

**THE GREAT AMERICAN ECLIPSE . . .** This composite image of 11 pictures shows the progression of a total solar eclipse in Madras, Oregon on Monday, August 21, 2017. A total solar eclipse swept across a narrow portion of the contiguous United States from Lincoln Beach, Oregon to Charleston, South Carolina. A partial solar eclipse was visible across the entire North American continent along with parts of South America, Africa, and Europe.  
Photo Credit: (NASA/Aubrey Gemignani -- www.nasa.gov.)

**AMAZING VIEW . . .**

The City/County Library staff and those who participated in the Solar Eclipse Viewing at the library in Tahoka were amazed by the spectacular view in the sky on Monday. Dr. Ray, OD of Foresight Eye Care in Lubbock provided special Solar Eclipse glasses for the event. On Monday, August 21, 2017, the Earth crossed the shadow of the moon, creating a total solar eclipse. This eclipse was special, frequently referred to as the "Great American Eclipse", because for the first time in almost 40 years, the path of the moon's shadow passed through the continental United States and was visible within a band across the entire contiguous United States passing from the Pacific to the Atlantic coasts. The total eclipse could only be viewed from American soil. Texas was further south than the central US area that could best view the total eclipse, so Tahoka area residents could see only a partial eclipse.

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**Order Paw Prints before Saturday**

Members of the Tahoka Athletic Bulldog Booster Club will be painting Bulldog paw prints on Saturday. Anyone who would like their old paw prints repainted or new paw prints painted on their driveway should contact Lanae Gwin, 432-425-1439, before Saturday. Paws are \$5 each, and are available for residential and business locations.

**A dog-gone good holiday**

National Dog Day is Saturday, Aug. 26, a date set aside to celebrate dogs, recognize the number that need to be rescued each year, and acknowledge our canine friends who work to save lives and bring comfort. Treat your dog to an extra special treat on Saturday!

**What's Outside**

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug 15	93	65	0.01"
Aug 16	82	66	0.20"
Aug 17	93	67	
Aug 18	96	68	
Aug 19	93	68	
Aug 20	95	68	0.36"
Aug 21	94	68	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 8 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	2.51"
Total Precip for Feb:	1.16"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.21"
Total Precip for Apr:	2.88"
Total Precip for May:	0.10"
Total Precip for June:	2.49"
Total Precip for July:	1.86"
Total Precip for Aug:	1.81"
Total Precip. for 2017:	13.0"

*caught by snapchat ...*

**Teens snapchat a video of themselves at a home they had broken into**

by JUANELL JONES

**A**h, technology. It works – and it worked for law enforcement too, leading officers to some teenagers who posted a snapchat video of themselves at a home they had just broken into.

The snapchat video was used by Lynn County Sheriff's Office deputies in an investigation of a home burglary in Wilson last Tuesday night. According to the SO call sheet, several teens broke into a home at 1409 Lumsden Ave. in Wilson while the owner was

gone, reportedly taking several items from the home and then posting a video of themselves as they harassed the homeowner's puppy that was inside the home. Officers are questioning the teens as they investigate the incident and work to recover items taken from

the home, including a 15-foot chain, several cell phones, Beats headphones, and a metric wrench set.

A spider was apparently to blame in a car accident in the county last Thursday afternoon about 3 p.m. An unidentified woman called 9-1-1 to report she had wrecked her car, ending up in a field near County Road 31 and US 87, while she was attempting to kill a spider inside the vehicle she was driving. No injuries were reported.

Wilson Fire Chief Craig Wilke was on the receiving end of the Wilson Volunteer Fire Department's assistance last Monday, when his 2007 Ford pickup caught on fire east of County Road Y on County Road 2 about 8 p.m. Wilson VFD responded to the scene to put out the fire, which was believed to have started in the electrical wiring of the truck.

Last Thursday evening, a farm (See **PHONE SCAMS**, page 3)



ANAIS MOLINA, FNP

**New Nurse Practitioner joins LCHD clinic practice**

A new Nurse Practitioner has joined the Lynn County Hospital District clinic practice. Anais Molina, a Denver City native, will begin seeing patients at the LCHD Family Wellness Clinic on Sept. 1, sharing offices with FNPs Melanie Richburg and Shannon Hammonds.

Molina was raised in Denver City, the daughter of Cesar and Maria Molina. Anais met her husband, Joshua Crook, while attending Eastern

New Mexico University. Joshua was a member of the United States Air Force, stationed at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico.

After completing the registered nursing program at Clovis Community College in 2010, Anais began her Bachelor of Nursing Program at Eastern New Mexico University while working as an RN in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas. In 2014,

Anais was admitted into the Nurse Practitioner Program at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, from which she graduated in 2016.

Anais is bilingual and says she enjoys helping patients and their families. "It is my goal to provide excellent healthcare to rural areas in West Texas," she said.

The LCHD Family Wellness Clinic is located at 1809 Lockwood in Tahoka, phone 806-998-4604.

*25 years and counting ...*

**Dr. Donald Freitag to celebrate 25th year here with Open House**

by JUANELL JONES

**D**onald Freitag, M.D., or "Doc" as he is most commonly called, is celebrating a milestone next week. He invites area citizens to help him observe "Cheers to 25 years!" at an Open House from 2:00-4:00 p.m. next Wednesday, Aug. 30 at his clinic, located at 2600 Lockwood Suite A at Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka.

At 25 years, Doc Freitag has served for the longest time period in Lynn County Hospital's history. The Lynn County Hospital District was approved by voters in 1967, after which the hospital and clinic were built, opening in January of 1971. Dr. Richard Wright was a longtime physician at LCHD, for 21 years, but Dr. Freitag has surpassed that already. Doc opened his practice here in July of 1992, and in fact prior to that, had served in the hospital's ER for two years.

Next week's Open House is a celebration of his 25th year at the LCHD clinic here, but don't assume that this is the end of Doc's story. He says he will continue to serve the citizens of Lynn County and other areas at his clinic here, hopefully for many years to come.

