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at Crane High School (509 W 8th St, Crane, TX). Game 1 is set for Friday at 7 p.m. Game 2 will be Saturday at 2 p.m. with Game 3 to follow Game 2 if necessary.

### Bi-District Series Game 1: Smyer wins 10-6

Tahoka struggled in Game 1 of the Bi-District playoff series with the Smyer Bobcats, as they fell by a score of 10-6 in Post on Friday night. Tahoka's offense was held in check by Smyer pitcher, Brennan Fowler, as he struck out 16 batters on the night and only gave up 5 hits.

The game started off promising as Tahoka did not allow Smyer to score in the first 2 innings and notched a couple of runs of their own with back to back singles by Trystan Hilger and Ethan Curry, as well as a sacrifice fly by John Ryan Barrientez, scoring Curry. But Smyer evened the game up after a couple of walks were issued and Fowler ing decided by who could win a series and not just one game, it became imperative for Tahoka to make Smyer starter Brennan Fowler labor through the game and to force him to throw as much as possible. Tahoka did just that and notched 3 more runs over the last 2 innings, with those runs coming with some help from the Smyer starter's wildness, as he hit three batters in those innings. Tahoka showed no quit on Friday night, and it would prove to be beneficial on Saturday.

### Game 2: Tahoka wins 14-7

After a quiet offensive night on Friday, the Bulldog bats came alive in a big way on Saturday afternoon when the series action moved to Sundown, as they pounded out 12 hits and evened the series by winning 14-7. The game couldn't have started out better as Tahoka rocked Smyer starter, Johnny (See BULLDOGS WIN, page 5)

# Kickoff event slated tonight for Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce

n opportunity for area businesses, organizations, and individuals who have a love for their community and are interested in promoting Tahoka area businesses and services will begin tonight (Thursday), with the inaugural meeting of the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce.

The organizational meeting of the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) will be held from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street in Tahoka, open to all who have expressed an interest in joining by completing registration forms, as well as any prospective members.

- Membership registration and payment of dues will be conducted, and the TACC proposed bylaws will be presented for adoption. James Craig, President of the Board of Directors of the TACC, will lead the session.

Overviews of proposed projects will be presented, and signup sheets will be available to indicate which

Inspiration:

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projects members are interested in planning. Proposed projects include a July 4th event, Polar Express Christmas event, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, and more.

"Please join us in this endeavor to promote Tahoka area businesses and services, and be a part of a dynamic group that strives to showcase and serve our community," said James Craig, President of the Board of Directors.

The seven-member Board of Directors includes Craig, Vice President Leighton Knox, Treasurer Amy Preston, Secretary Juanell Jones, and directors Jose Delgado, Steve Burleson and Haney Wells.

# Vehicle burglary, collision reported

A traffic accident causing no injuries or damage and a vehicle burglary in which a woman's purse was stolen were among incidents investigated by Tahoka Police Dept. during the last week.

On Sunday morning, someone broke a window on a 2007 Ford Expedition parked at First Baptist Church and took a purse owned by Stephanie Deleon, driver of the vehicle owned by Delia Deleon. Among the items in the

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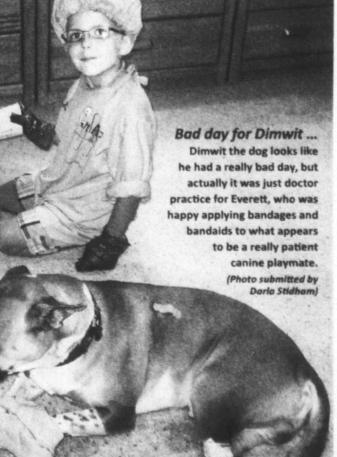
missing purse were credit cards and a passport.

In the 2400 block of N. Main St. Friday the collision involved a 1996 Saturn driven by Steven Medel, 29, of Tahoka and a 2007 Chevrolet Impala driven by Casandra Yvonne Tillman, 45, also of Tahoka.

