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City pool to open June 6

Tahoka City Pool will open Wednesday, June 6. Prices for admission are the same as last year (\$1.50 single admission), a family pass costs \$150 for the entire summer, and individual passes are \$75.

The pool will open Wednesday-Saturday from 12:30-5:30 p.m., and on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. David Spruiell is Pool Manager and lifeguard, and may also be contacted for pool parties by calling 806-577-8442.

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

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 22	92	58	
May 23	100	64	
May 24	99	64	
May 25	101	66	
May 26	94	69	
May 27	95	73	
May 28	97	65	
May 29	99	65	

Precipitation for Jan:	0.34"
Precipitation for Feb:	0.91"
Precipitation for Mar:	1.03"
Precipitation for Apr:	1.58"
Precipitation for May:	1.82"
Total Precip. for 2012:	5.68"

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My vote counts ... Jeanette McCleskey drops her ballot into a receptacle on a locked box, which was later transferred to an electronic counting machine for tabulating ballots, at a voting poll location at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. Lynn County voters joined the rest of Texas in marking Democratic or Republican Primary ballots on Tuesday, with a couple of local races drawing most Lynn County voters' attention on the Republican ballot.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Lynn County voters choose Munk, Willis in local races

Lynn County voters chose Michael Munk for the four-county 106th Judicial District Attorney and Donna Willis for Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector, in Republican Primary ballots marked Tuesday, May 29. Munk also was the voters' choice in Dawson, Gaines and Garza counties over incumbent District Attorney Brian Kingston, and he effectively wins that seat as there are no Democratic challengers for the November General Election.

The tally for the DA's seat was very close in Lynn County, with 307 for Munk vs 299 for Kingston. Munk, however, easily carried the other three counties in the 106th judicial district, with 730 votes to Kingston's 419 in Dawson County, 994 to 721 in Gaines County, and 602 to 211 in Garza County.

In the Lynn County Tax Assessor's race, Willis had 426 votes to 183 for

Quaydene Caswell, and the Republican winner is unchallenged on the Democratic ticket for the November election.

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

Overall, 661 voters cast ballots in the primary elections in Lynn County, including 634 in the Republican Primary (with 251 casting early ballots), and 31 in the Democratic Primary (with 4 casting early ballots).

See more election results for Lynn County on page 3

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A HEADLINE on Microsoft Network's home page last week announced, "Congress decides maybe pizza isn't a vegetable after all." Reading this, along with a couple of things I heard recently about tomatoes and corn, made me realize that while I know what I like to eat and what I don't, I really may not know a vegetable when I see one.

Not long ago, when I wrote something about using corn to make ethanol as a substitute for gasoline was a terrible waste of a good vegetable, one reader pointed out that corn is not a vegetable. She was correct, but I will get back to that later. First, the pizza:

Last year (and I was not aware of this), Congress declared pizza was a vegetable, so far as counting as one in the federal school lunch program. Now a Congressman from Colorado has introduced a bill to ensure pizza will no longer count as a vegetable in the federal program just because it has tomato paste on it. Luckily for pizza lovers, it won't be banished altogether. "Pizza has its place in school meals, but equating it with broccoli, carrots and celery undermines this nation's efforts to support children's health," said the bill's sponsor.

Okay, pizzas are safe for school lunches. And, by the way, tomatoes, just like corn, are also classified as fruit, not vegetables.

Well, I really don't care. I like corn and tomatoes both, but I wouldn't want them in a fruit salad covered with whipped cream. And the restaurants that serve vegetable plates and list vegetable choices usually list corn, and sometimes tomatoes.

I have no quarrel with corn and tomatoes being listed as vegetables, no matter what the food textbooks say. I like them, along with taters, cooked almost any way. Taters are potatoes grown in southern states.

Actually, some of those texts claim turnips and asparagus are edible, but I know better.

Building materials stolen in Tahoka

Building materials and a window air conditioner valued at a total of \$1,650 were stolen from a vacant house in Tahoka, owned by Doug Ausbern, police were advised Tuesday, May 22.

Ausbern told police he had the supplies stored in the house until they could be used. Among the missing property was a \$600 window air conditioner, inside and outside heating units, electrical supplies, boxes of laminate flooring, 2x4s, 10 sheets of plywood and 10 sheets of sheetrock.

Brad Hammonds of Tahoka told police May 19 that someone had entered his building on Lockwood and stolen two welding leads and a pair of bolt cutters, total value of \$225.