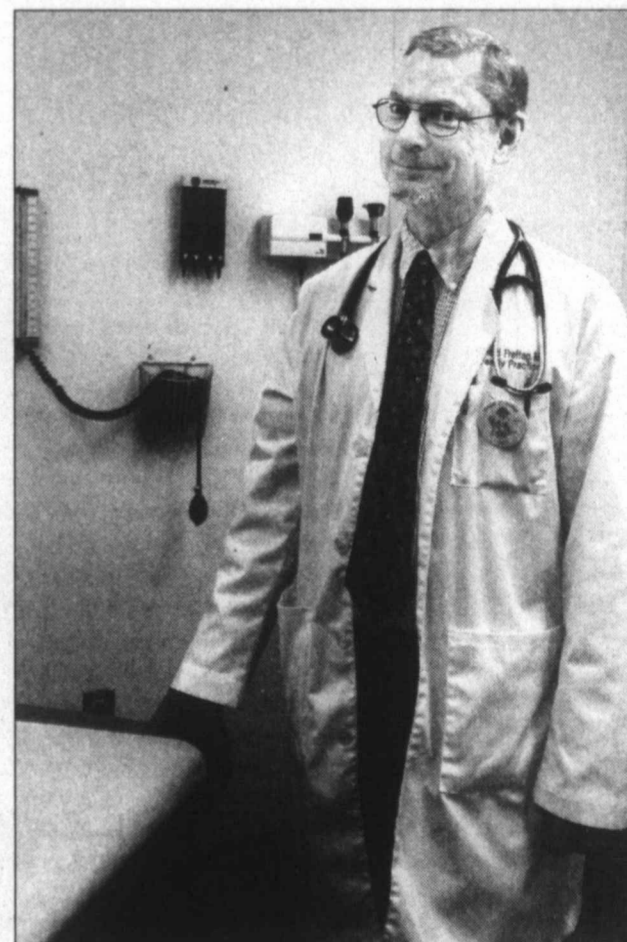
It hardly seems that 25 years has passed since he opened his practice here in 1992, but he does say that some things have changed over the past quarter of a century.

"I've looked over some of the things that have happened here at LCHD over the past 25

years. There have been a lot of upgrades and improvements over the years," said Dr. Freitag. "We have state of the art radiology equipment. We have an expanding laboratory. And the nurse's station is currently getting a makeover. That is one part of the hospital that has changed. There were windows surrounding the nurse's station at one point. I remember bumping my head into the glass a few times by accident. I'm glad that the glass never broke!" he added with a smile.

"I looked at an article in *The News* from 1992 when I started here. I mentioned not having state of the art equipment. Now that we have up to date equipment, we are better able to care for patients here than ever before," he said. "We have been able to care for patients here more often than in the past. Our Swing Bed program has been a blessing for the hospital also as well as for local patients and their families. The convenience and excellent care are a great combination for those needing rehab services."

Over the years, Doc says he has come to (See **DR. FREITAG CELEBRATES**, page 2)



**Did you know? “**

The Great American Eclipse on Aug. 21, 2017 touched ONLY mainland United States soil. It is an astounding fact that you have to go all the way back to the total solar eclipse of 13 June 1257 (!) in order to find another total eclipse which touched only American soil! (And of course, America wasn't a country at that time!) When will the next eclipse like this happen, only on American soil? Not until 25 January 2316! -- www.eclipse2017.org

## Obituaries



### Nelma Lynn Gandy Ritchey

Nelma Lynn Gandy Ritchey, 68, passed away on Friday, July 28, 2017 from complications of Alzheimer's Disease. Services were held Monday, July 31st at 2 p.m. at New Life Bible Ministries in Colorado City, with burial at Colorado City Cemetery.

Nelma was born September

10, 1948 in Tahoka, to VeNell (Walker) Gandy and J.C. Gandy. She graduated from Wilson High School in 1967. After attending South Plains College, she entered Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Lubbock where she graduated with a Registered Nursing Degree in May of 1970. Nelma began her nursing career at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. Later, she was hired as one of the first nurses at the Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka and loved working there with the people of Lynn County. She later moved to Post and took the position as plant nurse for Burlington Industries at Post-Tex Mills. In 1977, she moved to Colorado City and was employed by the State of Texas as the public Health Nurse. Nelma loved helping people and always went that extra mile to see to their needs. Her kindness and compassion were a result of giving her heart and life to the Lord at an early age. Being raised in a Christian home, her surrender to Christ guided the lifestyle that established her career, family, and home.

Nelma met Gerry Ritchey in Colorado City and they married in 1979. She gave up her public nursing career to become a full-time housewife and mother. She was actively involved in their Church, (St. Luke's Methodist and New Life Bible Ministries). Nelma taught Sunday school, cooked meals and lent her artistic abilities to any project that came along. She dedicated her life in the service of the Lord.

When their son Chad started to school, Nelma became a willing volunteer in his school activities. Teachers soon realized they could count on her to whip up a batch of cookies and a jug of punch at a moment's notice. She always had an art project ready for the kids to put together for Christmas, Halloween, Mother's Day or any other special occasion, as the teachers needed them. She enjoyed those activities probably more than the kids did.

Nelma worked tirelessly in the Mitchell County community. She joined the Buford Extension Homemakers in 1980 and was

an active member for more than 32 years. She held many leadership roles at the local, county, and state level including President, Vice President and Treasurer of the Buford Club as well as President, Vice President and Secretary of the Mitchell County Council. She was also Chairman of the State Cultural Arts Committee from 1993-1995. In addition, she served two terms as District 2 Director for the Texas Extension Education Association.

In 2004 Nelma and Teresa Loving designed a quilt block representing Mitchell County as part of the "Texas Yes!" competition, celebrating the growth and prosperity of rural Texas towns. The block was selected to be incorporated into the Texas State Quilt that was unveiled in a ceremony at the 2004 State Fair of Texas.

Nelma is survived by her loving husband of 37 years, Gerry Ritchey and son Chad Ritchey of Colorado City. She is also survived by sister, Denise Gandy of Big Spring, brother David Gandy and wife Judy of New Home, Texas. She was loved by nieces, nephews, cousins, and in laws. Those also left to mourn her passing are her dear friends and extended church family. She was preceded in death by her parents and in-laws Mac and Irene Ritchey.