Five persons were jailed during the week, on these charges: failure to appear on charges of driving while (See POLICE REPORT, page 5)

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### Juanita G. Escobedo

Juanita G. Escobedo of Lubbock passed away Thursday May 2, 2013. She was born March 28, 1935 in Melvin, to Demetrio and Maria (Rodriguez) Gonzales. Juanita married Luis Escobedo on December 11, 1953 in San Angelo. She was a homemaker and of the Pentecostal Faith. Juanita was cherished and loved by her children, and was an amazing homemaker and mom. She devoted and enjoyed all of her time with her children and will be truly missed by all.

Juanita was preceded in death by her husband, Luis; sister, Senona Pecina; brother, Lucas Gonzales; and one grandson, Billy D. Escobedo.

Those left to cherish her memory are six daughters, Sarah Martinez, Gloria Huerta, Sally Escobedo and Rosie, and Ida Bosque, all of Lubbock, Irene Hernandez and John of San Angelo, and Dora and Tim Roberge of Fayetteville, NC; five sons, Luis Escobedo of San Angelo, Lorenzo and Sally Escobedo of Tahoka, Alfred and Delma Escobedo of

new roof on the

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Lamesa, Gabino Escobedo and Hilario and Becky Escobedo, both of Lubbock; two brothers, Joe Gonzales of Lubbock and Demetrio Gonzales, Jr. of Lamesa; one sister, Felipa Gonzales of O'Donnell; 27 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 4, 2013 at Combest Family Memorial Cha-

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EFORE we got some newer phones and a different plan in March, my wife and I had some really old cell phones. They had little handles on the side that you could twist and call up a central operator: "Izzat you, Myrt? Ring up Charlie Clodhopper for me-I need to remind him he owes me two dollars."

Okay, so they weren't that old, but the phones were pretty scarred and beat up, so I ordered newer ones, the simplest I could find with no fancy doo-dads, just something we could talk into.

Anyway, mine was set up for a certain number of minutes per, month, no special rates at special times, and no carryover if I didn't use all of the allotted time. Of course, if you go over your allotted minutes, the phone will explode and take off your right ear.

On the last day of my first month, I found out by pushing 19 buttons on my phone in the correct order that I had 130 minutes of time left and it was going to expire forever that day. So I thought I might as well use some of those minutes that day.

I called my daughter and got her voice mail. I called our other daughter and got no answer at all. I called our son and got voice mail. But he called back a few minutes later. I explained to him I just needed to use up some of those phone minutes I had paid for, and if he would sit down, I would read him the first four chapters of the Old Testament.

But before I could even get started, we somehow got disconnected.

No wonder I don't need many minutes on my phone plan; nobody will talk to me.

MARK TWAIN or Ronald Reagan or somebody pretty smart once remarked, "When all is said and done, there's a lot more said than done."

SPEAKING of smart, this newspaper got a clever poem e-mailed to us last week by Gary Brazil of Lubbock, who used to work for the Tahoka school system:

"The Lynn County News,

Where news is never stale.

I'll take another year;

Check's in the mail."

And then he added, "It really is."

Juanell Jones, publisher, replied to him: "Oh, we love our readers;

We really, really do

And when you send us money

We send the news to you!"

Then she added, "Loved the poem, made our day!"

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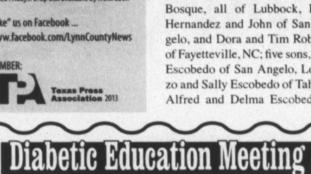
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at 6:00 pm • \$10.00 plate New Home Community Center Homemade Ice Cream - Gun Raffle Purchase tickets from any New Home fireman. All proceeds will benefit the New Home Fire Department.



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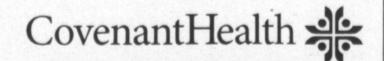
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· We are still seeking names to

go on the 2013 Harvest Festival

for details.

