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## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 9	77	50	
May 10	59	53	0.67"
May 11	68	51	0.52"
May 12	73	53	
May 13	73	51	0.20"
May 14	64	51	0.04"
May 15	78	49	
Precipitation for Jan:			0.34"
Precipitation for Feb:			0.91"
Precipitation for Mar:			1.03"
Precipitation for Apr:			1.58"
Precipitation for May:			1.82"
<b>Total Precip. for 2012:</b>			<b>5.68"</b>

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**Brittney Liggins is Class 1A State silver medalist!**

**Second in State ...** Tahoka High School senior Brittney Liggins earned a second place silver medal in the 300 meter hurdles event at the UIL Class 1A State Track Meet. She finished with a time of 44.99 seconds, her best time ever in the event.

## Voters mark choices in school, city elections

Incumbents did well in Saturday's city and school elections in Lynn County, as voters marked their choices in several local elections.

Tahoka ISD incumbents John Hawthorne and Cathy Box were re-elected after leading the ticket among four candidates for the two trustee seats. Hawthorne led the ticket with 203 votes, and Box received 160 votes, while Aaron McCleskey had 77 and Heath Brewer had 72 votes.

Tahoka City Council member Ronny Jolly won his bid for re-election over challenger Max Mendieta for the District 2 seat. Jolly had 26 votes to

Mendieta's 8.

In the Wilson ISD election, Anissa Purswell led the ticket with 18 votes and incumbent April Moore had 17, to claim the two seats on the board of trustees. Incumbent Daniel Clark also ran, receiving 9 votes.

And in the O'Donnell ISD school board election, Mandy Stidham led the ticket with 120 votes and incumbent Monty Hancock was also re-elected with 107 votes, for the two seats on the O'Donnell ISD Board of Trustees. Also running were Jessie Perez, 28 votes, and Norma J. Mecalco, with 4 votes.

## Blood Drive set today at hospital

A Lynn County Hospital Blood Drive is set for today, (Thursday) from 10:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the United Blood Services Mobile unit at Lynn County Hospital.

All donors will be entered into a drawing for a \$250 Visa giftcard.

For information or to schedule an appointment, contact Julia Allen at 998-4533, ext. 333

## Baccalaureate services slated

Baccalaureate services for two county high schools will be held Sunday, May 20, as a prequel to commencement exercises for area seniors to be held on May 25.

Tahoka High School seniors will participate in Baccalaureate services at 6 p.m. Sunday, hosted by the Tahoka Church of Christ, with other local pastors and worship leaders also helping in the service. There are 39 seniors at Tahoka High School.

New Home High School's eight graduating seniors will participate in Baccalaureate services at New Home Baptist Church on Sunday, with the service beginning at 6 p.m.

## Man injured in house fire

W.A. "Dick" King was injured in a house fire last Thursday afternoon, at his home near Grassland. Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to a call at approximately 4 p.m., and upon arrival found the home completely engulfed in flames.

According to Fire Chief Steve Sanders, the fire started after King lit an open-flame heater in the home. He had opened a nearby door to the outside and the wind caught the flames, spreading fire very quickly throughout the home. According to unofficial reports, Robbie Roberson, who was passing by on a nearby road, saw the flames and assisted King until the fire department and ambulance arrived.

Lynn County EMS transported King to Lynn County Hospital for treatment, and he was reportedly released the next day. No report was given on the extent of his injuries.

Sanders said the home and contents were completely destroyed in the fire. (See photos, page 8)

## Butterfly Blessings project brings family renewed hope from labor of love

by JUANELL JONES

The Duran family will never forget what happened in the early morning hours of November 18, 2011, a night that took from them their little 8-year-old Laela Marie. Their hearts still ache from the memories of a tragic fire that claimed Laela's life, destroyed their home, and turned all their worldly possessions to charred ash.

This community grieved with Luis and Sylvia Duran and their family, powerless to change the tragedy, but enfolded them within the arms of Laela's classmates and teachers, school administrators, family friends, local church pastors, and many community citizens who may not have known the family but whose hearts were touched by the family's plight.

But love was not enough ... or at least, love without action, and within a few months the "Butterfly Blessings for Laela Marie Duran" project was conceived to build a new home for the family, on land not marred by the memory of flames.

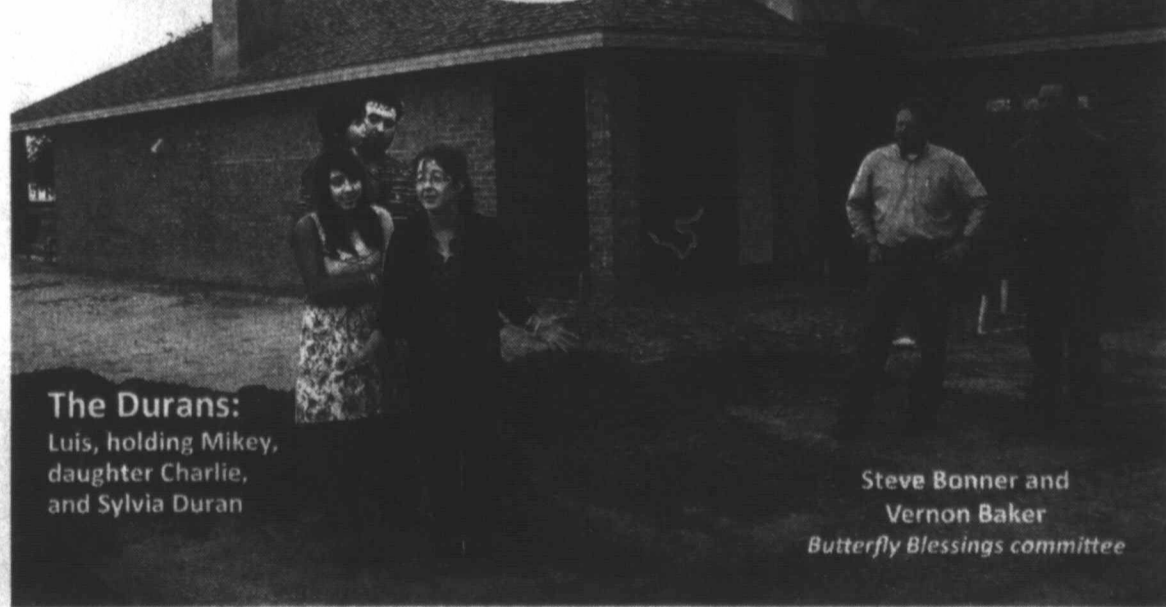
Groundbreaking ceremonies were held March 1, 2012 at 1318 Ave. K, a plot of land donated by Sylvia Duran's brother, Tino DeLeon. Work was soon underway on Butterfly Blessings, so named because 8-year-old Laela loved to draw butterflies.

