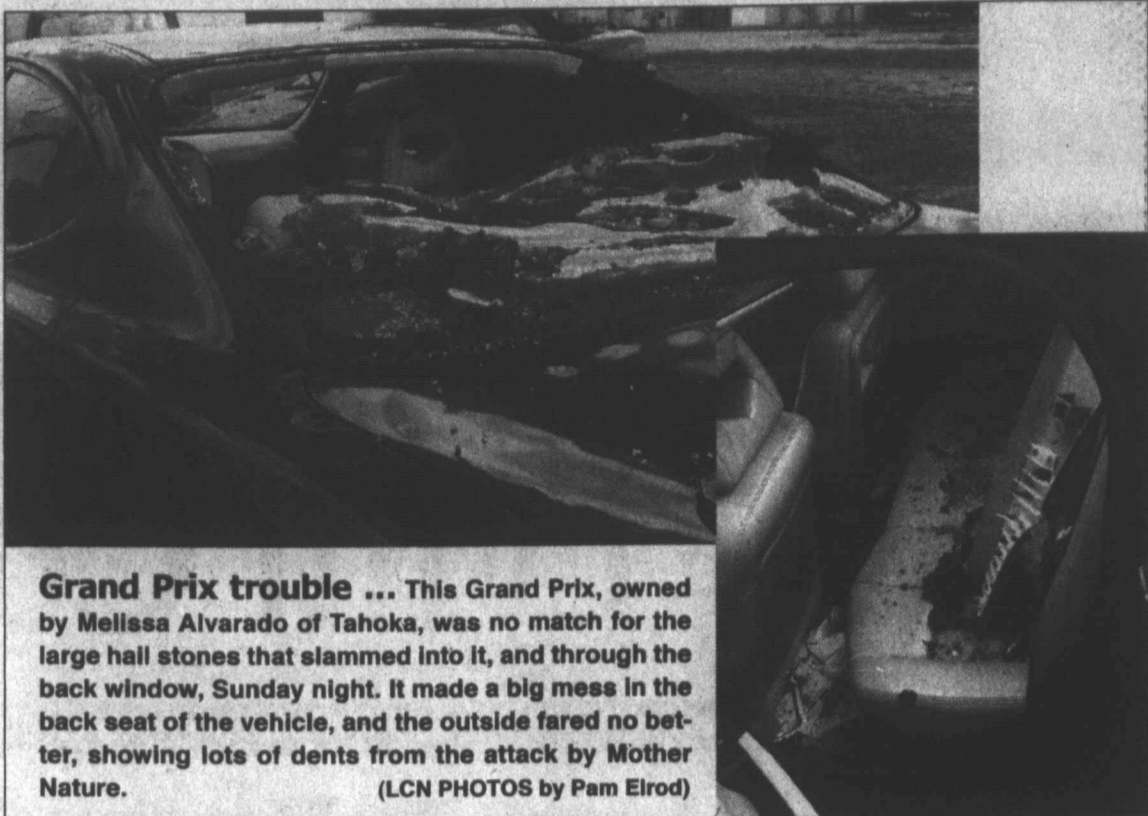
*On May 3, 1926, you were born and on May 4, 2009 the Lord our God called you to Him ... and now it has been 3 years since He called you.*



We, your kids, miss you like crazy and we love you so, so much. But you are in a better place and now it's your birthday coming and here you find all your kids singing "Happy Birthday" to you because we know you can hear us singing from where you are now.

**We love you, Mom ...**  
Happy Birthday and may you R.I.P.

**LOVE YOU!**  
*Your kids and grandkids*



**Grand Prix trouble ...** This Grand Prix, owned by Melissa Alvarado of Tahoka, was no match for the large hail stones that slammed into it, and through the back window, Sunday night. It made a big mess in the back seat of the vehicle, and the outside fared no better, showing lots of dents from the attack by Mother Nature. (LCN PHOTOS by Pam Elrod)

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

Our readers are encouraged to express their opinions in Letters to the Editor. Letters to the Editor are accepted by the Lynn County News in person (1617 Main Street); by mail (P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka 79373); or by fax (806-561-6308). All letters must be signed with a handwritten signature, and all are subject to editing for length. The editor reserves the right to refuse any letter because of vulgarity or libel issues.

### DONNA WILLIS

FOR LYNN COUNTY  
**TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR**

*I will appreciate your vote in the Republican Primary, May 29*

*"5 years experience as Deputy Clerk has prepared me to serve you in this office."*

EARLY VOTING: MAY 14-25

### LETTER to the EDITOR

#### Baseball park looks great

While patrolling on the weekend and evenings, I have noticed a renewed interest in America's favorite sport, baseball, and I can't help but think that part of that is because of the remodeled concession stands, repaired seating, reseeded field and the replacing of old fencing to the major league and the softball park. As a Tahoka citizen I would like to take a moment and thank the people responsible for all this work and respectfully ask that everyone else do the same. They went above and beyond to work on the park. Many thanks to Sam Monsivias, Jimmy Garcia, Abel Vega, and Eddie Chavarria...the park looks great, better than they ever have.