Senior Citizen's MENU

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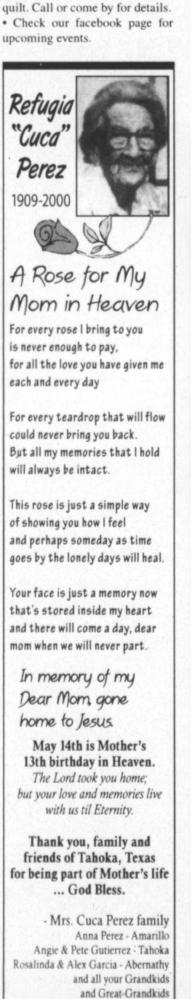
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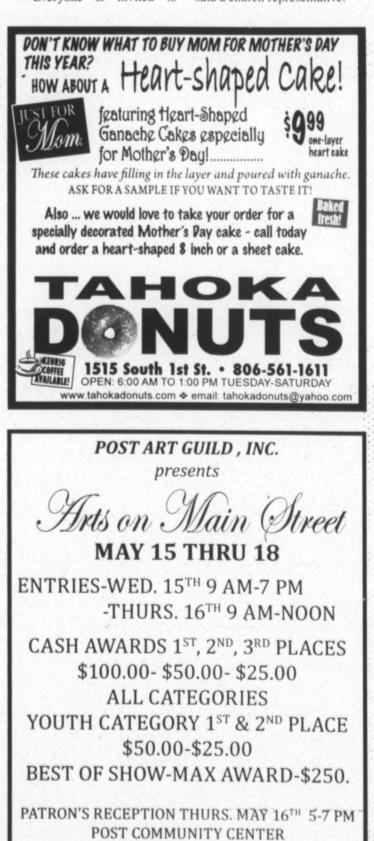
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peach & pear cup



the New Testament in a nonsectarian relaxed atmosphere to learn anew what baptism means in our day and age, led by Dr. Steven Bonner. "Everyone is invited to

very fun class discussion and help us as we take off our old lenses and read with fresh eyes the words of the New Testament on the meaning of baptism," said a church representative.



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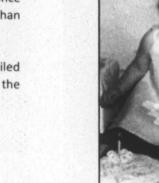
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### Women in Science endeavors... Six girls from New Home ISD attended WISE (Women In nce Endeavors) this year. This year's workshop focused on s. These girls dissected a cow eye, played "Who Pooped it?", used their sense of touch to identify objects in the mystery boxes and were able to come home with a chrysalis. Their chrysalises released either a monarch or painted lady butterfly within three days. They also were able to walk through the butterfly area of the Science Spectrum and watch Flight of the Butterflies in the IMAX. Pictured here from left are, Samantha Cardenas, Abbey Jackson, Katherine Barrington, Caitlyn Adams, Savanna Lehman, and Celee Smith.

### New Home School Menu MAY 13-17: Monday: Pancakes; Tuesday:

Breakfast burrito; Wednesday: Tortilla omelet; Thursday: Cinnamon pastry; Friday: French toast sticks LUNCH:

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Monday: Chicken & broccoli penne or pizza sticks, spaghetti sauce, salad, baby carrots, apple slices Tuesday: Taco salad, lettuce & tomatoes, or baked potato, corn, snowball salad

Wednesday: Steak fingers/chicken nuggets, mashed potato w/ gravy, green beans, applepineapple d'lite Thursday: Chicken quesadilla, or BBO bun, black beans, carrots, orange smiles Friday: Pizza choice or hambuger, trim-

mings, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, peaches

**FUMC** Pastor **Vernon Baker** leaving Tahoka

Vernon Baker, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Tahoka for the past six years, will be leaving his position here in June. He has been appointed by the Methodist Conference to serve Covenant United Methodist Church in Albuquerque, NM, he announced from the pulpit recently.

"Victoria and I are sad to be leaving Tahoka and at the same time blessed to be appointed to Covenant UMC in Albuquerque," Baker said in a facebook message. "It is hard to move away from church family whom we have loved for six years. We will keep our Tahoka family in our prayers and ask for the same in our new congregation which we will begin serving the end of June. We are sad to leave church and community family and yet it is a great blessing for Victoria to be close to her parents," he added.

