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#### **Memorial Day** observance set at Wilson cemetery

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

#### Deadline next week is 5 pm Tuesday

The Lynn County News office will be CLOSED Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.

Deadline for news and ads is extended until 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 31 for next week's issue.

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## Honor graduates named for Lynn County schools

A total of 72 seniors from Tahoka, Wilson, O'Donnell and New Home schools will graduate in commencement exercises for the Class of 2011 on Friday night, May 27. Officials from the four schools have released the names of their top honor students, as well as their grade point averages.

Tahoka High School has 41 seniors graduating in ceremonies beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. THS Valedictorian is Emily Nicole "Nikki" Box, daughter of Ray and Cathy Box, who is graduating with a 4.4355 grade point average (GPA). Salutatorian is Sabrina Moralez, daughter of Carlos and Gloria Moralez, who is graduating with a GPA of 4.3981.

Other THS high honor graduates who are graduating in the top ten percent of their class include Taryn Bishop, daughter of Billy and Jana Bishop; and Patrick Wells, son of Haney and Tanya Wells.

New Home High School commencement exercises will be held at 8 p.m. in the high school gymnasium, with 13 seniors graduating. NHHS Valedictorian is Amanda Whitten, daughter of Jerry and Cathy Whitten, with a 95.226 GPA. Salutatorian is Jessica Elaine Gomez, daughter of Jesus and Francis Gomez, with a GPA of

O'Donnell High School is graduating 13 seniors in commencement exercises starting at 8 p.m. in the Glenn and Donna Hopkins Memorial Auditorium. Their top two students are twin sisters, Loree and Raven Ramirez, daughters of Roel and Claudia Ramirez. Loree is the OHS Valedictorian with a GPA of 3.86885. Raven is OHS Salutatorian with a GPA of 3.73770.

Wilson High School has 5 seniors graduating in commencement exercises at 7 p.m. in the Wilson gymnasium. Laura Villarreal is the WHS Valedic-

torian with a GPA of 3.678. She is the daughter of Anthony and Carmen Villarreal. Amber Valadez is the WHS Salutatorian with a GPA of 3.672. She is the daughter of Ronnie and Penny Valadez, and Amanda Davila.

## **TISD board proposes \$1.17 tax rate,** triggers tax ratification election

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees in their May 16 meeting unanimously approved a proposed tax rate of \$1.17 after wrangling with financial issues and speculating on possible state funding numbers that indicate a deficit budget for the TISD 2011-12 school year. The proposed rate is 13-cents higher than the current rate of \$1.04 per \$100 of property value, which is the maximum allowed by

The proposed rate triggers a tax ratification election(formerly known as a rollback election), which will provide voters within the Tahoka school district an opportunity to vote on the issue in an election set for August 27.

Of the four school districts in Lynn County, Tahoka and O'Donnell school

TISD Superintendent Steve Burleson issued the following statement re-

garding the district's proposal: "The main two reasons that we are discussing the matter of a Tax Ratification Election (TRE) today is due to the structural deficit that was created in 2006 by the Legislators and Governor Perry and the loss of students during the past five years. The revenue system that was created is called Target Revenue. Target Revenue is the funding system that determines how many dollars that each school district in Texas receives each year. The legislature took action to freeze total revenues for school districts at 2005-2006 levels on a per pupil basis. This total includes both the local money (money generated from TISD property owners in

When our enrollment goes down we lose some state funding due to fewer students. The amount that we are losing because of student enrollment drop for 2011-2012 will be -- STEVE BURLESON

approximately \$90,000. 99 districts are both considering tax rati-

fication elections this year, and voters in Wilson and New Home school districts already approved tax ratification elections in previous years. Currently, O'Donnell ISD has a tax rate of \$1.17 (including a Maintenance and Operating rates of \$1.04 plus an additional .13-cent tax rate to pay bonded indebtedness); Wilson ISD has an M&O rate of a \$1.17 after approving that rate in a tax ratification election in 2008; and New Home ISD has a total tax rate of \$1.26, including an M&O rate of \$1.17 (tax ratification election approved in 2007) and an additional .09-cent tax rate for bonded indebtedness.

the form of taxes) and the state money (approximately 78% of our funds come from the State of Texas). This legislative action took both sources of money - combined it - and froze it at that level.

"The only way we can increase revenues is to gain more students or hold the TRE. This does not take into account that our costs have continued to rise in the past five years. Our enrollment has continued to go down over the past five years approximately 2% per year. This has caused Tahoka I.S.D. to have a deficit budget.

"The Legislators started the 82nd (See TISD TAX RATE, page 2)

## County cotton planted with low expectations for 2011

by Bryan Reynolds, CEA **Lynn County Agriculture** 

The 2011 cotton crop is going into the ground with low expectations and

pessimism in Lynn County. Without a doubt, the dry conditions are making things a challenge for growers who are planting. After coming off a good crop in 2010, the outlook for 2011 is on the other

end of the spectrum. Rainfall amounts at the two West Texas Mesonet sites in Tahoka and O'Donnell show just how severe the drought is. At O'Donnell, rainfall has totaled .28" for

2011. Since August 1 of 2010, the O'Donnell site has recorded only 5.93" of rain for the nearly 10-month time frame. At Tahoka, .90" has been recorded for 2011. 4.28" have been recorded since August 1, 2010. In 2010, from January through April, Tahoka reported over 14" and O'Donnell over 10". To go along with the extreme



faced the relentless wind which has only made things worse. Many fields are blowing and there is really no way to stop them without significant moisture to help hold the soil together. Many of these fields will only blow worse once planters start going across those acres that can't be stopped. By the end of the week, the county will be 30 to 40 percent planted. Almost all of the irrigated acres should be planted. Irrigation systems

drought, growers have

have already been working hard just to apply enough water to get the soil wet so seeds can germinate. By hav-(See COTTON, page 14)

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### **Antonia Montemayor**

Rosary for Antonia Estrada Montemayor, 74, of Lubbock, formerly of Tahoka, was held at 7:00 pm Monday, May 23, at Combest Family Funeral Homes in Tahoka. Mass was held at 11:00 am Tuesday, May 24, at St. Jude Catholic Church. Interment was at Nevels Cemetery. She died on Saturday, May 21, 2011.

She was born June 13, 1936 in Gonzales to Urbano and Josechina (Perez) Estrada. She was a homemaker and member of St. Adde Catholic Church in Tahoka. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ramon Mentemayor on Sept. 2, 1989; daughter, Laura Ann Montemayor on May 28, 2005; great-granddaughter, Madison Parsons on Nov. 27, 2001; and nine siblings.

She is survived by two daughters, Paula Casarez and husband Timoteo, Jr. of Tahoka and Rosie Turner and husband Craig of Lubbook; son, Ramon T. Montemayof, Jr. of Lubbock; three sisters, Modesta Flores of Kansas, Connie Martinez of Bryan, and Maria Garcia of Ft. Worth; brother, Pete Estrada of Bryan; seven grandchildren, Christy Parsons and Heather DiPlacido and husband T. J. of Ft. Worth, Erica Lynn, Ricka, Kelsey and Zachary Taylor, and Ramon A: Montemayor, III all of Lubbock; and two greatgrandchildren, Evan Lynn of Lubbock and Andrew DiPlacido of Ft. Worth.

Please join us in celebrating the life of Antonia at www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

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Tahoka, Texas 79373

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FRIDAY, MAY 27:

Class of 2011 Special:

Dinners ... only \$6.00!

Large Single-topping PIZZA ... only \$10.00!

(On Friday, May 27) FISH Dinners, CHICKEN FRIED STEAK & STEAK FINGER

We will close at 6:00 p.m. for Graduation.

### Vicky Wilson Merriam

Vicky Wilson Merriam died Friday May 20, 2011 in Hendrick Hospital in Abilene after a long illness. A private memorial was held Saturday at North Funeral Home in Abilene. She donated her body to Texas Tech Health Science Center for research.

She was born May 6, 1952 in Lamesa. She was the daughter of the late Evon and Tola Wilson. She graduated from Tahoka in 1970 and attended West Texas State for two years. She had worked as a bookkeeper and was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Merriam; one daughter, Kari; one son, Joseph; and one sister, Diann Reynolds of Ta-

#### Asulema Vega

Funeral mass was celebrated for Asulema Vega, 101, of Seagraves on Friday, May 20, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Seagraves, with Father Paul Karieakatt officiating. Burial was in Tahoka cemetery. Rosary was held on Thursday, May 19 at St. Paul's Catholic Church. She died on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at Memorial Health Care Center in Seminole.

She was born February 25, 1910 in Mexico to Feliciana (Pena) and Cruz Guerrero. She was a Catholic. She married Carlos Vega on March 22, 1929 in Donna. She was a homemaker and a longtime member of the Guadalupanas.

She was preceded in death by her husband Carlos, one daughter, two granddaughters and two grandsons.

Survivors include four daughters, Guadalupe Pena of Lubbock, Juanita Rodriguez and husband Marcial of San Antonio, Erma Soto and husband Robert of Seminole, Dora Blanco and husband Javier of Seagraves; six sons, Joe Vega, Abel Vega, Carlos Vega, Robert Vega and wife Virginia, all of Tahoka, Sam Vega and wife Santos of Lubbock, and Frank Vega and wife Rosa of Slaton; 39 grandchildren and 71 great-

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know what you think of the meal. · Mark your calendars! Rightway Medical Supply of Lubbock will be at the Center on June 9 from 9:00-12:00. Call the Center at 561-5264 or come by between 10:00-4:00 BEFORE June 9th for the diabetic shoes/inserts. Certification and Rx paperwork must be completed by your doctor and bring it to the Center with you on

June 9. · Weekly domino nights are continuing each Monday evening at 6:00 p.m.

· Timeless Treasures Cooks are still available for \$12 each at the Center, Lynn County News, Huffaker Law Office, Virginia's Beauty Salon, and City/County Library.

· Remember that the aluminum recycle bin is located across from the City Warehouse.

## Stereo equipment stolen from car

Stereo equipment valued at a total of \$600 was reported stolen from a car parked at a residence on U.S. 87 access road north of Tahoka Saturday, Lynn County sheriff's officers were advised. Justin Hartway told officers that while his 2002 Saturn was parked at his residence, someone took a CD player, amplifier and two speakers from the car.

The items were believed to have been stolen during daylight hours Saturday.

Tahoka Police arrested two men from Post Sunday night after stopping a car they observed weaving on U.S. 380 in the city. The driver was charged with driving while intoxicated plus driving while his license was invalid, and the passenger was charged with public intoxication.

## **LETTER** to the EDITOR

**A Cheerful Giver** Dear Editor.

Somewhere I've read that the Lord loves a cheerful giver. Somewhere last week, someone in Tahoka loaded up two full baskets of food, paid for them, and then asked that they be donated to the food pantry at Tahoka's Church of Christ. And somewhere up yonder, the treasures we store in heaven await those who believe. Lately, it looks a lot like gas prices and rain might not come down anytime soon. But one good and kind soul has given us a good example of giving and we are grateful. Thank you!

Sincerely, Jack, Kelley, Yolanda, Tahoka Church of Christ and all the folks we feed P.S. The Mobile Pantry from the South Plains Food Bank will be at the Tahoka Church of Christ on May 26 and June 30th around 11:15 to distribute food boxes to those that are screened by South Plains Food Bank. To qualify, Tahoka area residents need to bring proof of income and proof of their physical address (no P.O. Boxes will be accepted).

strawberry shortcake

biscuits, rainbow cake

Thursday: Baked chicken, ranch

style beans, mixed green salad,

Martin, and Alex Webster. **TISD tax rate** (continued from page 1)

Legislative Session with both the House and Senate proposing major cuts into the funding of education and other major programs through the state.