Tom Tejada

### Senior Citizens MENU

#### MAY 7-11

**Monday:** Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges w/ whipped topping  
**Tuesday:** Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, watermelon  
**Wednesday:** Salisbury steak, diced potatoes, English peas, roll, fruit salad  
**Thursday:** Chicken fajitas & vegetables, Spanish rice, corn, flour tortilla, fruit cocktail  
**Friday:** Hot dogs, baked potato, seasoned broccoli, pineapple gelatin

**Senior Citizens Announcements:**  
• **HUGE GARAGE SALE:** Friday 3:30 pm til dark and Saturday 9 am-2 pm. All proceeds benefit our on-site and home-delivery meal programs. Please come out and support our Center.

• Gently used medical equipment available to lend out. Call 561-5264 for more information.  
• **The Feed Our Community program:** a ten (10) day lunch ticket for a suggested donation of \$35. If the individual is under 60, a ten-day ticket costs \$50. The lunch ticket can be used for an on-site meal, a take-out meal or if eligible, for delivery. Purchase for a specific person or donate and the Center will pick a person.

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**MICHAEL MUNK**  
For DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
*Integrity. Experience. Dedication to Justice.*  
[www.MUNKforDA.com](http://www.MUNKforDA.com)

#### QUALITIES OF A DISTRICT ATTORNEY

On May 29th, when you vote for district attorney, ask yourself what qualities you wish that person to possess. I believe the district attorney must be a good lawyer with a proven trial record. They must be an administrator that can successfully manage their attorneys and support staff and deal with many other people from different types of professional and personal backgrounds. A district attorney must be compassionate while remaining resolute in their own convictions in obtaining justice for all involved in a case. They must be a leader, not just for their employees, but for law enforcement throughout the district who must make difficult life-threatening decisions on a daily basis. Without strong leadership, cases will not be prosecuted as aggressively as they need to be. Furthermore, if law enforcement loses confidence in their district attorney, it leads to a decline in the quality of cases that are submitted for prosecution. Above all, a district attorney must possess the integrity to lead by example, and uphold the laws of the state that he took an oath to defend, in order to have the confidence of the people he or she represents.

#### MY QUALIFICATIONS

I received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Arizona and my law degree from St. John's University School of Law in Jamaica, New York. I have been an attorney for 10 years. I am licensed to practice law in the state courts of Texas, New York, and Connecticut. I am also registered to practice before the United States Patent & Trademark Office. I began the practice of law in civil practice but the majority has been spent in criminal justice. I was hired by the former 106th Judicial District Attorney, Ricky B. Smith, starting from the ground up as a Victim Advocate, advancing to felony prosecutor, and eventually becoming Smith's first assistant district attorney. I was responsible for case management among the attorneys in the office, maintained my own criminal docket, and also prosecuted all protective orders for victims of family violence and asset forfeitures in the district. After Smith's retirement at the end of 2008, I moved to Post and was elected to the Office of Garza County Attorney where I have been prosecuting adult misdemeanor and juvenile cases in four different courts in Garza County. I also provide counsel to the Garza County Commissioner's Court on civil issues as they arise. I feel that my unique qualifications allow me to approach a case from multiple points of view than a typical prosecutor would. I have prosecuted hundreds of cases over the years and have had about twenty criminal jury trials in district and county courts with a 90% conviction rate. I have implemented a 24/7 no refusal policy for blood draws to be taken from suspects of DWI's and BWT's to keep Garza County's roads and waterways safe. I have been aggressive against thefts and crimes against small businesses. Hot check prosecutions have led to a very high return of restitution to our local businesses. And if elected District Attorney, I will work equally hard for all four counties of the district.

#### MY GOALS FOR CHANGE

Having been the Garza County Attorney since 2009, and also having served as assistant district attorney under the former district attorney, I can honestly say, things have changed just as District Attorney Brian Kingston claimed it would in his race in 2008, but it has NOT changed for the better.

The first year in office, he sent letters to all four county attorneys claiming that despite the fact that the District Attorney's Office has prosecuted protective orders for victims of family violence since the inception of protective orders in Texas, that as district attorney he would no longer represent victims of family violence in Dawson, Gaines, Garza, or Lynn Counties. Only after much public outrage did he reverse his position. However, in Garza County, with the agreement of the Commissioners Court, I continue to prosecute protective orders consistent with the Family Code, fearing they would not be given the proper attention if left to the District Attorney's Office.

Local and state law enforcement officers often voice their concerns that the current District Attorney refuses to file their cases, including DWI's, assault family violence, and thefts. Many of these cases that should be filed as felonies end up getting filed with me in County Court where repeat offenders never get the true range of punishment for their crimes. Two years ago, a defendant with seven prior DWI's was refused prosecution by the DA and sent to me to file in Garza County Court.

Since Kingston took office, criminals are tried before a jury far less often with countless deals being made for pre-trial diversions and deferred probation. One of the biggest complaints from law enforcement is that when they are tried, prosecutors, as well as their witnesses, are poorly prepared leading to many lost cases. As an example, since 2009 the District Attorney's Office has tried just one jury trial in Garza County concluding in a not guilty verdict. In the same amount of time, and as the sole attorney in my office, I have prosecuted hundreds of cases in county court and taken seven before a jury with a 100% conviction rate for each defendant.

