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**USD 480 presents 2nd Science Challenge at**  
**SCIENCE FAIR**  
**DUCK!**  
The Science Fair Project, Duck, is a fun, family-friendly activity for students to participate in. The project involves creating a duck-shaped boat that can float in water. The project is a great way for students to learn about buoyancy and the properties of water.

**Hospital gets High 5 for breastfeeding program**  
The non-profit American Kids Inc., has set a fine international open house search event for 10 am, Saturday March 1, at the Seaward County Community College, Church Street, No. 1044, in Liberal. **Page 4A**



**Wildfire threatens Optima, Okla.**  
A wildfire in the area of Optima, Oklahoma, is threatening the town. The fire is currently contained, but there is a risk of it spreading further. The town of Optima is currently under a mandatory evacuation order.

**Sign-up deadline for races is Friday**  
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**Obama wants feds in nation's newsrooms**  
President Obama has called for more federal reporters to be placed in newsrooms across the country. He believes that having federal reporters in newsrooms will help the public get a better understanding of government operations.



**County chair Linenbroker endorses school bond**  
The county chair, Linenbroker, has endorsed a school bond. The bond is intended to fund the construction of new school buildings and the renovation of existing ones. The bond is expected to be approved by voters in the coming months.

**This plan will take a huge burden off the property owners and will give owners more money back that have been paying into the state all their lives.**

**Billy's BBQ earns high marks in national restaurant guide, again**  
Billy's BBQ has earned high marks in a national restaurant guide. The restaurant is praised for its delicious food, excellent service, and cozy atmosphere. It is one of the top-rated BBQ restaurants in the country.



The employees of Billy's BBQ are pictured smiling in front of the "Where The Love Is" restaurant sign. This is the 10th year in a row the restaurant has been ranked by the guide. © Jan 18, 2014 10:52 AM Page 10