The House set an education budget cut of over \$7 Billion dollars while the Senate set their education budget cuts at just over \$4 billion dollars. The proposed budget cuts that we were originally given ranged from \$306,000 to \$789,000 for the 2011-2012 school year. At this time with some changes in all of the proposals we have a dollar amount that ranges from just over \$100,000 to the original high of \$789,000 cut from the state in 2011-2012. Whichever dollar amount that the Legislators decide to cut from Tahoka ISD in 2011-2012, we will have our funds cut the same amount or more in the 2012-2013 school year. The numbers are changing every time the House and Senate meet. We are trying to hit a moving target.

"When our enrollment goes down we lose some state funding due to fewer students. The amount that we are losing because of student enrollment drop for 2011-2012 will be approximately \$90,000.

"Tahoka ISD is not the only district facing this issue. This same scenario is playing out in public school districts all across the state. Many schools are running a deficit budget for the 2011-2012 school year like we will do. Those that are not have already passed a TRE. Others are still making it for now - but every school district, that has not passed a TRE, is facing difficult times because the revenues are capped for all school districts. The 82nd Legislative Session is making it even more difficult because of the

proposed cuts in state funding. "Our current tax rate is \$1.04 for the Maintenance and Operations of the school district. Our total tax rate is \$1.04 and this is without approval from the voters.

the state. The State will match each \$1.00 from Tahoka with a

Band seniors ... The Tahoka 3-D Band seniors show off the trophies they have won

since they have been in band. These seniors were recognized at the Tahoka 3-D Band's

annual Spring Concert last week, including (in back from left) Patrick Wells, Katherine

Colon, Caleb Renfro, Kyle Reno, and Nick Aguirre, and in front, Sabrina Moralez, Jacob

Wright and Sebastian Strickland. Band seniors not pictured are Ben Bertreaux, Caitlynn

match of approximately \$2.83. "The average home in Tahoka ISD, according to the Lynn County Appraisal District, has a taxable value (appraised value minus the homestead exemption of \$15,000) of \$33,140. The taxes on this property will go up \$43.80 a year after the tax ratification election.

"A proposed timeline for the Tax Ratification Election is as follows: June 6: conduct public hearing to discuss the published proposed tax rate of \$1.17; adopt an ordinance setting the tax rate; order the election to ratify an adopted tax rate that exceeds the District's rollback tax rate to be

conducted on Saturday, August 27, 2011; set the public hearing date on the proposed budget on Tuesday, July 14, 2011.

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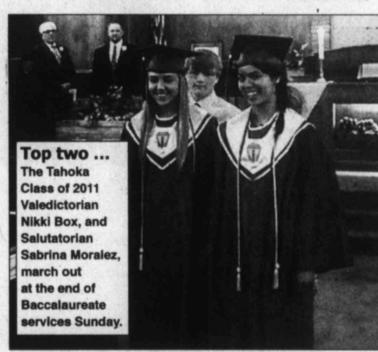
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The district will have to adopt its budget not knowing what its state funding will look like; the Legislature could go into special session to finish its budget in June

"I think the overall point in this is that the district has tried to make the reductions possible without affecting the classroom experience for the student," There may be some larger class sizes. There will be some support services that are not funded to the same level as the prior year,. Now, we're just really waiting to see what the revenue picture is from the state and the results of the Tax Ratification Election."

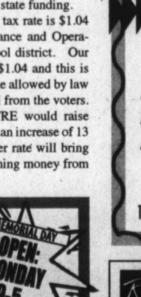


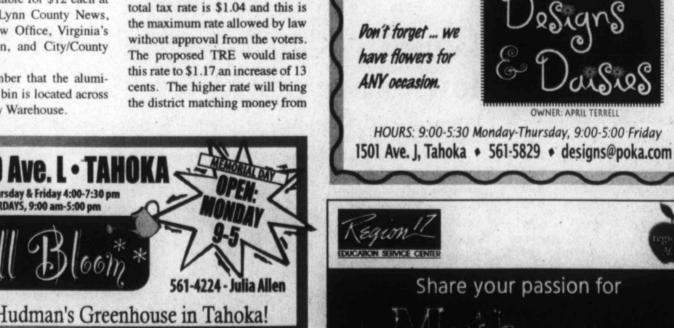


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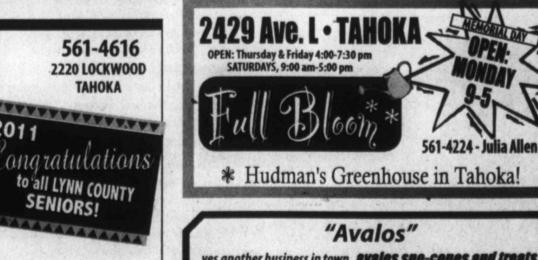


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Baptist Church of Tahoka. He resides in Plainview.

Dr. Meeks was born in Farmersville, and grew up in Dallas where he graduated from South Oak Cliff High School. He is also a graduate of Baylor University (B.A.) and Southwestern Theological Seminary (M. Div. and Th.D.). He served as pastor of churches in Texas, Oklahoma, Oregon and Colorado. His pastorates in West Texas include First Baptist Church in Lorenzo and Plainview, and Oakwood Baptist Church in Lubbock.

KATIE WEBSTER

Katie Webster, daughter of

Jerry Webster of Tahoka, grad-

uated from Baylor University

in commencement ceremonies

held Saturday, May 14, 2011

in Waco. Webster earned her

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Webster is

**Baylor** grad

He taught courses in Bible, Theology, and Christian Ministry for 21 years at Wayland Baptist University. While at Wayland he served as interim pastor of 22 churches. He cur-



DR. & MRS. FRED MEEKS

rently serves as the Director of the Logsdon Seminary Lubbock Program. Since his retirement in 2006, he has served as the Intentional Interim Pastor for FBC of Evergreen, CO, and the Monument Hill Church, SBC in Monument, CO. Since returning to Texas he has served as interim pastor of FBC Plains, and Littlefield.

He is married to Sally Ann Hart Meeks. She is a Registered Nurse who served in various hospitals and public schools. She retired as the School Nurse at Plainview High School in 2006. They have two daughters, Marnie and Meredith.

Baccalaureate Service ... Tahoka High School seniors Brittani Ford, Willie Vest, Skyler McCleskey and Taylor Abell participated in the Baccalaureate services held Sunday, May 22 at the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka.

## Tahoka Tumblers compete in Hale Center

The Tahoka Tumblers competed in their last tumbling meet of the school year on May 5th in Hale Center. The following were awarded first place; Sophie Thomas, Miller Norwood. Karlie Swinford, Kaycee Swinford, Layney Vega, Madilyn Conner, Faith Arce, Kylie Jolly, Marlie Scott, Selah Smith, Jae-

lyn Gomez, Cagnie Long and Kaitlyn Smith.

Second place medals were awarded to Jackqueline Proffitt, Morgan Mackey, Luke Sullivan, Kaelyn Barrientez, Kylee Chapa, Emily Smith, and Micaela Sullivan.

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Dylan Holden!

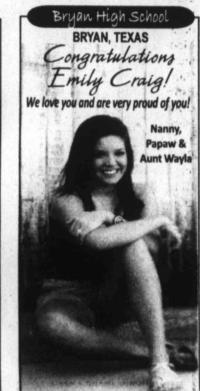


Emilia Garcia of Tahoka was named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the Spring 2011 semester. She is enrolled in the LCU teacher prep program. students who have earned at least a 3.50 grade point average on 12 or more hours are eligible for the Dean's List.

## Union High School TULSA, OKLAHOMA congratulations Kalyn Forsythe!



Proud of you ... We all love you! Geanne, Jerry, Jay, Crystal, Justin, McKenzy & Jackson





USUALLY when Border Patrol officers arrest someone trying to enter the U.S. from Mexico. it's because they are illegal immigrants, or trying to smuggle in something like drugs or other illegal immigrants. But last Friday Customs agents made a big bologna bust, seizing 385 pounds of illegal bologna from behind the seat of a pickup stopped at

It's illegal to bring the bologna across the border because it is made of pork and has the potential to introduce foreign animai diseases into the U.S. pork industry, according to a story in the Lubbock Avalanche-Jour-

a port of entry in Santa Teresa,

The 33-year-old Mexican man who was transporting the meat was fined \$1,000 and released.

At least there was no fear that he was a Muslim terrorist, since they avoid pork because their religion says it's unclean.

For no good reason that I know of, the word bologna is pronounced "baloney." Bologna probably is an Italian word, which accounts for its weird spelling. I never met any Italians; all I know about them I learned in movies about gangsters and prizefighters. I dislike those movies where Italians talk 200 words a minute, throwing in words like "Caprice" (talking about Chevrolets, I guess) and "keepa you hands off my stuff."

I do like pizza, though. But still, to spell baloney "bologna" looks phogna to me.

And that guy trying to sneak the bologna into New Mexico should have just figured out some way to get it to Washington, D.C., where all kinds of baloney are acceptable

ANOTHER WORD the Lubbock newspaper (and others) always misspells, in my opinion, s drouth, meaning a dry spell

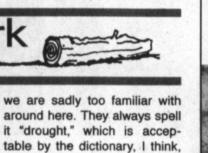
## Phebe K. Warner **CLUB NEWS**

Phebe K Warner Club met May 10, at First Baptist Church where a youth group led by Vivian McAfee provided musical entertainment.

Carol Hedrick reviewed an autobiography of Beverly Sills' life. Carol, formerly of Tahoka and daughter of former longtime member, Lucille Smith, presents book reviews professionally and honors Phebe K Warner club yearly with her amazing talent.

The club awarded scholarships to two 2011 seniors: The Lady Dobbins Stewart scholarship to Kadi Larpenter, and the Maurice Bray scholarship to Patrick Wells.

Club members will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 28 to place flags on Veterans graves at Tahoka Cemetery.



but which I personally think is To me, "drought" rhymes with fought and caught, and reminds me of a foul-tasting medicine my grandmother used to make me take when I was a little kid (I was pretty sure she was trying to kill me).

Anyway, here in the sought, some of us don't like to see a dry spell tagged as a drought. Having voiced my opinion on

We're proud of you!

Granny & Paw-Paw (Judy & Lee Holden) & the late Max & Betty Martin

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Tahoka Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. June 6, 2011 in the Harvick Education Center, 2129 Main St., Tahoka, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The school district has elected to adopt a tax rate before receiving the certified appraisal roll from the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) and before adopting a budget. In accordance with Texas Tax Code, Section 26.05(g), the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) in which the school district participates has (have) certified to the assessor for the school district an estimate of the taxable value of property in the school district as provided by the Texas Tax Code, Section 26.01(e). In accordance with the Texas Education Code, Section 44.004(j), following adoption of the tax rate, the school district will publish notice and hold another public meeting before the school district adopts a budget.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown. below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

**Maintenance Tax** 

\$1.17 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters

\$0.00 / \$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

#### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

Total appraised value\*\* of all property Total appraised value\*\* of new property\*\*\* Total taxable value\*\*\*\* of all property Total taxable value\*\*\*\* of new property\*\*\*

**Preceding Tax Year** 150,120,120.00 968,630.00 116,521,925.00

**Current Tax Year\*** \$ 145,674,114.00 600,970.00 \$ 116,062,594.00 600,970.00

All values identified are based on estimate(s) of taxable value received pursuant to Section 26.01(e), Tax Code.

"Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

"New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
"Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

**Bonded Indebtedness** Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\*

\$ 0.00

Co	mparison of Pro	posed Rates with	Last Year's	Rates	
Last Year's Rate	Maintenance & Operations \$ 1.04	Interest & Sinking Fund* \$ 0.00000 *	Total \$ 1.04	Per Student \$ 2,211.00	State Revenue Per Student \$ 7,485.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.0475	\$ 0.00000*	\$ 1.0475	\$2,429.00	\$ 7,613.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.00000*	\$ 1.17	\$2,680.00	\$ 7,970.00

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence						
Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Y	Last Year	This Year				
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 48,071.00	\$ 48,140.00				
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 33,071.00	\$ 33,140.00				
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.04/100	\$ 1.17/100				
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 343.94	\$ 387.74				
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$	\$ 43.80				

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be in above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

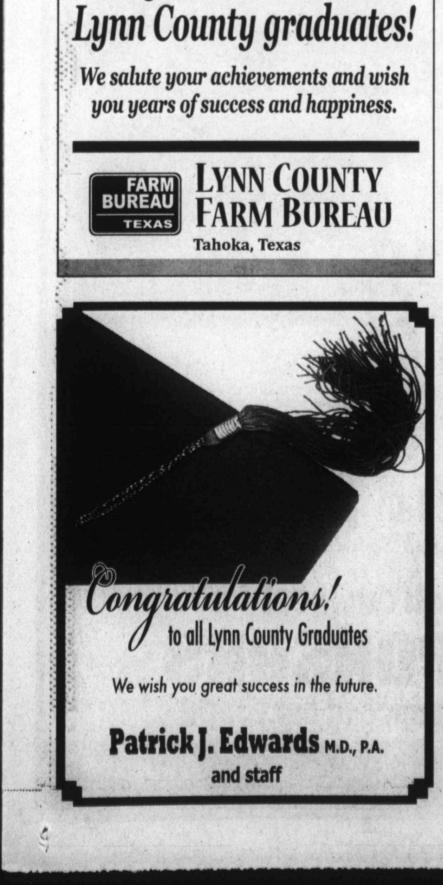
Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an electio 1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.04.

## **Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)

\$ 2,764,717.00



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# Congratulations to Tanoka High School



Beulah Pridmore Scholarship MICHAEL PARIS & PATRICK WELLS presented by Sammy Pridmore



Class of 1990 Scholarship KADI LARPENTER presented by W. Calloway Huffaker



Doug Barham Foundation -Bulldog Scholarship NIKKI BOX presented by Mike Rivas



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presented by Mike Rivas



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First United Methodist Church Scholarship - TARYN BISHOP, JEREMY ERSLAND, SKYLER McCLESKEY, JACOB WRIGHT, KALEE WUENSCHE, and ALEX WEBSTER (not pictured) presented by Vernon Baker, FUMC minister



Huffaker Farms Scholarship SEBASTIAN STRICKLAND presented by W. Calloway Huffaker



Joell Lowdermilk Memorial Scholarship BRITTANY GARCIA, SKYLER McCLESKEY, and MORGAN LOCKABY presented by Chad & Jana Lowdermilk

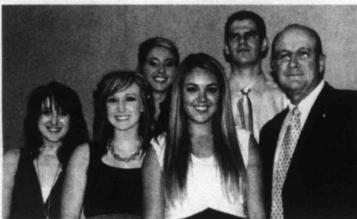


John & Suzanne Baker/Baker Properties Scholarship -JACOB WRIGHT Tahoka Historical Society Scholarship -CALEB RENFRO & KAITLYN RENO

presented by John & Suzanne Baker



Knox Family Scholarship
TARYN BISHOP and PATRICK WELLS
presented by Leighton & Joan Knox



Madeline Hegi Endowment Scholarship
KADI LARPENTER, TARYN BISHOP, MORGAN LOCKABY,
NIKKI BOX, and CALEB RENFRO
presented by John Krey



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JACOB WRIGHT
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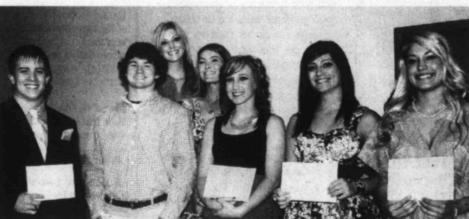
W. Calloway Law Office Scholarship CALEB RENFRO presented by W. Calloway Huffaker



Phebe K. Warner Club Scholarships
KADI LARPENTER (Lady Dobbins Stewart)
and PATRICK WELLS (Maurice Bray)
presented by Delores Short



Tahoka Masonic Lodge Scholarship SABRINA MORALEZ and JACOB WRIGHT presented by Leighton & Joan Knox



Tahoka Athletic Booster Club Scholarship
KYLE RENO, JAMIE BINGHAM, KALEE WUENSCHE, TARYN BISHOP,
KAITLYN RENO, and BRITTANI FORD
presented by Michelle Williams



Tahoka Elementary PRIDE
Corps Scholarship
PATRICK WELLS
presented by Tish Benitez



Tahoka FFA Scholarship MONICA STRICKLAND presented by Michael Norman



THS Student Council Scholarship BRITTANY GARCIA presented by Casey Wilkins



Walker & Solomon Insurance Agency Scholarship NIKKI BOX presented by W. Calloway Huffaker



Tahoka Rotary Club Scholarship
NIKKI BOX, KADI LARPENTER, TARYN BISHOP, and PATRICK WELLS
presented by John Krey

Over \$67,125 total amount in scholarships earned by graduating seniors (not including free tuition for our Valedictorian and Salutatorian)



Tahoka ISD wants to thank all the local SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS

for encouraging the academic excellence of our youth!

Throughout high school she has participated in basketball, crosscountry, tennis, track, and softball. In softball she was the starting

varsity pitcher all four years and Tahoka High School Congratulations



Congratulations!



RYN BISHOP

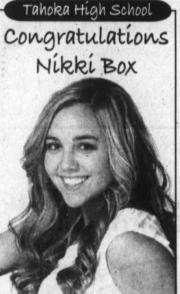
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Dan & Edde Lockaby Tootsie 🚜 Peaches



We are so very proud of the young Christian woman you are and the promise your life holds for the future.

Love - Dad, Mom, Matt & Sarah, & Kristin

received district recognition every year. She was a regional qualifier in cross-country and track. She was a part of the state-qualifying 3-D Band where she played trumpet for three years and percussion for one year. She was honored with the recognition of Valedictorian.

She plans to continue her education in the honors program at Lubbock Christian University with a major in psychology, and to play softball for LCU.

#### THS SALUTATORIAN Sabrina Nicole Moralez

Sabrina Nicole Moralez is the daughter of Carlos and Gloria Moralez. She has attended Tahoka High School for the past 13 years.

While in high school she has participated in the 3-D band for 5 years, band drum major for 2010, band sweetheart for 2010, All-American Cheerleader 2009 and 2010, a Tahoka cheerleader 2009-2010, and the mascot in 2008. She has competed in the Harvest Festival Queen competition and received 1st runner-up in 2008 and was the Harvest Festival Queen in 2010. In the athletic program she took part in tennis (1 year), Cross Country (2 years), basketball (3 years), Varsity softball (4 years).

Tahoka High School

Congratulations

Sabrina Moralez

Congratulations, our blessed

daughter - We are so proud of all your

accomplishments. God has blessed you

n every way! The best of life's grace and

opportunity follow you where ever you

leave a path. Our door is always open

in times of hardships in which you may

encounter in your future adventures!

Love - Mom, Dad, Tiffany, Sonya, and Carlos

She received All- District honors in Softball her sophomore and junior years. She has competed in U.I.L on the teams of calculator, number sense, and ready writing. She was nominated to Who's Who Among American High School students (2011). She has participated in Business Professionals of America and had the opportunity to go to state. She was Class President in 2009, a Student Council member in 2007-2008, a National Honor Society member from 2009-2011. She is also a part of the Dual Credit classes where she has taken and passed 5 college classes so far.

She plans to attend South Plains College and double major in surgical technology/technician and Biology.

### **Taylor Abell**

Taylor Abell has attended Tahoka schools for the past 12 years.

While in high school he was active in basketball, District Champs and All District Basketball, 2nd team Defense 2008-2009, baseball, Regional Track, sophomore

His future plans are to attend South Plains College and get his Heating and Air license. He is the

Tahoka High School Congratulations Taylor Abell!

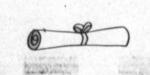
> We are proud of you! Love -- Kathy & Kayla

#### Nickolas Aguirre

Nickolas Aguirre has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years. He is the son of Nick and Toni Aguirre.

While in school he participated in cross country, power-lifting, tennis, track, band, and Relay for Life. He was class secretary and received English II honors.

His future plans are to become a coach and English teacher.



Benjerman Bertreaux

Benjerman Trucker Bertreaux has attended Tahoka schools for the past 15 years.

While in school he was active in band, and track, going to state in

His future plans are to attend college and become a Chiropractor. He is the son of Rickey and Sissy Bertreaux.

#### Jamie Carl Bingham

Jamie Bingham is the son of Jim and Christy Bingham. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years.

While in school he was active in baseball, football, track, powerlifting all four years of high school, and golf for three years. He was also active in FFA and 4-H.

His future plans are to attend South Plains College and become an electrician.

Tahoka High School Congratulations Jamie Bingham!



Congratulations! We are so very proud of you!

Love you! Dad, Mom, Jacob, Caley

Taryn Nicole Bishop Taryn Nicole Bishop is the

daughter of Billy and Jana Bishop. While in high school, she participated in UIL Academics where she competed in Computer Applications (2nd in District, 7th in Regionals), BPA (Integrated Office Applications, State Qualifier), a Tahoka High School Cheerleader 2009-2010, Varsity Cross Country (lyr, Regional Qualifiers), Varsity Track (2 yrs, Area Qualifier in Pole Vault), Varsity Basketball (2 yrs, Academic All-State, won Bi-District), Varsity Softball (4 yrs, Infield 2nd Team All-District, District Champions, won Bi-District), and she also was a part of the Tahoka 3-D Band (4 yrs, State Qualifiers). She has been a part of NHS (2 yrs), Student Council (2 yrs), and was freshman and senior Class President. She also took Dual Credit Classes all the years that they were offered, and was nominated to Who's Who.

She plans to attend South Plains College nursing program and become a Nurse Practitioner.

Tahoka High School Congratulations Taryn Nicole Bishop!



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Jared Jac Calvillo

Jared Jac Calvillo is the son of Johnny and Iris Calvillo. He was a four-year letterman in football.

His future plans are to attend South Plains College.

#### John Cantu

John Cantu has attended Tahoka dchools for the past 10 years. He is the son of Amy DeLeon, Alfred Cantu and Kim Cantu.

While in high school he was the number one pitcher in the District and was ranked 10th in the State and 42nd in the nation.

His future plans are to attend Lubbock Christian University and play baseball, or go to culinary school to be a chef.

#### **Kat Colon**

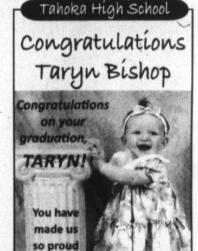
Kat Colon is the daughter of Sonia Colon. She has attended Tahoka Schools for the past seven years. While in school she was active in band and was in UIL.

Her plans after graduation are to get her license in Massage Therapy and Cosmetology.

> Eric Anthony DeLeon No information available.

Congratulations to the

Class of 2011



Love Always -Mommy, Daddy & Taya

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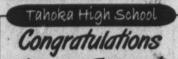
love you

## Ricardo Delgado

Ricardo Delgado is the son of Maria and Jose Delgado. He has attended Tahoka schools for the past six years.

He was active in football and made the playoffs in 2010, All District DB and WR honors, top honors and top five right guard, 1A Defensive player at week seven and 5th in State. He ran track, and participated in One Act Play, UIL Debate and Ready Writing. He also was in the Phebe K Warner Poetry

He plans to be an entrepreneur and own a business.





You have overcome many. obstacles in your life, and have gained incredible strength. Look at the sky and see God and take every star He hands to you. Love - Mom & Brooke

#### Jeremy Ersland

Jeremy Ersland is the son of Cissy Ersland. He has attended Tahoka Schools for the past 3 years.

