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Total Precip. for 2018: 0.01" Virginia man on the lam since July:

Man wanted for double homicide surrenders to local Sheriff's Deputy

by JUANELL JONES

A man who is wanted in a Newport News, VA double-homicide from last summer turned himself in

to Lynn County Sheriff's authorities last Wednesday, according to information from Sheriff Abraham Vega. He was held in Lynn County Jail awaiting his return to Virginia under a state-to-state extradition process through the U.S. Marshals Service. Amos Jacob Arroyo, 32, of Newport News, VA, allegedly shot and killed his girl-

friend and her father in slayings that occurred in Virginia in late July 2017.

He was held in custody here with no bond on felony charges out of Newport News, VA, including two charges of First Degree Murder, two charges of Firearm Use in Commission of Felony 1st Offense, and Occupied Building Maliciously Shoot/Throw charges. Newport News authorities picked up Arroyo from Lynn County Jail this week, early Tuesday morning.

Arroyo, who had been on the run since July, surrendered to Lynn County Sheriff's Deputy Brent Meyer in O'Donnell last Wednesday night, Sheriff Vega told The News.

"Arroyo was traveling with another man, when they stopped at the Allsup's convenience store in O'Donnell. The other man called the Lynn County Sheriff's Office and said that Arroyo was tired of running and was willing to turn himself in to Lynn County officers. He surrendered without incident," Vega added, noting that his department is cooperating with the

U.S. Marshals Service in the case. The slayings occurred in Virginia just before 6:15 p.m. on July 30, when police responded to reports of a shooting at the Chesapeake Village Mobile Home Park on York River Lane, south of Bland Boulevard in Denbigh. Officers found the victims - Patricia Morgan Joseph, 29, and her father, Jessie Abraham Barnes, 67 — shot to death in a trailer that they shared.

Arroyo, who lived in a different trailer in the same mobile home park,

was reported to be Joseph's ex-boyfriend and the father of her two young children. Those children, ages 1 and 6, were in the trailer at the time of the

shooting, police said. Newport News police detectives identified Arroyo as the shooter based on witness statements, with a Newport News magistrate issuing arrest warrants charging him with two counts of first-degree murder and felony gun charges.

Police asked the AMOS JACOB ARROYO federal marshals for help

soon after the killings. The next day, marshals found Arroyo's car in a Walmart parking lot off Interstate 95 in Pooler, Ga., west of Savannah. Surveillance camera footage captured Arroyo inside the Walmart on July 31. Arroyo was seen buying a backpack, underwear, socks, a hooded sweatshirt, pants and T-shirts. He then abandoned his car in the parking lot - which was the last confirmed sighting of Arroyo, the Marshals Service said. Arroyo's identification cards were found in the car, with investigators believing he has since been using

Sheriff Vega said it is thought that Arroyo may have been living for a period in Lamesa, prior to surrendering himself to Lynn County authorities.

Tahoka woman indicted for intoxicated manslaughter

Sherriff's deputies arrested a Tahoka woman on Jan. 31 on felony Grand Jury Indictments from recent grand jury proceedings in 106th District Court. Erika Chavarria, 28, was indicted on two felony charges, one for Intoxicated Manslaughter and one for Driving While Intoxicated With a

Chavarria was reportedly the driver in a crash that occurred in September 2016 that took the life of a passenger in the vehicle, 23-year-old Katherine Colon, of Tahoka. Colon's 2-year-old child was also reportedly in the vehicle. According to the DPS reports, Chavarria was the driver of a

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the housekeeping staff and all the way

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within the quality of care and keeping

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just had a hospital inspection and did

very well, we had three inspections at

Lynnwood, and all had no deficiencies

whatsoever. Lynnwood Independent

and Assisted Living Center is full

now, and has a good waiting list, and

that is because of the great quality of

care that we can offer," he added.

Chevrolet Suburban that was traveling eastbound on FM 213 about 6 miles east of US 87 in Lynn County at 5 a.m. when the vehicle lost control on the right, overcorrected to left, came back to the right and left the roadway into a steep embankment of the barrow ditch. The vehicle rolled into the field and onto its top, ejecting a passenger, identified as Colon. Chavarria was reportedly not injured in the crash.