Officers in Garza County come to me regularly requesting assistance with felony cases and felony warrants as the DA and his prosecutors never seem to be available when needed. Four years ago, I approached Kingston when he was a candidate for District Attorney, with the idea of having felony prosecutors in the remote counties to better and more efficiently assist law enforcement agencies around the district. Initially it met with his approval, however the plan was never implemented. Since then Kingston continues to come to the Garza County Commissioners Court every year during their budget workshop promising to have someone in Garza County at least once a week, though never following through with his promise.

If elected, felonies will be prosecuted in the District Attorney's Office, not passed onto the County Attorneys as misdemeanors. Prosecutors will be prepared for jury trials, and they will keep officers and witnesses prepared in advance of trials and hearings. I will use the assistance of the county attorneys if I am otherwise unable to provide the remote counties with a felony prosecutor to more efficiently and speedily provide law enforcement with the counsel they require. Most importantly, I aim to return the integrity of the Office to what it once was.

#### WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

My experience in the criminal justice system has been exclusive to the four counties comprising our 106th Judicial District of Dawson, Gaines, Garza, and Lynn Counties. I have worked closely with victims, victim's families, law enforcement personnel, and social workers, all from our own communities, in order to obtain justice in each particular case. Whether it is to make a victim and their family whole again, or to punish the guilty and deter future crime, the goal is the same, to see that justice is done.

I have made and maintained working relationships with all of the law enforcement agencies in the district. I can confidently say that I have the support of the vast majority of those men and women that are on the front lines of our daily war on crime. And after maintaining the confidence of all those people that I have worked alongside over the years, I feel prepared for the responsibility of the position of District Attorney.

I began my career in criminal prosecution in Lamesa, and if I were to be elected District Attorney, I will move back and live in Lamesa as it is more centrally located in the District.

#### ABOUT THE ELECTION

Whether you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent, I think we can all agree that as far as a chief felony prosecutor goes, we want someone who will be tough on crime, provide strong leadership in the Office of District Attorney, and have the integrity to lead by example. So regardless of your political beliefs, be aware that you may vote in the Republican Primary and still vote for whoever you wish in November (the only exception may be if you are an elected Democratic official). In fact, without a contested Democratic Primary in Dawson, Gaines, Garza, or Lynn Counties this May, your vote will only make a difference in the Republican Primary where there will be multiple contested races in most of the counties. So ask for a Republican Ballot this primary election, and let's make a difference together. See you at the polls!



**Cabinets are in ...** The kitchen cabinets are now in place at the "Butterfly Blessings for Laela Duran" house, as work continues progressing this week. May 13 is the target date for an open house ceremony. (Photo from Butterfly Blessings facebook page)

**Tile floor nears completion ...**

The tile flooring in the kitchen/dining area was nearing completion at the "Butterfly Blessings for Laela Duran" house early this week, and other finishing details inside the home are being done as well. Exterior concrete work and landscaping is expected to begin late this week. Volunteers who want to help with landscaping should arrive at 8 a.m. Saturday.



**Butterfly Blessings project targets May 13 for Open House**

The "Butterfly Blessings for Laela Duran" volunteer project to build a new home for the Duran family in Tahoka is continuing on track after some minor delays, and project coordinators say this week that they are hopeful that work will be completed on time for a May 13 Open House at 1318 Ave. K.

"We're on track, and hopeful that we will still be able to have the planned Open House on Sunday, May 13, so that the community can come and see what God has done through the generosity of so many people."

— DR. STEVEN BONNER, Project Coordinator

The flooring is being installed this week, and he anticipated that the brick work would be completed and landscaping projects to begin soon. Volunteers who want to help with landscaping should arrive at 8 a.m. Saturday.

"There are lots of little details that require specific expertise that have to be completed before the next phase of work, and we are hoping that these will be done this week, so that the finishing work can begin," he said.

"Again, we cannot express our appreciation enough for all the volunteers, and especially those skilled professionals who have volunteered their time and expertise for this project," said Dr. Bonner. "We still covet prayers for this project and for the Duran family," he added.

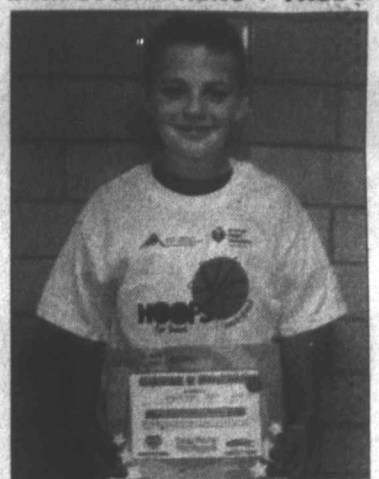
Louis and Sylvia Duran, daughter Charlie and son Mikey, will live in the house when it is completed. The project is named Butterfly Blessings for Laela Marie Duran in honor and memory of their 8-year-old daughter who died in a tragic house fire here in November 2011.