While in school he won 1st in District for UIL Science-Physics, Winner of the Lehman award, a member of the 2009-10 advancing District play and runner up at Re-

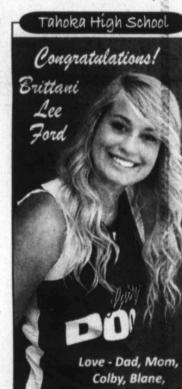
His future plans are to attend Texas Tech and become a doctor.

#### Brittani Lee Ford

Brittani Lee Ford has attended Tahoka School for the past 13

She was active in Varsity Softball and track. In softball she was a 2 year Area Qualifier, MVP her sophomore year, and offensive MVP her junior year. She was Regional Qualifier for sprint relay (4X100m), her junior year. She was also in Student Council, BPA, State Alternate in Desktop Publishing, and State Qualifier in Presentation Management team, UIL Computer Applications and 6th Place at District for Headline Writing, and she is active with the First Baptist Church youth group.

She is the daughter of Sam and Michelle Williams. She plans to attend South Plains College and work as a Medical Secretary.

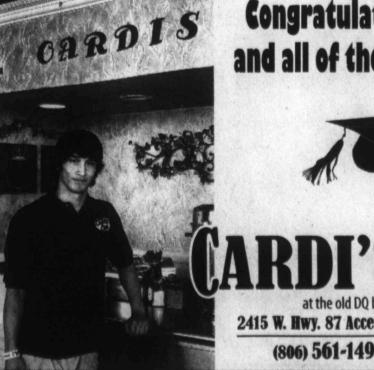


Justyn, Shalee

"Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

Congratulations, Class of 2011!

**WITT BUTANE** 



Congratulations, Ricardo and all of the 2011 Seniors!

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Skyler Paige McCleskey Sabrina Nicole Moralez Nancy A'Leah Muñoz Sandy Jeanna Muñoz Jason Lynn Newdiger **Michael Austin Paris** Sabino Perez **Brantley Chantele Pierce** Federico Ramirez, Jr. Caleb Glenn Renfro Kaitlyn Elizabeth Reno **Kyle Stevenson Reno** JoAnna Lee Saldaña Monica Lynn Strickland Sebastian Levi Dean Strickland William Russell Vest **Alexander David Webster Patrick William Wells** Danielle Wilborn **Jacob Todd Wright** Kalee Breanne Wuensche

"DO MORE THAN BELONG: PARTICIPATE. DO MORE THAN CARE: HELP. DO MORE THAN BELIEVE: PRACTICE. DO MORE THAN BE FAIR: BE KIND. DO MORE THAN FORGIVE: FORGET. DO MORE THAN DREAM: WORK."

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## SENIOR Biographies

#### **Brittany Garcia**

Brittany Rachê Garcia is the daughter of Tony and Sarah Garcia. She has attended Tahoka schools for the past six years.

She has been involved in Varsity Softball, Track, Cross Country, and Basketball. She has received all-district honors for her freshman sophomore, and junior years in softball. She was junior class president, and a Student Council member her freshman and sophomore years, Secretary her junior year and President her senior year. She was active in FFA, BPA, FCA, and NHS. She participated on the State level in UIL headline writing her junior year. She also competed on the State level in BPA her freshman and sophomore years.

After graduation she plans to attend Texas Tech, University and pursue a career in physical thera-



Tahoka High School We are so proud of you. Brittany Garcia!

& Grandma Tome

Love -- Grandpa Dan & Grandma Lupe

Tahoka High School

Congratulations

Brittany Garcia

We are so

proud of you!

Love -

Tahoka High School congratulations Brittany Garcia!



We are so proud of you! Love -- Tim & Lindsey

Tahoka High School Congratulations Aunt Brittany!

Way to Go, Brittany! Love - Shelby, Jaden & Macey

#### Neiko Garcia

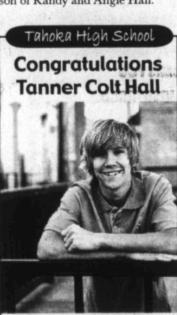
Neiko Garcia has attended Tahoka schools for the past 12 years. He is the son of Helen Buchanan and Barbara Manuel.

While in high school he was active in football, basketball and track. His achievements over the years were sophomore year 1st team WR, junior year Honorable Mention QB, 1st Team Defensive Back, and senior year playoffs, Offensive MVP. In basketball his junior and senior year he was All District Defensive player and the team was District Champs. He made Regional his sophomore and junior years, and Area his senior

After graduation he plans to attend technical college or pursue a career in the invention of video

#### Tanner Hall

Tanner Hall has attended Tahoka schools for 13 years. He is the son of Randy and Angie Hall.



We are so proud of you! Looking forward to seeing what the future holds for you at McMurry! Love - Mom, Dad, Casey, Kyla,





In high school Tanner was active in basketball, track, powerlifting and tennis. He was 1st Team All District in 2010 and All District MVP in 2011. In track he was Regional Qualifier in the 300 hurdles and mile relay in 2010.

His future plans are to work.

#### Khrystin Jolly

Khrystin Jolly has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years. She is the daughter of Jimmy and Nancy Jolly.

She was active in FCCLA and STUCO. She was the Tahoka Bulldog Mascot her senior year,

She plans to work for a year and then attend college.



Tahoka High School Congratulations Khrystin Jolly! Here's to You

Grandma & Grandpa

from -Dad, Mom, Corey, Sharron, Carla & JJ & kids

#### Kadi Dawn Larpenter

Kadi Dawn Larpenter is the daughter of Kevin and Angela Larpenter.

While in high school, she participated in Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Softball (where she earned 2nd team All District her freshman year and 1st team All District catcher her sophomore and junior year), the state qualifying 3D Band, National Honor Society, 2010 Harvest Festival Queen (firstrunner up), UIL (qualifying for regionals her freshman and senior year). Outside of school she plays guitar at a homeless outreach and in her youth group worship band.

After high school she plans to attend South Plains College and major in Commercial Music.

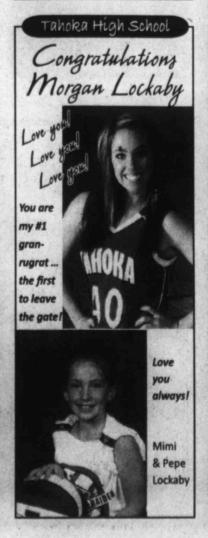
#### Haley Morgan Lockaby Haley Morgan Lockaby is the

daughter of Todd and Kristi Lock-

While in high school, she was involved in many activities that included: THS Student Council (Junior Parliamentarian and a Senior Vice President), NHS (2 years),



family - Love you lots! Jacqui, Lee, Luke & Mark Haygood



Caitlyn Martin

Tahoka High School

Congratulations

Morgan Lockaby

Uncle Jack, Aunt Peggy, Uncle Gordon,

Aunt Melba, Uncle Don, Aunt Weda

UIL (4 years Literary Criticism, 2

year Regional Qualifier), Varsity

Cheerleader (3 years, All-Amer-

ican Cheerleader Award), Var-

sity Basketball (4 years, Academic

All-State, All-District Defensive

Team, Honorable Mention All-

District Team, four time Regional

Qualifier), Fellowship of Christian

Athletes (3 years), FFA and 4-H

participant (showed Angus Heif-

ers and Pigs, Radio Broadcasting),

THS Tennis Team (1 year), Tahoka

3-D Band (4 years, State Qualifier

in Marching and Solo and Ensem-

ble). Morgan also took Dual Credit

Classes every year that they were

offered and will graduate with

21 college hours. Outside of high

school, she participates in South

Texas Tech University where she

will major in Ag Communica-

Her future plans are to attend

Plains Church of Christ Youth.

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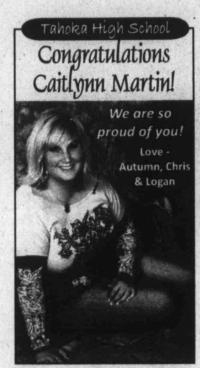
Our little girl,

go forth and do good!

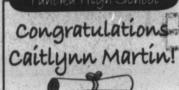
Caitlyn Martin is the daughter of Autumn Bray and the grand-. daughter of Fred and Lynda Martin. She has attended Tahoka schools for 13 years.

While in high school she was active in FFA, UIL, FCCLA, band-percussion section, and was in the work program and on the golf team. She was also active in the FBC Youth, Llano Estacado Chrysalis and was on the Lynn County Youth Board.

Her future plans are to attend LCU and later transfer to Sam Houston State University to study Forensic Science.



We're proud of the Class of 2011



We are so proud of you! We love you Sissy very much & wish you the Best of Luck! Love -- Uncle Pug, Shaw Shaw,

Cade & Lane

Congratulations Caitlyn Martin



We're so proud of you & we love you so much! God bless you through all of your tomorrows! Poppy & Woo Woo



"TO ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS, WE MUST NOT ONLY ACT, BUT ALSO DREAM; NOT ONLY PLAN, BUT ALSO BELIEVE." - ANATOLE FRANCE



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Graduation is not the end of a chapter ... it is the beginning of a book you have yet to write.

> Best wishes to all Lynn County graduates!

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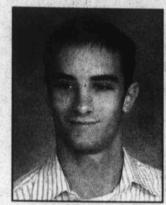


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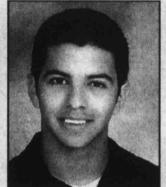
# Tahoka High School Class of 2011



Salutatorian SABRINA NICOLE MORALEZ



FORREST TAYLOR ABELL



**NICKOLAS ROBERT AGUIRRE** 



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**ERIC ANDREW DELEON** 



JAMES CARL BINGHAM



TARYN NICOLE BISHOP



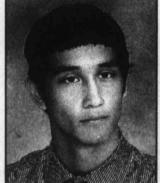
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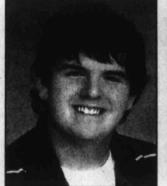
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KATHERINE JENNIFER COLON



RICARDO DELGADO-TORRES



JEREMY JAY ERSLAND



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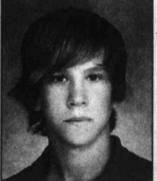
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BRITTANY RACHÉ GARCIA



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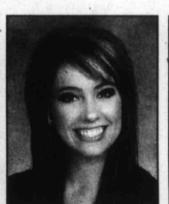
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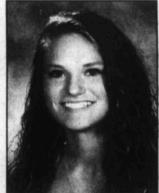
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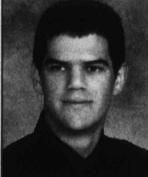
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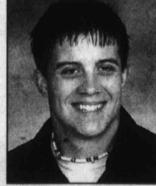
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CALEB GLENN RENFRO



KAITLYN ELIZABETH RENO



KYLE STEVENSON RENO



JOANNA LEE SALDAÑA



MONICA LYNN STRICKLAND



SEBASTIAN LEVI DEAN STRICKLAND



WILLIAM RUSSELL VEST



ALEXANDER DAVID WEBSTER



PATRICK WILLIAM WELLS



DANIELLE WILBORN



JACOB TODD WRIGHT



KALEE BREANNE WUENSCHE

#### Skyler Paige McCleskey

Skyler McCleskey is the daughter of Aaron and Melissa McCles-

While attending Tahoka High School, Skyler has been an active member in varsity basketball, softball, track, where she competed at the Regional level her sophomore and junior years, and tennis where she was named Outstanding Player of the Year her junior year. She has also been a varsity cheerleader for three years. She has been involved in Student Council for three years, serving as Secretary her senior year. She was Class Treasurer her semior year and has been an active member of the Lynn-County 4-H for the last 9 years. She has been a member of the Consumer Decision Making team for three years, competing at the State 4-H Round-Up each year. She is a member of the First Baptist Church Youth, where she currently serves on the Youth Council.

"Her future plans are to attend Texas Tech University in the fall, majoring in Mass Communications.