A Lubbock woman was the driver in a one-vehicle accident that occurred

at 5:22 a.m. last Thursday, Feb. 1. Officers found her vehicle on its side in the southbound lane of US 87 about a mile north of the Poka Lambro building. Brianna Lynn Harper of Lubbock was transported by Lynn County EMS

to Lynn County Hospital for treatment. Sheriff's deputies and EMS were called to a Wilson residence at 4:37 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, with EMS transporting a 40-year-old male who was reported to have been assaulted by his

(See POLICE REPORT, page 2)



LCHD CEO talks of succession plan, O'Donnell/Lamesa rural health clinics

ynn County Hospital is doing well, according to its chief executive officer, and more changes are coming. Hospital CEO Randy Lindauer says that the hospital is doing "extremely well", and spoke of plans that the Board of Directors is considering for renovating/expanding LCHD's O'Donnell Clinic into a rural health clinic, as well as the possibility of opening a rural health clinic in Lamesa. He also said that he is working with the Board on a "succession plan" for the next Chief Executive Officer to step in, as he is making plans to step down as CEO to serve in the field of ministry.

"We've got a lot of things going for us," Lindauer told The News. "We recently completed a new radiology suite and are getting ready to build a laboratory suite. As far as being a small rural hospital in West Texas, we're doing extremely well. People should be proud, and I think they are or they wouldn't keep coming back for their healthcare needs. We've got people coming not only from Lynn County, but also from Post, Lamesa, Brownfield, Littlefield, and lots of other places, and it is just because of the quality of care they get here. There is hardly any wait time in the ER, and the staff we have is providing great quality of care. "I can't be more proud of the em-

Lindauer said that in recent months he has had two physicians from other areas contact him, interested in working with LCHD. That interest has led to a new possibility, of opening an LCHD rural healthcare



Lynn County Hospital CEO Randy Lindauer

"We have a physician who came to us from Lamesa, and we hired her as an ER physician, but we are also hoping to recruit her and two other family practice doctors that will work either here or the surrounding areas. We didn't actually seek them, they came to us and said they heard we provided quality care, our staff is easy to get along with, and they wanted in. We are looking to expand in different areas and what better way than with established doctors already," the CEO

"We have been asked by physicians, and by patients, if we would open a facility in Lamesa. LCHD cannot legally own any type of property

in another county, however we can lease property. We're talking to two physicians that want to be there, that are already established there. We have looked at a couple of buildings there, but the board has not made any decisions yet. It's not a huge money maker, but it is more about providing more quality patient care to our neighbors that are asking for quality patient care," he explained.

The hospital has already made plans to renovate the LCHD clinic in O'Donnell and expand that facility from the status of just a clinic to "rural healthcare clinic," an important designation that would allow for more reimbursement funding and grant funds, as well as expanding the type of care provided.

LCHD's O'Donnell clinic is located on property leased from O'Donnell ISD. The renovation plan calls for renovating the existing property into additional exam rooms, a procedure room, a nice lobby, handicap restrooms, a new registration area, and a small education room for CPR and

(See LCHD PLANS, page 4)



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Police Report ...

mother. No arrests were made in this case, according to Sheriff's officials.

Danny Cook reported theft of two batteries and a battery cover from a tractor parked 2 miles west of US 87 on County Road 3. The report was made at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 29.

Lynn County Sheriff's deputies assisted in a Lubbock DPS pursuit Sunday afternoon that started in Lubbock County and then crossed over into Lynn, Terry and Hockley counties before the driver drove back into Lubbock County, where he was arrested and taken into custody.

Fire departments were called to the scene of two fires reported last week. Woolam Gin reported a trash pit caught fire at 1:45 p.m. Jan. 30, which O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to. New Home and Woodrow VFDs were called to a grass fire in the front and back yards of a residence in the Willow Ridge area near New Home at 3 p.m. Jan. 31, but the



Winner... Congratulations to Lacey Castor on being the lucky winner for the amazing Super Bowl TV Bundle from the Tahoka City-County Library.

homeowner was reportedly able to put the fire out with garden hoses before the fire departments

Sheriff Vega told The News that a deputy and a jailer were being tested for Hepatitis this week, after discovering that a female juvenile that had spit on a jailer and kicked the deputy while being transported to court proceedings had been discovered to have Hepatitis. He reported that the deputy's test results showed negative, but the jailer's test had not yet been processed.