Of the 10 persons held in Lynn County Jail early this week, three were held for Gaines County. Charges bring-

ing incarceration during the last week included assault causing bodily injury, public intoxication, capias profine/possession of marijuana, capias profine/failure to register sex offender, and criminal trespass.

Commissioners meet briefly

Lynn County Commissioners met in a brief session Tuesday morning, approving monthly bills and amending the budget to transfer \$10,000 from Road and Bridge funds to each of the county commissioner precincts. The burn ban, which is currently lifted, remains lifted as commissioners took no action to reinstate the ban.

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on his department's activities.



Athletic awards ... Tahoka High School athletes were honored at the THS Athletic Banquet sponsored by the Bulldog Booster Club on Monday night. Pictured are the top award winners, in back from left: Amanda Hill, Stormee Martin, Gretchen Henley, Preston Hammonds, Ian Zamarron, Tino DeLeon, Chance Cook, Logan Tekell and Caelen Decker; and in front, Kayla Long, Sarah Freitag, Ke'Shawn Hood, Caley Bingham, Zach Garcia, Taya Bishop, John Ryan Barrientez, Kordell Baker, Trystan Hilger, Trai Smith and Brittney Liggins. Brittney Liggins and Traivone Smith won the "Outstanding Athlete" awards, and Gretchen Henley and Logan Tekell won the "Fighting Heart" awards. See story on page 3 for a complete list of top awards in each sport category.



Anna Kilpatrick Hamilton Doak

Anna Kilpatrick Hamilton Doak was born January 30, 1914 in San Angelo, to Anna Eliza and Elias Reeves Kilpatrick. She passed away on Saturday, May 26, 2012 at the age of 98. Anna will be missed by her family and the many friends who experienced her sweet, feisty and loving spirit.

Anna was raised in Abilene and graduated from Abilene High School in 1932. She then enrolled in McMurry University, receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1937. This degree allowed Anna to teach school for several years in both the private and public sector. While attending McMurry, Anna met Lloyd Hamilton in one of their Religion classes. Because of her knowledge of the Bible, he asked if he could study with her. In 1939, she and Lloyd were married and moved to Dallas for him to attend seminary at SMU. During that time, Anna taught in a private school. After Lloyd's graduation, they were sent to serve in the small town of Sagerton. Anna served faithfully with her husband and in nine other churches in the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church including Pampa, Borger, Lubbock and Big Spring. Throughout this time, Anna sang in the choirs, played piano for Sunday School classes, played in hand bell choirs and taught various women's study groups. In each church, her loving, kind personality won many lifelong friends.

Anna taught in public schools for several years and occasionally would fill in for the music classes. After her only child, Lloyd Patrick Hamilton,

was born in 1946, she continued to substitute teach some, but was devoted to Pat and chose to be a stay at home mom for him. Eventually Anna and Lloyd retired to the family farm near Wilson. Retirement brought the joys of travel with family and friends, gardening and golf.

After Lloyd's sudden death in 1993, Anna moved to Lubbock and lived at Carillon Senior Lifecare Community. At Carillon she met Orville Doak, a fellow resident. Anna and Orville were married in 1996 and enjoyed nine years of marriage while continuing to live at Carillon. This marriage brought her a whole new group of step-children and step-grandchildren who happily took her into their family.

Anna was preceded in death by her son, Patrick Hamilton; husbands, Lloyd Hamilton and Orville Doak; brother, Cotton Kilpatrick; sister, Cleo Fry; and step-daughter, Donna Doak.

Survivors include one granddaughter, Jennifer Hamilton Bingo of San Francisco; daughter-in-law, Patricia Pruitt of Midland; and many step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Services for Anna were held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, 2012 in the Neil Chapel at Carillon Retirement Center with Rev. Keith Wiseman officiating. Burial was at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to McMurry University, 1 McMurry Station, Abilene, TX 79697.

Please celebrate the life of Anna by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)

Obituary Notices -- POLICY --

There is no charge for obituary notices, subject to editing. If you wish the obituary to read exactly as sent, there is a \$35 fee. Photos may be included at no additional charge. The Lynn County News will publish obituaries with any connection to Lynn County. Information may be sent to The Lynn County News, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373, faxed to 806/561-6308, or e-mail: LynnCoNews@poka.com.



Janel "Punk" Franklin

A Celebration of Life service was held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 27th at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka, Texas with a reception to follow in the church parlor.