#### Nancy A'Leah Munoz

Nancy A'Leah Munoz has attended Tahoka schools for the past 12 years. She is the daughter of Robert and Beverly Munoz.

She was in varsity basketball her sophomore year, and was Class President her freshman and sophomore year. She was active in UIL Abademics in Math, Calculator, and Number Sense placing 5th in Number Sense and 10th in Math her Senior year.

She plans to attend college after graduation.

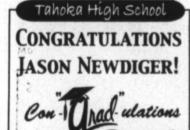
#### Sandy Munoz

Sandy Munoz has attended Tahoka schools for the past 12 years. She is the daughter of Maria Mendoza and Larry Munoz.

While in high school she was active in FCCLA and Student Counsel. After graduation she plans to attend Lubbock Cosmetology College.

### Jason Newdiger

Jason Newdiger has attended lahoka schools for that past 15 years. He is the son of Mary Tejeda



WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU! Love -- Mindi, Jackquelyn & Preslea Calvillo and the nephew of Rudy Tejeda, Jr.

While in high school he participated in football, basketball, track and baseball. He has also been active in FFA and Stock Shows.

His future plans are to attend Wayland Baptist University in Plainview in hopes to play college level football and pursue a nursing career as a flight nurse for Aerocare. He will also continue with his mobile carwash business.

#### **Michael Austin Paris**

Michael Paris is the son of Kim and the late Danny Paris. (No other information available,)

Tahoka High School congratulations Michael Paris!

We're proud of you! Mom, Shea, Wes, Jerid, Mickie & Josh

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WE'RE PROUD OF YOU! Grandma & Grandad



Kellie & Joe, Kami & Sky

## Sabino Perez

Sabino Peanut Perez has attended Tahoka Schools for the past 13 years. He is the son of Juan and Lucy Perez.

While in high school he was active in football, Cross Country, in Regional in 2010, baseball, 2nd Team All District and Offensive

MVP, and track. After graduation he plans to attend McMurry in the fall.

As the Seniors look forward to their future ... we look

with them with confidence in their knowledge and ability.

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The Graduating Seniors!

In track she received the Newcomer of the Year award in 2009.

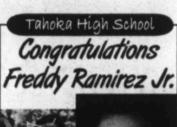
Federico Ramirez has attended Tahoka schools for the past 13 years. He is the son of Federico and

After graduation he plans to attend college in Auto Body Repair and Auto Mechanics.

Tahoka High School CONGRATULATIONS FREDDY RAMIREZ JR.

To our big brother You Rock! CONGRATS!

Love - Elida & Angel Ramirez





Freddy Ramirez Jr.! We are very proud of you -

May God Bless you in your future to come!

Love - Dad, Mom, Sis & Bro

Way to Go, Grads! Good luck in your future plans.

**Brantley Pierce** 

Brantley Pierce is the daughter of Kirk and Karen Pierce. She has attended Tahoka High School for one year.

While in high school she was involved in basketball in 2009, 2010, cross-country in 2010-2011 and track 2009-2011, Most Improved in 2010 and Outstanding Runner in 2010. She was District Runner Up in the 4x800m Relay in 2009, Regional Qualifier in 800m Relay in 2009, Regional Qualifier 400m Relay 2010, and Regional Qualifier 400m Dash 2011. She was also a team Regional Qualifier for Cross Country in 2009. She was a cheerleader in 2009. She was also involved in FCCLA and FFA in 2009, 2010. She was on the AB honor roll in 2009, 2010, and 2011.

After graduation she plans to attend South Plain College and going into pre-pharmacy.

#### Federico Ramirez

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Freddy Ramirez Jr.

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Freddy Ramirez Jr.

of Jo Beth Renfro. In high school he has been involved in Band and UIL. He has played trumpet in the Tahoka 3D band every year of high school and competed in Solo and Ensemble his junior and senior years and went to state his junior year. He has been loading crew chief his junior and senior year. He has been involved in UIL events every year. His freshman year he was a part of the One Act Play and was named to the All-star cast. During his junior and senior years, he competed in Accounting and Mathematics, as an alternate. He advanced to Region in Accounting, taking first in district his junior year and second his senior year. He has taken dual credit classes his junior and senior years, and will graduate with 25 college credit hours. He has been actively involved in NHS. He received the Who's Who award his junior year. His sophomore year he advanced to state BPA in Accounting and Video Production.

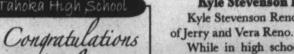
He plans to attend West Texas A&M University and majoring in Accounting and becoming a CPA, or majoring in Business Information System Management.

#### Tahoka High School Congratulations Caleb Renfro!



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Kaitlyn Elizabeth Reno Kaitlyn Elizabeth Reno is the daughter of Jerry and Vera Reno. She has attended Tahoka schools for 13 years.

While in high school she was involved in band, UIL, NHS, and athletics. She has been in the band since standing in the gap in 8th grade till she was a senior. They were state qualifiers her freshman year. In UIL she went to Regional's in News writing her junior year, but participated in UIL all 4 years. She has been in NHS since she was inducted the end of her sophomore year. She has been in cross-country for four years and went to Regional's her freshman year. She participated in track her junior year. She has played softball and basketball for all four years. In basketball, she got 1st team all defensive player her sophomore and senior year. As a junior, she was awarded the All District Defensive MVP. In softball she was 2nd team outfield freshman year, and 1st team her sophomore and junior year outfield. She has also been the Vice-president of her class for the last two years. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Tahoka and youth group. She has also taken four college classes and has been in the honor classes.

Her future plans are to attend South Plains College, where she will be a nurse major, and she plans to become a Nurse Practitioner.





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**Kyle Stevenson Reno** Kyle Stevenson Reno is the son

While in high school, he was involved in many activities including the Tahoka 3-D Band (4 years, state qualifier freshman year), Varsity football (4 years, receiving honorable mention, offensive guard, and defensive linebacker, 2nd team offensive guard and 2nd team defensive linebacker, and making the playoffs senior year), Varsity baseball (2 years), track (2 years where he ran and threw discus), Power lifting (3 years, making it to Regionals junior and senior year placing 6th his junior year and 4th his senior year, 10 pounds away from advancing to state), FFA (2 years, was an FFA officer as the reporter his senior year), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (3 years). Kyle took dual credit classes as they .were offered during high school, +\* and will graduate with 15 college hours. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Tahoka and is very active in the youth group.

After graduation, he plans to attend South Plains College the first two years and transfer to Texas Tech University, but is undecided on his major.

## **Congratulations** Kyle & Kaitlyn Reno



Congratulations! You've come a long way and we are so proud of you! Love - Mom & Dad

#### JoAnna Saldana

JoAnna Saldana is the daughter of Leonarda and Ernesto Saldana. She has been a member of FC-CLA for four years and was presi-

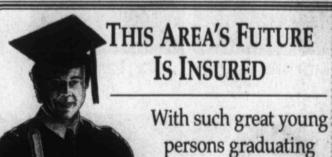
dent for the 2010-2011 year. Sh has been in the work program this year and is employed at Tahoka Thriftway. She plans to attend South Plains

College and receive her certification for certified nurse's assistant.



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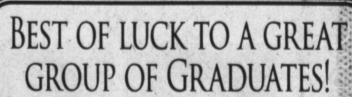
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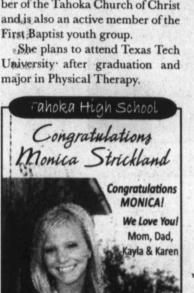
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Monica Lynn Strickland Monica Lynn Strickland is the daughter of Jim and Nicki Strickland.

In high school she was involved in Student Council (4 year representative), NHS (2 years), UIL (4 years Literary Criticism, Regional qualifier 2 years), Business Professionals of America (qualifying for state her sophomore year), Varsity Softball (4 years, 2nd Team outfielder 2 years), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (3 years), FFA (4 years, Parliamentarian Junior year, and Secretary Senior year, showed pigs at local, county, and San Antonio), Tahoka 3D Band (4 years, State qualifier in marching band, Region Band member 1 year). She took dual credit classes as they were offered. She is a member of the Tahoka Church of Christ and is also an active member of the

She plans to attend Texas Tech University after graduation and



Sebastian Levi Dean Strickland Sebastián Levi Dean Strick-

land is the son of Sissy and Gary Strickland. He has been in Band for the last

two years. He has been in karate

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for ten to eleven years and recently earned his 3rd Dan Black Belt rank. He attended MDA summer camp as a counselor and plans on going again this summer. He was in UIL for the last three years in Computer Science, Math, and Science and recently switched to Accounting. He teaches every Tuesday at Lubbock Karate. He has taken five college classes the last two semesters. He has also taken AP Calculus and AP Literature.

His future plans are to attend South Plains College to get an Associates degree in Computer Information Systems, and follow up with an Associate's degree in Computer Science and transfer to Texas Tech. At Texas Tech he plans to get the Dual Bachelors Degree in Computer Science and Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE). After college he plans to open his own Karate School and possibly a Computer Repair Business.

#### Willie Vest

Willie Vest has attended Tahoka Schools for the past 7 years. He is the son of Elise Vest.

While in high school he was active in FFA and was on the Horse Judging Team. He plans to attend



Congratulations, Patrick!



#### **Alex Webster**

Alex Webster has attended Tahoka Schools for the past 13 years. He is the son of Jerry Webster.

He was active in the Tahoka 3D Band five years and was on the golf team for three years. He was active

He plans to attend South Plains College after graduation.

#### **Patrick William Wells** Patrick William Wells is the son

of Haney and Tanya Wells.

While in high school, he was involved in Student Council (1 year representative, 1 year reporter), NHS (2 years), the Tahoka 3-D Band (State qualifier freshman year, and state winning UIL brass ensemble Junior year), One-Act Play competition (4 years, zone and district honorable mention all-star cast award sophomore year, area qualifier sophomore year, zone honorable mention all-star cast award junior year, district qualifier junior year, zone all-star cast award senior year), and UIL Academic Teams (Number Sense team 1 year, Poetry Interpretation team 3 years, Accounting team 2 years, advancing to Regionals both years, Literary Criticism team, 1 year advancing to Regionals). In addition to the competition One-Act Play in the spring, Patrick was also involved in the theatre's Fall Plays, Winter Plays in which he wrote, directed, and performed in a play, Winter Musical, and May Musical. Patrick was a recipient of the

Who's Who Award both his junior and senior years. Patrick has been a pianist since age 3 and has won many awards (Local and State Pastorale, Local and State UIL Solo and Ensemble). He took dual credit classes and will be graduating with 21 college hours. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church on Broadway in Lubbock where he is a very active member of the youth ministry and High Praise High School Choir.

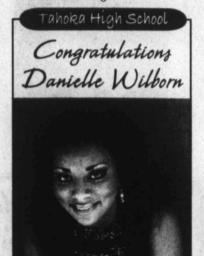
After graduation, he plans to attend Baylor University in Waco where he will be majoring in Media Business.

#### Danielle Wilborn

Danielle Wilborn has attended Tahoka Schools for the past 12 years. She is the daughter of Felicia Vega and Pete Vallejo. She was active in softball, pow-

er-lifting, and was Regional Qualifier, and FCCLA. Her future plans are to attend

South Plains College to get her basics and then go to Covenant School of Nursing.



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## Jacob Todd Wright

Jacob Todd Wright is the son of Todd and Yolanda Wright.

He participated in UIL One Act Play (he received acting awards for Best Actor, and All star cast through his high school career). Flute Section leader of the Tahoka 3-D band, Texas State Solo and Ensemble participant, Texas Honor Band qualifier (junior and senior year), State Vocal Solo and Ensemble, and a member of FCCLA. He is also a part of his church praise team. He plays guitar and sings for the band.

His future plans are to attend Hardin Simmons University and major in Music Education.

## Kalee Wuensche

Kalee Wuensche has attended Tahoka Schools for the past 13 years. She is the daughter of Mark and Tina Wuensche.