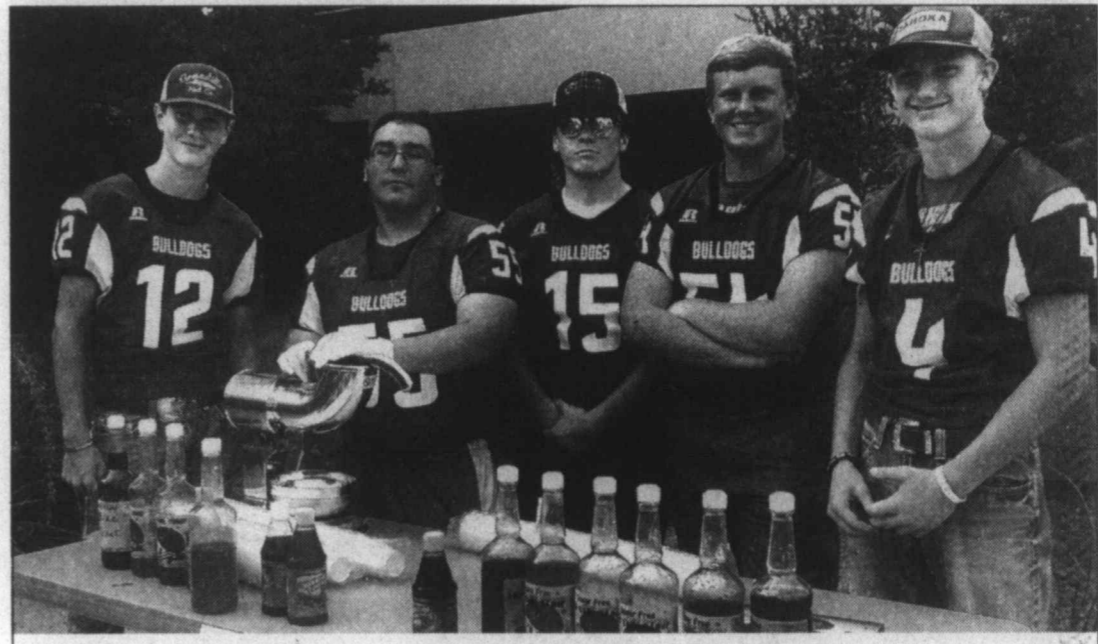
Pallbearers will be her brother-in-law Ray Ritchey, dear friend Cody Loving, and her beloved nephews Jason Gandy, Josh Gandy, Josh Ritchey, Mark Raschke, Ashton Raschke and Spencer Cannon.

Memorials may be made to New Life Bible Ministries or a charity of your choice. The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at Mitchell County Nursing Center for their care of Nelma for the past year. Special thanks to the nurses with Kindred Hospice for all the special care they provided for Nelma, your acts of kindness do not go unnoticed.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home. Those wishing may leave online condolences by visiting [www.kikerseale.com](http://www.kikerseale.com) (PAID)



Walkers enjoy group event ... Families, individuals, sports teams and others came to Lynn County Hospital last Tuesday to walk in the LCHD Walk To Stop Diabetes event. The starting/finishing point was at the hospital, as participants walked their way through area neighborhoods.



Varsity snowcones! ... These volunteers from the Tahoka Bulldogs varsity football team made snowcones at the LCHD Walk To Stop Diabetes event last Tuesday evening. From left are Tristen Stice, Corbin Escobedo, Braden Stone, Cameron Tekell, and John Stone.

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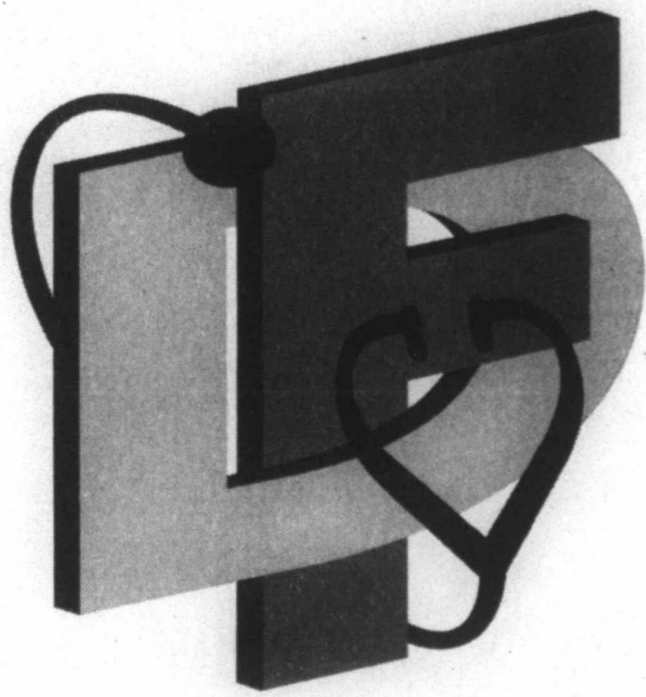
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## Cheers to 25 years!

Join us to celebrate  
Dr. Freitag's  
25th year of service  
to the Lynn County  
Community!

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Dr. Freitag's Clinic  
2600 Lockwood Suite A  
Tahoka, TX 79373

## Dr. Freitag celebrates 25th year ...

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enjoy working in the emergency room.

"I realize that that is the place where I am challenged the most, see a wide variety of people, and can see any type of medical problem," he stated. "I am grateful that I can help the patients there as I have learned that the emergency room is often where people are the most scared about their health or the health of a loved one. That is when we do our best to show compassion for our patients."

"I look back at the different things we have treated in our ER and I am glad for the training I have had and ongoing learning that keeps me up to date on treatments. Someone recently asked me what I would do if I could not work in this ER for whatever reason. I would have to say I would continue in the office and do moonlighting in another ER. I feel that need and call to help and be there for patient's in those acute emergency settings," he explained.

The doctor also expressed an appreciation for the LCHD nursing staff that he has worked with over the past 25 years.

"Our nursing staff has been amazing. We have had many nurses come and go over the years. I learned early in medical school to listen to the nurses, as they will keep the doctors out of trouble. I have done my best to follow that advice and our awesome nurses have not let me down. I can tell just listening to them on the telephone as they inform me of a patient to be seen just how urgent the pa-

tient's situation happens to be. I still will run in the halls if needed (I know, teachers tell us not to run in the halls!). I appreciate all of the staff that I work with. They do an excellent job!" he stated.

He says that seeing such a wide variety of illnesses and medical problems keeps him from becoming bored with his job and forces him to learn and grow.

"Doctors are required to have continuing education. I will often pick the topics to learn based upon the patients I have been seeing. It is always interesting to me how medical problems tend to occur in groups. Sometimes this makes sense, like for influenza or Strep throat, but sometimes it doesn't, like chest pain or kidney stones. So I will use this to learn and grow myself.

"I enjoy this job, but this is more than a job. I have become closely attached to the people in this and the surrounding communities. I will cheer along with them and grieve with them also. It has been great to see people grow, mature, and see their lives unfold before our eyes," he says.

As he looks back on his time here, Dr. Freitag says he realizes he is right where he wants to be.

"I love being in a family practice that allows me to share in the joys and lives of the families. I get the chance to sit and talk with some patients for a brief time in my office, which makes for a unique and wonderful connection," he said.

It's wonderful for the citizens of Lynn County, too, to have

a family physician who has been here for them for so long, even from one generation to the next. There is something to be said for continuity, for a history that needs not be explained every time a patient visits with their medical practitioners. And it works both ways, too, Doc noticed.

"Some people have noticed that I have lost weight recently. I tell them that I finally took my own advice and started eating better and exercising more," he says, smiling. "I hope that my example will help my patients to want to get healthier also."

