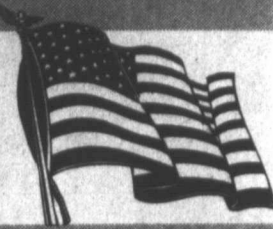




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Name of Student

We're very proud of you.

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Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 2	97	61	
May 3	97	62	
May 4	97	63	
May 5	98	64	
May 6	91	63	
May 7	78	60	0.39"
May 8	70	53	
Precipitation for Jan:			0.34"
Precipitation for Feb:			0.91"
Precipitation for Mar:			1.03"
Precipitation for Apr:			1.58"
Precipitation for May:			0.39"
Total Precip. for 2012:			4.25"

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Polls to open Saturday for City/School elections

Voting polls for the Saturday, May 12 city and school board elections will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at various locations, depending on the election. Early voting ended May 8 for all elections.

Both the City of Tahoka and Tahoka ISD elections will have one polling location, at the Life Enrichment Center at 1717 Main Street. The city election is for residents who live in District 2 only, but the Tahoka ISD election is for all registered voters in the school district, for two at-large trustee seats.

The City of Tahoka has one contested race on the ballot, with incumbent Ronny Jolly and Max Mendieta III seeking the District 2 city council seat, and there are four candidates for two at-large seats on the Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees. Incumbents John Hawthorne and Cathy Box are challenged by candidates Heath Brewer and Aaron McCleskey for the two school board positions.

The Wilson ISD election will be held at Wilson City Hall, but the City of Wilson canceled their election with no contested races. Three candidates are vying for two seats on the Wilson ISD Board of Trustees, including incumbents April Moore and Daniel Clark, and candidate Anissa Purswell.

No election will be held for the City of O'Donnell due to uncontested races, but O'Donnell ISD has a contested race, and polls will be open at the O'Donnell High School Commons area. Four candidates for two seats will be on the O'Donnell ISD ballot, including incumbent Monty Hancock and candidates Mandy Stidham, Jessie Perez and Norma J Mecalco.

Lynn County Hospital District and the City of New Home also cancelled their election due to uncontested races. All candidates in the cancelled elections will be declared elected after May 12.

Early voting starts Monday for Primary elections

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

Voters must choose to vote in either the Republican Primary or the Democratic Primary, and should bring their voter registration cards which were recently mailed out (see related article on page 8 about possible problems with

two voting precincts - if your voter registration card shows Prec. No. 1 or 14 as your voting poll precinct, please consider voting early to avoid delays on election day).

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

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

The biggest issue on the 2012 ballots is, of course, the presidential election. Several state and national races are also on the ballots. On the Democratic Primary ballot, President Barack Obama is challenged by three other candidates, and there are eight candidates listed in the presidential race on the Republican Primary ballot.

The 2012 Texas Primary Election will be held May 29, and a runoff date (if needed) is scheduled for July 31. The General Election will be held in November 2012.



QUAYDENE CASWELL

Caswell Seeks Tax Assessor position here

(PAID POLITICAL ADV.)

Quaydene Caswell announces this week that she is a Republican candidate for the position of Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector in the upcoming May 29 Primary.

"I have lived in Lynn County most of my life. My three children and I graduated from Tahoka High School. I worked as a hairdresser in Tahoka for years," said Caswell.

"My husband was Venson Caswell from O'Donnell. We farmed near the community of Draw. I've remained widowed since his death in 2005.

"If elected I am able to attend any schools necessary for training. I will do my best to run an efficient, honest and friendly office," she added.

"I look forward to serving the people of Lynn County. Please vote!" said Caswell.

(Pol. Adv. paid by Quaydene Caswell)



Durans moving in this week; Open House/Blessing set May 13

The "Butterfly Blessings for Laela Duran" volunteer project to build a new home for the Duran family in Tahoka is in its final phases, and the Duran family is moving in this week just in time for Mother's Day. The Butterfly Blessings Committee has slated Sunday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. for an Open House and blessing ceremony at 1318 Ave. K.

Dr. Steven Bonner, project coordinator, said that many of the finishing details inside the home were being completed early this week, including wood flooring, carpet installation, electrical/gas and insulation work. Brick work was completed last weekend, and it is anticipated that landscaping projects will begin next weekend. The interior of the home, however, is finished to the point that the Duran family can actually move in and begin getting their new home in order.

"We want to invite the community, and especially all who volunteered in any way in this project, to come to Sunday's ceremony to see how this project has come together," said Bonner.

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

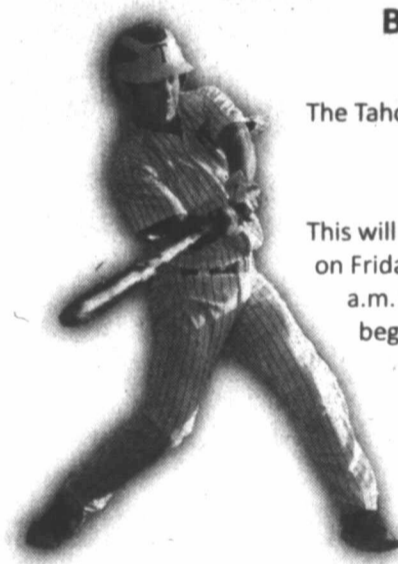
Bulldog Baseball playoffs set May 11-12 in Snyder

The Tahoka Bulldogs will take on the Winters Blizzards May 11-12 in the Area Round of the Texas 1A State Baseball Playoffs.

This will be a best 2 out of 3 series with the first game on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Game 2 will be at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday and game 3, if necessary, will begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of game 2.

All games will be at Moffett Field in Snyder. Come out and support the Bulldogs!

Join in a THS pep rally for the boys at 3:20 p.m. Friday, and a sendoff at 4:00 p.m.



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IT'S WRONG, but most people are guilty of profiling, in a sense, according to the way a person looks, instead of how they really are. Oh, yeah, he (or she) is that big fat person who drives a red pickup. Or that really short guy, or tall skinny dude, or whatever.

Recently I have seen an advertisement on TV offering men some kind of lift to put in their shoes so they will be inches taller and therefore will attract attention of some desirable female, who wouldn't give you a second look as long as you're shorter than she is.