While the tangible end result is a new house for the family, the focus of the project, from the beginning, has been about allowing God to use this community, and indeed a large portion of the South Plains area, to bless a family who suffered the ultimate loss.

"This is not about building a house - this is about caring for a family who was devastated by the loss of their lit-

tle girl," is a statement reiterated many times by project leaders. Dr. Steven Bonner, pastor of the Tahoka Church of Christ, is project coordinator, and local builder John Wilson is the general contractor. Tahoka Mayor John Baker is project planner, and Vernon Baker, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, is resource coordinator. The Butterfly Blessings committee is comprised of these and more than a

## From heartache to HOPE



**The Durans:** Luis, holding Mikey, daughter Charlie, and Sylvia Duran

Steve Bonner and Vernon Baker  
 Butterfly Blessings committee

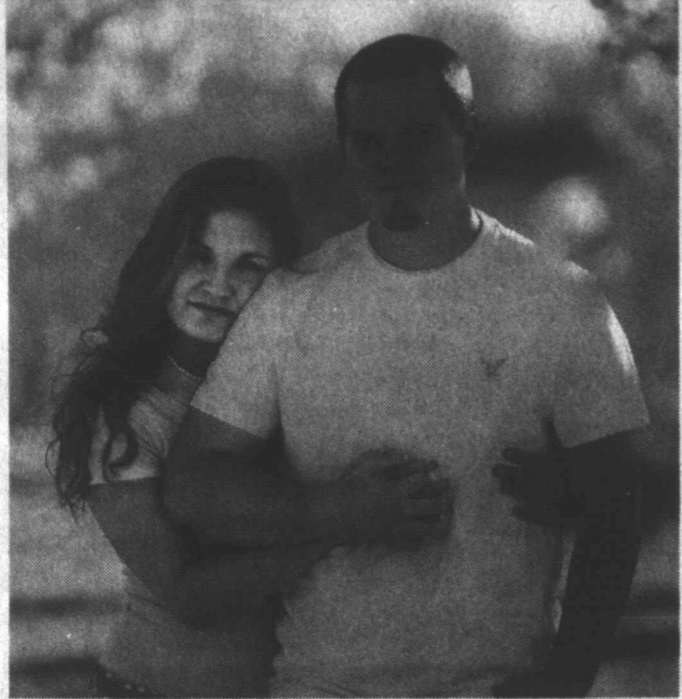
*He looked over at me and said, 'do you realize that is Mother's Day?' I just looked around the room and tried to tell them without choking up that every year on Mother's Day my Laela would give me a mother's day gift. He said, 'well, this year she is giving you a brand new house.' -- Sylvia Duran*

dozen other local citizens.

Once the plan was presented to the public, the project quickly grew from the confines of Tahoka, with individuals, businesses and organizations joining the Butterfly Blessings project from throughout the South Plains area. The expertise, volunteerism, and generosity of so many have brought this plan to fruition, and on Sunday evening, May 13, a blessing

ceremony was held in celebration of the completion of the home. Luis and Sylvia Duran, daughter Charlie and son Mikey, moved into the house last week as interior work was completed. Landscaping and other exterior details are the only remaining phase of the project, which will be completed as soon as weather allows.

"We are extremely, extremely thankful for everyone who has helped us make this project become a reality. We grieve every day for our daughter that is not here with us physically, and we still have so much healing to do. We finally have a place to call home. It (See Butterfly Blessings, page 5)



KALIE MARIE VOGELER and TYLER WAYNE STEPHENS

**Couple announce engagement**

Kurt and Cheri Vogeler of Amarillo, announce the engagement of their daughter Kalie Marie Vogeler to Tyler Wayne Stephens, son of Chris and Debbie Stephens, all of Amarillo. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Joy Bragg of Tahoka, and Hank and Suzy Vogeler of Amarillo. The future bride-groom is the grandson of Bill and Sonja Paetzold and Dennis and Dianne Stephens, all of Hereford. The future bride is a 2009 graduate of Amarillo High School and attended Metro State in Denver, CO., and currently attends Texas A&M in College Station where she will complete a degree in English in 2013. Stephens is a 2010 graduate of Amarillo High School and attends Texas A&M in College Station where he will graduate with a History degree in 2014. The couple plans to marry August 4, 2012 at the Starlight Canyon in Timbercreek Canyon, outside of Amarillo.

**Third series game ends Bulldog baseball playoff run**

The Tahoka High School Bulldog baseball team ended a terrific season last weekend in the Area round of the Class 1A State Baseball playoffs. The Bulldogs split games with Winters in the first two games of the best two out of three game series, with Winters winning game one 9-3, and Tahoka taking game two 6-4. The third game in the series went to eight innings, with Winters ending the Bulldogs' playoff run with a 7-6 win over Tahoka.

**Area Series - Game 1**

Friday, the Bulldog Baseball Team traveled to Hermleigh to take on the Winters Blizzards in the Area Round of the 1A State Baseball Playoffs. The game would be dominated by the Blizzards pitching staff as they combined to strike out 14 Tahoka batters en route to a 9-3 Game 1 victory. Tahoka would commit five fielding miscues and only muster 4 hits in the contest. Senior, Logan Tekell would have 2 of those 4 hits and 1 RBI in the game. Junior, Swade Hammonds was a bright spot on the mound, pitching 2 innings of scoreless relief on Friday night, while striking out 2 and walking none.

Tahoka never was able to muster much of a rally as every time they did, the Blizzard's pitching staff would record another key strikeout and slow the Bulldogs down.

**Area Series - Game 2**

Luckily for the Bulldogs, the winner of a playoff series has to win 2 games and not just one. Tahoka took full advantage of that on Saturday morning, winning Game 2 of the best 2 of 3 series with the Winters Blizzards by a score of 6-4. It didn't look very good early for the Bulldogs as Winters picked up right where it left off, scoring 2 runs in the top of the 1st. In addition to the 2-0 deficit, Winters starting pitcher, Riley Ripley set the Bulldogs down in order in the first 3 innings, dominating the

Bulldogs through 3 innings and preserving the 2-0 lead.