Pastor Gene and Connie Hudgins, from Plains FUMC,

# have been appointed to serve the Tahoka church.

## She took care of you for years ... Time to do something for her!

New Home students in grades 2-8 competed in April at the Texas Tech GEAR (Get Excited About Robotics) competition. The New Home robotics

all this help we would not have been able to be the success we were this year," said teacher Sabrina Multer. **ELEMENTARY RESULTS** 

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ade Day, presented donations to Bianca Baker, Lynn **County Pioneers Center** 

and Ashley West, Lynn County Animal Control Service, from proceeds made participating in the Lemonade Day on Saturday at the Lynn County Hospital Garage Sale. Madelynn, a kindergarten student at Tahoka Elementary and daughter of Manuel and Jennifer DeLeon, holds one of the puppies that may be adopted from the Lynn County Animal Shelter. The other photo shows her lemonade stand, built by her uncle and painted pink and yellow.

Monday: Biscuit w/ sausage gravy or Fruit Loops Cereal; Tuesday: Biscuit w/ sausage gravy or Lucky Charms ; Wednesday: Breakfast pocket or Cinn. Toast Crunch; Thursday: Waffes w/ syrup or Cocoa Puffs; Friday: Breakfast pizza or Trix

LUNCH: Monday: Spaghetti, corn, green beans, mixed fruit

Tuesday: Corn dog, glazed carrots, pork & beans, banana

Wednesday: Soft fajita chicken tacos. Mex. corn, lettuce, cheese, cinn. apples Thursday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, watermelon, peaches Friday: Tony's pizza, tater tots, baked

beans, strawberry applesauce





Polls to open Saturday

Voting polls for the Sat-

urday, May 11 city and school

board elections will be open

from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at vari-

ous locations, depending on the

election. Early voting ended

held in Tahoka, for the District

1 city council seat. The elec-

tion will be conducted at the

Life Enrichment Center at 1717

Main Street. Two candidates

are vying for the Dist. 1 seat

on the City Council, including

incumbent Rudy Fuentes and

challenger Justin Antu. Voters

must reside within the district

location to be eligible to vote

(map available at Tahoka City

Hall and polling location). Ac-

cording to early voting officials,

only five voters cast ballots in

this election during the early

voting period.

Only one election will be

May 7 for all elections.

for City/School elections

Linda Rosales.

three council seats.

All other city and school

elections in the county, as well

as the Lynn County Hospital

Sixth place

team ... The group of 4th grade New Home students, "Dr. Wires" robotics team received 8th place at the Robotics competition that was recently held. The team, pictured from left are Connor Cook, Hayden Ehlers and

**Dr. Wires Robotics** Kealey Benson.

New Home's first year in Robotics is success

### This robotics team of New Home second graders, "The Lightings", pictured from



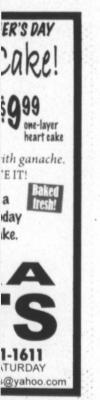
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program started in January with the purchase of several robotics kits through donations from area businesses and six borrowed kits from Texas Tech.

"We had 33 students interested in competing and were able to form 10 teams. Over the course of three months these students learned how to design robots with Lego Mindstorm kits and computer programs to accomplish certain required tasks and how to problem solve situations. In the end New Home did very well at the competition, with two team making it to finals in the Elementary division.

"I would like to thank Andy Beck, Brian Pleasant, and our Team Moms for all their help running practices and helping the kids work through problems. I would also like to thank the following businesses that helped us get our start: Spike Dykes of Lamesa, BGR Architects, Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, New Home Coop Gin, and New Home PTO. Also many friends and family donated money Without

### (out of 120 teams):

6th Overall-The Lightings 2nd graders Braxton Beck, Reagan Fiedler, and Lexi Benson 8th Overall-Dr. Wires 4th graders

Hayden Ehlers, Kealey Benson, and Connor Cook Tie 23rd-The Decepticons: Whit Smithson, Strait Earwood, Effi Correa

Tie 25th-A.D.A.K .: Alice Hamilton. Ashlyn Ballard, Kyley Gill, Destiny Torres

Tie 28th-TZ: Juliana Portales, Elena Pando, Mack Bolton, McKenzie Goodnough

Tie 61st-Speed Racers: Sydney Langdon, Kayla Carroll, Hunter Bolton Tie 62nd-Pink Out: Sunny Torres, Jake Tabor, Jaxxon Zant

Junior High Results out of 120 teams: Tie for 49th place-A-Team: Natalie Fuentes, Kayla Gonzales, Raymond Barraza; and team Robotusin- Austin Bramlett, Daniel Hall, Brayden Kirkland 116th place- Three Snails- Kevin

Saldana, Gabe Cantu, Jett Ballard



Dr. Steven Bonner will lead a study on Baptism in the New Testament in a non-sectarian, relaxed atmosphere.