This is a put-down for all of us short men, and maybe doesn't say a lot for some women's judgment, either. The thing is, short men everywhere are viewed by many as inferior in every way to six-footers, maybe even more so in Texas, where real men are expected to be tall, tough, talented and handsome.

(Okay, so maybe we are inferior, but we don't want to hear about it).

Being short is not as much a disadvantage for females as for males, but being overweight is. The point is, none of us can do much about being short or tall, fat or skinny (although weight can be controlled to a small degree), old or young. Remember, the overweight person you unconsciously demean may very well be the smartest and greatest human around.

Probably being tall isn't always that great, either. Tall people can't lie down and sleep in the back seat of a car. Also, someone may be 6-5 and everybody expects him or her to be a super basketball player, and they really might prefer reading a book. Every person should be valued for his or her good qualities.

I don't know much about being tall or female. For as long as I remember I have been short, and except for the first 15 years, fat. When I was born I think I was about 20 inches long, and since then most of the inches I have added were horizontal.

I think my mother fed me shortening when I was a kid.

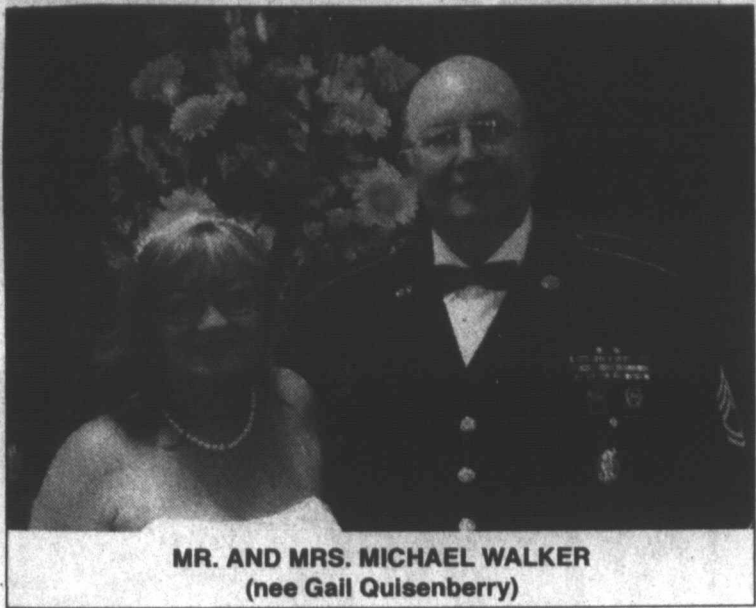
THE LADY on Lockwood asks, "What disease did cured ham actually have?"

Tahoka's Brittney Liggins to compete in Class 1A 100m hurdles (12:45 pm Sat.) 300m hurdles (2:05 pm Sat.) at the UIL State Track Meet May 11-12 in Austin



Watch the State Track Meet on the Internet:

Live video streaming of the Track & Field State Meet will be provided on www.flotrack.org. For more broadcast information for the Track & Field State Meet please refer to the UIL website at <http://www.uiltexas.org/track-field/state/broadcast-information>.



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL WALKER
(nee Gall Quisenberry)

Couple exchange wedding vows

Gail Quisenberry and Michael Walker, both of Tahoka, were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the Tahoka Trinity Church. Rev. Perry Shuffield officiated the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Gene Dyke and the late Irene Dyke, of Carthage. The groom is the son of the late US Army Retired SSG William H. Walker and Missouri (Polly) Smullen (Rayburn).

Escorted by her son, Terry Gwin, the bride wore a strapless off-white satin floor length gown with an array of pearls and sequins. Her bouquet was made up of pink roses, baby's breath and pearls.

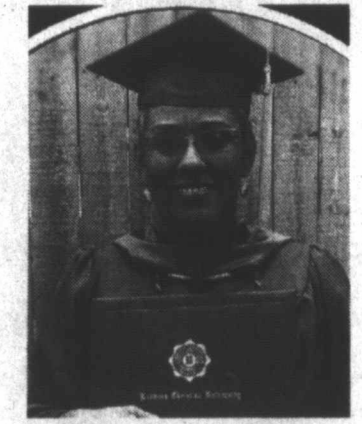
Bridal attendants were Michelle Scoggin, daughter of the bride, and Stephanie Garcez and Angie Rose, daughters of the groom, and Janet Sowell, daughter-in-law of the groom. Best man was Curtis Whitley, brother-in-law of the groom, and groomsmen were Darten Sowell and Scott Walker, sons of the groom, and Stephen Quisenberry, son of the bride.

Candle lighters for the ceremony were Kirsten Scoggin and Madison Rose, granddaughters of the couple. Ring bearer was Paxtyn Gwin and flower girls were Kendra Garcez and Katie Scoggin, all grandchildren of the couple. Soloist was Trey

Daves, grandson of the bride, who sang Bless the Broken Road and The Lord's Prayer. Pianist was Glenda Whitley.

The bride is employed by First National Bank of Tahoka. The groom is employed by Lyn-tegar Electric Cooperative, Tahoka.

The couple will reside in Tahoka.



EMILIA SASTRE GARCIA
Garcia graduates from LCU

Emilia Sastre Garcia, of Tahoka, received her Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in Elementary Education from Lubbock Christian University on Saturday, May 5, 2012. She was a member of the Kappa Delta Pi International Education Honor Society. Her GPA was 3.83 and she was also named to the President's List for the Spring 2012 semester.

Tahoka High School recognized for school yearbook excellence

The Tahoka High School yearbook staff has been recognized by Balfour yearbooks with an Honorable Mention Certificate of Recognition for its outstanding contribution to scholastic journalism. The Tahoka School yearbook is included in the 2012 Yearbook-Yearbook. The THS yearbook adviser is Rachel Lehman.

"Good yearbooks capture the history of the year in words and pictures. To be recognized by Balfour in Yearbook-Yearbook, your book isn't just good, it's great!" said Judi Coolidge, education specialist.

For their outstanding yearbook achievement, Balfour recognizes approximately fifteen percent of yearbook staffs in Yearbook-Yearbook.

Returning members to the Kennel staff include editor Harley Reynolds, Kayla Long, Cort Fisher, Kaitlyn Lehman, Kirstin Stice, Dane Rivas, and Coy Mercer.