Janel Lindley Franklin went to be with her Heavenly Father on May 23, 2012. "Punk" as she was lovingly known as by all of her dear friends and family was born in Lynn County on August 8th to the parentage of Howell F. Lindley and Joy Gladys (Henderson) Lindley. She is survived by her husband H.G. Franklin, the love of her life for 61 years. Janel was an avid golfer, bridge player, and sports fan. She loved to travel and was able to see so much of God's beautiful world. She was also a co-writer of three published cookbooks. Cooking for family and friends was one of the great joys of her life.

She is survived by her husband, H. G.; her son Bruce and wife Jayme of Bishop; and her daughter Becky of Dallas; three grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Harper Franklin at the age of 5, one brother, Dee Lindley and a sister Maxine Edwards.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to The Ronald McDonald House, 3413 10th Street Lubbock, TX 79415 or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers.

A tribute of Mrs. Franklin may be found at www.memorialdesigners.net, where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for her family. ***

Dearest Mother, We are so proud of you. You have given us so many memories, experiences, love and

laughter that we will carry with us always in a special place in our hearts. You will be missed beyond words but always remembered and cherished. Thank you God for blessing us with her, please take good care of her.

~ From your loving children and grandchildren. (PAID)



Lottie Jo Walker

Lottie Jo Walker, formerly of Tahoka, and most recently of Windsong Retirement Home in Lubbock, went to be with her Lord and Savior on May 25, 2012, at the age of 92. She was born October 23, 1919 to Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Townes. Lottie Jo married Clint Walker on September 14, 1945 in Miami, FL. Clint and their son, Townes, preceded her in death.

Lottie Jo attended college at Texas Christian University and Texas Tech University. She was always so proud of her TCU Frogs and her Texas Tech Red Raiders! She and Clint attended sporting events at Texas Tech for many years. Lottie Jo worked as a secretary at Reese AFB during WWII and taught high school for several years in Tahoka. After Clint started his insurance business, Lottie worked side by side with him. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, where she was very active. Lottie Jo taught Sunday School, was involved with The Wesleyan Service Guild, and various other activities. In her earlier years, she was an active golfer and member of the Ladies Golf Association. Her true love and hobby was playing bridge. She was a Life Master Duplicate bridge player. She played bridge every opportunity until her illness.

Those that knew Lottie Jo will remember her as a Lady with style and grace, in the best sense. She had integrity, compassion, and love for all she met. You never saw Lottie Jo without makeup, hair done or dressed just as though she had stepped out of Neiman Marcus. Those left to cherish her memory include her honorary extended family: son and daughter, Jim and Andra Solomon; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Terri Eubank and family, Wes Solomon and family; a very close cousin, Mr. J. Fred Bucy of Dallas; a dear friend, Andy Bray; broth-

ers and sisters-in-law, Neil and Sue Walker and Smitty and Pollyanna Smith; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and many close, dear friends.

The family would like to thank all of the compassionate ladies from Visiting Angels for all of their love and care of Lottie Jo. They would also like to thank the Calvert nurses and Vista (Odyssey) Care for the great way they cared for Lottie Jo. Thank you Chaplain David and Dr. Farrell for all you did for Lottie Jo. She will be sorely missed by all.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Marvin Gregory officiating. Interment was at the Tahoka Cemetery.

Celebrate the life of Lottie Jo by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)

June 16th dinner, raffle to benefit HOME ministry

The HOME ministry invites area residents to a benefit hamburger dinner on June 16 at Roddy Gandy's place near the Tahoka Cemetery, with all proceeds benefitting the local ministry program. Raffle tickets for a chance to win a barbecue grill/smoker combination with a trailer, or a riding lawnmower with a 48-inch deck, are also being sold for \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Tickets may be purchased from Cal Huffaker, Mike Walker, Roddy Gandy, Ty Askew, John Wilson, Ginger Hughes, Frank McClelland and Alton James.

Hamburgers, beans, and homemade ice cream will be offered at the June 16 dinner, and an auction will also be conducted. Auction items include baked goods, handmade jewelry from a local artist, and other items.

The HOME ministry provides assistance with home repairs for senior citizens ages 60 or older, who are disabled or a veteran, and who can show a need for financial assistance. Applications for assistance from HOME are available at the First United Methodist Church or First Baptist Church, as well as from Calloway Huffaker, Mike Walker, Roddy Gandy, Ty Askew, John Wilson, Ginger Hughes, Frank McClelland and Alton James; or write to: HOME, c/o First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 500, Tahoka, TX 79373.