In the fourth, the Bulldogs would see Ripley for the 2nd time through the lineup and some for the 3rd time as the Winter's starter had also pitched 2 innings of relief on Friday night. Seeing him again must have helped, as Tahoka erupted for 5 runs in the bottom half of the 4th. Freshman, Dom Herrera doubled deep off the left field wall to start the rally, and that seemed to be the confidence boost Tahoka would need. The Bulldogs would follow with a walk to Sophomore,

**All District Honors District 3-1A Tahoka Bulldogs**  
 District MVP - Trystan Hilger, Soph.  
 1st Team IF - Zach Garcia, Sr.  
 1st Team IF - John Ryan Barrientez, Jr.  
 1st Team OF - Logan Tekell, Sr.  
 1st Team DH - Caelan Decker, Soph.  
 2nd Team P - Dominique Herrera, Fr.  
 2nd Team IF - Cristian Ramirez, Sr.  
 2nd Team IF - Tino DeLeon, Sr.

Caelan Decker and 3 singles in a row by Sophomore, Trystan Hilger; Junior, John Ryan Barrientez; and Senior, Cristian Ramirez. After a strikeout, Junior, Ethan Curry would come up with the big hit for Tahoka, knocking in 2 runs and capping the 5 run 5th.

That would be all Tahoka starter Dom Herrera would need. Herrera would only allow 4 runs on the day, giving up only 5 hits and striking out 3 in a complete game win...one the Bulldogs had to have to keep their season alive. Tahoka would add one more run in the 5th and hold on to the Game 2 victory, tying up the series by a final score of 6-4.

**Area Series - Game 3**

Game 3 of the Area Series between the Tahoka Bulldogs and the Winters Blizzards would be moved to McMurry University in Abilene at 4:30 p.m. because of scheduling conflicts. Although the fans would get their money's worth since the game went into extras, the Bulldogs would eventually fall to Winters by a score of 7-6 in 8 innings.

The first inning was full of action as Tahoka would plate one run in their half, and Winters would add two runs of their own, making the score 2-1 Winters after 1 full inning. After a quiet second inning, both schools added more runs, as Tahoka scored twice more on key hits by Senior, Tino DeLeon and Sophomore, Caelan Decker. Winters would answer back with a run of their own in the 3rd, and the score would be 3-3 after 3 innings of play.

Pitching would dominate the 4th and 5th innings as Junior pitcher, Ethan Curry was up to the task in matching Winters' starter, Strait Daniel. Curry would pitch 6 1/3 solid innings of relief, striking out 5 and walking 1.

In the 6th is where things would get interesting though. Tahoka would lead off the 6th with a strikeout, but 4 consecutive hits by Seniors, Logan Tekell, Cristian Ramirez, Zach Garcia and Junior, Ethan Curry, would put the Bulldogs ahead 6-3 in the late innings. Winters would storm right back as they scored 3 of their own on a bases loaded triple that tied the score 6-6 going into the 7th.

The triple really seemed to ignite the Blizzards, and in opposite fashion, it seemed to take the wind right out of Tahoka. Tahoka could do nothing at the plate in the 7th and 8th, and in the bottom half of the 8th, Winters would get the bases loaded and knock in the game and series winning run, beating the Bulldogs by a final score of 7-6.

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**Personal note from Coach James Garrett:**  
 "Although the season did not end the way we wanted it to, I would like to thank each and every one of the members of the Tahoka Baseball Team this year. You gave me everything you had, and I thank you. A special thanks goes out to the seniors on the team who have given so much to this program, and that will never be forgotten. I would also like to thank our manager DJ Tillman who never misses a game or a practice, and we missed him on Saturday. The team would also like to thank Tahoka ISD for the wonderful job that was done in making the ballpark look the way it did this year. We also really appreciate the fan support that we received this past weekend - thanks to all of you "baseball chasers" who traveled all over West Texas to support us. And finally, a very special thanks goes out to Eleah, Jen, Easton and Jady - Thank you for all your sacrifices throughout the seasons, now and still to come."



MATTHEW McLELLAND and CASEY WILSON

**Wilson, McLelland announce engagement**

Larry Wilson of Seminole, and Cindy and Bob Scruggs of Lubbock, announce the engagement of their daughter, Casey Wilson, of Abernathy, to Matthew McLelland, son of Frank and Jenni McLelland, all of Tahoka. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Jimmy Gragg of Abernathy, and Sam and Zella Wilson of Tyler. The future bride-groom is the grandson of Ted and Wini Klein of Fort Worth and Frances Ferguson of Ruidoso, NM. The future bride is a 2006 graduate of Abernathy High School and a 2010 graduate of Texas Tech School of Nursing. She is an ER Nurse at University Medical Center in Lubbock. McLelland is a 2007 graduate of Tahoka High School and a graduate of West Texas A&M in 2011, and he completed the TCU Ranch Management Program this year. He is Ranch Manager at Cargile Ranches in San Angelo. The couple plans to marry August 4, 2012 at the Lubbock Windmill Museum.

**Criminal mischief, burglaries reported**

Items valued at a total of \$1,495 were stolen in a burglary of a barn near Wilson over the weekend, and two separate incidents of criminal mischief and theft of long welding cables in a barn burglary were reported to Tahoka Police during the last week. Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. investigated the burglary of the barn east of Wilson, reported by owner Ray Ehlers of Lubbock Monday. After forcing a door open, the burglars took a wheelbarrow, cutting torch and cart, three floor jacks, a wire welder, three circular saws, two jig saws, three drills, two grinders and a sander. Davy Gene Stone, owner of the barn on Ave. D, advised police Thursday that someone had cut the hasp on the barn door and then took welding cables about 120 feet long and valued at \$200. Adolfo Davila told police Sunday that someone had thrown a brick through the rear window of his 2002 Mercury Grand Marquis while it was parked at his residence on N. 4th St. Damage was estimated at \$360. James Pesina of O'Donnell, who operates West Texas Customs in Tahoka, reported Sunday that a window at his business had been broken out with a rock, and that a 1997 Dodge pickup parked at the business had some minor scratches on the bed, with total damage estimated at \$705. Police also arrested a 59-year-old Tahoka man Friday for disorderly conduct and public intoxication after being called to the scene of a domestic disturbance. Lynn County jail held 11 persons early this week, with three of those held for Gaines County. Latest arrests were for assault causing bodily injury/family violence plus resisting arrest plus public intoxication, order modifying community supervision, expired drivers license and registration plus no liability insurance, driving while license invalid with previous conviction, driving while intoxicated third offense or more, plus public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