**Burglary, disorderly conduct investigated**

Theft of a videocassette recorder from a Tahoka home and separate incidents of a threat and disorderly conduct in a public place were investigated by Tahoka Police during the last week.

On Saturday Linda Newsom advised police that someone had entered her residence on N. 6th St. and stolen the Sanyo VCR valued at \$150.

A 34-year-old Tahoka woman was named as a suspect in the disorderly conduct incident that



**Hoops for Heart**

... Bryson Stone was the top collector for Hoops for Heart with a collection of \$330 in the Tahoka Elementary Hoops for Heart project. "I want to thank the community for supporting Tahoka Elementary's Hoops for Heart. We raised over \$750. Heart disease is our nation's number one killer, and we use this opportunity to discuss heart health, exercise and eating healthy," explained Tina Wuensche, project coordinator.

occurred April 23 in a Tahoka business. A 29-year-old Tahoka woman said she was conversing with another woman inside the store when the suspect came up and cursed her within hearing of other customers. The store owner and an employee escorted the woman from the business.

Police also talked to two Tahoka men, one of whom accused the other of threatening him last Thursday.

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

**National Hospital Week May 6-12 at Lynn County Hospital District**

A hospital is more than a place where people go to heal. It is a part of the community that fosters health and represents hope. Not just providing treatment and comfort to the sick, our hospital is central to a healthy and optimistic community. LCHD is proud to serve the citizens of Lynn County and beyond.

We are extremely proud of each member of our staff and we recognize the important role they play in extending a sense of trust to our patients and our communities.

Next week the hospital will celebrate National Hospital Week by honoring different departments in our hospital throughout the week. We encourage the community to say thank you to any staff you may come in contact with during this week.

Listed are the days and departments we will honor.

- Monday: Hats off to Nurses ~ Honoring Nurses;
- Tuesday: Dream Vacation Day ~ Honoring Business Office/Family Wellness Staff/IT
- Wednesday: Inside Out Day ~ Honoring Ancillary Services-Lab, Radiology, PT & EMS
- Thursday: Retirement Day ~ Honoring Lynnwood staff
- Friday: Team up with us!! ~ Honoring Facilities Management-Housekeeping, Dietary & Maintenance

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OPEN at 9:00 am every 1st & 3rd SATURDAY of the month for those needing clothing. (Please use West entrance.)  
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Come join us in celebrating O'Donnell's 2nd annual celebration of **Cinco De Mayo**  
**Saturday, May 5, 2012**  
10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Midnight  
in the O'Donnell City Park  
1st Street and Nassau Road • O'Donnell, Texas

**Music!**  
Music DJ: **Tribble J Productions**  
Performer: **Melissa Pedroza**  
**Solitos Car Club**  
and more!

**Dancers!**  
Lubbock's **Ballet Folklorico Dancers**  
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**Winner at State Science Fair ...** New Home eighth-grader Lea Gustafson (second from left) is pictured with fellow engineering winners at the 2012 ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair in San Antonio April 1. She won second place in the junior-division electrical/mechanical engineering for her project on wave power.

**Texas Historical Commission cautions about artifact hunting on public lands**

With the proliferation of reality television programs devoted to digging for artifacts and other buried treasure, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) reminds the public that the Texas Antiquities Code requires any artifacts discovered on public land must be reported to the THC. The agency is the legal custodian of all items discovered and recovered at state historic and archeological sites.

The Texas Legislature enacted the Texas Antiquities Code in 1969. The Code protects all state historic and archeological sites on public land, including sites above and below ground, and those submerged beneath rivers, lakes, and seawater along the Texas Gulf Coast. The THC is charged with enforcing the Antiquities Code. Violation of any provision of the Code is a misdemeanor, punishable by fine and/or a jail sentence. Unauthorized removal of artifacts on federal land is also prohibited, and may result in both civil and criminal penalties.

For more information, contact the THC's Archeology Division at 512.463.609.

**New Home student wins engineering award at State Science Fair**

SAN ANTONIO - Lea Gustafson, a New Home ISD student, was recognized for her innovation and scientific prowess at the ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair (EMTSEF), held March 29-April 1 in San Antonio.

Hosted by The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) College of Sciences, the state-level competition offered students who placed at regional science fairs the opportunity to vie for top prizes and college scholarships as well as a spot at the international science fair.

Lea Gustafson received second place in junior-division electrical/mechanical engineering for her project on wave power. She is an eighth grade student at New Home ISD, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Gustafson.

Winners were selected from 1,000 participants representing two divisions - junior (grades six through eight) and senior (grades nine through 12). First-through fifth-place winners received awards in one of 17 categories. Two Grand-Prize winners and one Best-in-Show project were also selected from each division.

Gustafson, who placed in the top 10 percent among junior-division participants, is eligible to apply for the Broadcom

MASTERS program, a national science, technology, engineering and mathematics competition for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students hosted by the Society for Science and the Public.

To be eligible to participate in the EMTSEF, students won first-through third-place or grand prize at one of 12 regional fairs held across Texas. Each regional fair is sanctioned by Science Service, a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the understanding and appreciation of science among people of all ages.