"I am glad I have had such a long time here to serve the Lynn County people as well as those of the surrounding communities, and am looking forward to many more years of service to come!" he added.

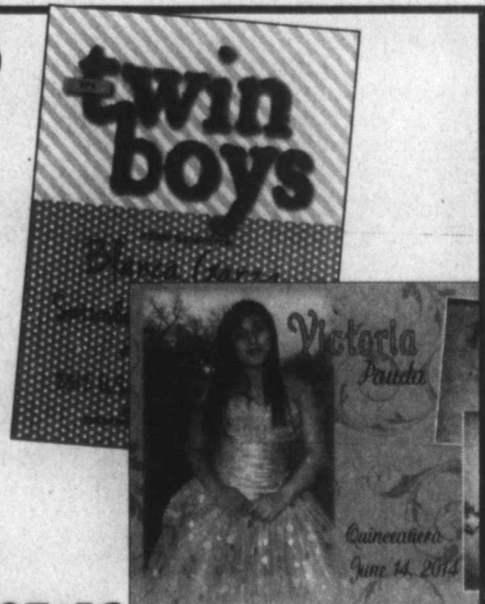
The citizens of Tahoka, and Lynn County and surrounding areas, are fortunate that Doc has served here for so long, and *The News* joins in wishing Dr. Freitag a happy 25th anniversary!

### Where now? are they now?

Where are Tahoka High School exes, and what are they doing now? Send us a few sentences about any Tahoka ex, and tell us what year they graduated and where they are now, what job they have, etc., and we will publish in our Sept. 14 issue just prior to Tahoka's Homecoming. Share the good news!  
Email to: [LynnCoNews@poka.com](mailto:LynnCoNews@poka.com)

## Need an Invitation?

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**New grass at the park ...** New sod was laid at the city park last weekend, where the city removed the old tennis courts. Helping city workers Larry Moreno, Candy Frausto and Mack Garza lay the sod were city leaders; Rotary Club members, 4-H Club members and other volunteers, including Tahoka Mayor John Baker, City Administrator Jerry Webster, City Councilman Ronny Jolly, Seth Manley, Michael Tipton, Blake Moore and sons, and Dee Dee Pridmore. Sharing the cost for the \$3500 project were the Lynn County Harvest Festival Committee, the A.C.T. Board, and City of Tahoka. The annual Harvest Festival will be held at the city park this year, and possibly the next year, due to the renovation of the Lynn County Courthouse and grounds.



**LCHD gives to Wilson ISD ...** Lynn County Hospital staff has been gathering school supplies for more than a month, and this week LCHD's representatives presented a cartload of school supplies for students at Wilson ISD. Pictured here, from left, is Tami Bolyard with Wilson ISD, and LCHD employees Gloria Barrientos and Louisa Morado, with some of the school supplies. Each year, LCHD chooses a Lynn County school to donate supplies, in appreciation for the county schools and students.

### Citizen worried about health concerns with smart meters

by JUANELL JONES

A Tahoka citizen addressed the Tahoka City Council and other city leaders at the city council meeting held last Monday, presenting her concerns with the new smart meters the city has installed for water meters. Connie Pirtle spoke to the council for about 10 minutes, providing information she believed showed potential health risks from smart meter EMF radiation. Mayor John Baker thanked her for the information and for addressing the council with her concerns.

In other business, the council approved an A.C.T. Board expenditure of \$2,128 for electrical work at the city pool, and appointed Jay Dee House for another two-year term as the city's representative on the Board of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA), where the city gets its water supply. The council also approved a CRMWA request to refund the 2009 bonds, in order to save interest on the bond note.

The council went into closed session for about 25 minutes to consult with an attorney, but took no action upon returning to open session. Monthly bills were approved and the meeting adjourned.

All council members were present at the meeting, including Ronny Jolly, Johnny Rosas, Tyler Hawthorne, Jeff Martin, and Ray Box, as well as City Administrator Jerry Webster and the mayor.



**Main Street gets new paving ...** Main Street, from the courthouse to the northern edge of Tahoka, was getting new pavement last week, as part of TxDOT's agreement with Lynn County and the City of Tahoka. This is the route for Loop 472 in Tahoka, that comes from the US 87 exit through Tahoka and curves past the courthouse to go on to access US 87 on the south edge of town. Loop 472 will not exist much longer, however, as a portion of the street that curves through courthouse grounds will be removed as part of the Lynn County Courthouse renovation project. The square will be restored to include the memorial triangle, and traffic will be routed around the courthouse when complete. This week, TxDOT had moved on to repave the rest of Main Street. (LCN PHOTO)

### TISD new staff members listed for this year

Tahoka Independent School District has several new staff members starting the 2017-18 school year, on all three campuses plus the Four-County Coop to serve the needs of special education students. This year, the Four-County Coop is administered through TISD.

Following is a list of the new 2017-2018 teachers.

**Elementary:** Mary Alice Sosa - 4th grade Writing/Science; Kelli Harvey - 4th grade Math; Alicia Graves - Kindergarten; Crystal Villarreal - 1st grade

**Middle School:** Justin Gorman - Science/Coach; Heather Anderson - Math; Josh Reese - Keyboarding/PE/Coach

**High School:** Terrill Amburn - SS/Coach; Ashley Slaughter - ELA; Latasha Nisbet - PE/Coach; Diane McLaurin - English; Michael Maldonado - Math/Coach

**Four County Co-op:** Brandi Parker - Director; Tanisha DeLeon - TA; Serena Love - TA; Shala Powell - TA; Rosalinda Perez - TA; Katie Read - Special Education Teacher; Pam Paris - Special Education Teacher; Haley Comer - Special Education Teacher; Roxann Hayes - LSSP; Terri Anderson - Administrative Assistant

### Phone scams, illegal dumping reported ...

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hand reported that a window had been broken on a tractor owned by Math Bartley, at a rural location in the county.

Two reports of two different phone scams came in last week. On Thursday afternoon, an attorney called the Lynn County SO to follow up on a client, a Killeen woman, who said she had received a phone call telling her to pay by phone with a credit card in order not to be arrested on a warrant out of Lynn County. Lynn County SO assured the attorney that no such warrant existed, and that the call was a scam. A Lynn County woman reported another phone scam on Friday, telling officers she had received a phone call from someone claiming to be with the IRS to pay money or she would be arrested. She realized the call was a scam and reported it.

Two reports of illegal dumping on county roads came in last week. A large amount of trash was dumped at County Road 10 and CR HH and discovered last Monday morning about 9 a.m. And last Saturday on County Road 1 and CR M, more illegal

gal dumping caused the road to be blocked, after an old motor home was found laying on its side in the road, with trash and other debris, including old furniture, laying in the road.