Joyland fun: Middle School Science Camp offered at LCU

Registration for Lubbock Christian University's middle school math/science enrichment camp is now open. "Science: It's a Wild Ride" campers spend time on the LCU campus learning amusement park physics then venture off to Joyland Amusement Park for a day of gut-wrenching, thrilling rides, and real-time experiments. The camp is held June 11-13, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. daily.

The camp is open to students entering the 6th through 8th grade. The \$100 fee per student includes three meals, T-Shirt, admission to Joyland and all other activities!

Go to <http://www.lcu.edu/sciencecamp> to register or contact Dr. Cathy Box at cathy_box@lcu.edu for more information.

Summer Series to begin at Senior Citizens

The Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens will hold a Summer Series of informative topics on aging issues, to be presented by IntegreCare Hospice. Each series will be held the third Wednesday of the month, beginning at 12:15.

The first series will be held on June 20th. The topic will be Legal Advice: Advance Directives and Legal Paperwork.

July 18th, the topic will cover Memory Loss: What you need to know and resources.

August 15th, the topic will cover VA Benefits: The Aide and Attendance Program.

For more information, contact the Senior Citizens Center at 561-5264.

Senior Citizens MENU

- JUNE 4-8**
- Monday:** Beef stroganoff, noodles, mixed veggies, wheat roll, winter fruit cup
 - Tuesday:** Rigatoni w/ meat sauce, lima beans, salad, garlic bread, mandarin oranges w/ whipped topping
 - Wednesday:** Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, wheat roll, pears
 - Thursday:** Talapia/ lemon slice, coleslaw, corn, hushpuppies, cherry crisp
 - Friday:** Sloppy Joe on bun, potato salad, carrots & zucchini, creamy fruit square

Center Announcements:

- The Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens now has a Facebook page! Click the "like" button and check it out for information.

- We will be hosting a bowling tournament on our new Wii system very soon. Stay tuned for upcoming tournament dates!
- Bingo will be back in June. Watch for details.
- 2nd Sunday Thanksgiving Dinner fundraiser will be coming up in August!
- Monetary donations are encouraged and greatly appreciated.

- The Center has gently used medical equipment available to lend out. Please call us at 561-5264 for more information.
- The "Feed Our Community" program offers a ten (10) day lunch ticket for a suggested donation of \$35. If the individual is under 60, a ten-day ticket costs \$50. The lunch ticket can be used for an on-site meal, a take-out meal or if eligible, we will deliver the meal. The ticket can be purchased for a specific person or donated and the Center will pick a person.

- Timeless Treasures cookbooks are great to keep or give as gifts. On sale at the Center, the Lynn County News office, Virginia's Beauty Salon, Cal Huffaker's Law Office and the City/County Library for \$12.00.
- Aluminum can recycle located on 1714 Ave. H, (the old Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber yard).

Tahoka Athletic Booster Club 2012 Golf Tournament

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THS Athletes honored at annual banquet

Tahoka High School seniors Brittney Liggins and Traivone Smith were named THS's "Outstanding Athletes," the top awards given at the Tahoka Athletic Banquet last week. The banquet, sponsored by the Bulldog Booster Club, was held last Monday night at The Center for Housing and Community Development.

The "Fighting Heart" awards went to Gretchen Henley and Logan Tekell.

In the football category, awards went to the following seniors: Offensive Player, Traivone Smith; Defensive Player, Chance Cook and Tino DeLeon; and Offensive Line-man, Logan Tekell.

Basketball awards were presented to Brittney Liggins and Preston Hammonds for "Overall MVP's." Offensive awards went to Stormee Martin and Ke'Shawn Hood, and Defensive awards to Gretchen Henley and Traivone Smith.

The cross country awards went to Brittney Liggins and

Kordell Baker.

In the powerlifting category, Lisa Marie Alvarado and Caelan Decker received awards.

Track and field awards went to Brittney Liggins and Ian Zamarron.

Top baseball winners were: Overall, Trystan Hilger; Offensive, John Ryan Barrientez; and Defensive, Zachariah Garcia.

Softball winners were: Overall, Gretchen Henley and Kayla Long. The Offensive award went to Caley Bingham and the Defensive award went to Amanda Hill.

Golf awards were presented to Chance Cook and Stormee Martin.