Please join us every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for a great meal and a fun class discussion.

Tahoka Church of Christ 2320 Lockwood

# TAHOKA AREA **Chamber of Commerce**

Promoting Tahoka area businesses and services

IDEAS AT WORK ...

All interested businesses, organizations and interested individuals are invited to attend the

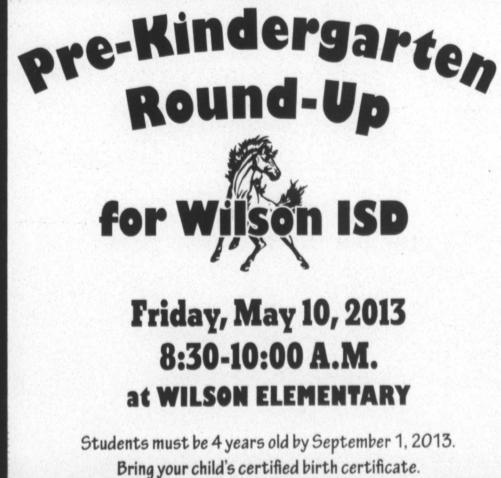
Kickoff Meeting

# **Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce** Thursday, May 9

from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center

For all who have expressed an interest in joining -- Prospective members welcome too!

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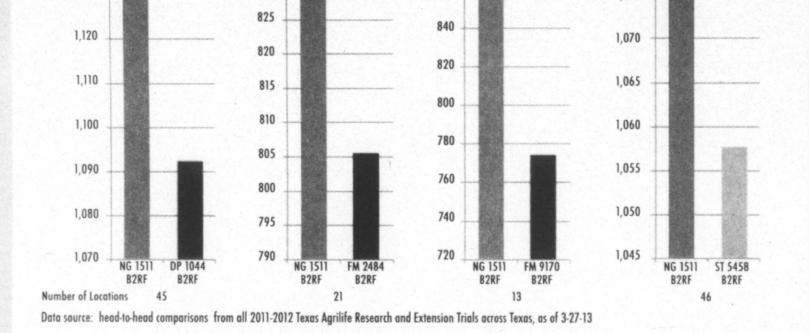
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Bi-District Champions! ... Tahoka Bulldog baseball team beat Smyer in the bi-district series, and will play in the Area series this weekend. Pictured from left to right, top row: Manager DG Tillman, Coach BC Lee, Anthony Martinez, Domenique Herrera, Jacob Arriazola, Swade Hammonds, Mikkel Garza, Ethan Curry, Peyton Curry, Coach James Garrett and son Easton, trainer Roxanne; front row, bat boy Warren Taylor, Isaiah Arce, Justyn Williams, Caelan Decker, John Ryan Barrientez, and Colton Taylor, and stretched out in front is Trystan Hilger.

# Bulldogs win ... (continued from page 1)

Paiz, for 6 runs in the first inning, with the big hit coming from Isaiah Arce's two-run double.

Tahoka went quiet for while, and Smyer took advantage. The Bobcats grabbed 5 runs back from Tahoka by showing some patience at the plate against Tahoka starter, Trystan Hilger. Hilger had a little trouble finding the strike zone early during the first two innings, but he would get it back as he put up scoreless innings in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th innings to really show what he was made of. The junior right-hander hurled 6 innings while striking out 14 hitters and earning, most importantly, the win.

Tahoka found their stroke again as they scored two runs in each of the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th innings, putting the game out of reach for Smyer. Hilger, senior Ethan Curry, and sophomore, Dom Herrera provided a lot of offense as the three of them combined for 7 hits, 5 RBIs and 6 runs scored.