County Commissioner Larry Durham told *The News* that he had picked up more than three large trailer loads of debris from illegal dumping on County Road 1 alone, and he urges Lynn County residents to be mindful of vehicles carrying loads of junk, debris or tree limbs.

"I would ask that if anyone sees someone driving on a county road with a load of trash or tree limbs, and especially if you see someone dumping these items, please take note of the type of vehicle, and if possible get the license plate number. If you see someone dumping items on county roads, please call the Sheriff's Office immediately," Durham urged. Citizens can be fined for illegal dumping on county roads, he added.

Lynn County Jail held 34 inmates last week, including 11 for Ector County, 8 for Dawson County, and 15 for Lynn County.

### Supplemental food program registration set for Sept. 11

Registration for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, in partnership with the South Plains Food Bank, will be held on September 11, at the Tahoka Church of Christ, located at 2320 Lockwood St, Tahoka, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. for Tahoka residents 60 years or older. Delivery of a food box to Tahoka Church of Christ, from the South Plains Food Bank is done monthly to qualified applicants.

Applicants must provide the following information: ID or Driver License; Proof of address/ such as a utility bill - must have name and physical address on it and must have been received within the last 30 days. Acceptable proof: Light, Gas, Water or Phone bill. (We CANNOT use your DL/ID as proof of address); Proof of In-

come - This can include Social Security check, bank statement, or check stub.

Monthly income guidelines are: 1 household member: \$1,307; 2 household members: \$1,760; 3 household members: \$2,213; 4 household members: \$2,665; 5 household members: \$3,118; 6 household members: \$3,571; 7 household members: \$4,024; 8 household members: \$4,477

Each applicant must qualify to receive a food box and must be present to register. Only the applicant can register themselves and the people in their household. All applicants will be required to re-apply every 6 months.

For more information, contact Yolanda at Tahoka Church of Christ at 561-4060, or Jack Scott at 759-3808.

### Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

Aug. 28-Sept. 1

**Monday:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, winter blend veg., apple fluff

**Tuesday:** Beef fajitas, refried beans, Spanish rice, peach cobbler

**Wednesday:** Chicken spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, salad, banana & vanilla pudding

**Thursday:** Tilapia, corn, coleslaw, cherry crisp

**Friday:** Salisbury steak, diced potatoes, English peas, fruit salad

Mark your calendars...

• **Game Day Tuesdays...** On Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. we will have game days. Dominoes, cards and you can also bring your favorite game!

• **Donations to benefit the Center for the building fund** are greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible; we are a 501(c)3 organization. An account has been set up at the First National Bank of Tahoka.

### ALL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS are invited to sign up for the Sept. 16, 2017 Lynn County Harvest Festival Queen Contest!



CAITLYNN ADAMS  
2016 QUEEN

The Queen and top 2 Runners-up will win COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS!

Open to girls who attend Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell High Schools

**Sign ups start soon**

To sign up, call Queen Chairman **Amy Rodriguez** 806-928-0353 or email: arodriguez@tahokaisd.org

### NH City proposes 48-cent tax rate

The New Home City Council is proposing a tax rate of \$0.486694 per \$100 of property value for the City of New Home for 2017, which is almost 4-cents higher than the current rate of \$0.449174. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes within the City of New Home by 8%.

A public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29 at New Home City Hall to consider adopting the proposed tax rate.

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**ALL GIRLS IN 2ND-5TH GRADE**  
are invited to sign up for the Sept. 16, 2017 Lynn County Harvest Festival Princess Contest!

**Sign ups start Aug. 29th**

Starting Aug. 29, come by any weekday, 6:00-9:00 p.m., to sign up and get tickets, at:  
2001 Ave. K (home of Elizabeth Tew)  
- or -  
1828 Ave. K (home of Rachel Case)

The girl who sells the most Harvest Festival tickets will be the Princess!

The PRINCESS will win \$1000 !!!

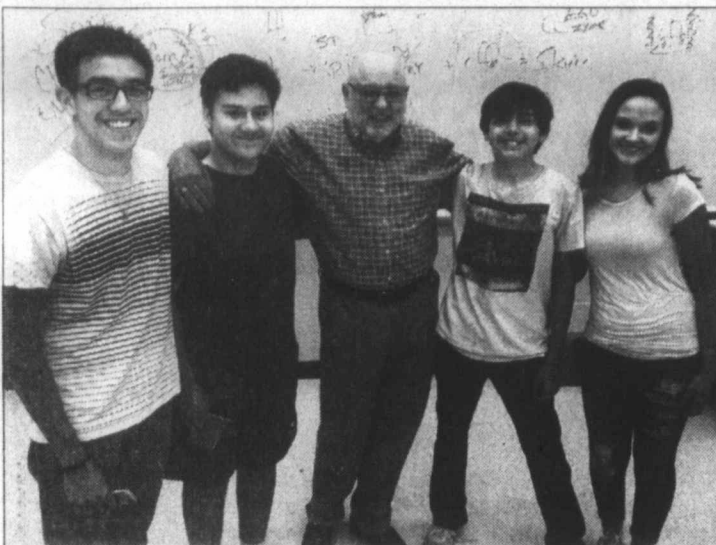
This year's Harvest Festival \$1 raffle ticket will have 11 chances to win, including a Grand Prize of \$1000, (this is a separate drawing from Queen's drawing) and 10 drawings for \$100 cash!

For more information, call co-chairmen:  
Elizabeth Tew - 806-790-4301  
Rachel Case - 806-577-7791

1st Runnerup - \$750  
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4th Runnerup - \$350

Win Cash Prizes!

And, EVERY CONTESTANT will receive \$100 cash for every 350 tickets she sells!



**Leadership Workshop...** These four 3-D Band students are shown with world-renowned motivational speaker, Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser, who held a leadership workshop at Lubbock Coronado band hall. Pictured are Aaron Olivan, Nathaniel Sullivan, Dr. Lautzenheiser, John Calzonici, and Callie Nevill. Dr. Tim is always an inspirational speaker, teaching young people the correct mind-set to be a leader. Thanks to the support of the Tahoka Band Boosters, these young people were able to attend.

### Girls may sign up next week for Harvest Festival Princess contest

All girls in 2nd-5th grades in Lynn County schools are invited to participate in the Lynn County Harvest Festival Princess Contest on Saturday, Sept. 16, for a chance to win the title as well as cash prizes for the top five plac-

es. The Princess will win \$1000 cash, first runnerup wins \$750 cash, second runnerup wins \$500 cash, and the third and fourth runners-up will get \$350 each.