Top tennis awards went to Taya Bishop, Sarah Freitag, and Logan Tekell.

DONATIONS

to Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center are greatly appreciated.

Poka Lambro to offer free computer classes

Not quite sure what to do with that new computer... Or how to maneuver the Internet and get to all those wonderful Web sites everyone's always talking about... Or maybe you're wondering what to do with all of those digital pictures? Now is the time to enhance those skills and enjoy your computer!

Poka Lambro is offering FREE computer classes at the City County Library, located at 1717 Main St. inside the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka, on three Thursdays in June. The classes will cover various topics including computer basics, Facebook and e-mail and what to do with a digital camera. Participants can attend all three classes or just the ones they are interested in.

The first class will be held Thursday, June 7th at 10:00 a.m., covering computer basics. The June 14th class at 10:00 a.m. will cover e-mail and Facebook. The third and final class will be held June 21st at 10:00 a.m. and it will discuss using your digital camera.

Classes are free but due to limited space and class size, pre-registration is required.



One point short of title ... The New Home Major Girls Little Dribbler team played four games on Saturday, May 19 in the Major Tournament, but finally fell short in the Championship game against Ropes by one point to place second. Pictured is Natalie Fuentes, Savanna Lehman, Danielle Torres, Ariah Morales, DD Dominguez, Carolynne Olesen, Michaela Rodriguez, Brooke Tyson, Celee Smith, Leea Walden and Britney Escobedo. Not pictured is Clara Barrington. Coaches are Damien Rodriguez and Michael Rodriguez.

Please pre-register by calling 806-561-5600, or stop by the Poka Lambro Store.

"Classes will be on-going and will be offered on Thursdays at various Poka Lambro store locations. So if you miss this one - don't worry, we'll be back. Contact Poka Lambro to find out when the next classes will be held in your area, at 806-561-5600," said a spokesperson.

ELECTION RESULTS FOR 106TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

COUNTY:	MUNK	KINGSTON
Lynn	307	299
Dawson	730	419
Gaines	994	721
Garza	602	211
TOTAL	2633	1650

LYNN COUNTY ELECTION RESULTS (LOCAL) REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

COUNTY ATTORNEY
D. Scott 486

TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
D. Willis 426
Q. Caswell 183

COUNTY TREASURER
A. Schuknecht 486

CO. COMMISSIONER, PCT 1
K. Wied 107

COUNTY CHAIR
J. Baker 492

REFERENDUMS:

SCHOOL CHOICE	
Yes	434
No	127
REPEALING OBAMACARE	
Yes	548
No	43
PUBLIC PRAYER	
Yes	547
No	50
BALANCED BUDGET	
Yes	550
No	30
REDISTRICTING	
Yes	390
No	142

NO LOCALLY CONTESTED RACES IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY:

SHERIFF
J.D. Franklin 31

COUNTY CHAIR
R. Gutierrez 24



BRITT WUENSCHÉ

Wuensche graduates from Texas Tech

Britt Wuensche graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree in University Studies with concentrations in Mathematics, Secondary Education and Exercise and Sports Science. He received his degree during Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 19, 2012.

He is the son of Mark and Tina Wuensche of Tahoka, and is a 2008 graduate of Tahoka High School. He is employed at AmpliSine Labs, LLC as a Project Manager in Lubbock.

He is the grandson of James and Janet Wuensche of Wilson, and James and the late Barbara Gordon of Lubbock. He is the great-grandson of Lorena and the late Wilbert Wuensche of Wilson.



Owen Wayne Hardt
was born
May 20, 2012 to
Amanda Hardt
He weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz.,
and was 20" long.

GRANDPARENTS: Robert and Becky Hardt of Tahoka
GREAT-GRANDPARENTS: Linda and the late Larry Owen,
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Joshua Freitag graduates from TTU

Joshua Klaus Freitag graduated *summa cum laude* from Texas Tech University on May 18, 2012, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise and Sports Science. Joshua will continue his education at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center beginning May 29 working toward his Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

Joshua is the son of Donald and Tonda Freitag of Tahoka, and he and his wife, Alesha, live in Lubbock. He also has a super freakin' awesome sister named Sarah and a slightly above average brother, Benjamin.





This guy is a Red Raider and a Roadrunner!

Trent Moore II, 24, is to be recognized for realizing a remarkable achievement.