Game 3: Tahoka wins 9-1

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The Bulldogs took the field for game three immediately after game two, and Tahoka com-

sive 9-1 victory over the Smyer Bobcats. The story of the day came from the strong right arm of senior, Ethan Curry. Curry held the Bobcats down for 7 innings, pounding the strike zone all game long, never giving the

pleted the series win with a deci-

Bobcat hitters a chance to catch their breath. He only allowed one run on the day, and that run came on a throwing error and a sacrifice fly. Curry struck out 6 batters on the day and only gave up 3 hits, while only throwing 96 pitches on the day.

Curry also contributed big time at the plate as he went 3 for 3 with a walk and 4 runs scored. Amazingly, that was not the best day someone for the Bulldogs had at the plate. Sophomore, Dom Herrera was 4 for 4 with 2 doubles and 2 triples, driving in four Bulldogs on the day.

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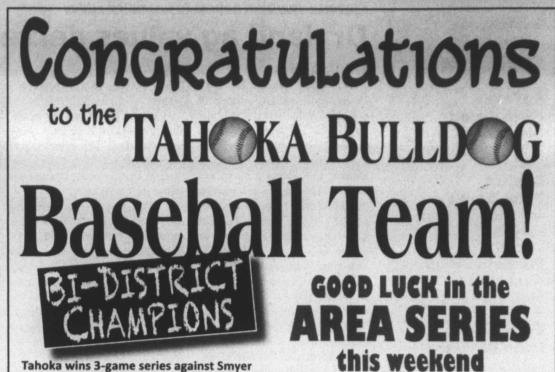
New stop signs: Please note that we have new stop signs at the intersections of South 1st Street and Avenue H and South 2nd Street and Avenue H. Traffic traveling east and west must stop **City Election information:** If you live in District 1 please

remember to vote on Saturday, May 11th. The polling place is the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street. Voting will be from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

City Pool: Opening day for the pool is set for June 5th this year. Please call 56-5012 to book parties after June 5th.

Spring cleaning: Now that the weather is getting warmer thoughts turn to cleaning up around the home place. Remember, if you pay city utilities you are allowed 1,000 free pounds at the city landfill each month. Take advantage of it. The landfill is open 8 a.m. til 5 p.m. on week days and 10 a.m. til 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

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



Tahoka wins 3-game series against Smyer (6-10, 14-7, 9-1) for Bi-District Title.

**TEAM ROSTER: Justyn Williams John Ryan Barrientez Ethan Curry Jacob** Arriazola Santiago Martinez **Domenique Herrera Caelan Decker Peyton Curry Anthony Martinez Mikkel Garza Swade Hammonds Colton Taylor Trystan Hilger Isiah Arce** 



We're Proud of our Bulldogs: **Plains Aerial** The Zoo **Xcel Energy** Witt Butane Wildcat Manufacturing Walker & Solomon Agency **Tahoka Thriftway Tahoka Drug Tahoka Donuts Quick Stripe** Poka Lambro **Mesa Pivot** Irrigation Lyntegar Electric Lynn County Hospital

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### Genealogical Society to meet in Lubbock

The South Plains Genealogical Society will meet Saturday, May 11 at 10:00 am at Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street in Lubbock. Pam Casto will present. "Little Known Genealogical Resources at Mahon Library." Visitors are welcome and refreshments will be served. For further information, contact Darnell Dingle at 794-5261.

### Police report ... (continued from page 1)

license invalid with previous conviction and suspension, evading arrest plus resisting arrest, search or transport, failure to appear on charges of assault causing bodily injury, possession of marijuana under two ounces, driving while license invalid with previous conviction, bond surrender on failure to identify plus driving while license invalid plus failure to appear.

Total number in jail early this week was 15, including one for Andrews County.

In April, 308 calls were processed by dispatchers at the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept., including 119 for the county, 101 for City of Tahoka, 16 for O'Donnell, 39 for animal control, 7 fire alarms and 26 ambulance calls.