**N. 2nd and Sky road? ...** The street sign at the corner of N. 2nd and Ave. P was bent and pointing at the sky after Sunday night's hailstorm in Tahoka, apparently after a hailstone bit a bullseye on the street sign. (LCN PHOTO)

**Early voting continues for city/school elections**

Early voting for the May 12 city and school board elections began Monday, April 30 and continues through May 8 at various locations, depending on the election.

Early voting will be conducted during regular business hours at the Lynn County Courthouse (basement courtroom) for both the City of Tahoka and Tahoka ISD elections. Two 12-hour early voting days are May 1 and May 8 for these elections, with the polls open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. The city has one contested race on the ballot, with incumbent Ronny Jolly and Max Mendieta III seeking the District 2 city council seat, and there are four candidates for two at-large seats on the Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees. Incumbents John Hawthorne and Cathy Box are challenged by candidates Heath Brewer and Aaron McCleskey for the two TISD trustee positions.

Three candidates are vying for two seats on the Wilson ISD Board of Trustees, including incumbents April Moore and

Daniel Clark, and candidate Anissa Purswell. Early voting will be held at the Wilson Elementary office.

Four candidates for two seats will be on the O'Donnell ISD ballot, including incumbent Monty Hancock and candidates Mandy Stidham, Jessie Perez and Norma J Mecalco. Early voting will be conducted at the OISD Administrative Office.

All other city and school elections in the county, as well as the Lynn County Hospital District election, have been cancelled due to uncontested races, with those candidates to be declared elected after May 12.

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**A Message From State Representative Charles Perry, House District 83**

I would not normally respond to personal attacks and half-truths, but this matter involves innocent people that do not deserve to be placed in a state of fear and confusion about their retirement. I have had many meetings with educators (retired and current) and this is my second attempt in writing to set the record straight.

As a husband to a career educator, who will soon join the ranks of retired teachers, and as a father to a Texas Tech graduate with a degree in education, my perspective on the Teachers Retirement System (TRS) spans both ends of the spectrum. My wife will retire in May of this year and statistically, it is very likely she will draw from TRS longer than she contributed to it. On the other end of the spectrum, if my daughter chooses to pursue teaching she deserves to draw from the same plan. As a legislator, I have to have the political will necessary to make sure the plan will be there when this generation and future generations retire. Further, I have a moral obligation to honor the commitments we make, not just in regards to TRS, but also in matters of public safety, infrastructure, mental health, indigent care, and all other areas of the budget. This is no easy task, but it is my job to find the balance that honors these obligations and it is one I do not take lightly.

Recently, I was named as an "enemy" to teachers and TRS during an "informal" forum held in Brownfield. This is not an isolated event and, since the beginning of session I have been working to correct misinformation that is out there. Those that have taken the time to meet with me and discuss their opinions and concerns have discovered that my position on TRS has been consistent. I am a CPA by profession and I have witnessed the demise of many defined benefit plans during my thirty years of practice. This remains one of the biggest challenges for state and local governments across the country.

We are fortunate to have a system in Texas that has performed well. During the TRS Board of Trustees meeting in Lubbock this past February a "TRS Legislative Study Overview" was distributed which gave a comprehensive overview of the fund. It indicated that currently the plan is 83% funded and should remain actuarially sound through 2075. In past years, modifications have been made to the plan to eliminate policies that would have threatened the longevity of the fund; namely, lump-sum, pension spiking, and age/service rules. The reality is that we are living longer and have to remain diligent in our efforts to manage the plan. As legislators, our task is to make sure that the plan reflects the economic realities of the day. For example, age and service requirements are an area that should be monitored on a regular basis.

Unfortunately, there are groups in Austin that are proposing conversion to a defined contribution plan and the best defense against this is a strong defined benefit plan. This has been my philosophy since day one. I support, and will continue to support, the current defined benefit plan. The rhetoric being disseminated doesn't match up to the facts, but my actions do:

- I co-authored House Bill 3542, which would have given retired educators a "13th check" if investment performance met certain conditions. This would have helped them to weather the current economic climate since they don't receive automatic cost-of-living adjustments. The TRS pension fund has improved dramatically over the past fiscal year and this year. With the protections provided by the bill, the pension fund could afford to provide a supplemental payment without harming the fund.
- I am on written record with both the Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA) and the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) supporting a viable defined benefit plan. My answers to their 2012 Candidate Questionnaires will be available on their websites.
- I am working with Lege. Council to draft a bill for next session that would have Texas equal to or above the federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) match that a private sector employer has for their employees. It only makes sense that a teacher should be on the same contribution rate that a private sector employee would be.
- Big picture, the competition for state dollars is fierce. Our public school system was appropriated approximately \$34 billion from the General Revenue Fund. Health and Human Services received approximately \$24 billion and is moving at warp speed to consume more and more. I spent most of my session working on healthcare and Medicaid reforms, with an emphasis on the delivery of those services for today and the future. If we do not manage the health care delivery system, education will continue to be on the defense. I feel as though I can advocate for education by using my skills as a CPA to make sure that all areas of the budget are operating as efficiently as possible.