Last year's staff was led by Kadi Larpen, editor, and seniors Brittani Ford, Brittany Garcia, Morgan Lockaby, Skyler McCleskey, Kaitlyn Reno, Monica Strickland, and Danielle Wilborn. Other staff members were Hunter Lowdermilk, and Madison Lockaby.



Outstanding yearbook ... The 2012-13 Tahoka High School Kennel staff is pictured with the 2012 Kennel yearbook, *Ruff around the Edges*, which was honored by Balfour Publishing Company. Kennel staff members are (in back) Kaitlyn Lehman, Dane Rivas; and seated from left, Cort Fisher, Coy Mercer, Kayla Long, and Harley Reynolds.

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

Phebe K Warner club will meet on Tuesday, May 15 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Carol Headrick, daughter of the late Lucille Smith, a longtime member Phebe K Warner club, will review a book instilled, "The Life of Emily Post."

This year marks the 90th anniversary of the Phebe K Warner club. We pay tribute to all the members who have served before us and the members who serve at present. The purpose of the club is to inspire and develop a greater interest in education and culture and stimulate growth of our city, to cooperate in any work, which may advance civic improvement and strengthen the ties of friendship among the women of our community.

Congratulations to the 2012 winners of the Lady Dobbins Stewart and Maurice Bray Scholarships, Logan Tekell and Braiden Fisher. Through 2012, we have awarded 86 scholarships.

The community is cordially invited to join us for this celebration.

Senior Citizens MENU

MAY 14-18

- Monday:** Crispy chicken on a bun, trimmings, potato wedges, carrot & raisin, fruit cocktail
- Tuesday:** navy bean soup, sweet potatoes, turnip greens, cornbread, cherry cobbler
- Wednesday:** Chicken tenders, gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, roll, mandarin oranges
- Thursday:** Chicken fried steak, gravy, corn, turnip greens, roll, apricots
- Friday:** Beef tips & noodles, meadow blend veggies, corn, chocolate cake/strawberry

Senior Citizens Center Announcements:

- The Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens now has a Facebook page! Check it out for information.
- Bingo will be back in June. Look for details coming soon.
- 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 Center has a program called Feed Our Community. We have a ten [10] day lunch ticket for a suggested donation of \$35.00. If the individual is under 60, a ten [10] day lunch ticket costs \$50.00. 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 it can be donated and the Center will pick the person. A great birthday gift!
- We still have plenty of our cookbooks - Timeless Treasures. Great to keep and/or give as a gift. 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 is located on 1714 Ave. H, (the old Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber yard). All donations dropped off at this sight are to benefit Sr. Citizen's Center. Please tie your bags before placing them in the bin.

Obituary Notices

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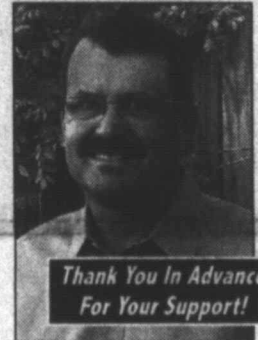
There is no charge for obituary notices, subject to editing. If you wish the obituary to read exactly as sent, there is a \$35 fee. Photos may be included at no additional charge. The Lynn County News will publish obituaries with any connection to Lynn County. Information may be sent to The Lynn County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

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Re-Elect John Hawthorne

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Thank You In Advance For Your Support!

We have accomplished a great deal in improving and insuring the success of every student at TISD, but we will not stop until we have reached our goal of "Excellence."

Early Voting: April 30-May 8 • ELECTION DAY: Saturday, May 12

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles...

Congratulate your senior in our graduation issue!

If you would like to congratulate your high school senior in **The Lynn County News' graduation issue on May 24**, send \$8 (for a small ad) or \$14 & up (for an ad with a photo like the one at right, depending on size of photo), along with the name of the student, high school and congratulators names to Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373 or come by 1617 Main St.

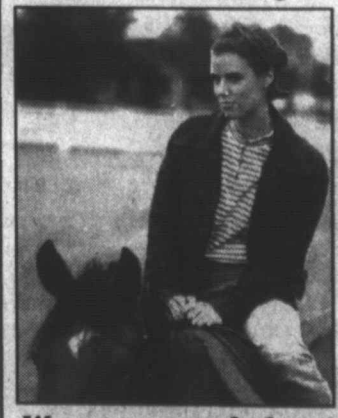
HURRY!

DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, MAY 17.

This graduation issue will include New Home, Wilson, O'Donnell and Tahoka seniors!

Tahoka High School

Congratulations Marietta Elise!



We are so proud of you!

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We all want this book ... Tahoka Elementary Bluebonnet Award Readers enjoyed their yearly field trip to Barnes and Noble bookstore, where students were able to purchase a book. Pictured here are some of the students, standing from left: Christian Hernandez, Tamya Stroope, Raygin Taylor, Kaylyn Green, Shalee Williams, Rosa Aleman, Audra Pesina, and in front, Mykeah DeLeon. They are all holding copies of "The Hunger Games," which is the new children's bestseller and was the students' top choice.

All four tires punctured on car here

A Tahoka man reported that all four tires on his 1999 Mercury sedan had been punctured Friday night, apparently by a small instrument, possibly an ice pick. Possible suspects were named to police, and the damage was estimated at \$250. The report was filed by Adolfo Davila Jr.

Last Thursday, Tahoka Police arrested two men for possession of marijuana, two ounces or less, and possession of drug paraphernalia. The 22-year-old driver of the pickup they were in also was charged with traffic violations.

On Friday, a 31-year-old Tahoka woman was arrested after a domestic disturbance call. She was charged with violating a criminal trespass notice and with resisting arrest.

Only 13 inmates were in

jail in Lynn County early this week, with two of those held for Gaines County. Latest arrests were for public intoxication, order imposing supervision/driving while intoxicated, failure to appear on child support charges, criminal mischief, possession of drugs and paraphernalia, speeding, criminal trespass and resisting arrest, and DWI.



The Lynn County Harvest Festival is set for Saturday, Sept. 15

THS Homecoming is Sept. 14

DONATIONS to Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center are greatly appreciated.

Pages from the Past...

By Vondell Elliott

The following excerpts were taken from past issues of THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS.