Tahoka Buildogs vs. Fort Hancock Mustangs at Crane High School, Crane, Texas

Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday Game 3: Immediately after Game 2 (if necessary)

# Lynn County News

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**Huffaker Law** Office

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May 9, 2013 The Lynn County News

### Property appraisal notices to be mailed Friday

# **Dryland ag values decreasing 15%**

### **by JUANELL JONES**

Property owners in Lynn

appraised value soon, and while

owners of irrigated agricultural

land will see a slight increase in ag

values, it will be compensated by

about a 15% decrease in dryland

values, according to information

this week from Lynn County Ap-

praisal District. Some residential

values may increase as well, as

properties within the Tahoka ISD

area were reappraised this year.

LCAD is mailing appraisal notices

on Friday, May 10, to all property

an estimate of taxes, Chief Ap-

praiser Marquita Scott said.

The notice is not a tax bill, but

Tax statements are mailed af-

"The notices contain im-

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**Farmers Co-op** Association No. 1

Lynn County **Farm Bureau** 

LYNN COUNTY **TOTAL PRECIPITATION IN 2012:** 12.55"

Precipitation for 2013: 2.04"

quired to notify property owners about changes in their property's County will receive notices of value."

To provide owners the opportunity to review ownership, property locations, exemptions and agricultural use, Lynn County Appraisal District mails a notice for all property, she said.

"This is the opportunity for property owners to address issues in a timely manner," said Scott. Property owners are encouraged to review their notice and act accordingly. The notice includes instructions on how and when to file a protest. The deadline for filing a protest is June 10, or 30 days after the appraisal district mailed the Notices of Appraised Value.

Appraisal district staff is available to assist property owners. Appraisers are available for an informal hearing prior to the Appraisal Review Board hearing. Property owners who disagree with the appraised value of their property, the exemptions or any

# 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 10, 2013. Property owners will be mailed a notice as a result of any of the following circumstances affecting real property: if the 2013 proposed value is at least \$1000 more than the 2012 certified value; if the property owner has filed a timely rendition; if 2013 is the first year the property is listed in the appraisal records; if the property changed ownership during 2012; 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 our notice. Those who receive a notice in Lynn County have until June 10, 2013 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**

actions concerning their property tax appraisals.

The law gives property owners the right to protest the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You

other action by the appraisal district, have the right to appeal to the Appraisal Review Board. The board is an independent panel of residents responsible for hearing and settling property owner pro-

> tests. Scott encourages people protesting appraisals to meet with the appraisers in preparation for their hearing. The appraisers will review the property and explain how the value was determined. "Most taxpayers who own ag-

ricultural land will see an increase of about 5% in irrigated land value, but also a 15% decrease in dryland values as well as a 12% decrease in pasture land," said Scott. "Ag values are based on a five-year time period, with crops from 2007-2011 calculated in the ag schedule for the 2013 tax year. The disastrous 2011 crop year was picked up, but the bumper crop year of 2007 is still figured in the calculations for this year," she explained. In Texas, the appraised value

of agricultural land is based on a uniform appraisal method in

# ditor **Judging Team**

Letters to the

The FFA Judging Team would like to say a heartfelt thank you for the support you showed in our efforts to collect funds to send to the community of West, Texas. The generosity of our community was once again amazing! We set a goal but with your support we exceeded it!

We want to especially thank Tahoka ISD students, staff and administration, Lynn County Abstract Office, Huffaker Law Office, Lyntegar Electric and several individuals who contributed.

It was quite a humbling experience to witness the devastation of that community, and quite a blessing to get to share! Tahoka FFA

**Livestock Judging Team** Ian Cobb, Lindsey Cobb Madison Lockaby, Coy Mercer Slate May, Sponsor



Locally, Scott said, she can-

not change ag values on individual

farms, unless there is an error re-

garding the designation or classifi-

cation of the land (such as dryland

or irrigated land, pasture, or CRP

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Anyone who has questions

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notice is received.

Compete at State ... The Tahoka FFA Judging Team competed at the State Contest in College Station Saturday, where they were in the

top 10% of all judging teams in the State of Texas. Lindsey Cobb was

42<sup>nd</sup> High Individual out of over 350 Students. The team pictured from

left are, Coy Mercer, Ian Cobb, Madison Lockaby, and Lindsey Cobb.