Additionally, every contestant will earn \$100 cash for every 350 tickets she sells.

Starting Tuesday, Aug. 29, girls may sign up and get their tickets to sell by going to the home of Elizabeth Tew at 2001 Ave. K, or the home of Rachel Case, 1828 Ave. K, in Tahoka. Come by any weekday, from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. Girls may begin selling tickets as soon as they sign up.

All candidates will sell \$1 Harvest Festival Princess tickets for 11 chances to win \$2000 in prizes, including a grand prize of a \$1000 prepaid Visa card (this year's Princess drawing is a separate drawing from the Queen tickets), and 10 drawings for \$100 prepaid Visa cards. The drawings will be held at the Harvest Festival.

The winner of the Harvest Festival Princess contest is determined by the highest number of ticket sales. For more information, call Mrs. Tew at 806-790-4301, or Mrs. Case at 806-577-7791.



#### SPC Nursing Graduate

South Plains College recently pinned 14 Vocational Nursing graduates, including Melanie Beard of Tahoka, during a pinning ceremony in the Helen DeVitt Jones Theatre on the Levelland campus.

(SPC photo/Wes Underwood)

### Bulldog Fantasy Football Camp is tonight for parents, ex-players

The Tahoka Athletic Bulldog Booster Club is ready for some football - from dads, moms, grandparents, and former football players. Bulldog Fantasy Football Camp will be held at 6:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday, Aug. 24) at the practice field. It's all for fun, and a good way to show the 2017 Bulldog football squad some support. Cost to participate is \$10.

"Come participate in the Bulldog Fantasy Football Camp and learn the offense and de-

fense that our THS Bulldogs will run this year," said a Booster Club member. "You will have a chance to put your skills to the test. The camp is open to former THS Bulldogs, moms, dads, grandparents, community members and anyone who wants to support our Bulldogs!"

Watermelon will be served after camp for all participants.

Participants must be at least 18 and out of high school. For more information contact Shelly Stone at 806-773-6418.

### NEWS from the Library

CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY  
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#### Library Raffles

The City-County Library will be closed on Friday afternoons August 25, Sept. 1 and Sept. 8. We will be open in the mornings 9am-12pm. Staff will be at Thriftway selling raffle tickets for the one of a kind Library quilt made by Katie Sloan. Squares in the quilt are from all four communities in Lynn County, and were donated to the Library. Tickets for the quilt are \$5.00 each. For every \$20.00 of raffle tickets purchased for the quilt you will get a free raffle ticket for the Grassroots Upside Down book.

We will also raffle Grassroots Upside Down a book that is currently out of print written by Frank Hill and Pat Jacobs, former Lynn County residents. Tickets for the book are \$5.00.

Just donated by Contractors Insulation to the library is a package for 1,000 square feet of foam insulation for your attic only. It must be installed in October of 2017. Tickets for the insulation raffle are \$5.00 each. For every \$20.00 of raffle tickets purchase for the insulation package you will get a free raffle ticket for the Grassroots Upside Down book.

Money from all three raffles will help support all the Library programs. Winners will be drawn during the Harvest Festival Saturday, September 16th.

#### Fall Book sale

The fall book sale will be Thursday through Saturday September 14, 15 and 16.

Thursday hours are: 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 5:30pm  
Friday hours are: 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 4pm  
Saturday hours are: 10am-1pm

All items are on sale for .50 cents each. There will be children and adult books, fiction as well as non-fiction. In addition to books we will also offer DVD's and audio CD's.

#### Children's Story time

Children listened to Pigeon stories by Mo Willems and watched a gifted story teller. The City-County Library is excited to have Rebecca Dimak leading our Story Time and looking forward to many more fun filled Story Time programs. Story Time is every Wednesday from 10:30 - 11:00.

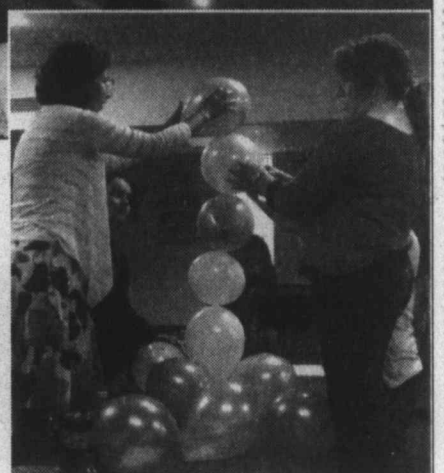
#### Dr. Jarren Ray donates solar eclipse glasses to the library

Everyone enjoyed viewing the spectacular Solar Eclipse at the library on Monday. The library is thankful for businesses like Dr. Jarren Ray, OD of Foresight Eye Care who supports our library through generous donations. The library encourages all Lynn County residents to patronize the businesses who generously donate to the library. Dr. Ray's office is located at 6020 34th Street (next to Costco) in Lubbock. Dr. Ray's office is accepting new patients Monday thru Saturday. Dr. Jarren's business cards are on display the City-County Library. Thank you, Dr. Ray for the Solar Eclipse glasses.



#### Staff development

... Teachers appeared to have some fun tasks to perform during staff development at Wilson ISD this week, as they prepared for students to return to classes for the fall semester.



### WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS

by Jessica Wilke

The Mustangs took the field on August 18th in the first scrimmage of the year. The boys played hard. To them it's more than just a game. They are showing more heart and sportsmanship than ever.

The Mustangs will scrimmage this Friday night at Plainview Christian. A time is to be announced. Wilson Mustang roster t-shirts are on sale. They are \$15.00 each. This order will be pre-pay only. Sizes are youth XS to XXL. XXXL and up are \$4.00 more. Please contact Jessica McBride for your shirt. Order will be turned in this Saturday, August 26th. I know this is short notice. My apologies. We had to do it fast to get them in time for the first game.

Sunday, August 27th is the Wilson Volunteer Fire Department's fish fry. Lunch starts at 11:30. They will have fish, coleslaw, and the fixings. Come have a great lunch and support your local fire department. You never really want to need them. But if you do need them you

will be glad they are around. All of the firemen are volunteers. They have full time jobs. They are farmers, electricians, sales men, and everything in between. These men put their lives on the line to help the community. Not one of them would think twice about stopping anything they are doing to rush to your aid. When you see them at lunch on Sunday, make sure you thank them. They still have fun raffle tickets for sale. Tickets will be available at the dinner. Just ask any of the Firefighters.

Monday is the first day of school for WISD. Teachers and staff have been hard at work getting ready for the year. There are many new faces on campus so stop by and meet them.

School uniforms are not required for the first 6 weeks of school. You can order them at wilsonisd.org. The district is purchasing two shirts for each child.