Tahoka Police arrested a 20-year-old Portales, NM man on charges of Intoxicated Pedestrian at 4:33 a.m. Sunday. The man was reportedly walking somewhere north of Tahoka near US 87 when . he called 9-1-1 for help. Officers found him lying on the sidewalk in front of Cardi's Café. He told officers that he came to Tahoka to party, but did not know what ad-

about walking to Lubbock but could not remember where he came from so he called 9-1-1 because he was cold and lost. He was transported to Lynn County Jail.

Police arrested a 30-year-old Post man on a warrant service last Tuesday evening, for parole violation for burglary of a habitation. Police found the man when responding to a call for an unwanted person at a Tahoka residence, and booked him into Lynn County Jail.

Lynn County Jail held 41 inmates during the week, including 24 for Lynn County, 14 for Ector, and 3 for Dawson, with charges including Murder 1st Degree in the Arroyo case, Grand Jury Indictment for Intoxicated Manslaughter, Tamper/Fabricate Physical Evidence, FTA for Possession of Marijuana, two for Possession of Marijuana, Assault Causes Bodily Injury, Burglary of Habitation, Probation Violation, and Injury to Child/Elderly/Disabled with intent of Bodily Injury.

A look back at ...



OMEHOW, Ground Hog Day got by me. I didn't even notice anything about the old Indian chief at Post this year. Well, I'm not sure that the tradition of predicting good or bad crop years by the wind at Post really has anything to do with Ground Hog Day. Anyway, today is Valentine's Day, and I can't let that go by without some kind of comment about tough love.

Early Valentine's Day celebrations were tough on the women, for example, because the celebration supposedly is based on the Feast of Lupercalia, a Roman festival associated with love and romance because—get this—the Roman guys at that feast traditionally would chase the women and beat them with whips made out of goatskins, believing these beatings would make the women fertile.

Boy, that wouldn't work too well today. If I had ever tried to take a whip to any of the women in my family, they would immediately be more hostile than fertile.

The basis of the name of the day may have been pretty tough on a couple of guys, too. One of my sources says there were two St. Valentines, both of them "Christian martyrs whose feasts were formerly observed on Feb. 14." Tradition says one was a Roman priest, the other a bishop martyred in

The Romans apparently held a lot of feasts. Everybody who was anybody at all had his feast day. They ate a lot; there probably were no skinny Romans, because every one of them had a big annual festival with tons of food, sort of like Lyntegar does at the Tahoka football stadium (no, I have never seen anyone chasing women around the stadium with whips made of goatskins).

Whether there was really just one-St. Valentine, or two, whoever they named the day after must have had a tough time, because they were martyrs, and my dictionary says a martyr is a person who willingly suffers death rather than renounce his or her religion.

I don't think I would want to be a martyr. I am reminded of the story of the young couple about to marry, and she asked him if he loved her a whole lot.

"I sure do," he said.

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"Is your love so great that you would die for me?" she asked teasingly. He thought a minute, then said, "I don't think

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Deuteronomy 6:4-5

ord, give me the ✓ capacity to love fully, completely. I hold back. I stay aloof on matters of the heart when I should be diving in headfirst. When I look at the cross, I know you have shown me the deepest depths of mercy. Sacrifice. Forgiveness. Salvation. Help me embrace this model of perfect love and live it each day.

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Get your Valentine's in!

The Valentine Brag Page will be in the February 15th issue of The Lynn County News and you can have your grandchildren's photos published for only \$12 per space if received by 5:30 p.m. February 8!

Deadline is Thursday, Feb. 8 But if you just can't get it to us by then, **We will accept Valentine's on** MONDAY until 5:30! Cost will be \$15 per space

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Go Kaleb ... Kaleb LeClair (5) takes the ball in for New Home in their win over Wellman-Union last Tuesday night. #25 for New Home is Blaine Kirkland. The win put the Leopard squad at 7-0 in district, and Friday night's win over Wilson added another mark, for an 8-0 district record coming into this (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

New Home boys basketball leads district with perfect record; **Lady Leopards are District Runnerup**

The New Home Leopards are now 25-3 and 8-0 in district, after claiming two more wins at home last week in boys basketball action. Coach Koby Abney's Leopards beat Wellman-Union 53-49, and drummed Wilson 78-15, improving on their perfect district record.