In politics, especially during campaign season, you have to ask yourself if the facts line up with the rhetoric. Even more importantly, remember to ask yourself if you have spoken with the candidate. Hidden agendas are rampant in this environment and the truth is often buried under misinformation. I look forward to as many meetings as required to clear up any misunderstandings. On several occasions I have had joint meetings with both current and retired teachers and hope to have that opportunity in my new counties. As a note, I am a very detailed speaker and have been told that I give too much information, so I will take responsibility for any confusion that arises from that. It can't be emphasized enough that I feel strongly about the importance of this issue and am willing to speak to anyone that would like to speak to me.

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**Big dents ...** This brand new GMC Denali doesn't look showroom ready anymore, although it had only 54 miles on the odometer when owner Carol Botkin ran into a massive hailstorm on Hwy. 87 Sunday night as she tried to make her way home to Tahoka from Lubbock.

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### Tahoka Tumblers compete in New Deal Meet

The Tahoka Tumblers competed in their 2nd meet of the school year on March 24th in New Deal. The tumblers did a great job representing their school and brought home many medals. The following won 1st Place medals: 3 year old: Natalie Valdez. Pre-K: Averi Duncan, Micaela Sullivan, Kylee Chapa and Kylie Jolly. Kindergarten: Kaycee Swinford and Brooklyn Harris. 1st Grade: Axie Allen. 2nd Grade: Noelani Rodriguez, Sydney Cornelius and Kylie McNeely. 3rd Grade: Karlie Swinford. 4th Grade: Marisol Vega.

The following won 2nd Place medals: 3 year old: Gabby Balderas. Pre-K: Kate Warren and Baylie Harris. Kindergarten: Aayliah Clark, Isabella Saucedo, Natalie Whitley and Cagnie Long. 1st Grade: Madison Fox. 2nd Grade: Amy Tew. 3rd Grade: Eula Tomamao.

The following won 3rd Place medals: 3 year old: Kaitlynn Smith, Averi McNeely, and Katy Whitley. Pre-K: Emily Smith, Raymie Scott and Kaelyn Barrientez.

### Memorial for Vietnam Veterans planned in Texas

To recognize the service of Texas' Vietnam veterans, the Texas Legislature authorized the Texas Capitol Vietnam War Monument in 2005. Donations to help build the monument are being matched dollar-for-dollar by the state, up to a maximum of \$500,000. The funds are being allocated through the Texas Historical Commission (THC). The estimated cost of the project is \$1.5 million, and is anticipated to be completed early next year. The 14-foot-high monument will include five service members representing the ethnic and racial diversity of the more than 500,000 Texans who served during the Vietnam War.

For more information on how you can help, visit [www.buildthemonument.org](http://www.buildthemonument.org) or contact the Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument at 512-970-9708.



**Open-air skylights** ... Homeowner Todd Lockaby probably had a little too much sky showing through his skylights after Sunday night's hailstorm in Tahoka, as all three were shattered by the massive hailstorm that slammed into the area.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

### Winning streak continues as Bulldogs practice for playoffs

The winning streak would continue on Saturday night for the Tahoka Bulldogs, as they knocked off the Floydada Whirlwinds in a playoff tune-up game Saturday by a score of 12-11.

The game would not start off very well for Tahoka as they found themselves in a 2-0 hole after two complete innings. They would respond however, with a 9 run outburst capped by a 2 RBI single by senior outfielder, Logan Tekell and a two-out triple by senior shortstop, Zach Garcia.

As could be expected with two evenly matched teams, Tahoka and Floydada traded runs for most of the game. But after a 20 minute power failure, Floydada crawled back into the game, due in large part to a 4 run 5th inning.

Tahoka would cling to a 2 run lead going into the bottom half of the 7th. After a leadoff ground-out for Floydada, the Whirlwinds

grabbed their 11th run and had the tying run on first base with 2 outs. But Tahoka would hold on when first baseman, Cristian Ramirez snared a sharp, would-be double down the first base line and calmly stepped on first base for the final out.

The Bulldogs would use 5 pitchers on the day. Each pitcher would perform very well, combining to only give up 4 earned runs and strike out 6 Floydada batters. Those pitchers were Trystan Hilger, Ethan Curry, Swade Hammonds, John Ryan Barrientez, and Dom Herrera. Tahoka was led at the plate by Cristian Ramirez, who went 3 for 4 with a double and 2 RBI's.

Tahoka will begin their first playoff run since 2002 by taking on the winner of the bi-district round series between the Winters Blizzards and the McCamey Badgers. More details to come on that series, but tentative plans have been made to play the Area round at Moffett Field in Snyder. That series will be played May 11-12, but the site for the game remains tentative until the winner is determined between Winters and McCamey.

### HOME Ministries gears up for another year of home projects

HOME ministries, a Tahoka-based volunteer group that assists families in need with home repair projects, is in the process of gearing back up for another year of service.

"Last year was a great year. We were able to assist several families with projects they were unable to achieve without assistance from the outside. HOME was able to assist with seven different projects. It was possible only because of the financial support of the community and the volunteers that were willing to give their time and physical labor," said Alton and Angie James, coordinators.