On May 12, 2012 he was awarded a Master of Science in Information Technology from the University of Texas at San Antonio. At UTSA he was inducted into Alpha Chi, a Texas chapter of the National College Honor Society. Trent Moore II graduated from Texas Tech University in 2010 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems. Proud parents are Trent and Lola Moore. Grandparents are Roosevelt and the late Dora Moore and Nunnie and the late Betty Rogers. Congratulations! Trent, this is nothing short of extraordinary!
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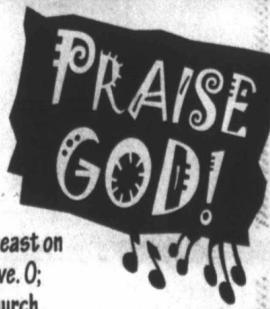
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... PLUS come watch the **Kick-Off Parade**

Saturday, June 2 at 1:30 p.m.!

BE OUTSIDE TO WATCH THE PARADE AND GATHER CANDY!

The Kick-Off Parade starts on Saturday, beginning at the west church parking lot, then heads east on N. 1st; north on Ave. K; west on N. 3rd; south on Ave. O; east on S. 2nd; north on Ave. L; then back to the church.



Please complete and return the REGISTRATION FORM and drop it in the VBS box at First Baptist Church inside the east door OR bring it with you to VBS.

First Baptist Church of Tahoka
1701 AVENUE K

VBS 2012 Registration Form
June 4-8 • 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Grade Completed _____ Age _____

Siblings Attending? Please include their names and ages on the line below: _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number _____

Special Needs/Allergies/Other Concerns _____

Bulldog Booster Club golf tourney set Saturday

The 2012 Tahoka Bulldog Booster Club golf tournament will be held this Saturday, June 2, at T-Bar Country Club, with all-area golfers invited to participate. The 4-person scramble will have a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Cash prizes will be offered (minimum of 12 teams for 2nd and 3rd place).

Cost is \$160 per team. Mulligans are available for two for \$10, as well as Longest Drive, Closest to Pin, and Putting Contests offered for \$5 each, with cash prizes.

Door prizes will be offered, and free sausage wraps, hamburgers and drinks will be provided. Call T-Bar at 998-5305 to register. Proceeds benefit the Tahoka Athletic Booster Club.

New Home Major boys ...
The New Home Major Boys Little Dribbler team placed 2nd at the Major Tournament that ended on Saturday, May 19. They fell short against Meadow in the Championship game, 20-38. Team members are Jayton Rodgers, Gabe Cantu, Kevin Saldana, Eduardo Fuentes, Blaine Kirkland, Brayden Kirkland, Dalton Stokes, and Vicente Fuentes. Brian Kirkland is their coach.



New Home Tumblers compete in Hale Center

The New Home Tumblers competed in their last tumbling meet of the school year on May 12th in Hale Center. These tumblers did very well representing their school and brought home many medals. We are very proud of all the tumblers!

The following were awarded first place medals: Maddie Zant and Abby Ehlers.

Neveah Larsen was awarded a second place medal, and Kennedy Lorton won a third place medal.

Tahoka Tumblers receive medals

The Tahoka Tumblers competed in their last tumbling meet of the school year on May 12th in Hale Center. These tumblers did very well representing their school and brought home many medals.

The following were awarded first place medals: Michael Heinrich, Gabby Balderas, Kyle Chapa, and Aayliah Clark.

The following were awarded second place medals: Jaelyn Gomez, Micaela Sullivan, Morgan Mackey, Madison Fox.

Texas Tech researches natural image impact on patients

Texas Tech University's Neuroimaging Institute will partner with The Sky Factory, a fine art and technology company that creates imagery of nature, to research the effects of these natural images on patient health.

Evidence-based design research indicates illusions of nature, such as a sky scene on the ceiling of a room, support healing, reduce stress and anxiety, and reduce the use of pain medications in healthcare settings. These realistic illusions have been installed in healthcare environments around the world to alleviate stress, promote patient relaxation, provide positive distraction and improve the patient experience.

The two-part research project, conducted by College of Human Sciences professors Debajyoti Pati, Michael O'Boyle and Cherif Amor, will study the effects of Sky Factory's virtual skylights on hospital patients.

Pati said this research is exciting for Texas Tech, as it will mark the entry of the university into the field of neuroscience and architecture.

The initial study will generate brain maps of the neural pathways and regions associated with subjects' perception of Sky Factory SkyCeilings unique imagery and compare those results with the mapped responses of the subjects' viewing imagery established as being positive, negative or neutral.