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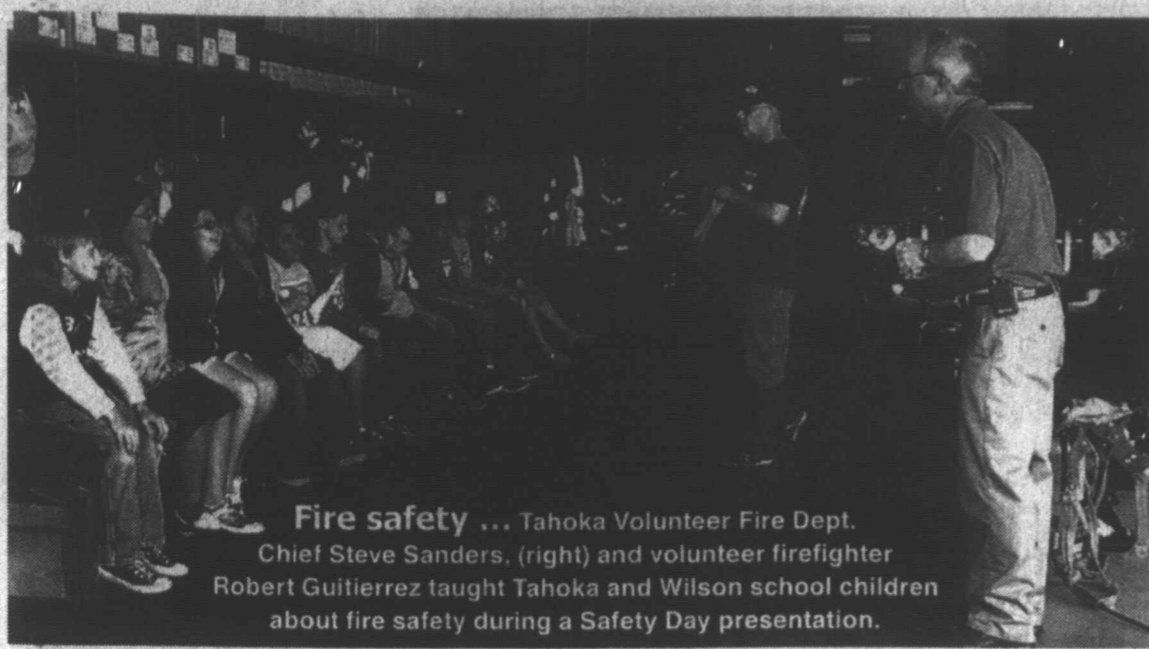
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**Fire safety ...** Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. Chief Steve Sanders, (right) and volunteer firefighter Robert Gutierrez taught Tahoka and Wilson school children about fire safety during a Safety Day presentation.

### Safety Day program teaches youth about potential hazards

The 4th and 5th grade students from Tahoka ISD and Wilson ISD learned how to identify and deal with hazards around the home and in the community at the Lynn County Safety Day on Wednesday, May 9. Lynn County Safety Day was held at various facilities around the City Park in Tahoka. The event was coordinated by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service - Lynn County.

was for youth to become aware of potential dangers in their daily lives, take responsibility for their own safety, prevent accidents around the home, reduce the extent of injuries if incidents occur, respect parents' safety rules and share safety tips with their family and friends," said Bryan Reynolds, County Extension Agent with AgriLife Extension for Lynn County.

"The purpose of the event

impact on one young person

and prevents an injury, then the program was successful," stated Reynolds.

Reynolds said the success of Safety Day is due in large part to the generous support of many local organizations and volunteers. Learning sessions at the event included electrical safety by Trent Scott and Jay Johnston with Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc.; bicycle and helmet safety by Gretchen Henley, Harley Reynolds, and Hannah Thomas with Lynn County Youth Board; tobacco prevention by Jennifer Thomas with Llano Estacado Tobacco Prevention and Control Coalition; lawn equipment safety presented by Justin Smith; passenger safety presented by Brandon Henry with Texas Department of Transportation; fire safety presented by Steve Sanders, Drew Stone, and Robert Gutierrez with the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department; and firearm safety presented by Steve McKay with the Tahoka Police Department.

Local sponsors and donors were the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Lynn County and Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. Each participant received a packet of safety information and 62 bicycle helmets were donated by TSA-B Regional Advisory Council and UMC Hospital.



**The Bachelorette ...** Michael Nance is pictured with Emily Maynard on ABC's reality TV show, "The Bachelorette," which airs at 8:30 p.m. on Mondays.

### Tune in to "The Bachelorette" to see Tahoka's Michael Nance

Michael Nance, a 2004 Tahoka High School graduate, is a contender for the hand of a pretty lady on ABC's reality TV show, "The Bachelorette," airing at 8:30 p.m. on Mondays. The first show aired this week,

and Nance was among 25 eligible bachelors who met Emily Maynard, a single mother with a young daughter, who is looking to find a husband from among the 25. Nance made the cut in the first round to continue in next week's show, as each bachelor seeks to win the heart of Maynard.

Nance, 26, is the son of J.E. and Tommye Nance of Tahoka. He currently lives in Austin, where he is pursuing a music career, and he lists his occupation as a rehab counselor on "The Bachelorette" show.

His mother said that Michael enjoyed the opportunity to be on the show. "He said it was the best thing that ever happened to him, he said he had a wonderful time and it was just a great experience," said Tommye Nance.

To hear Michael's music, visit his website at [www.michaelnancemusic.com](http://www.michaelnancemusic.com).

### Early voting continues in Primary elections

Early voting began Monday, May 14 and continues through May 25 for the 2012 Texas Primary Election. In Lynn County, early voting for both the Republican and Democratic Primaries is conducted at one location, at the Lynn County Courthouse basement courtroom, during regular business hours (8 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday).

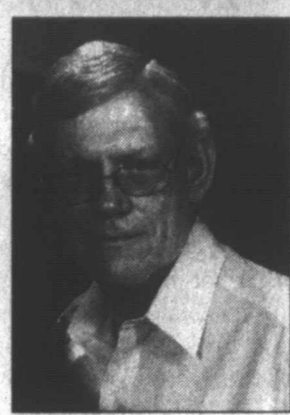
Voters must choose to vote in either the Republican Primary or the Democratic Primary, and should bring their voter registration cards.

Locally, there are two contested races, for 106th Judicial District Attorney, and for Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector, and both will be decided in the Republican Primary. Incumbent Brian Kingston is challenged by Michael Munk for the DA seat that serves Lynn, Dawson, Gaines and Garza counties. Two candidates are vying for the Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector seat, including Donna Willis and Quaydene Caswell.