Showing at Rose Theater during the week of Nov. 30, 1951:

Gregory Peck as "The Gun-fighter"; "The Lady from Texas" with Howard Duff, Mona Freeman and Josephine Hull; "On The Loose" with Joan Evans, Melvin Douglas and Lynn Bari; and Clifton Webb and Shirley Temple in "Mr. Belvedere Goes to College."

Showing at the Wallace Theatre that same week:

"I Shot Billy the Kid" with Don Berry; Robert Stack and Joy Page in "The Bullfighter and the Lady"; Slim Williams in "Yes Sir, Mr. Bones" and "Eagle and the Hawk" with John Payne and Dennis O'Keefe. -Nov. 30, 1951

Tahoka Drug installing new light fixtures

Tahoka Drug is in the process of installing Fluorescent lights - called Daylight lights in their drug store. These are the most modern type of lighting available, and are now in use in only three or four buildings on the South Plains.

When installed, Lum Haney said, their store will probably be lighter at night than in the daytime.

Also as an added feature, Mr. Haney has installed red leather stools and a foot bar at the soda fountain. -May 24, 1940

County Library to be open soon

Plans for a county library initiated by the Phebe K. Warner Club and other clubs of Tahoka are fast taking shape and the prospects now are that the library will soon be a reality.

A room on the lower floor of the courthouse adjacent to the justice court room had been procured for use as a library and will be fitted up with shelves soon according to Mrs. G.M. Stewart, who has been active in the movement. Lumber for the shelving has been donated by the local lumber yards.

All civic clubs of Tahoka and all home demonstration clubs of the county are planning to hold benefit entertainments very

soon, and those attending such entertainments will be asked to bring books, or money with which to purchase books... -May 31, 1940

"Anything that hurts your town, hurts you. Out-of-town buying hurts your town...Buying at home increases local pay-rolls."

-advertisement Feb. 21, 1941

"For Sale - A good home in a poor town... Did you ever see an advertisement like this? No. Not exactly... A nice home erected in a desert away from any center of business or wealth would be of little value to anyone; on the other hand, the same house in a progressive community, with good business, will be worth many times its cost to the owner... Trade with your local firms. Make business good for them and you make business good for yourself as well as benefitting from full the full value of your investment."

-advertisement May 30, 1941

Name 34 winners in "Courteous Driver" contest

The thirty-four winners in the "Courteous Driver" contest were announced by the judges this week.

The contest, begun a month ago, was sponsored by Rollin McCord, Chrysler-Plymouth and Massey-Harris dealer here, to promote and call attention to safe driving practices on the part of citizens of Lynn County.

Following is a decision of a board of judges consisting of 20 people, including four peace officers and 16 other prominent citizens, who were given a list of the 62 nominees. Ranking was determined by the number of votes received by each nominee from the 20 judges.

First place: Mrs. Truett Smith, \$25.00 cash

Second place: Fred McGinty, \$15.00 cash

Third place: "Jake" Jacobs, \$10.00 cash

Fourth place: "Red" Brown, \$5.00 cash

The next 15 citizens listed below, will receive a \$2.00 award: S.A. Cummings, Wilson; Mrs. O.C. Roberts, West Point; Mrs. Nina Short; Mrs. O'Dell King; Mrs. Frieda Lichey, Wilson; J. Mack Noble, O'Donnell; Mrs. Condy Carmack; Lowell Montgomery; Mrs. "Bob" Applewhite; J.B. Oliver; Mrs. Lios Smelser; Walter M. Mathis; Bill Balch, New Home; Rev. C.C. Ehlers, Wilson; and Mrs. Jim Clinton.

The next 15 in the judging will receive \$1.00 cash award each: Wayman Smith, New Home; H.O. Hargett; Mrs. Carlice Edwards; Wayne Martin; Mary Louise Fenton; Joy Tomlinson; Echo Milliken; Mrs. Rebel Thomas; James Brookshire; Mrs. Clay Bennett; Clyde Allen; Mrs. John Berry, Draw; Wiley Lee Curry; Mrs. E.B. Gaither; Leroy Davis, Grassland... -April 18, 1952



Honored ... Tahoka High School senior Zach Garcia was recognized by the National Football Foundation for his achievements both on the field and in the classroom, with the National Scholar Athlete Award. The banquet was held April 18th and Zach had his picture taken with Texas Tech Red Raider Coach Tommy Tuberville.

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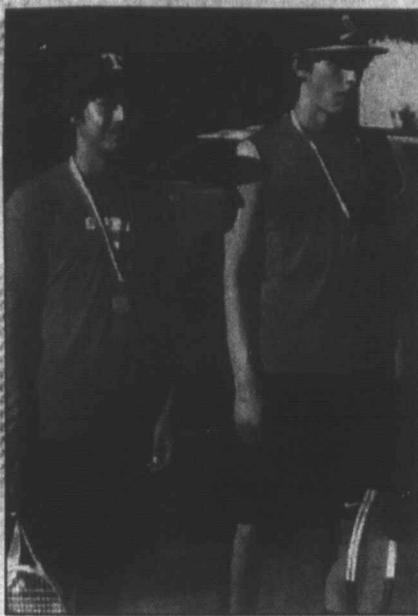
Kinley Reese Filley
was born Friday, April 20, 2012 to *Reed & Rebekah Filley*
She weighed 9 lbs., and was 22" long.
GRANDPARENTS: Zane and Danna Curry, Archie and Connie Filley and the late Diane Kay Filley
GREAT-GRANDPARENTS: Dan and Ouida Turner
GREAT-GREAT-GRANDMOTHER: Jackie Turner

★ VOTE ★
Cathy Box
for TISD SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE AT LARGE POSITION
Lived in Tahoka over 25 years
All three of my children attended K-12 at TISD
Science teacher in Tahoka for 15 years; now a Professor at LCU
Served on the TISD School Board 3 years and currently Secretary of the School Board
My goal as a school board trustee is to support the staff, faculty, and administration as they work under difficult conditions to help our students attain the quality education they need to open doors for the future. Just like the 3D band, providing Tahoka students an avenue for "dreaming, daring, and doing!"
Election Day is Saturday, May 12th - Early Voting: April 30-May 8
Your Vote and Support will be Appreciated!

OUT OF MEDICINE?
We're right here in town! Remember, your prescription card plan requires you to pay the same co-pay at ALL pharmacies ... so, when choosing your pharmacist, make your choice based on our friendly, knowledgeable staff and hometown convenience!
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District Doubles Champions ...