Wilson Ag department is selling raffle tickets for the hay trailer the kids built last school year. It is parked in front of the main office. Come by and check it out! Contact Bobby Oaks, WISD AG teacher, at the high school for ticket information.

### Lynn County Farm Bureau golf tourney set for Saturday

The Lynn County Farm Bureau golf tourney is set for this Saturday, August 26, with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. Teams consisting of four members may sign up for \$200.

With a minimum of 12 teams, paybacks are 1st: \$400, 2nd: \$300 and 3rd: \$200. Mulligans are two for \$10, and for a \$5 entry fee, anyone can enter the following: Longest Drive #4 in Fairway, and Closest to the pin #3, with 50% payback.

To sponsor a hole for \$100 and support our youth, contact Sara (Tahoka Branch) at 561-4320 or Tammy (Post Branch) at 495-0404. Free lunch and

soft drinks will be provided after play completed.

To sign up or for more information, contact Cherry at T-Bar, 998-5305. All proceeds go towards scholarships given by Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau to local seniors.

#### Dogs to scrimmage here Friday night

The Tahoka Bulldogs will host a scrimmage here Friday, Aug. 25, with Trinity Christian and Roosevelt, starting at 6 p.m.

Season opener for the Bulldogs is a home game against Crosbyton, on Sept. 1.

**Congratulations!**

to **Kohen Josey** for being our **Shining Star** for the month of August.

He has been employed at LCHD since 2016. He enjoys his family, fishing, and hunting.

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**Train time ...** Leighton and Joan Knox brought their popular WTS&O train for children and adults to ride at the LCHD Walk To Stop Diabetes event last Tuesday evening.

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We would like to thank all of those who made donations for the event, sponsors and those who participated to make the Diabetic Walk a huge success.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

Media Release for Free and Reduced-Price Meals Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)—Base Year

The Tahoka Independent School District announced today a change to its policy for serving meals to children served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2017-2018 school year. Schools qualifying to operate the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) provide breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

For additional information please contact the following person:  
Tahoka Independent School District  
Attention: Candice Quintero Business Manager  
Tahoka Independent School District Business Office  
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## CARD OF THANKS

My heartfelt thanks to all of you who expressed your concern and caring during my two surgeries. I am so thankful for all your expressions of love. Most of all I am thankful for your prayers.  
Special thanks to Dr. Edwards and the excellent care I had at Lynn County Hospital.  
I ask God's richest blessings on all of you and ask for your continued prayers as I recover.  
Janet Porterfield

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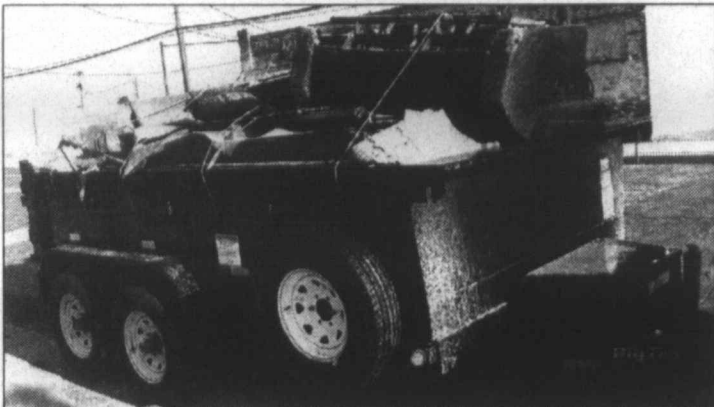
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**Don't do this ...** This trailer load of junk and debris, plus two more large trailer loads, was hauled off of County Road 1 from illegal dumping last week. County Commissioner Larry Durham urges Lynn County residents to be mindful of vehicles carrying loads of junk, debris or tree limbs. "I would ask that if anyone sees someone driving on a county road with a load of trash or tree limbs, and especially if you see someone dumping these items, please take note of the type of vehicle, and if possible get the license plate number. If you see someone dumping items on county roads, please call the Sheriff's Office immediately," Durham urged. Citizens can be fined for illegal dumping on county roads.

**Tahoka SCHOOL MENU**

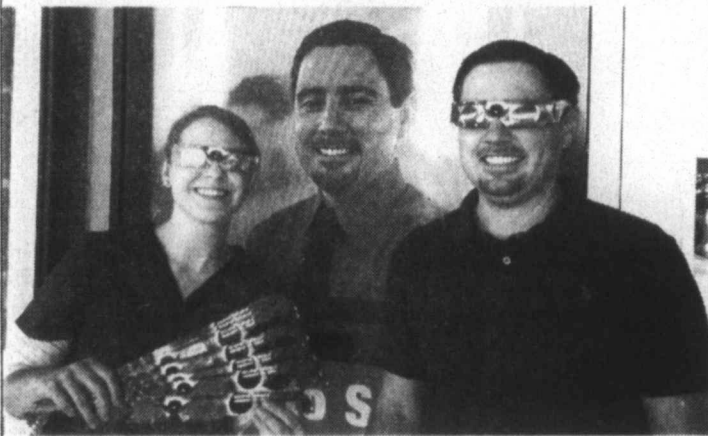
August 23-25  
**Elementary Breakfast**  
**Monday:** Pancakes  
**Tuesday:** Rice Krispies Cereal/  
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**Wednesday:** Breakfast on a stick  
**Thursday:** Triple berry french toast  
**Lunch Pre-K/K-12**  
**Monday:** Turkey hot dog/K-12  
Pasta w/ alfredo sauce/Turkey hot  
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**Tuesday:** 2 Cheese pizza/K-12  
BBQ Beef sandwich/2 cheese  
Pizza/Chicken cobb salad  
**Wednesday:** Popcorn  
chicken/K-12 Cheesy nachos/  
Popcorn chicken/Ham & Cheese  
sandwich  
**Thursday:** Chicken corn dog/K-12  
Cheese enchiladas/Chicken corn  
dog/Tuna salad wrap



**Memorial tree relocated ...** The Memorial Tree honoring Meg Flynn, a Tahoka High School student who was killed in a tragic accident several years ago, had to be relocated at the THS campus this week, due to the new buildings that are going to be built on campus. The tree was moved to the front south corner of the high school grounds.

**FORESIGHT EYE CARE**

Dr. Jarren Ray, OD



**Eclipse Glasses...** The City-County Library would like to thank Dr. Jarren Ray, OD (right) of Foresight Eye Care in Lubbock for donating Solar Eclipse Glasses to the library. All that attended enjoyed viewing the Solar Eclipse at the library on Monday. Thank you Dr. Jarren Ray and Hillary Wood.