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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 p.m.

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 the Lynn County Juvenile Probation Office.

The free camp is sponsored by the following organizations: Lynn County Probation Office, Tahoka Rotary Club, Calloway Huffaker Law Firm, Walker & Solomon Agency, Dr. Donald Freitag, Wildcat Mfg., Calvillo Bail Bonds, Tahoka Drug, Farm Bureau, Lyntegar Electric, Poka Lambro Telephone, Agua One, First Bank and Trust, Tahoka Thriftway, Allsup's, First Baptist Church, Managed Care, Girl Scouts of the Caprock, and Tahoka City Pool.

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Consequences

READ MATTHEW 6:7-15

Jesus said, "If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."

Matthew 6:14 (NRSV)

Opening the back door, I was confronted by an angry neighbor. Her voice drowned out the sounds of our children playing happily in her yard. She stood, fists clenched, eyes blazing, mouth spewing accusations against my children and me. My hand itched to slap her face. Instead, I called in the boys and closed the door.

Anger rose within me like a boiling cauldron at such unwarranted abuse. But instead of handing it to God, I held on to it, allowing it to fester and taint my life. Then one day Jesus brought me to my knees with these words from the Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." I felt an ice-cold arrow targeting my simmering anger.

My family had lived with the consequences of that anger for some time. I had lost a relationship with a neighbor, and the children lost their playmate - until God helped me to see the truth. If we do not hand over our anger, hatred, and pride to God, those emotions can destroy our lives. I thank God for a lesson learned - the hard way.

Thought for the Day: Refusing to forgive harms us from the inside out.

PRAYER: Dear Lord, forgive us when we hold tight to harmful emotions. We are good at rationalizing and justifying our actions. Help us to let go of our pride and hurt, to focus on others rather than ourselves, and to see beyond hurtful words. Amen.

Julia Cutting (England) ... from *The Upper Room* (www.upperroom.org)

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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, 2012.

DISCLAIMER: New Home School will offer this program only if ten (10) or more students qualify.

ESL PROGRAMA NOTIFICACION

New Home Escuela Primaria ofrecerá a un ESL programa par LEP (Ex-perto Inglés Linutado) estudiantes durante el verano de 2012. El programa estará programado por un mínimo de 120 horas y concluirá previamente de agosto 1, 2012. El program aestá diseñado para estudiantes que entrará Jardín de Infantes o Primer Grado en el otoño de 2012. 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, 2012.

LaDENEGACION: New Home Escuela Primaria ofrecerá este programa solamente si diez (10) o más estudiantes califican. 22-1tc

PREKINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

New Home School will offer a prekindergarten program during the 2012-2013 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2012. 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, 2012.

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LA NOTIFICACION DE PREKINDERGARTEN PARA LOS 2012-2013 AÑO ESCOLAR

New Home Escuela Primaria ofrecerá a un (prekindergarten) programa durante los 2012-2013 año escolar. El programa estará para estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años adultos en o antes de septiembre 1, 2012. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa se encontrando al menos uno de los siguientes requisitos: 1) Estén perjudicado económicamente; 2) Esté limitado experto Inglés (LEP); or 3) Sea destituido.

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Competitive sealed proposals addressed to Mr. Steve Bursleson, Superintendent of Tahoka Independent School District, 2129 Main Street, Tahoka, TX 79373, for the Roof Replacement of Various Facilities, located in Tahoka, TX, will be received at the above address no later than 10:00 A.M., on Monday, June 11, 2012. A Walk-Through Conference will be held at 1:30 P.M., on Monday, June 4, 2012, at the Harvick Educational Center. The Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained at the Walk-Through Conference or at the Tahoka Independent School District Harvick Educational Center located at 2129 Main Street, Tahoka TX 79373. TISD reserves the right to reject any/or all proposals. 21-2tc

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USDA announces results for CRP general sign-up

WASHINGTON, May 25, 2012 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will accept 3.9 million acres offered under the 43rd Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up. During the extended five-week sign-up, the Department received nearly 48,000 offers on more than 4.5 million acres of land, demonstrating the CRP's continuing leadership as one of our nation's most successful voluntary efforts to conserve land and improve our soil, water, air and wildlife habitat resources. Under Vilsack's leadership, USDA has now enrolled nearly 12 million acres in the CRP since 2009. Currently, there are more than 29.6 million acres enrolled on more than 736,000 contracts.