Other elections for county positions are all uncontested, and mostly on the Republican ticket, including Donnis Scott for County Attorney, Amy Schuknecht for County Treasurer, Keith Wied for Pct. 1 Commissioner, and Tom Mandry for County Precinct #4 Chairman. Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin is uncontested in his bid for reelection as Sheriff, on the Democratic Primary ballot.

The biggest issue on the 2012 ballots is, of-course, the presidential election. The 2012 Texas Primary Election will be held May 29, and a runoff date (if needed) is scheduled for July 31. The General Election will be held in November 2012.

### Obituaries



#### Leta Warren

Services for Leta Warren of Lubbock, formerly of Tahoka, are pending with Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka. She died on Tuesday, May 15.

March 14, 1987 in New Home. He was a member of New Home Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father and two sisters, Beverly Overman Labenz and Linda Overman Kennedy.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Edwana; mother, Ruby Overman of Wilson; two sons, Mark and Patrick Overman, both of New Home; two brothers, Jerry Overman and wife Tina of Lubbock and Rodney Overman and wife Leah of Longview; one sister, Carolyn Overman Wright of Los Lunas, NM; and numerous nieces, nephews.

#### Randy Joe Overman

Services for Randy Joe Overman, 56, of New Home, were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 12, 2012 at New Home Baptist Church. He died Tuesday, May 8, 2012.

He was born July 15, 1955 in Lubbock to Curtis and Ruby (Viney) Overman. Randy worked as a buyer for Baker Office Products for 36 years. He married Edwana Yaden on

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**Tuesday:** Chicken tetrazzini, Italian vegetables, salad, garlic bread, oatmeal cookie

**Wednesday:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, winter blend veggies, roll, apple fluff

**Thursday:** Baked chicken breast, baked potato, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding

**Friday:** Turkey pot pie, corn salad, roll, ambrosia

**Senior Citizens Announcements:**

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## Commissioners hear presentation on mineral/wind farm appraisals

Lynn County Commissioners heard a presentation about how minerals and wind farms are appraised at their Monday morning meeting, with information provided by representatives of Pritchard & Abbott, Inc., a company that contracts with Lynn County Appraisal District to provide those appraisals in Lynn County.

LCAD Chief Appraiser Marquita Scott introduced John Rutledge, Dean McDaniell and Mark Stewart with P&A, who addressed issues regarding oil/gas production values and how wind energy farms are appraised. Scott said that the county would probably see an increase of at least 40 percent in mineral values in the 2012 tax roll, and that wind energy farms will begin to have an impact on the 2013 tax roll.

"Currently, the bulk of the oil activity is in the O'Donnell area," said Mark Stewart, showing a map to commissioners as he spoke about the mineral values. "There are five new wells for the 2012 tax roll, but it looks like there is a lot more coming." He explained that the process for appraising minerals has changed recently, with many factors impacting the evaluation process.

"The Texas legislature's passage of SB 1505 in 2011, ef-

fective beginning tax year 2012, amended the property tax code so that the profile of the forecasted oil and gas price scenario used in ad valorem tax discounted cashflow appraisals is to be derived with reference to two different sources," he told commissioners, indicating paperwork given to commissioners. The forecasted price for the first year of production is equal to last year's average monthly price multiplied by a price adjustment factor. The forecasted prices for years 2-6 are derived by successively multiplying the calculated year one price by an escalation factor.

John Rutledge, a wind energy expert for P&A, presented information about how the industry is appraised, which includes issues including net capacity factors, production tax credits, and cash values in lieu of production tax credits, as well as other factors.

In other business, commissioners approved monthly bills, and County Judge H.G. Franklin read a letter of appreciation from the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center for the county's support.

All four commissioners were present at the meeting, including Danny Martin, Keith Wied, Don Blair and Mike Braddock.



**Mineral appraisals ...** Mark Stewart, with Pritchard & Abbott, Inc., a company that contracts with Lynn County Appraisal District for appraisals of mineral values in Lynn County, presented information to Lynn County Commissioners Monday about how the appraisals are evaluated. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

## Tahoka 3-D Band presents annual spring concert

This Thursday evening, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tahoka High School auditorium, the award-winning Tahoka 3-D Band will present its annual spring concert. Attendees are encouraged to come early as there is always a group of those going to the Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest who perform prior to the start of the concert. The concert will commence with the traditional, special arrangement of our nations National Anthem. Following this will be La Madre De Los Gatos, a lively class 2A tune which the 3-D Band performed at the UIL Concert & Sightreading Contest. As a change of pace, highlights from the long running Broadway smash hit musical, "Wicked" will be performed by the 3-D Band. For those who enjoy tapping their feet, "in the Mood" is guaranteed to have both feet moving and possibly dancing in the aisles. The 3-D Band will next share their fa-



**Handful of gold...** A handful of gold (actually 27 medals) is shown by these Tahoka 3-D Band students who, by earning 1's on Class I Ensembles at the Region UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest in February, qualified for the Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest which will be held Monday, May 28 at Pflugerville. Pictured are, Clarinet Trio: Vanessa Chavarria, Elizabeth Locke, and Hunter Lowdermilk; Alto Sax Trio: Mady DeLeon, Kaitlyn Lehman, and Josh Miller; Brass Sextet: Yancy Draper, Selena Tello, Bryan Pena, Zach Garcia, Bryan Callahan, and Kordell Baker; and Woodwind Ensemble: Sarah Freitag, Taya Bishop, Braiden Fisher, Hannah Thomas, Abigail Santos, Ariana Monsivais, Susie Lara, Cort Fleher, Josh Miller, Kaitlyn Lehman, LisaMarie Alvarado, Mady DeLeon, Jonathan Alvarez, Mia Saidana, Micaela Torrez, and Lauren Raindl. In addition Bryan Callahan and Braiden Fisher qualified in February with 1's on Class I Vocal Solos and will be competing also at the TSSEC in Pflugerville.

vorite piece, "Moscow, 1941" which has been a hit throughout Texas ever since it appeared on the UIL 2A concert list. After recognition of 14 awesome seniors, the Tahoka 3-D Band will conclude with its signature tune, "The Tahoka Galop." "The 3-D Band this years has accomplished a lot, overcoming many obstacles and challenges to have a very successful year and hopefully a successful summer," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith. "We are very proud of them and what they have done this year." Everyone is encouraged to attend this free concert at 7:00 p.m., this Thursday at 7 p.m.

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## City to demolish unsafe building

Tahoka City Council members met in regular session Monday, conducting a public hearing on an unsafe building located at 1411 N. 3rd that no one attended. The council voted to begin the process to demolish and remove the building.