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New Home FFA team 9th at state

The New Home ISD Livestock team competed at state competition at Texas A&M last Saturday. The team placed 9th in State. Team members included Jonathan Nieman, Rachel Slaugh, Haley Lehman and Carter Long.

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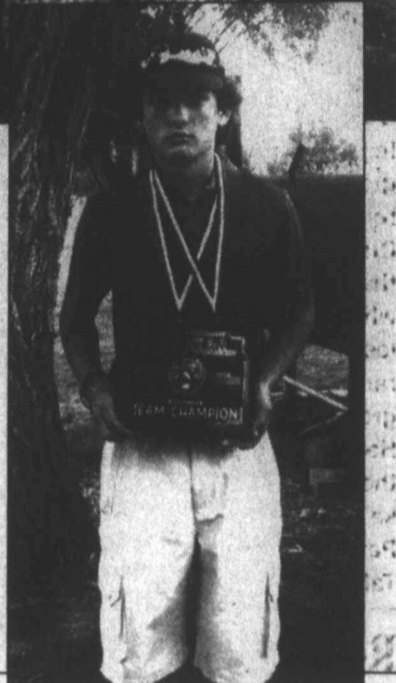
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Golf Champions ... The Tahoka Middle School golf team (pictured above) won the Jr. High District Golf Championship in Denver City on Monday, May 7. Pictured back row from left are Ashton Steffey, Johnny Rosas, Trace Cook, Grant Garvin and Hadley Reynolds. Front row from left is Alfredo Martinez and Braden Cook. Trace Cook (center) placed 2nd in the District. The golf team was coached by Anthony Catherall.

District Champion ...
Hadley Reynolds (photo at right) is shown with his individual plaque as the Middle School Golf District Champion.



New Home SCHOOL MENU

May 14-18
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Tuesday: Waffle sticks

Wednesday: Pancake pup

Thursday: Breakfast pizza

Friday: Cinnamon pastry

Lunch

Monday: Toasted ham & cheese sandwich, veggie dippers, orange smiles, baked chips

Tuesday: Crispy taco, trimmings, Spanish rice, pinto beans, gelatin

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, strawberries & bananas
Thursday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, salad, green beans, French bread sticks, apple crisp
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June 1 is deadline for applications for 100-year family farms

AUSTIN - In continuing a proud tradition of honoring hardworking generations of Texas farmers and ranchers, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples has extended the deadline for families to apply for the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage (FLH) Program. The program recognizes family farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural production by the same family for at least 100 years. Applications are now due June 1, 2012.

"Through generations of hard work, perseverance and love of the land, these families have operated their farms and ranches for 100 years or more, making Texas a powerhouse of agricultural productivity," Commissioner Staples said. "This commitment to the land is the foundation on which Texas agriculture is built, and thanks to these families and their ancestors, the Lone Star State today stands as a recognized producer of the finest food and fiber in the world."

This year's Family Land Heritage ceremony will be held in the fall at the Texas Capitol in Austin and will recognize farms and ranches established in 1912 or earlier.

Eligible farms and ranches must still be owned and operated by the descendants of the founder, either through blood, marriage or adoption. At least 10 acres of the land must be in continuous agricultural production for the past 100 years or more. There is no cost to apply for the recognition.

To date, TDA has recognized more than 4,500 properties in 237 counties across Texas. Fayette County, with 151 family operations honored, has been recognized more than any other county since the FLH program began.

Applications for the 2012 Family Land Heritage recognition are available for download at www.TexasAgriculture.gov by clicking Family Land Heritage under the I Need To... section. For more information, you also can e-mail Lance.Williams@TexasAgriculture.gov.

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Dogs battle New Deal in practice for playoffs

In a battle of class 1A district baseball champions, the Bulldogs were unable to outslug the New Deal Lions Monday night, losing in a close one, 13-11. This was their final practice game before going into the Area Round of the Texas 1A State Baseball Playoffs this weekend. The Bulldogs will play the Winters Blizzards in a best 2 out of 3 series with the first game on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Game 2 will be at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday and game 3, if necessary, will begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of game 2. All games will be at Moffett Field in Snyder.

In a game that revolves around pitching, the Bulldogs struggled finding the plate most of the night, walking 15 batters in 6 innings of work, greatly contributing to the Bulldogs' defeat to the New Deal Lions on Monday. It was very uncharacteristic of a Tahoka staff that seemed to be finding their niche on the mound.

New Deal jumped out to an early 5-0 lead thanks in large part because of the walks. However, junior Ethan Curry,

was able to stop the bleeding in the first and go on to only give up one more run in 2 more innings of work. Curry had the Lions very off-balance, keeping the ball down and mixing in his change-up.

With the spark on the mound by Curry, the Bulldogs bats came alive in the third inning. Leadoff walks to senior, Cristian Ramirez and junior, Swade Hammonds started the rally. Senior, Zach Garcia would follow with a single. Then freshman, Dom Herrera would belt one of his two doubles two deep left center, plating Garcia and Hammonds.

It would be a back and forth battle from there on out, with both teams trading punches at the plate. New Deal would score three in the 4th and lead 9-3. Then Tahoka would rally with two outs to grab three runs of their own. New Deal got two more in the bottom of the fifth, Tahoka would answer back with two runs of their own in the top of 6th.

Going into the 7th, the Bulldogs would be trailing 13-8. But they would not go away quietly.



New Home girls attend conference ... Twelve 6th-8th grade girls from New Home ISD participated in the 5th Annual WISE conference at the Science Spectrum on April 29th. WISE (Women in Science Endeavors) is dedicated to helping girls who are interested in fields related to science, math and technology. This year's theme was electricity and the girls spent the day creating circuit boards, designing buildings that can withstand high winds and earthquakes, learning about different health problems that affect our country today, how meteorologists predict the weather and eco-friendly power. Pictured here from left are Heaven Hargrove, Katelynn Weatherly, Clara Barrington, Lea Gustafson, Michaela Rodriguez, Chelsi Rodriguez, Kelsey Weatherly, Katherine Barrington, Caitlynn Adams, Natalie Lofton, Isabel Silva, and Gloria Martinez.