"For more than 25 years, lands in CRP have helped to support strong incomes for our farmers and ranchers and produce good middle-class jobs throughout the country related to outdoor recreation, hunting, and fishing," said Vilsack. "As the commodities produced by our farmers and ranchers continue to perform strongly in the marketplace—supporting 1 out of every 12 jobs here in the United States—it is no surprise that American producers also recognize the importance of protecting our nation's most environmentally sensitive land by enrolling in CRP."

Enrollment of the new 3.9 million acres will allow USDA to continue important targeting of CRP acres through continuous sign-up initiatives—including those announced earlier this year for highly-erodible land, as well as grasslands and wetlands—while also maintaining and enhancing the significant benefits that the program has already achieved. The two continuous sign-ups announced earlier this year will target an additional 1.75 million acres in total.

For the first continuous sign-up program, USDA encourages landowners with land that has an Erosion Index (EI) of 20 or greater to consider participating in the Highly Erodible Land initiative. Lands eligible for this program are typically the least productive land on the farm.

In many cases the most cost-effective option to reduce erosion is to put the land into a wildlife friendly cover, which will improve habitat and reduce sediment and nutrient runoff and reduce wind erosion. For the second continuous sign-up program, landowners with sensitive grasslands, wetlands and wildlife habitat are encouraged to participate. The grasslands and wetlands initiative increases acres set aside for specific



NH Minor Boys ... The New Home Minor Boys Little Dribblers team had a season record of 6-4 which placed them third. Pictured are, in back from left, Whit Smithson, Sam Kirkland, Hayden Ehlers, Hunter Bolton, Edgar Fuentes; and in front, Caleb Steele, Connor Cook, Strait Earwood, and Trevor Lehman. Coaches are Trey and Robert Bolton.



NH Minor Girls ... The New Home Minor Girls Little Dribbler team had a record of 0-6 for the season. Despite their losses they had a great learning experience. Pictured in back are Sam Correa, Effi Correa, Lexis Hargrove, Destiny Torres, Kylee Gill, Kealey Bensonk, Nicki Salvato; and in front, Taylor Smith, Mackenzi Bolton, Darby Sherwood, Alice Hamilton, Kayla Carroll, and McKenzie Godnough. Karen Salvato is their coach.

enrollments that benefit duck nesting habitat, upland birds, wetlands, and wildlife, and provides benefits for specific conservation practices, including new benefits for pollinator practices.

CRP is a voluntary program designed to help farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers protect their environmentally sensitive land. Eligible landowners receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland throughout the duration of 10 to 15 year contracts.

CRP has a 25-year legacy of successfully protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States. Under CRP, farmers and ranchers plant grasses and trees in crop fields and along streams or rivers. The plantings prevent soil and nutrients from washing into waterways, reduce soil erosion that may otherwise contribute to poor air and water quality, and provide valuable habitat for wildlife. Plant cover established on the acreage accepted into the CRP will reduce nutrient and sediment runoff in our nation's rivers and streams.

In 2011, as a result of CRP, nitrogen and phosphorous losses from farm fields were reduced by 623 million pounds and 124 million pounds respectively. The CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and associated buffers and reduces soil erosion by more than 300 million tons per year. CRP also provides \$1.8 billion annually to landowners—dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs.

In addition, CRP is the largest private lands carbon sequestration program in the country. By placing vulnerable cropland into conservation, CRP sequesters carbon in plants and soil, and reduces both fuel and fertilizer usage. In 2010, CRP result-

ed in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road.

USDA selected offers for enrollment based on an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) comprised of five environmental factors plus cost. The five environmental factors are: (1) wildlife enhancement, (2) water quality, (3) soil erosion, (4) enduring benefits, and (5) air quality. The minimal acceptable EBI level for this sign-up was 209. The average rental rate per acre for this sign-up is \$51.24.

"In 2011, USDA enrolled a record number of acres of private working lands in conservation programs, working with more than 500,000 farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices that clean the air we breathe, filter the water we drink, and prevent soil erosion. Moreover, the Obama Administration, with Agriculture Secretary Vilsack's leadership, has worked tirelessly to strengthen rural America, implement the Farm Bill, maintain a strong farm safety net, and create opportunities for America's farmers and ranchers. U.S. agriculture is currently experiencing one of its most productive periods in American history thanks to the productivity, resiliency, and resourcefulness of our producers," said a spokesperson.

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