In high school she was a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council. She was a Varsity Cheerleader and in UIL Academics she was a Regional Qualifier in 2010. She was in varsity tennis, and in basketball she was 1st Team All District in 2008-2010 and Honorable Mention in 2010-2011. She was Area Qualifier in track in 2011.

After graduation she plans to attend college.



We're proud of all of the GRADUATES of the Class of 2011

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## **Lynn County earns award** for workplace safety in 2010

Ron Sheffield, Texas Association of Counties Loss Control Representative, made a safety award presentation to Lynn County Commissioners during Monday's commissioner meeting, recognizing Lynn County for safety in the workplace. Lynn County received a 2010 Safety Award for its record of involvement and commitment to safety in the workplace, as well as for controlling workers' compensation claims.

To qualify for the Texas Association of Counties Safety Awards, the county must have a safety program rated in the top 15 percent of approximately 300 governmental entities that collectively self-insure their workers' compensation through the Association's Risk Management Pool. Lynn was one of only 23 counties honored with a 2010 award.

"Through its commitment to safe practices among county employees, Lynn County works to reduce employee injuries and obtain substantial savings for taxpayers by minimizing workers' compensation premiums," said Sheffield. Texas Association of Counties loss control representatives evaluate county safety programs and work with counties to develop loss control and safety initiatives.

In other business at Montad day's meeting, County Attorney if Donnis Scott asked commisting sioners to appoint a five-member committee for adopting a county road map, and commissioners agreed to consider the appointments. County extension agent Bryan Reynolds presented an update on spring activities. and commissioners expressed their appreciation to Reynolds for his work and dedication to the extension program here.

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on his department's activities, and monthly bills were approved.

County Judge H.G. Franklin presided at the meeting, with all four commissioners present including Don Blair, Danny Martin, Keith Wied and Mike Braddock.



Special Music ... Sabrina Moralez (left) and Kadi Larpenter, shown here with First United Methodist Church pastor Vernon Baker, presented special music at the 2011 Baccalaureate Service held at the church Sunday, May 22.

"The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning."







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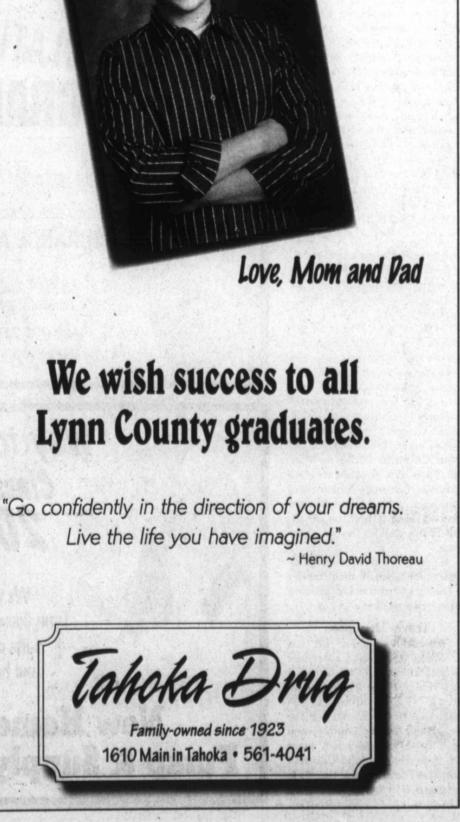
## Congratulations, **Lynn County Seniors**

Best wishes on your future plans!

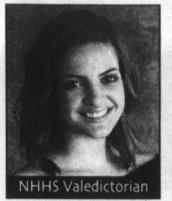
May your future be paved with success, health and happiness.



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# New Home High School Class of 2011



Amanda Whitten



Jessica Elaine Gomez



Alexandria D'Nae Cantu



Steelie Jae Feaster

Senior Biographies



Jacobi Ford



Kollin Blake Long



Carolina Martinez



Kari Elizabeth Maeker



**Abbey Melton** 



Johnathan Patrick Quesada



Travis Thompson



Socorro Vitolas



Oscar Manuel Zuniga Jr.



NHHS VALEDICTORIAN **Amanda Whitten** 

Amanda Whitten is the daughter of Jerry and Cathy Whitten. She has attended New Home Schools for 9 years and is the Valedictorian

of her class. She is an active member of the New Home Baptist Church youth group and a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She has been competitive in FFA, and has been on the yearbook staff for 3 consecutive years. She has also been involved in One Act Play for two years, and has received all star cast awards at zone and district levels of competition

Her future plans are to attend South Plains College and later transfer to Lubbock Christian University to obtain a teaching certificate in early childhood education.

#### NHHS SALUTATORIAN Jessica Elaine Gomez

Jessica Elaine Gomez is the daughter of Francis and Jesus Gomez of New Home. She has attended New Home ISD for the past 13 years and is Salutatorian of her

She is a member of San Ramon Catholic Church and Fellow Christian Athletes. She has enjoyed being an Upward Bound Participant at Texas Tech University for the past 4 years. She is a member of the National Scholar Society, and has also been actively involved in Varsity Basketball for two years; Varsity Track for four years; and Student Council for four years.

She plans to attend South Plains College and later transfer to Texas Tech University where she plans to study Design Communication.

#### Alexandria D'Nae Cantu Alexandria D'Nae Cantu is the

daughter of Alfred and Kimberly Cantu of Wilson. She has attended New Home High School for the past three years.

She has participated in varsity basketball, varsity cheer, and varsity track. She was also involved in FCA and Student Council. She was awarded all American cheerleader her junior year and received All Star Crew honors for one act play at the zone and district level. She is a member of Our Lady of

Guadalupe Catholic Church, and enjoys helping with the young children and teaching them Mass.

Her future plans are to attend to South Plains College and study Cosmetology.

#### Steelie Jae Feaster

Steelie Jae Feaster is the daughter of Jay and Lori Feaster of New Home. She has attended New Home schools for the past 13

She has been a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes for two years, and has been an active member of the New Home Baptist Youth group for four years. She was a member of Students Making a Complete Difference (smaCd), for two years, was on the varsity track team for three years, and a varsity cheerleader her sophomore year. She has been involved in student council for the past four years, and was a crew member for One Act Play her freshman and sophomore years.

She plans to attend Lubbock Christian University or South Plains College.

## Jacobi Ford

Jacobi Ford is the daughter of Paula and Danny Ford and has attended New Home ISD for the past

Jacobi is an active member of the New Home Baptist Church Youth Group, and she was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes for 4 years. She was also the Vacation Bible School Recreation Leader for 3 years. Jacobi participated in Varsity basketball for 4 years, Varsity track for 4 years, Varsity cross country for 4 years, Varsity golf for 2 years, Varsity cheerleading for 2 years, One Act Play for 4 years, and Student Council for 4 years. Jacobi was actively involved in FFA for 4 years and she competed on the Dairy Cattle judging team for 3 years and the Radio team for 1 year. She also coordinated Little Leopard Cheer Camp for 2 years. Her honors include National Cheerleading Association All-American Cheerleader for 2 years, 2009 Homecoming Queen, she was a Division 2 Honorable Mention for basketball in 2010, and she was the 2010 FFA Sweetheart.

Her future plans are to attend

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Texas Tech University and study Agriculture. She hopes to one day work with disabled children in the field of Hippotherapy.

#### Kollin Blake Long

Kollin Blake Long is the son of Buddy and Theresa Long of New home. He has attended New Home High School for one year.

In the past years he has been involved in many agricultural activities. He has shown cattle at local district and state levels and has had many high placing animals as well as showmanship awards. He won grand champion steer in 2003, 2004, 2010 in Gaines County, Grand Champion Heifer in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007 and 2010 in Gaines County. He also won Grand Champion Simbrah in 2010 at the San Antonio Livestock-Show, and won Grand Champion steer at New Home Local Show and Lynn county livestock Show in 2011. He has also competed in livestock judging at state the level for four years where his team placed 6th in 2009 and 4th in 2010 as well as 11th in cotton judging at state in

His future plans are to attend South Plains College, and later transfer to Texas Tech University where he will major in Animal Science. He plans to pursue a career in the cattle industry working for a major cattle company such as Cargil as a cattle buyer.

## Carolina Martinez

Carolina Martinez is the daughter of Gloria Martinez and Jose Martinez of New Home.

During her first three years of high school she attended Whitharral ISD. At Whitharral, she participated in the 100 meter dash during the track season. She also received honors for her grades in History, and Spanish. She received honors for perfect attendance for three consecutive years. She also attended Tahoka High school during one semester of her senior year. She participated in Fashion Design class and Nutrition and Wellness

She transferred to New Home during the second semester of her senior year, is a member of the yearbook staff. Carolina is also a member of Fellow Christian Athletes. She plans to attend South Plains College to study Cosmetology or to study to become a Medical Assistant.

## Kari Elizabeth Maeker

Kari Elizabeth Maeker is the daughter of Andy and Monica Maeker of New Home. She has attended New Home Schools for the past 13 years.

She participated in Varsity Basketball and Track. Kari was also involved in FFA as a member of the Dairy Cattle Judging Team. She has competed in the FFA Talent Show for the past four years. Last summer, Kari performed at the State Convention competition in Corpus Christi. She will be performing at the FFA Area Convention in May. She was nominated for the 2010-2011 FFA Sweetheart. She has been actively involved with Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and she helps to lead weekly devotions and praise and worship for FCA. She helped with Students

Making a COMPLETE Difference (smaCd), an organization that helps students prevent the use of alcohol and drugs. Her senior year, she was the New Home Leopard Mascot and at Cheerleading Camp, she received the Best Mascot Award. She has participated in One Act Play for four years, and earned the honor of Honorable Mention All Star Cast in 2009 and 2010. She was nominated for Homecoming Court Attendant in 2010.

Her future plans are to attend South Plains College where she will major in Graphic Design and minor in Music. Later in life, Kari plans to be an astronaut.

## **Abbey Melton**

Abbey Melton is the granddaughter of David and Mary Melton of New Home. She has attended New Home schools for the past seven years.

Abbey actively participated in varsity basketball for two years, varsity track for four years, cross country for two years, and was also the varsity cheer assistant for I year. She has participated at the Zone and District levels in One Act Play for the past four years, received Honorable Mention All Star Cast for acting in 2010, class president in 2008 and 2010, class secretary in 2009, been actively involved in New Home FFA for four years; she has been a member of the dairy cattle judging team for three years, and the FFA radio team for two years. She has been a member of the New Home Baptist Youth Group for the past six years, and also was a New Home Baptist Vacation Bible School Recreation Leader for the past three years. She was nominated for the 2008, 2009,

and 2010 Homecoming Court. Her future plans are to attend South Plains College and then transfer to Texas Tech University

#### to peruse à degree in psychology. Johnathan Patrick Quesada

Johnathan Patrick Quesada is the son of Ray Quesada and Samantha Wandell of New Home, and the grandson of Maria Wandell of Brownfield. He has attended New Home School for the past

He has participated in baseball, football, basketball, golf and track & field. He has received awards for football including: 1st team Alldistrict Center, 2nd team All South Plains Center. He also received 2nd Team All-district Pitcher for baseball. He is also an active member in Fellow Christian Athletes and a member of New Home Student Council. He has been on the A, A-B Honor Roll for the past three

He plans to attend Cisco Junior College for baseball, then transfer to Lubbock Christian University to study sports medicine.