**County conservation partners host Local Work Group (LWG) meeting**

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas' Lynn County and the Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation District invite the public to attend their FY17 Local Working Group (LWG) meeting on Wednesday, September 13, from 8:00-10:00 a.m. at the Tahoka Housing Authority, 1400 Avenue K, Tahoka.

The purpose of this annual LWG meeting is to set local conservation priorities and bring conservation stakeholders together to discuss conservation topics and issues relevant to helping Lynn County farmers and ranchers better conserve on-farm natural resources.

The meeting agenda serves

to update attendees on recent conservation efforts and to collect public input to help guide future conservation activities. Through regular identification of conservation opportunities, effective Farm Bill investments can continue to benefit Lynn County. Farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others interested in obtaining federal technical and financial assistance to improve private land in Lynn County are invited to participate.

For more information, contact Matthew Dorsett, District Conservationist, at (806) 998-4507, EXT 3, or visit the Texas NRCS Web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

**Partial funding available for irrigation system monitoring equipment**

Irrigators within the High Plains Water District (HPWD) service area can now apply for partial reimbursement of the purchase price of irrigation system monitoring equipment purchased after July 20, 2017.

Qualified applicants may be reimbursed up to 50 percent of the purchase price of telemetry-based equipment excluding data plans, installation and labor costs, and taxes under the District's new Assistance in Irrigation Management (AIM) program.

"This is a voluntary program to assist producers with the purchase price of irrigation monitoring systems typically used with a center pivot system or a subsurface drip irrigation system," said HPWD Board President Lynn Tate of Amarillo.

"These monitoring systems transmit data to a smartphone or tablet, and provide timely information to the operator. Producers can then use the devices to assist with management decisions, such as monitoring the amount of water applied to a crop or turning off their systems during rainfall events. This can help conserve groundwater," he said.

HPWD received \$225,000 in grant funding from the Texas Water Development Board's Agricultural Water Conservation Grants Program for the

project. "Applications will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis," said HPWD General Manager Jason Coleman.

"Once the application is approved, HPWD staff will follow up with a field check to make sure the monitoring system is installed. Once the installation is verified and a receipt is received for purchase of the monitoring system, HPWD will begin the process of reimbursing the producer for up to 50 percent of the purchase price of the equipment," he said. Coleman added that participation in the program requires documentation or estimation of the conservation benefits as a result of using the equipment.

During the five-year program, there is joint ownership of the cost-share equipment between HPWD, the producer, and the TWDB. Full ownership of the system monitoring equipment will revert to the producer when the program is completed and all requested data is provided to HPWD.

Additional information and application forms can be found on the district's web site: [www.hpwd.org/aim](http://www.hpwd.org/aim). All applications must be submitted by January 31, 2018, to Victoria Messer Whitehead either in person at the HPWD office or via email at [victoria.messer@hpwd.org](mailto:victoria.messer@hpwd.org).

**New driver course to combat distracted driving required for drivers 18 and older starting Sept. 1**

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) announced a new one-hour driving course to educate drivers on the dangers of distracted driving. The Impact Texas Young Drivers (ITYD) course will be required for certain drivers beginning Sept. 1, 2017.

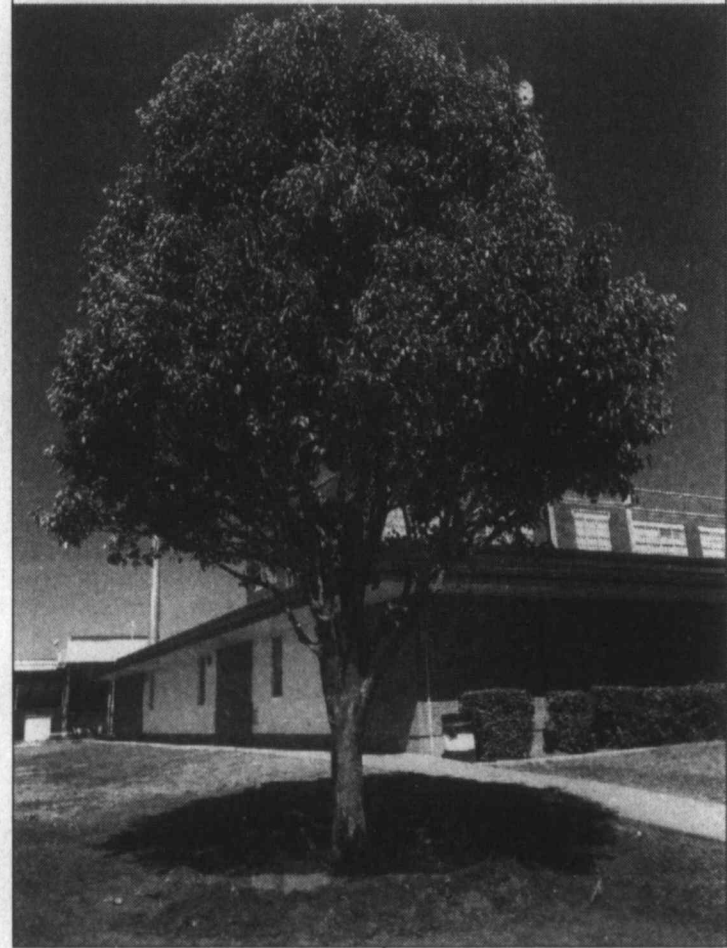
"Driving is one of the most dangerous things we do on a daily basis, and it should command our undivided attention," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "This new component of the department's distracted driving initiative uses research and compelling true stories to highlight the many risks facing drivers. This important program is designed to provide Texas drivers with critical information to help keep their focus on driving – and to ultimately save lives on Texas roadways."

Starting Sept. 1, all skills examination applicants 18 and older must complete the free ITYD course, and obtain proof of course completion prior to taking the driving skills examination. In addition, drivers 18 to 24 must complete the 6-hour adult driver education course prior to the skills examination.

ITYD is the second course\* offered through the Impact Texas Driver (ITD) program, which was developed by DPS in 2015 to help save lives through awareness and education related to distracted driving. The first course launched under the ITD program was Impact Texas Teen Drivers, which drivers ages 16 and 17 are required to complete. (For additional information on ITD and ITYD, you can also visit <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/ITD.htm>.)

For more information about Impact Texas Drivers, visit <https://ImpactTexasDrivers.dps.texas.gov>.

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August 28-31  
**Lunch**  
**Monday:** Steak fingers, gravy/  
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**Tuesday:** Spaghetti/French  
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**Wednesday:** Chicken wings/  
Texas Chili/Chef Salad  
**Thursday:** Mexican combo  
plate(Taco/tamale)/Chicken  
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The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in **CITY OF NEW HOME** by 8%.

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