"We are also preparing for another fund raiser dinner that we hope will be fun for those attending. This year our grand prize for our raffle will be a barbecue grill/smoker combination valued at \$2200. We will also have items to auction off at the

dinner, local homemade baked goods, weekend lodging for 2 to 6 people in Ruidoso, New Mexico as well as several home cooked meals for 4 to 8 people will be available and more," said the couple.

The HOME Ministries fundraiser dinner will be held June 16 at Roddy and Marci Gandy's place near the Tahoka cemetery. Hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, beans and homemade ice will be the menu for this event.

Watch for more information in upcoming issues.

### Volunteers Wanted at Butterfly Blessings this weekend!

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The due date was April 16, 2012 - An additional extension to May 15 is available upon written request by the property owner.

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## New Home FFA livestock team advances to state competition

The New Home ISD Livestock team competed at the Texas Tech Area Contest where once again they advanced to the

state competition at Texas A&M where they will compete this Saturday. The Team placed 2nd in district and 4th in area. Team members are Jonathan Nieman, Rachel Slaugh, Haley Lehman and Carter Long.

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*Twelve busy little bees must collect the nectar from 2,000 flowers to make a tablespoon of honey.*

How many pounds of tomatoes does the average American eat each year?  
*22 lbs. - More than half the nation's tomato consumption is in the form of ketchup and tomato sauce.*

What is the oldest known plant used for livestock feed?  
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How much broccoli does the average American eat each year?  
*4 lbs. - We're eating 900 percent more broccoli than we did 20 years ago.*

The New Home ISD Wooland, Entomology and Cotton teams also competed at the Texas Tech contests, which was their state competition. The Wool team finished 35th in state. Members were Quincy Decker, Linzee Gibbons and Sammy Olsen.

The Cotton team finished 25th in state. Their team consisted of Haley Lehman, Rachel Saugh, Lexi Torres and Merritt Mitchell.

The Entomology team advanced to state where they finished 35th. Their team consisted of Chris Alaniz, Eric Baker, Bradley Walden and Mike Goodnough.



**State-bound ...** The New Home Livestock team competed at the Texas Tech Area Contest where once again they advanced to the state competition at Texas A&M where they will compete this Saturday. The Team placed 2nd in District and 4th in Area. Team members are Jonathan Nieman, Rachel Slaugh, Haley Lehman and Carter Long.

## Texas historical marker program celebrates 50 years of telling history

AUSTIN - From a lonely stretch of highway to imposing city skyscrapers, most of us have seen the familiar curved-top metal marker telling us that this is an important place in Texas history. This year, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) is celebrating 50 years of placing official Texas Historical Markers in historically significant locations throughout the state, making the marker pro-

gram itself eligible for historic recognition.

The first aluminum marker in the state was placed Jan. 14, 1962 in Tyler at Camp Ford, a Confederate Prisoner of War camp. It was followed by the first Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) medallion placed in Gonzales on March 4 of that year at the Eggleston House, a restored 1840s cabin. A commemorative event in Gonzales in March will acknowledge the important milestone.

Historical markers have been part of the Texas landscape since the 1800s. In 1936, the Texas Centennial Commission placed more than 1,100 markers and monuments around the state to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Texas Revolution, and the establishment of the Republic of Texas. The current Official Texas Historical Marker Program dates to 1962.

Since then it has been a popular means of interpreting local and state history, and encouraging heritage tourism. There are currently more than 15,000 Official Texas Historical Markers throughout Texas commemorating everything from the history and architecture of buildings, to events that changed the course of local and state history, to individuals who made a lasting contribution to the state.

In addition, in 2012 the THC's website will feature updated information and images for many existing RTHL structures after more than two years of research conducted by county historical commissions and THC staff.

For more information, visit [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us), or contact the THC's History Programs Division at 512-463-5853.

## Hands-on program tonight: Wilson ISD hosts unveiling of new technology programs

Students, parents, and area residents are invited to join Wilson Independent School District for the official unveiling of the new Technology Initiative program at a special event set for 7 p.m. Thursday, May 3 at the Wilson High School Gym.

"We will have hands-on demonstrations of all the new technology that will now be available to all students. This includes laptops for every student, iPads, Smart Boards, and much more," said John Horek, WISD Superintendent. "All this technology will be on display for the community to learn about and

## Commissioners approve bid for renovation project

Lynn County Commissioners met in special session Friday to consider bids for the renovation project at the county's annex office building on the west side of the courthouse square in Tahoka.

The building formerly housed the welfare office, which was closed in Tahoka, and is to be renovated with some minor construction and paint for office space for the Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector and the Justice of Peace Precinct 1 office, currently housed in the courthouse.

Commissioners accepted a bid from Charlie Stice for \$6,000 for both the construction and painting. A bid was also submitted by Pete's Custom Cabinets for construction only, at a bid of \$8,140.40.

Commissioners Mike Braddock, Don Blair and Danny Martin were present for the meeting, led by County Judge H.G. Franklin. Commissioner Keith Wied was absent.