## Travis Thompson

Travis Thompson is the son of Grady and Tina Thompson of New Home. He has attended New Home schools for the past 11

He has been a member of the New Home Baptist Youth Group for 4 years, and an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) for two years. He participated in varsity football his

freshman, junior and senior years, varsity basketball his freshman, junior and senior years, varsity golf his senior year, and varsity baseball his freshman year. He ran varsity track all four years in high school, and varsity cross-country his freshman year. He competed on the New Home Livestock Judging team his sophomore and junior years and was actively involved in FFA and competed successfully in county and other major stock shows for the past four years. He was 1st Team All-District Wide Receiver and Defensive End in 2010; 2nd Team All-Region Wide Receiver in 2010; st Team All-District Basketball in 2011; an Area Track Qualifier in 2008, 2010 and 2011; and a Regional Track Qualifier in 2008 and 2011. He was voted Homecoming King in 2010, and Prom King in

His plans in the future are to attend Lon Morris Jr. College to play football, and then transfer to Texas Tech to pursue a career teaching history and coaching football.

## Socorro Vitolas

Socorro Vitolas is the daughter of Silvia and Ines Vitolas of New Home. She has attended New Home ISD for thirteen years.

She has been an active member of Fellow Christian Athletes for two years, and is a member of San Ramon Catholic Church. She has been a member of the high school yearbook staff for three years, and was yearbook editor this year. Her future plans are to attend

South Plains College to study Cosmetology; and later transfer to Kaplan College to become a Sonogra-

#### Oscar Manuel Zuniga Jr.

Oscar Manuel Zuniga Jr. is the son of Oscar and Irma Zuniga of New Home. He has attended New Home Schools for the past

He has participated in varsity football, varsity basketball, and varsity track for four years, and varsity baseball for one year. He was District 2-A 1st team running back in and defensive line, TSMCA All-Region I-2<sup>nd</sup> team defensive line, and All South Plains Team 6-man 2nd team running back in 2010; District 4- 2-A 2nd team special team player in 2009.

He plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in automotive mechanics.

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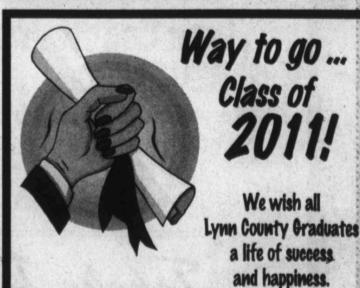
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his year. are to attend Laura Villarreal has attended Wilson schools for the past 14 years. She is the daughter of Anthony and Carmen Villarreal.

In high school she was active in cheerleading, basketball, cross-country and was editor of the school newsletter. She was also on the District Educational Improvement Gommittee, Student Council President and Homecoming Queen.

Lubbock Christian University and major in social work.

#### WHS SALUTATORIAN Amber Valadez

Amber Valadez has attended Wilson Schools for the past 13 years. She is the daughter of Ronnie and Penny Valadez and Amanda Davila.

While in high school she was active in basketball, tennis, track, cross-country, and golf. She was also in One Act Play and was a cheerleader and participated in UIL.

Her future plans are to attend South Plains College and become an Emergency Medical Technician.

# High School Senior Biographies

Wilson

Jeremy Balonos
Jeremy has attended Wilson schools for one year. He is the son of Angelina Trevino.

He was active in basketball, tennis and football and was the Homecoming King. He was student of the month and voted Most Courteous.

His plans are to attend South Plains College and major in Diesel Service Technology.

#### Karen Renate McAuthur

Karen Renate McAuthur has attended Wilson schools for the past two years. She is the daughter of Everett E. McAuthur and Patricia Heath.

She came to Wilson from Meadow where she was active in FCCLA and UIL.

Her future plans are to attend South Plains College and later transfer to Texas Tech Universify and earn her Bachelor's Degree in 3-D Animation.

#### **Brittany Taylor**

Brittany Taylor has attended Wilson schools for the past 12 years. She is the daughter of Mike and Joyce Taylor.

In high school she participated in basketball, golf and One Act Play. She is the class Historian.

She will leave this summer to join the U.S. Army and become a Power Generator Mechanic.

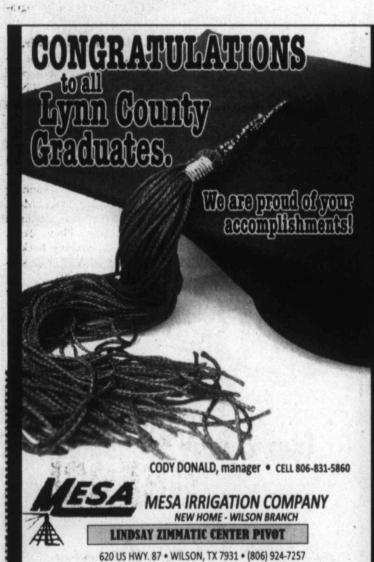
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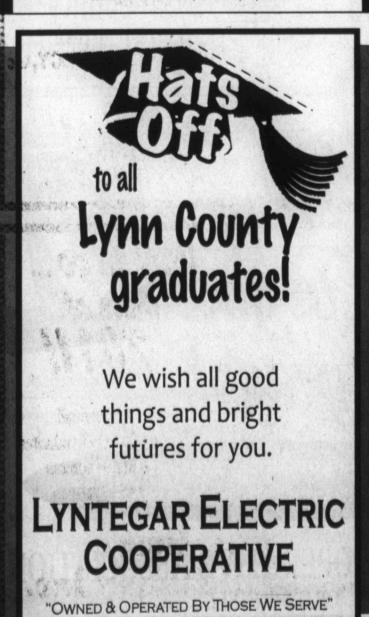
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## Here's to You





## New Home Volunteer Fire Dept. reorganizes

The New Home Volunteer Fire Department recently reorganized, with the members naming Ross Fillingim as Fire Chief and Ryan Gill as Assistant Chief. The NHVFD will have monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m.

Anyone who is interested in either joining the department or helping the department may contact Fillingim at 806-544-4332 or Gill at 806-773-8269.

## New Home Tumblers compete in Hale Center

The New Home Tumblers competed in their last tumbling meet of the school year on May 5th in Hale Center. The following were awarded first place; Effi Correa, Kealey Benson, Lexie Benson, Abby Ehlers and Savannah Correa. Samantha Correa placed third.

## Free Summer Camp Offered In Tahoka

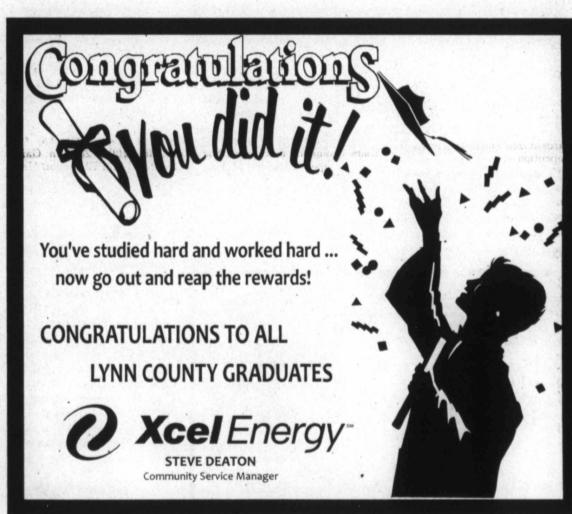
Children in grades 1-8 in Lynn County are invited to attend a free summer camp for two weeks on Monday through Thursday, June 6-9 and June 13-16. The camp will be held at the Tahoka Elementary Gym.

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

Camp activities include life skills, education, swimming, games, scavenger hunts and more, and children will have snacks provided. There will be t-shirt giveaways and lots of door prizes.

Volunteers are also needed.
Please sign up with Gracie at
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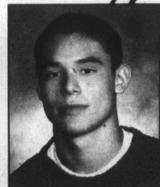
# O'Donnell High School Class of 2011



Loree Ramirez



Raven Ramirez



Rico Antuna



Krystasha D'Shay Benavidez

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High School

Senior Biographies



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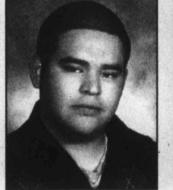
**Eric Ramirez** 



**Elora Rosales** 



Natalie Tagle



Landry Villarreal



Anastacia Zepeda



#### OHS VALEDICTORIAN Loree Ramirez

Loree has attended O'Donnell schools for the past 14 years. She is the daughter of Roel and Claudia Ramirez. While in high school she was active in band, One Act Play and was a member of NHS.

Her future plans are attend South Plains College.

#### OHS SALUTATORIAN Raven Ramirez

Raven has attended O'Donnell schools for the past 14 years. She is the daughter of Roel and Claudia Ramirez. While in high school she was active in band, Academic UIL, One Act Play and NHS.

After graduation, Raven plans to attend South Plains College and later transfer to Texas Tech and major in Business Management or Fashion Merchandising.

#### Rico Antuna

Rico has attended O'Donnell schools for the past 13 years. He is the son of Greg and Dolores Antuna. His future plans are to be successful in life.

#### Krystasha D'Shay Benavidez

Krystasha has attended O'Donnell schools for the past 10 years. She was involved in band her freshman year and cross country and basketball her sophomore

She is the daughter of Rose Ann Rosales and Alfonso Benavidez, Jr. Her plans after graduation are to attend South Plains College and enter into the medical field.

#### Coda Hiltbrunner

Coda has attended O'Donnell schools for the past 14 years. While in high school he was active in band, Division 1 Marching Band, One Act Play- Zone alternate honorable mention, and Academic UIL- District 5.

His future plans are to teach History at high school or college level. He is the son of the late Michael Eugene Hiltbrunner and Linda Vargas.

### Tiffany Jarrett

Tiffany has attended O'Donnell schools for two years. While in high school she was active in band, tennis, Journalism and on the year-

She is the daughter of Lisa and Mike Jarrett. Her future plans are to attend college.

## Mark Mecalco

Mark has attended O'Donnell schools for the past 14 years. He is the son of Claudia Mecalco and Victor Resendez. While in high school he was active in band, football, basketball, track, and baseball. He was the recipient of the Austin Gass Baseball award.

His plans after graduation are to join the Marines and attend col-

## Sulema Portales

Sulema is the daughter of Steve and Emma Gomez. She has attended O'Donnell schools for the past 14 years. While in high school she participated in basketball, band, track, cross-country and was in the Science Fair.

Her plans after graduation are to attend college.

## **Eric Ramirez**

Eric has attended O'Donnell schools for the past 14 years. He is the son of Ramon and Norma Ramirez. While in high school he

was active in football, track, basketball, band and baseball. In his freshman year he received 2nd team All District, and All District

in his sophomore and junior year.

He plans to attend Lubbock

Christian University.

#### Elora Rosales

Elora has attended O'Donnell schools for 14 years. She is the daughter of Chris and Mary Rosales. While in high school she has been active in athletics, crosscountry, track and band.

Her plans after graduation are to be successful.

## **Natalie Tagle**

Natalie has been in O'Donnell schools for two years. She is the daughter of Tina Coronado and Robert Tagle. While in high school she was on the yearbook staff and in journalism. After graduation, she plans to move back to Corpus Christi and attend college.

## Landry Villarreal

Landry has attended O'Donnell schools for the past 14 years. He is the son of Willie and Denise Villarreal. While in high school he was active in basketball, baseball, football, band and stock shows.

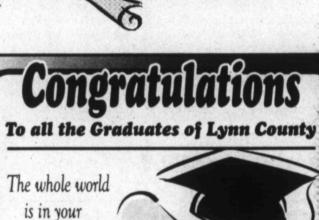
After graduation he plans to attend college and become an x-ray technician.

## Anastacia Zepeda

Anastacia has attended O'Donnell schools for the past 14 years. She is the daughter of Susie Zepeda and Jamie Casillas. While in high school she was active in cheerleading, band, basketball, tennis, track, cross country and was in the Science Fair.