Mayor John Baker led the meeting with all council members present including Ray Box, Jeff Martin, Amy Preston, Ronny Jolly and Rudy Fuentes, as well as City Administrator Jerry Webster and others. Departmental reports were presented, and monthly bills approved.

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# Butterfly Blessings home project ...

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is so bittersweet. It is tremendously hard because there used to be five in our home now there are only four ... we miss her to no ends," Sylvia Duran told *The News*.

Approximately 75 people took part in the blessing ceremony held on Mother's Day, a day that shared both the pain of the Duran family's loss as well as a celebration of Laela's life, as the Butterfly Blessings project is dedicated to her memory. While her family still grieves for their loss, perhaps the Butterfly Blessings home will help in the transition from heartache to hope. Prayers and words of



Bless this home, and all within it ... A crowd of approximately 75 people joined hands Sunday evening in prayer asking God's blessings for the home of Luis and Sylvia Duran and their family. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

We love you," Trantham said.

Betenbough Homes in Lubbock was one of the first to extend a helping hand with the Butterfly Blessings project, providing the Duran family several choices for a house plan and then following through by providing their own work crews throughout the project. They also spread the word to a vast list of suppliers and subcontractors, many of whom joined in donating their products and services for a project that touched their hearts.

There is a long list of companies and individuals who had a helping hand in providing materials or expertise for this project, as well as a long list of many who donated funds for the family/home project right after the fire, and since the public became aware of the project. Tahoka is a small community that responds quickly with compassion for a local family who suffers a tragedy, but a surprising number of people outside the community throughout the South Plains area responded as well.

"We had \$14,000 from donations for this project when we started, and more donations have come in since the project started, amounting to close to

\$30,000," said Vernon Baker, resource coordinator for Butterfly Blessings. "We anticipate that we will finish this project for just under \$30,000 in actual cash spent — but the donations of in-kind goods, services, voluntary labor and materials is just amazing. No one could build a house like this, and furnish it, and landscape it, for that amount of money," he added.

From local phone, gas and electric utility services, and city

services, to contributions by civic clubs, school groups, local and area businesses, several denominations of churches and ministry groups, and just plain ordinary citizens, this project has crossed socio-ethnic lines and brought so many together focused on getting the Butterfly Blessings home built.

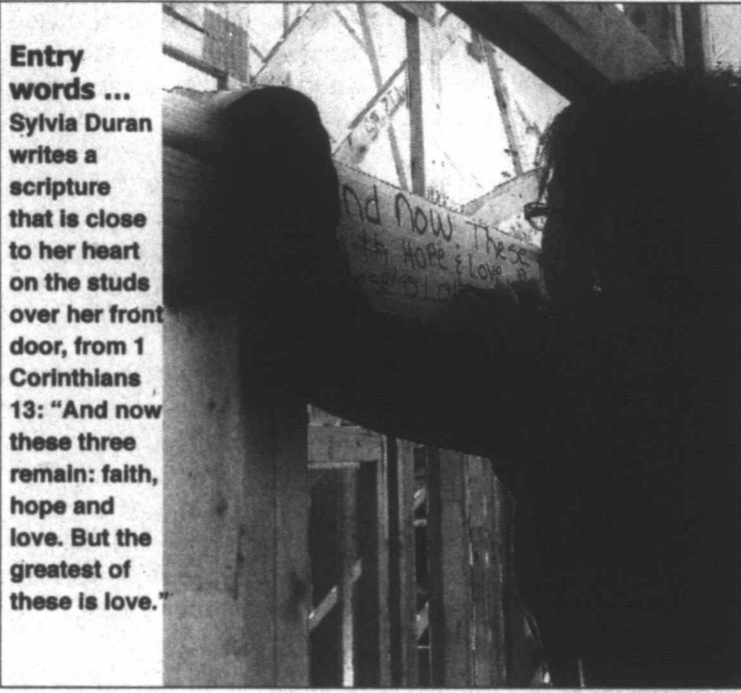
"This is truly God's work, and we are thankful to have a part in it," said the project coordinator.



You are close to my heart ... Margaret Trantham, representing Betenbough Homes of Lubbock, gives a hug to Sylvia Duran after Sunday evening's blessing ceremony. Betenbough has been closely involved with the project to build the Duran family a new home.

encouragement were shared, and the group joined hands in a large prayer circle to conclude the ceremony.

One of those present at the ceremony was Margaret Trantham, Hospitality Manager of Betenbough Homes, who said, "What a privilege it is to be a member of the family of God, and we are all part of that family.



Entry words ... Sylvia Duran writes a scripture that is close to her heart on the studs over her front door, from 1 Corinthians 13: "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

## In their words ...

### Betenbough Homes of Lubbock (house plan, work crews, suppliers):

"Betenbough Homes is a collection of people passionate about people and passionate about serving others just like the Duran family," said Holly Betenbough, Betenbough Homes ministry director. "Collectively, our hearts broke for them, so when approached for guidance, our Betenbough Homes family felt called to share our time, talents and treasure with the Butterfly Blessings project in an effort to turn heartache into hope. Thank you to the many others that showed up to serve this family the past months; we pray blessings over all that have been involved!"

— Holly Betenbough

### Mitch Raindl, Cement Contractor, Tahoka (foundation):

"It was a blessing to help with this project and I am thankful that our children, Brady and Brandi, were able to participate. We all felt quite humbled and we're glad we were able to help lay the foundation for this home for this family."

— Mitch Raindl

### Noltex Truss, Littlefield (trusses, wall panels for the home):

"Being a part of the Butterfly Blessing project and serving the Duran Family has been a great honor and blessing for Noltex Truss. This project is why God put us here on the earth for; to give Him glory by loving and serving others.

*'Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." - Matthew 22:37-39*

"This new home will not bring Laela back, but to bring a smile on the Duran family's faces and help them feel the love of God makes it all worthwhile."

—Stephen Richey

### Chick-fil-A, Lubbock (fundraiser on March 28):

"Chick-fil-A at 69th & Slide and 82nd & Milwaukeee was honored to be a part of Butterfly Blessings; this group was determined to help a friend in need. We are humbled to be included in the fundraising efforts to help the Duran family. Our purpose is to have a positive influence on all who come in contact with Chick-fil-A. We believe our Spirit Nights have a positive impact for the community and provide a level of support to our customers."

— Brandon Mulkey, owner/operator

### Luis & Sylvia Duran:

"This was an experience I will never forget, to be a part of building our new home," said Luis Duran. "I met some really amazing people along the way. We feel like we are all family in Tahoka. So many people that did not even know us have stepped up to see the project become a success. We are so blessed to have them in our lives. Hopefully we will be able to give back to the community in some way," he added.