Eagle Scout ... Tyler Brauneck, son of Bruce and D'Anna (Womack) Brauneck of Roby, has earned Boy Scouts' highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. He is a member of Troop 140 located in Sweetwater within the Texas Trail Council. He began his scouting career while in the first grade as a Tiger Cub, and has remained an active member of Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts since that time. Out of the boys who join scouting, there are less than 5% who reach the rank of Eagle Scout. He is the grandson of Pam and Kenny Heathington of O'Donnell and the late Cal Womack of Tahoka and the great-grandson of Pat and Ann Patterson, also of Tahoka.

Renew your license or ID early or renew online

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is advising residents to avoid the summer rush at driver license offices across the state by renewing their license or identification card early or online. Residents can beat the rush and avoid longer lines during the summer - the busiest time of year at driver license offices - by renewing their driver license or identification card before the summer begins. Residents who are eligible can skip the trip to the office completely by renewing their license or identification card online - or changing their address - at Texas.gov.

"Summertime is the busiest time of year at our driver license offices with more residents than usual renewing their driver license or identification card," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "These busy months typically lead to longer wait times for customers, so we're encouraging Texans to come in early to beat the rush or they can skip the trip to the office altogether by renewing online."

To be eligible to renew online, the expiration date on the card must be within one year. When a resident renews their card, the expiration date on the new card will be six years after the current card's expiration date, whether customers renew early or not.

Additionally, in order to renew online, the card cannot have been expired for more than two years. Requirements for renewing online are available at Texas.gov, the official website of the State of Texas. (Licenses must be renewed in person every 12 years, so an updated photo can be taken and eyesight tested.)

The renewal fee is the same for online, in-person, and telephone renewals.

Through Texas.gov, residents can also renew their vehicle registration, apply for a concealed handgun license, request a copy of their birth certificate or driving record, and link to additional official state government websites. Customers may obtain a replacement driver license or identification card online if they are able to provide the 20-character code on the front of their current license or card.

Interesting Facts About The Lone Star State

The Texas summer of 2012 was the hottest June - August period ever in the United States since records began in 1895. Statewide tree-ring analysis indicates the Texas drought was the second worst since the year 1550, only 1789 was drier.

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Sophomore, Trystan Hilger led off the 7th with a solo home run, one of his 3 hits on the day. After a single by junior, John Ryan Barrientez and senior, Logan Tekell was hit by a pitch; Swade Hammonds would knock in two more runs for the Bulldogs on a sharp single past the Lions' second baseman. Tahoka's rally would end two batters later, but it was obvious there was no quit in the Bulldogs even in the last out which was a warning track shot off the bat of senior, Tino DeLeon.

Interesting Facts about Texas

Texas' largest county is Brewster with 6,208 square miles. Connecticut (5,544 Sq Mi), Delaware (2,489 Sq Mi) and Rhode Island (1,545 Sq Mi) can fit inside this county.

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<p>Wilson First Baptist Church 1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6333 PASTOR: BILLY PARMER Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training - 5 p.m. Sunday Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays: Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages • Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth</p>	<p>Follow Me! READ MARK 2:13-17 "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. Mark 2:14 (NIV)</p> <p>I showed the children in church a card on which they could read the phrase "follow me" and asked them, "When has anyone said this to you?" Up went the hand of an 11-year-old as she replied: "On my first day at my new school I got lost between classrooms. An older girl said: 'Follow me and I'll show you the way.'" The older student safely led her where she needed to go.</p> <p>Isn't that what happens when we respond to the call to follow Christ? We can trust Christ to lead us without mistakes because he knows the way. In fact, he declared, "I am the way" (John 14:6).</p> <p>Following Christ will bring an end to the confusion of being lost and wandering aimlessly, hoping we will choose the right path in the end. It may turn our lives in a completely new direction, as it did for the first disciples. Levi left his tax-collector's booth; others, their fishing boats and nets. In the centuries since then, many have switched from lucrative or exciting professions to serve Christ in mundane or dangerous situations. When we answer Christ's call, "Follow me," and obey, we can rest assured that Christ will be with us and give us the power and authority we need to do God's work.</p> <p>Thought for the Day: With Christ leading the way, we have nothing to fear.</p> <p>PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, when you call us to follow you, give us courage and obedience to reply, "Here I am, Lord. What do you want me to do?" Amen.</p> <p>Hazel V. Thompson (England) ... from <i>The Upper Room</i> (www.upperroom.org)</p>	<p>Grassland Nazarene Church 2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 327-5656, 327-5655 PASTOR: Rev. James Miller Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Youth and Adults: Wednesdays - 7 p.m.</p>	
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<p>First United Methodist Church 1801 Ave. J • Box 500 Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4503 email: fumctahoka@poka.com PASTOR: VERNON BAKER SUNDAYS: Praise Worship - 8:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m. TUESDAYS: Branded Ministries - 6:30 p.m. WEDNESDAYS: Youth - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church South 4th & Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4436 PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TEO Mass - 9:30 a.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wed. & Thur. Rosary - 7 p.m. Tues. CCE Class/Confirmation Instruct. - 7 p.m. Wed.</p>	<p>TAHOKA Church of Christ 2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4060 • email: tooc@poka.com PULPIT MINISTER: STEVEN BONNER YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTER: ANDY BREWER Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11 a.m. Fellowship & Devotion - Wednesday 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church 1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service - 10:45 a.m. SNL (Youth) - 6:00 p.m. Sunday Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule There's A Place For Me at FBC!</p>
<p>NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of Fourth & Smith "Serving the Lord for 100 Years" SERVICES: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm Wed. Youth/Children's Activities 7:00 pm Pastor: Calvin Gray</p>			

Property appraisal notices to be mailed Friday

Ag values are going up – here's why

by JUANELL JONES

Property owners in Lynn County will receive notices of appraised value soon, and owners of agricultural land will most likely see an increase in ag values, according to information this week from Lynn County Appraisal District. LCAD is mailing appraisal notices on Friday, May 11, to all property owners in the county.

"Most taxpayers who own agricultural land will see an increase in ag values – that's the biggest change this year," said Marquita Scott, Chief Appraiser at LCAD. "Ag values are based on a five-year time period, and even though 2011 was a disastrous crop year, it will not be calculated in the ag schedule until the 2013 tax year," she explained.