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**106th Judicial District Attorney**  
MICHAEL MUNK (CANDIDATE)

**House District 83**  
DELWIN JONES (CANDIDATE)

**House District 83**  
CHARLES PERRY (INCUMBENT)

**Lynn County Tax Assessor-Collector**  
QUAYDENE CASWELL (CANDIDATE)

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**Sunday storm ...** Hail stones, some bigger than golf ball size, slammed into the earth and everything else in its way during Sunday night's thunderstorm. This photo was taken in a back yard on North 3rd Street in Tahoka, during the first hailstorm that hit around 11:30 p.m. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

## Large hail ...

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woman told *The News* that she was caught in the hailstorm driving home from Lubbock on U.S. 87 in her brand new car purchased the day before (with only 54 miles on the odometer).

"It was the scariest thing, the hail was just pounding on my car, and it was so loud ... my windshield was cracked in several places, and I had one arm up holding on to the edge of the sunroof after the hail cracked it because I was afraid it was going to cave in on me. I just kept going, trying to get out of it, and I finally made it home, but I was a nervous wreck," she said. "And my beautiful new car was beat up something awful."

Metal awnings on several business offices downtown showed visible hail damage, and baseball size hail broke through a large skylight in the center of the First National Bank lobby. One family who lives in a mobile home in Tahoka said the hail punched through their roof in several places into their home.

Official measurements in Tahoka showed less than an inch of precipitation, at .81, according to Haney Wells, although the Mesonet site just off FM 400 north of Tahoka measured .52 of an inch from the Sunday night storm.

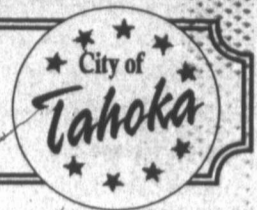
## Aftermath of hail storm...

This window at the home of Bobbye Bailey, near the Lubbock/Lynn County line near FM 41, was shattered by the hailstorm that pummeled southern Lubbock County and northern Lynn County.



## FROM CITY HALL

by Jerry Webster  
City Administrator



## Roofers must have city permit to work here

*Here we go again ...* Roofers and dent removers will soon be coming to town. The roofers should be registered here at city hall and get a permit for each roof they repair or replace. If you have any questions about a roofing company please call Tahoka City Hall at 561-4211.

Remember, we have local roofers and dent removers. We recommend using local people first if you can. If you have any questions contact city hall.

## Lynn County Appraisal District Provides Public Information and ASSISTANCE

This is the time of year the Lynn County Appraisal District sends notices of appraised value. Lynn County notices will be mailed by May 11, 2012. Property owners will be mailed a notice as a result of any of the following circumstances affecting real property: if the 2012 proposed value is at least \$1000 more than the 2011 certified value; if the property owner has filed a timely protest; if 2012 is the first year the property is listed in the appraisal records; if the property changed ownership during 2011; or if the property is a producing mineral interest. Notices will also be mailed to owners of taxable furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment, vehicles, and inventory used in a trade or business.

Property owners who have questions, or want to discuss the value placed on their property should contact the appraisal district office. The legal deadline for filing a timely protest is thirty days from the date of your notice. Those who receive a notice in Lynn County have until June 11, 2012 to file a protest. If you believe the proposed market value of your property is incorrect, be sure to contact the appraisal district prior to your deadline. It is important to ask questions or call to our attention unusual facts about your property as soon as possible. In the case of value questions, property owners are urged to present conclusive evidence regarding the true market value of their property. Such evidence consists of closing statements, listing agreements, fee appraisals, income and expense statements, pictures, and surveys. Our goal is to treat all property owners in a fair and equitable manner; and this can best be accomplished when you provide evidence to us about your property as soon as possible.

The following publication is required by Section 41.70 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

### INFORMAL REVIEW

You may call (806) 561-5477 to discuss your protest with a CAD employee and try to come to a settlement without meeting with the ARB.

### REVIEW BY THE APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The CAD might ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for

the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 1615 Main Street, Tahoka, Texas.

*Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.*

### REVIEW BY THE DISTRICT COURT OR AN ARBITRATOR OR SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal with the applicable filing fee.

### TAX PAYMENT

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

### MORE INFORMATION

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at Lynn CAD, 1615 Main Street, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 561-5477. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

## Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

### USUAL DEADLINE

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

### SPECIAL DEADLINES

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the

notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

\*The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

## Zach Garcia is awarded Generation TX Scholarship

The South Plains Closing the Gaps P-20 Council will award college scholarships to 50 high school students from several high schools across the South Plains region as part of the Generation TX initiative. Generation TX is a statewide grassroots movement of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) aimed at closing the gaps and creating a generation of college and career readiness.

The scholarship is for \$1,000 or \$2,000 if the student attends Texas Tech or South Plains College. Recipients of the South Plains Generation TX Scholarship include Zachariah Garcia from Tahoka ISD.

Earlier this year Texas Tech's College of Education, in collaboration with the South Plains Closing the Gaps P-20 Council, was awarded a \$200,000 grant from the THECB to implement this region's version of the initiative.

### Adopt a Pet!

Check with the Lynn County Animal Shelter about adoptable pets.

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