Sylvia Duran said, "I remember when we had our last meeting with the Butterfly Blessing Team on April 4th. We were trying to come up with a completion date so we could let everyone know. I believe it was Vernon Baker that asked me, 'what do you think about May 13th?'. I thought in my head, oh wow that would be great, that is just right around the corner. He looked over at me and said, 'do you realize that is Mother's Day?' I just looked around the room and tried to tell them without choking up that every year on Mother's Day my Laela would give me a mother's day gift. He said, 'well, this year she is giving you a brand new house'.

"We do know God has put all these wonderful people in our lives, they have been truly God sent. People have gone above and beyond to give us this AMAZING new home, to try and get us back on our feet. I know God and my Laela have taken care of us and will continue to do so. There are not enough words to tell the people of how grateful and thankful we are. I do not know how we will ever be able to repay them. But they know as well as we do that OUR GOD IS GOOD! And with Him all things are possible," added Sylvia.

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## Special Moments in Butterfly Blessings:

- **Words of love:** Family, friends, volunteers and workers wrote words of encouragement, love, joy, hope, and faith on the wall studs throughout the home. "The Durans are, literally, surrounded by God's words," said a Butterfly Blessings committee member.
- **Water feature:** Members of the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department plan to donate a wishing well water feature in the back yard in member of Laela, next to a tree and bench, in a peaceful setting for the Durans.
- **From Laela's friends:** Laela's 2nd grade classmates at Tahoka Elementary are going to plant a tree on the Duran property in Laela's honor.

## To the voters of Lynn County:

Before going to the polls I want you to consider who you are voting for and why.

Should we vote for someone that holds a political office that is supposed to prosecute people for illegal activity, when his own driver's license has been suspended for Driving Under the Influence?

Additionally, I noticed that nearly all of Caswell's political signs have been removed by someone other than herself. Who would do that? Not an honest person I don't think. An honest person would want a fair election. What about the treatment of customers? It is amazing to me that someone who is running for office can all of a sudden be so helpful and friendly. True colors shine through during the moments that are not to their benefit!

Makes you wonder about voting for certain people, doesn't it?

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## All smiles ...

Sylvia and Luis Duran, daughter Charlie and son Mikey, are in the foreground among the crowd during a blessing ceremony held Sunday evening in front of their new home at 1318 Ave. K. Vernon Baker, pastor of First United Methodist Church, is at right as he spoke briefly at the ceremony.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

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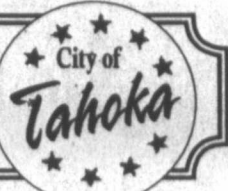
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## FROM CITY HALL

by Jerry Webster  
City Administrator



### Grants Update...

In April we received a **\$239,000 grant** from the Texas Water Development Board. This EDAP Grant is to plan and design the replacement of the waterlines in the city. We received notification from the state that the first phase of the project has been reviewed and approved by them. The engineer has already begun the next phase of this project, so we remain on schedule. We are hopeful this part of the project will be done by the end of this year and the entire project will be completed by the middle of 2015. We are also hopeful that we can complete

this entire project with grant monies so the citizens won't have to fund this undertaking.

In January we received a **\$330,600 grant** from the Texas Department of Agriculture. This project will replace waterline and fire hydrants from Lockwood Street to South 7th Street on Avenue N. There will also be work done on some of the side streets. The advertisement for bids should be going out soon for this project and you should begin to see some activity.

If you have any questions contact Tahoka City Hall, 561-4211.



**State competitors ... The New Home Livestock team** which is comprised of Rachel Slauch, Haley Lehman, Jonathan Nieman and Karter Long, competed in the state competition on Saturday, May 5 in College Station. They placed 9th out of 88 teams and over 600 teams statewide when the year began. "On behalf of the parents and these students, we want to say a special thanks to James Tabor for his dedication and time with these students," said a parent.

## Notice

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED

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## woodwork

by dalton wood

THINKING about some of the things I once really enjoyed which have since been denied to me, I considered Baby Ruth, a candy bar which is mostly chocolate and peanuts, and wondered how a candy bar ever got such a strange name.

An Internet source tells me that although most people think it was named after famed baseball player Babe Ruth, it probably wasn't, and the Curtiss Candy Co., which started the whole thing in 1921, claimed it was named after Ruth Cleveland, the youngest daughter of President Grover Cleveland. However, some think it really was given the name similar to the sports figure to capitalize on his popularity without getting his permission to name the candy after him.

One reason for thinking that was because the President's daughter died of diph-

theria 17 years before the candy bar was invented.

Seventeen years after I am gone, maybe someone will invent a slab of candy called the Wood Procrastination Lollypop. With such a long name on the wrapper, it would have to be large and expensive. Reasons for the name? It would be a really big sucker, and no matter how often you started on it, you might never get around to finishing it.

I SAW LOTTA TAHOKUM out on the street last week and she mentioned that she had just read why our hair turns grey, skin gets wrinkled and other signs of aging appear. "It's because of mismanagement of your genes," she said.

"Well," I told her, "I washed mine in hot water once and they faded out faster than Rick Perry's campaign for President. But I didn't know that would make me look older."

She explained that the story was about genes with a G, not jeans with a J, and said some big scientist claimed 61 "checkpoint genes" are sometimes flawed and that mismanagement of those genes is responsible for aging.

But she admitted the story didn't tell us how to manage those genes to avoid or slow down aging.

Okay, so I know I'm getting older and I can just blame it on my jeans (too tight around the waist).

However, my breath now comes in short pants.

### Veterans invited to patriotic program May 21

Lynn County veterans are invited to attend a patriotic program in O'Donnell's Saleh Park at 10 a.m. Monday, May 21. O'Donnell Elementary students in grades 3-4-5 will present a program to honor veterans, and the public is invited to attend.