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a specific piece of property's actu-

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cific pieces of property are put into

categories within the classification

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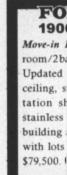
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Donation to West... The Tahoka FFA Judging team raised \$1,300 for the community of West, Tx. They dropped off a check to the West Church of Christ on the way to College Station. "The town of West was very appreciative for their donation and said that the money would go to the victims who lost their homes," said a spokesperson. Pictured from left: representative for West Church of Christ, Madison Lockaby, Slate May, Ian Cobb, Lindsey Cobb, and Coy Mercer.

property, should contact LCAD at 561-5477 (see their advertisement in this issue, headed "Lynn County Appraisal District Provides Public Information and Assistance"). The legal deadline for filing an official protest is 30 days from the date the

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by the State Property Tax Board, appreciates support states that "because appraisers cannot appraise each individual tract of land, they shall follow the provided method to determine the appraised valuation of land designated as agricultural land."

- 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

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,pas 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.



New Home students compete in Robotics program... New Home ISD students in grades 2-8 competed in April at the Texas Tech GEAR (Get Excited About Robotics) competition. "Our robotics program

started in January with the purchase of several robotics kits through generous donations from area businesses and six borrowed kits from Texas Tech. We had 33 students interested in competing and were able to form 10 teams. Over the course of three months these students learned how to design robots with Lego Mindstorm kits to do certain required tasks and how to problem solve situations. They also had to learn how to use a computer program that programs the robot to do these tasks. Each team met at least once a week to work towards their goal of completing a certain number of tasks to earn points. In the end New Home did very well at the competition," said a sponsor.

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## **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.

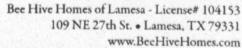
Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information. SPECIAL DEADLINES

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 I) 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.

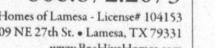
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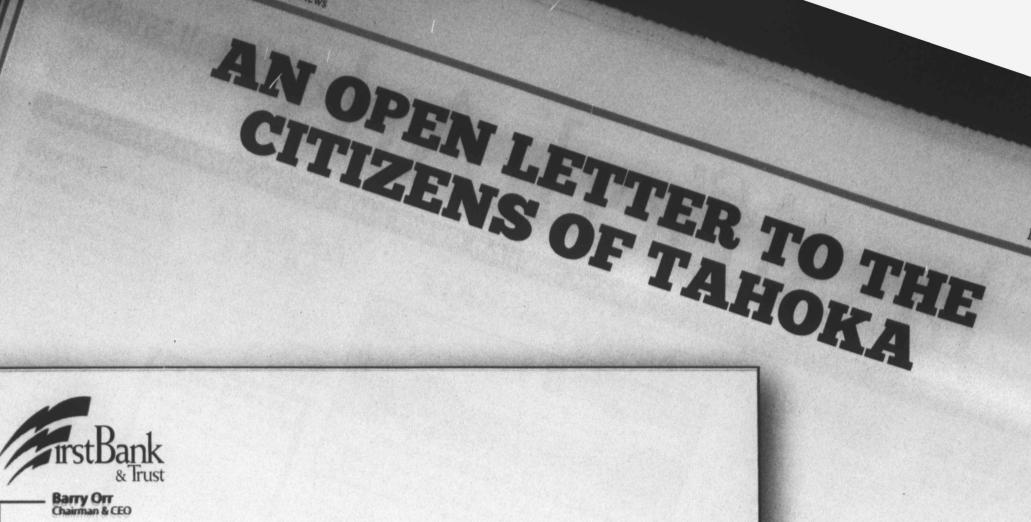
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Please accept my sincere apologies for the ATM downtime at our branch located at 1910 Lockwood Ave. In our effort to provide state of the art equipment, we hit a snag with software compatibility, resulting in loss of service and inconvenience to the great folks of Tahoka.

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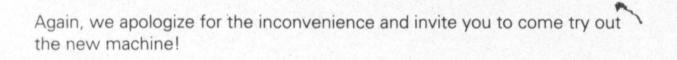
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