The 5-year average for the 2012 tax year consists of 2006-2010. "The good news is, next year ag values will drop, and they will probably drop considerably, because the 2011 crop year will be added into the calculation," said Scott.

In Texas, the appraised value of agricultural land is based on a uniform appraisal method in which a land classification system is developed for each county using an average of the productivity value in that county for the previous five years. The appraised agricultural value is not calculated using a specific piece of property's actual productivity value; rather, specific pieces of property are put into categories within the classification system and given an appraised value based on that category.

The State Comptroller provides each appraisal district with an appraisal manual that outlines the mandatory method for appraising agricultural land.

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

The appraised value of agricultural land is based on the classification of land and an average of productivity for the county, and not on individual productivity or individual characteristics of specific tracts of land. It would be impractical, if not impossible, to calculate the appraised value based on each specific land owner's productivity and/or other individual factors.

LCAD contracts with Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. to calculate Lynn County's agricultural land values. P&A uses several sources of information to calculate values, including the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, FSA, NRCS, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Local Ag Advisory Board, and Lynn County Producer Surveys.

"Information is used to develop a Crop Budget using what is typical in Lynn County for each year in the study," explains Larry Womble, RPA with Pritchard & Abbott. "The Net to Land is developed by using the average gross income for a crop, less the variable expenses typically shared by a land owner and the fixed expenses (management, taxes, etc.) to determine the Net to Land each year," he said.

The Net to Land for the categories of Irrigated Crops, Dryland Crops, and Pasture Land is the 5-year average of the years

in the study.

"The Net to Land changes each year due to the adding of a year and dropping a year out of the study. For example for the 2012 tax year one of the best crop years and best prices in history is being added to the average, and the result is that the average Net to Land is higher. The result is higher productivity values for the 2012 tax year," said Womble.

Locally, Scott said, she cannot change ag values on individual farms, unless there is an error regarding the designation or classification of the land (such as dryland or irrigated land, pasture, or CRP land) or if acreage numbers differ from those reported.

"We just want land owners to know, up front, that when they receive their appraisal notices they are going to see an increase in their ag values for the 2012 tax year, and to understand why those values have gone up," said Scott.

She said that there are minor changes on real estate values, with some value changes in certain classifications of property, but nothing as significant as the increase in ag values. However, she indicated that mineral values will increase significantly due to the oil/gas drilling production in the county.

"The mineral values will increase significantly, which will impact the taxing entities in Lynn County," said Scott. "I did some quick figures that indicate an increase of at least 40% in mineral values for Lynn County, which will impact the effective tax rate."

Anyone who has questions about their values, or who wants to discuss the value placed on their property, should contact



First place team ... The Senior 4-H Team from Lynn County won First Place Overall at the District Livestock Judging Contest. They include Lindsey Cobb, Karter Long, Jonathan Nieman, Jesse Terry, Dane Rivas, Harley Reynolds, Coy Mercer and Jessie Calvillo.

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

"Wildlife for Lunch" webinar offered May 17

Texas Wildlife Association has teamed with Texas AgriLife Extension to host a series of FREE webinars from noon-1 pm. (CST).

The next webinar, "Integrating Cattle and Wildlife on Small Acreage", will be held on Thursday, May 17 with expert presenter Larry W. Pierce, Jr., Texas AgriLife Extension Service's Agriculture/Natural Resources County Extension Agent. The webinar will cover Aldo Leopold's Five Habitat Management Tools - Axe, Cow, Plow, Fire, and Gun and how to use each of these tools to manage for wildlife and livestock. Further topics will include grazing management, brush control, prescribed burning, and pasture management including hay production, weed control, fertilization, and grass planting.

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Lynn County 4-H teams win at District Judging Contest

Nineteen Lynn County 4-H members competed recently at the South Plains District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. 4-H members from the 20-county area surrounding Lubbock used their skills in evaluating beef, sheep, goats and swine at the contest.

The Senior 4-H Team from Lynn County won First Place Overall Team at the District Contest. Team members included: Jonathan Nieman, Karter Long, Lindsey Cobb, and Harley Reynolds. Harley Reynolds was second high individual, Jonathan Nieman placed sixth and Karter Long was tenth overall. Coy Mercer, Dane Rivas, Jessie

Calvillo and Jesse Terry placed fifth overall as a team. The first place team will compete at Texas 4-H Roundup in June at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

The Intermediate Team representing Lynn County placed first overall. Team members included: Hadley Reynolds, Braden Cook, Ian Cobb, Hayden Smith and Colton Stice. Braden Cook was high individual overall, Hadley Reynolds was fourth and Hayden Smith was sixth high individual.

The Junior Teams from Lynn County were represented by Jett Ballard, Ashlyn Ballard, Brook Tyson, Karlie Swinford, Braden Stone and Karson Zant. The teams placed second and thirteenth overall. Brook Tyson was third high individual.

"We are extremely proud of all of our 4-H members," said Bryan Reynolds, County Extension Agent with Texas AgriLife Extension Service for Lynn County. "These 4-H members learned not only about livestock, but more importantly they learned decision making and communication skills that can be used from now on," said Reynolds.

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4-H teams compete ... These Lynn County 4-H Junior and Intermediate Livestock Judgers did well at the district judging contest. They are, in back from left, Brook Tyson, Ian Cobb, Hadley Reynolds; and in front, Braden Stone, Jett Ballard, Ashlyn Ballard, Karlie Swinford, Hayden Smith, Colton Stice, Braden Cook and Karson Zant.

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Primary election affected:

Problem discovered with county's redistricting map; new revisions change some voting box precincts

by JUANELL JONES

A county official who discovered a problem with the newly approved Lynn County redistricting map may have saved the day for Lynn County voters.

New voter registration cards were mailed to Lynn County residents recently, after delays caused waiting for approval for new redistricting lines drawn for county commissioner precincts – but now there is a problem. The map meets federal requirements but is incorrect according to state law. Some voter registration cards now have the wrong voting box number because some

Now, with the Texas Primary coming up, and early voting starting next week, it has been discovered by county officials that a portion of the map is inconsistent with state law. The discrepancies are between commissioner precinct lines and voting box precincts, and that violates state law.