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### NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION (Elección Primaria del Partido Democrático)

To the registered voters of the County of Lynn County, Texas:  
*(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Lynn, Texas)*  
An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 29, 2012, in Lynn County, Texas. *(Por la presente se ordena que se lleve a cabo una elección el día May de 29, 2012 en el Condado de Lynn, Texas)*  
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., May 29, 2012, for the voting in an election for the Democratic Primary. *(El notice la polling place entre las 7:00 a.m. y 7:00 p.m., el mayo 29, 2012 y votación elección Primaria del partido Democrático.)*

#### LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES: (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Voting Box 1 & 5: South Tahoka & Draw – Life Enrichment Center, 1800 Main St., Tahoka.  
Voting Box 2 & 8: Wilson & Hackberry – Green Museum, 1601 10th St., Wilson.  
Voting Box 3 & 10: O'Donnell & New Moore – O'Donnell High School, 400 Small St., O'Donnell.  
Voting Box 4 & 11: New Home & Lakeview – New Home Community Center, 109 W. Broadway, New Home.  
Voting Box 6: North Tahoka – Tahoka ISD Business Office, 2129 N. Main Tahoka.  
Voting Box 7: Grassland – Church of the Nazarene, FM 212 & FM 1313, Grassland.  
Voting Box 9: West Tahoka – Lynnwood Assisted Living, 1801 Country Club Road, Tahoka.  
Voting Box 12: South West Tahoka – Trinity Church Fellowship Hall, 1929 Lockwood, Tahoka.  
Voting Box 13: North Lynn County – Poka Lambro Building, 11.5 miles North of Tahoka on Hwy. 87.  
Voting Box 14: East Tahoka – The Center, South 3rd and Ave. K, Tahoka.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at *(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)* LYNN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, COURTHOUSE BASEMENT between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on May 14, 2012 *(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el mayo 14, 2012)* and ending on May 25, 2012 *(y terminando el mayo 25, 2012)*.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: *(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a)* Susan Tipton, P.O. Box 937, Tahoka, TX 79373

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: *(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)* May 22, 2012.

Issued this the 14th day of May 2012.  
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/s/ H.G. Franklin,  
Lynn County Judge  
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### NOTICE OF REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION (Elección Primaria del Partido Republicano)

To the registered voters of the County of Lynn County, Texas:  
*(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Lynn, Texas)*  
An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 29, 2012, in Lynn County, Texas. *(Por la presente se ordena que se lleve a cabo una elección el día mayo de 29, 2012 en el Condado de Lynn, Texas)*  
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., May 29, 2012, for the voting in an election for the Republican Primary. *(El notice la polling place entre las 7:00 a.m. y 7:00 p.m., el mayo 29, 2012 y votación elección Primaria del partido Republicano.)*

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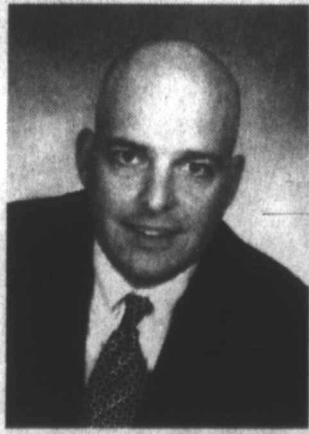
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## Cards of Thanks

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*May God bless you.*  
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Jerry & Sue Pebsworth & family  
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### Good crowd attends WISD technology unveiling event

On May 3, 2012 Wilson ISD unveiled their latest and greatest technology upgrades, inviting the community for a hands-on experience with the new technology.

"We had a great turnout with over 100 parent and community members in attendance for the evening. Several television stations came and interviewed Superintendent John Horak, including KCBD11, KLBK13, and KAMC28," said a spokesperson.

"We wanted parents and students to know that we are very serious about making our way in the technological field and engaging our students in the 21st century," said Supt. Horak.

"Justin McKibben, new IT Director, explained the different programs available for students. We also had an interactive survey for parents and community members and one picture has our Mayor, Donald Klaus and his lovely wife Carolyn trying to figure out how to use the clickers on the survey. As you can see in the photo, when the presentation was over we had everyone come down and interact with the smartboards, iPads and laptops. We are excited for our students and their future!" he added.



#### The Lynn County News

2012 Graduation Edition

will be published May 24, 2012

Parents of Seniors: If you want to print a congratulations ad for your graduating senior, please contact The News (561-4888) by 5 p.m. Thursday (TODAY!)

### THS students receive Achievement Award from ACT Council

Six Tahoka High School students 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.

The students receiving this recognition from the Texas ACT Council are: Cort Fisher, Kaitlyn Lehman, Kaycee Lehmann, William Parmer, Andrew Rohlfs and Abigail Santos.

According to Karen Pennell, ACT Assistant Vice-President and Southwest Regional Manager, "The Texas ACT Council recognizes those students who are making significant strides to prepare themselves for college by taking rigorous courses and meeting the PLAN (Pre-ACT) College Readiness Benchmarks. We also want to recognize that student PLAN (Pre-ACT) achievement is the result of a strong commitment by Tahoka High School teachers, staff, administrators and parents to increase college readiness for all students."

The ACT Assessment is the college admissions test that is accepted by all colleges nationwide.



(LCN PHOTO by Vondell Elliott)

### Fire destroys home

A Lynn County man was injured in a house fire last Thursday afternoon, after lighting a heater at his home near Grassland. Wind from a nearby open door caught the flames, which spread quickly throughout the house. Tahoka firefighters responded, but the home was completely engulfed in flames when they arrived, and W.A. "Dick" King was transported by EMS to Lynn County Hospital.



### Tahoka Middle School bands to perform Monday

The Tahoka Middle School bands will perform this coming Monday evening, May 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Tahoka High School auditorium. The 6th Grade Beginning Band will perform first, featuring Mickey Mouse March, Chisholm, 25 or 6 to 9, and Power Rock. Following them will be the Middle School Symphonic Band which will perform Big Sky, Halo 3, and Comet Ride.

"We are starting at 6:30 p.m. so those parents who have children in 6th grade and also in high school athletics may attend the Athletic Banquet at 7:30 p.m.," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith. "All are invited to attend and support these young people in their musical journey."



**National Hospital Week ...** Lynn County Hospital District celebrated National Hospital Week last week by having staff participate in different "theme" days. Wednesday was inside-out day and Stace Holland, CEO took it to the extreme, moving his office outside. He is shown here having a talk with employee Donna Garrett about who was best at inside-out day (and it looks like Donna is making a good case).

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"The church is mine."

Jesus did not say that the whole world should go to church. Essentially, he said that the church should go to the whole world.

806-300-2060. Tommy Avalos.



Hats off to Nurses Day was celebrated with the nursing staff going retro with their hats, and most of the staff joining in the fun with some very inventive hats.

#### POLITICAL CALENDAR

Political Primary is Tuesday, May 29  
Early voting is May 14-25.  
(Political advertising paid by the candidates listed)

#### REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

106<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
District Attorney  
**BRIAN KINGSTON**  
(INCUMBENT)

106<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
District Attorney  
**MICHAEL MUNK**  
(CANDIDATE)

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#### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

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