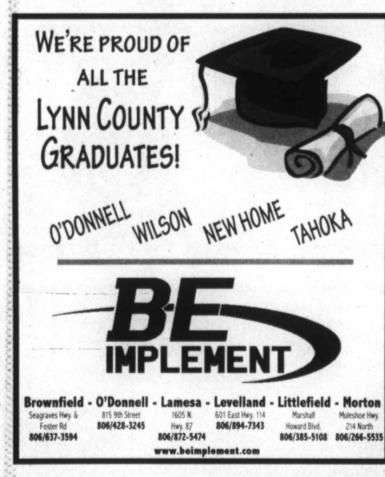
Her future plans after graduation are to attend the Toni and Guy Academy in Dallas and graduate within 10 months and begin a career at the Toni and Guy Salon.

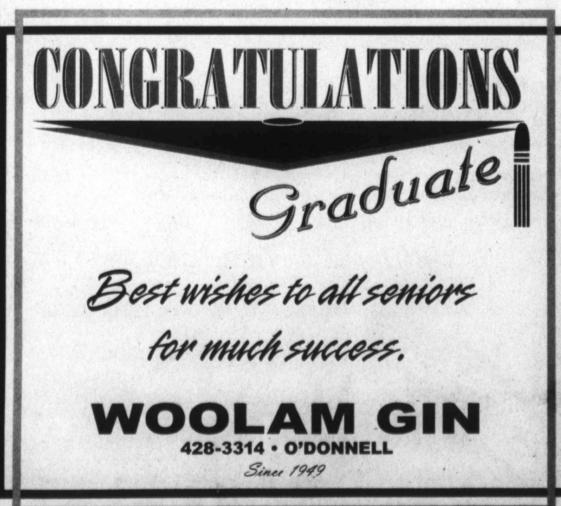


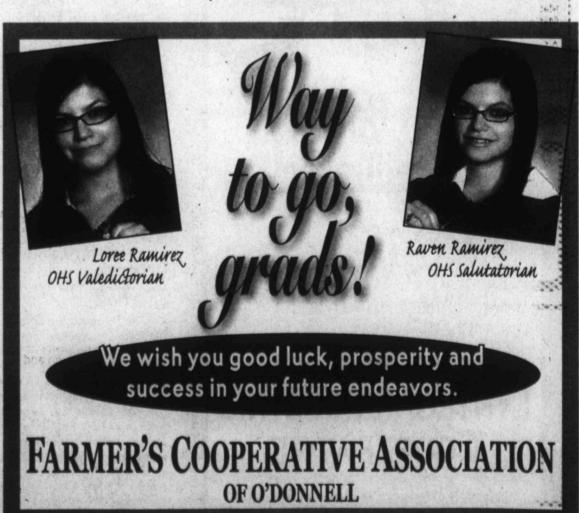


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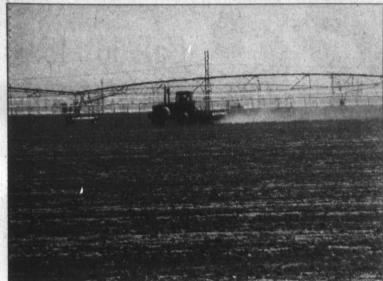
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## USDA announces extended deadline for 2010 ACRE certification

USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Juan M. Garcia, announced that the 2010 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) production certification deadline has been extended to September 1,2011

Producers who participate in the ACRE program receive revenue-based payments as an alternative to receiving pricebased counter-cyclical (CC) payments.

"The original July 15, 2011 deadline was extended to September 1, 2011 due to the large workload that many county offices are experiencing," said Garcia. "The extension applies to reporting the farm benchmark yields for 2005 through 2009 and the actual farm yield for 2010," he said.

Because of the extended

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deadline, FSA county offices will not be authorized to use a late-file register - meaning no ACRE production certifications will be accepted beyond the September 1; 2011 date.

For questions regarding ACRE certification, please contact your local FSA office.

#### Cattle management, drought issues addressed in June 6 meeting

Area beef cattle producers are invited to attend a meeting to discuss management strategies in the current drought situation. Topics will include management priorities in responseto low rainfall and reduced forage production, available feed supplements and potential use.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Borden County Event Center (located on the east side of Gail on Highway 180). Lunch will be provided Cost to attend the meeting will be \$15. Please RSVP to the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Lynn County, (806)-561-4562 by June 3.

## ESL Summer School **Offered**

(English as a Second Language)

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



June 6th - July 28th 8:00am - 11:45am

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

## **ESL Summer School Offered**

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## Cotton crop ...

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ing to run irrigation systems so hard before the growing season, many of the fields will struggle later on in the summer as the water pressure drops off. In addition, a tremendous amount of expense will be incurred for those irrigated producers who have to keep those wells running if no significant rainfall comes along to help out.

The planting deadline for Lynn County is June 10. Growers must be planted by then to be eligible for crop insurance and other programs. Dryland acres make up about 65% of our 300,000 acres of cotton. Most dryland acres are not planted at this time as growers will wait to see if any rainfall will come. Looking at this week's forecast, it appears that no rainfall will be coming, so many dryland growers will probably begin planting next week in order to get planted by June 10.

Things are not ideal right now, but cotton farmers are resilient and determined and will not give up. Their hard work and dedication are second to none and they know that depending on Mother Nature can bring both the good and bad.

### TISD appoints advisory committee for redistricting

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees has appointed several citizens to a redistricting advisory committee for the school board, naming John Baker, Steve Burleson, Julia Charo, Jennifer DeLeon, Tonda Freitag, Victor Herrera, and Shannon Lawson to serve on the committee.

TISD has five single-member district precincts, with precinct lines drawn according to population statistics. With new figures released in the 2010 Census, TISD has contracted with The Underwood Law Firm to draw new precinct lines in accordance with the new population figures. The advisory committee will assist with the process.

#### New bill secures property ownership rights in Texas

Gov. Rick Perry signed Senate Bill 18, which implements landmark eminent domain reforms to strengthen private property rights. The governor designated this legislation as an emergency item for the 2011 Legislative Session. He was joined by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, Sen. Craig Estes, Sen. Robert Duncan and Rep. Charlie Geren for the bill signing.

SB 18 requires local and state government entities interested in acquiring private property to first make an offer, in writing and based on an appraisal, to the landowner to purchase the property through a voluntary sale for a fair price. This prevents entities from making lowball offers knowing the land can be taken by eminent domain if the landowner doesn't accept. The bill also requires condemnation petitions to specifically state the public use for which the land is needed, eliminating instances where land is taken without current plans for its use. Additionally, the bill makes it clear that eminent domain may only be used for public use.

Further, SB 18 requires a government entity that takes land to first have a record vote stating the land to be taken and the project for which it is being taken. It also requires entities to provide all appraisals of the property they have during negotiations to ensure landowners understand the fair market value of their land. Finally, this legislation also allows landowners to repurchase land at the price they were paid for it if it becomes unnecessary for the project for which it was taken, or if no actual progress is made toward the project in 10 years, even if the project has not been cancelled.

Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rodney Schoppa, reminds producers that several federal farm program sign-up and reporting deadlines are approaching. The enrollment deadline for the 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program is June 1, 2011.

Eligible DCP participants receive a direct payment and/ or a counter-cyclical payment. Direct payment rates are established by statute regardless of market prices. Counter-cyclical payments vary depending on market prices, and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate).

ACRE protects producers from farm market revenue declines when revenue triggers are met for a commodity at both the state and farm level. Farms that are already enrolled in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) for a crop year can elect to switch to ACRE before the end of signup.

Both DCP and ACRE par

possible," said Schoppa.

Below is a schedule of im-

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Senior fun ... The Tahoka High School Class of 2011 had fun at the senior party hosted by parents recently, which included this "trip" to Hawaii at a local pool. (PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

## Area producers reminded of approaching federal farm program deadlines

Lynn County USDA Farm

ticipants must sign annual contracts to receive program benefits. All signatures of producers who will receive a share of DCP and ACRE payments must be on file by the June 1, 2011 dead-

"Due to multiple program deadline dates in the next few months, all FSA county offices are experiencing an increase in workload, so it is important for producers to be aware of these deadlines and make appointments with our office to sign up for program benefits as soon as

portant FSA program deadlines

•May 31, 2011 - 2010 Crop Year Final Loan Availability Date for Corn, Soybeans, Grain Sorghum, Sunflowers, Rice, Cotton and Pulse Crops

• June 1, 2011 - Deadline for 2011 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) Enrollment and for 2011 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) **Program Election** 

·August 1, 2011 - Deadline to Request a 2011 Farm Reconstitution

 September 1, 2011 – Deadline to file 2010 Production Reports for ACRE. This deadline was extended from the original deadline of July 15, 2011 for 2010 production only.

The 2011 Crop Year Acre-

age Reporting deadline for most crops and the deadline to file 2010 Production Reports for most Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) crops varies by region, so Schoppa suggests producers contact the local FSA county office to determine county-specific deadlines. Producers whose operations are located in the southern part of the state should note that acreage reporting and NAP deadlines may have already passed. Contact FSA to

confirm. For more information about FSA program and reporting deadlines, contact the Lynn County FSA office at 806-998-4501or visit the web at: www. fsa.usda.gov/tx.

**ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICATION** 

New Home School will offer an ESL program for LEP (Limited English Proficient) students during the summer of 2011. The program will be scheduled for a minimum of 120 hours and will conclude prior to August 1, 2011. The program is designed for students who will enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the fall of 2011. Parents of eligible children will be responsible for transporta-

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Elementary Principal at Box 248, New Home, TX 79383, (806) 924-7542 for a registration

form. Complete and return the form by JUNE 10, 2011. DISCLAIMER: New Home School will offer this program

or more students qualify. ESL PROGRAMA NOTIFICACION

New Home Escuela Primaria ofrecerá a un ESL programa par LEP (Experto Inglés Linutado) estudiantes durante el verano de 2011. El programa estará programado por un minimo de 120 horas y concluirá previamente de agosto 1, 2011. El program aestá diseñado para estudiantes que entrará Jardin de Infantes o Primer Grado en el otono de 2011. Los padres de niños elegibles será responsable de (transportation).

Se usted conociera de un niño qu calificara por el programa, notifica Elementary Principal at Box 248, New Home, TX 79383, (806) 924-7542 par solicitar una forma de registro. Completa y regresa la forma por junio 10, 2011.

LaDENEGACION: New Home Escuela Primaria ofrecerá este programa solamente si diez (10) o más estudiantes califican.

> PREKINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

New Home School will offer a prekindergarten program during the 2011-2012 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2011. Students can qualify for the program by meeting at least one of the following requirements: 1) Be economically disadvantaged; 2) Be limited English proficient (LEP); or 3) Be homeless.

If you know a child who qualifies for the program notify Elementary Principal at Box 248, New Home, TX 79383, (806) 924-7542 for a registration form. Complete and return the form by July 1, 2011.

DISCLAIMER: New Home School will offer this program only if fifteen (15) or more students qualify.

LA NOTIFICACION DE PREKINDERGARTEN PARA LOS 2011-2012 ANO ESCOLAR

New Home Escuela Primaria ofrecerá a un (prekindergarten) programa durante los 2011-2012 año escolar. El programa estará para estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años adultos en o antes de septiembre 1, 2011. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa se encontrando al menos ino de los siguientes requisitos: 1) Estén perjudicado económicamente; 2) Esté limitado experto Inglés (LEP); or 3) Sea destituído

Si usted conociera de un niño que calificara por el programa, notifice a Elementary Principal at Box 248, New Home, TX 79393, (806) 924-5742 para solicitar una forma de registro. Completa y regresa la forma por julio 1, 2011.

LaDENEGACION: New Home Escuela Primaria ofrecerá a este programa solamente si quince (15) o más estudiantes califican.



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- Individual attention for your child
- **Small Classes**
- **Recognized School District Caring Educators**
- Safe School Environment
- **Dual Credit Courses**
- **More Opportunities for participation Extracurricular Activities**
- Bus Transportation will be available

Please contact the Wilson ISD school secretary if you need additional information at 806-628-6261. We look forward to the 2011-2012 school Year!