Apparently, the federal guidelines were met regarding population demographic constraints, but a state law that essentially says two county commissioner precincts can not be in one voting box precinct, was overlooked when the new bound-

ary lines were drawn within the city limits of Tahoka. An alert county official discovered last week that Voting Boxes 1, 6 and 9 incorrectly had precinct boundaries that included more than one commissioner precinct, which would have created problems with issuing the correct ballot to voters. She immediately contacted other county officials, attorneys and demographers involved in the redistricting process.

Here's the problem: There are 4 commissioner precincts, and 10 voting box precincts in the county. Those precinct lines have to converge at some point, to allow for each voting box pre-

inct to have only one commissioner precinct. And in each voting box precinct, there has to be a location available for a polling place – a business location that allows access to voters.

The map that was previously approved inadvertently had commissioner precinct lines overlapping in voting precinct boxes number 1, 6 and 9, and no one noticed until last week.

"This can't be blamed on any one person," said Lynn County Clerk Susan Tipton, whose office is in charge of elections in the county and who noticed the discrepancy on the map. "Even the Department of Justice overlooked it and approved the map. But if we had not seen the problem at this point, and used those voting box precinct lines as previously drawn, it is possible that the ballots in Lynn County could have been challenged, and I don't even want to think about the problems that would have caused," she added. "Now we just need to get it fixed, and fast!" she said.

A special meeting for Lynn County Commissioners was held Monday morning to adopt new election boundaries to coincide with redistricting for commissioner precincts, and commissioners unanimously approved resubmitting the revised map to the Justice Department for approval. The county's attorneys are working with the U.S. Attorney General's Dept. of Justice, who has agreed to expedite the review process due to the upcoming primary election.

"The gist of it is, we had to redistrict commissioner precincts to comply with federal laws (regarding population figures), and that has been approved and is not changing," County Attorney Donnis Scott told *The News*. "But now the voting box precinct lines have been realigned to comply with state law, and that is what we are resubmitting. I don't anticipate any problems with the new map, because the Dept. of Justice has previously approved the commissioner precinct lines

in the mail, and when they do they should dispose of the first card and keep the newly-mailed card. No changes will be made in voter registration cards outside that small area inside the city of Tahoka.

Tipton said that voters may bring their current voter registration cards to cast ballots in early voting, and that anyone whose card lists them in Voting Prec. No. 1 or 14 (in the section below the Gender box on the left side of the card) will need

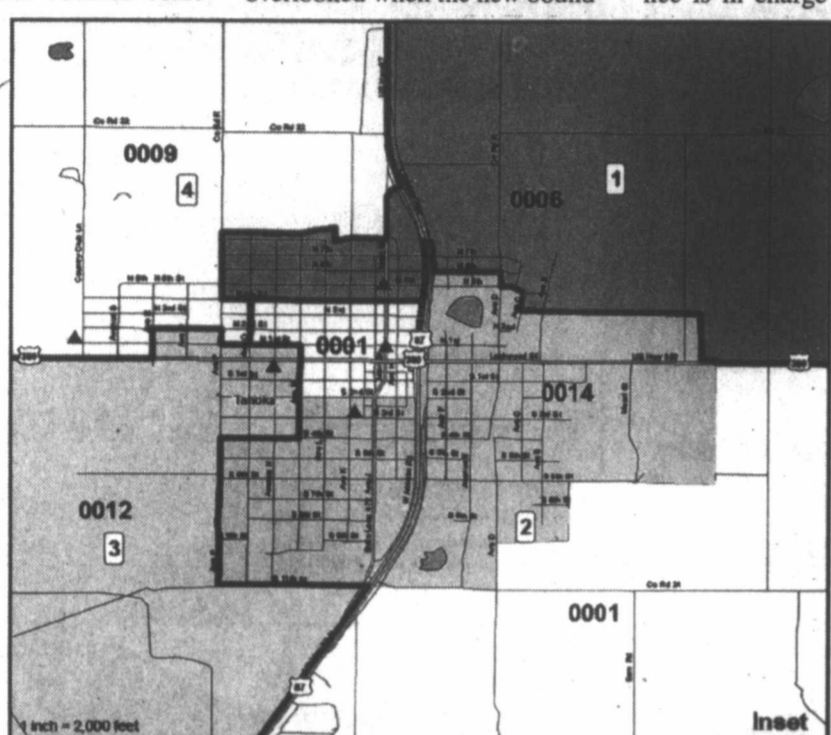
to visit with election officials to ascertain whether they remain in that voting precinct or if their address falls into a new voting precinct number. They will still be allowed to vote, but on election day may be directed to a different polling location if their number has changed.

To avoid delays, voters are encouraged to vote during the early voting period at the courthouse (May 14-25) to allow election officials time to check precinct

numbers, and also because early voting for all voting precincts is at one location, at the courthouse basement courtroom.

"The county's attorneys are working with the DOJ to get the revised map approved in coming days. We want to assure Lynn County's registered voters that they will still be able to vote, and that the election process will be conducted according to all state and federal laws. But please have patience with election officials who may need to check your information to make sure which voting box precinct is correct," added Tipton.

At Monday's special session, commissioners also approved moving a couple of voting box locations for election day on May 29, moving polling place 6 from the TISD Gardner Building to the TISD Business Office at 2129 Main, and moving polling place 12 from the Trinity Church Fellowship hall at 1929 Lockwood. A complete list of polling locations will be printed in *The News* prior to election day.



Revised map ... This map shows how the commissioner precincts (number 1,2,3,4 in boxes) converge in the city of Tahoka with voting box precincts (numbers 0001, etc.). Those registered voters who live in the city portion of Voting Box 0001 will get revised Voter Registration cards in the mail.

voting precinct lines did not align with commissioner precinct lines. And the Texas Primary elections are coming up in a hurry.

The commissioner precinct lines were the issue that needed to be addressed after the 2010 Census showed shifts in population demographics. After months of

research and options were considered, the new Lynn County precincts map was drawn, with the focus on meeting federal requirements for commissioner precinct lines, not on voting box precinct lines, which after the changes in commissioner precinct lines did not match up as before. Confused yet? The demographer and attorneys approved it. The citizens committee appointed to select the map approved it. County commissioners and the county judge approved it for submission to the justice department, who had the final authority. The U.S. Attorney General's Department of Justice approved it.

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- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
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REVIEW BY THE APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD
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MORE INFORMATION
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notice of the determination was mailed to you.

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

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

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

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