On the girls side, the Lady Leopards are 25-6 for the season, 7-2 in district and finished up Tuesday night at Meadow. Ropes won the district and the Lady Leopards are the District Runnerup. The New Home girls will play Lorenzo Monday night, Feb. 12 in Bi-District at Lubbock Christian High School

In the boys action, Carter Abney led the Leopards against Wellman-Union last Tuesday

of legal experience

night with 26 points, 8 rebounds, 6 assists, and 3 steals. Blaine Kirkland had 10 pts 7 reb, Kaleb LeClair 7 pts 3 steals, Bode Stewart 5 pts, Ethan Martinez 4 pts, and Reed Bundy 1 pt.

New Home easily won over the Wilson Mustangs; taking an early 16-2 lead in the first quarter, and adding 22 points to only 4 for the Mustangs in the second quarter, for a 38-6 halftime lead. The Mustangs mustered 7 points in the third and 15 in the fourth quarter, but the Leopards outscored them again with 21 and 19 points respectively, for

Blaine Kirkland had 22 pts and 4 rebounds, Carter Abney 17 pts 8 reb 3 assists 3 steals, Bode Stewart 10 pts, Brayden Kirkland 6 pts, Kaleb LeClair 6

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New Home School Menu

February 12-16 Monday: Sausage biscuit/Muffin Tuesday: Breakfast Combo/Breakfast Strudel Wednesday: Chicken n Waffles/ Breakfast Parfait Thursday: Pancakes, sausage/PBJ Friday: Dutch waffle, bacon/

Cereal Lunch Monday: Steak fingers, fries/Burgers/ Chef Salad Tuesday: Tex-Mex stack/Chicken fajitas/ Chef Salad Wednesday: Chicken Alfredo/Calzone/ Chef Salad Thursday: Grilled cheese/Country

Friday: Burgers/Frito Pie/Chef Sal

Pot Pie/ Chef Salad

NEWS from the -1717 Main St. . Tahoka TX (inside the Life Enrichment Center)

Winner, Winner...

Congratulations Lacey Castor on winning the Super Bowl TV bundle. City-County Library would like to thank everyone for their support of the library by buying raffle tickets. We would also like to thank Mayor John Baker who took time out of his schedule to come by the library and draw the winning ticket. All money raised through fundraisers goes back into the library allowing us to offer better services back to the community.

Build A Friend... Only a few friends left. On February 8th from 5pm -5:45pm, children from the ages of 3yrs - 10yrs old will be able to place stuffing inside a soft adorable animal creating their special friend. They will also be receiving a birth certificate where they can name him/her personalizing their companion. With some friends already being adopted, there are ONLY 24 total animals and a \$5 NON-refundable donation PER animal is required and must be paid by February 7th. This is a children's program and participation must take place during the provided time. Please contact the library 806-561-4050 to reserve a spot to build a special friend.

Tea & Tales...

Ladies of the Library...Tea & Tales will be meeting on February 13th at 10 am. We will be discussing and handing out sheets to create an important and personal document organizer. This organizer will and can contain documents such as birth certificates, deeds to your home, marriage certificates, medical records, etc. This binder will provide a place to preserve and protect important documents.

Tahoka School Menu

February 12-16 Monday: Strawberry pancakes Tuesday: Banana Loaf Wednesday: Triple berry French

Thursday: Blueberry Waffle Friday: Orange Cranberry scone Lunch *Pre-K

Monday: *Burger/Chicken Chilaquiles/Chicken fajita wrap Tuesday: *Spaghetti/Bean & Cheese Burrito/BBQ Chicken

Wednesday: *Pepperoni Pizza/ Cheeseburger/Turkey & Cheese

Thursday: *Chicken Nugget / Cheesy Nachos/Tuna Salad wrap Friday: *Pasta Alfredo/Turkey hot Dog/ Chicken Caesar Salad



Foul ... Emi Heinrich, a New Home player, gets fouled in the last 3 seconds of the game by a Wellman-Union Lady Cat, in action at home last Tuesday night. New Home's Lady Leopards (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Six more candidates file for places on ballot

Six more candidates have signed up for places on the ballot for city and school boards during the past week. The filing period for the May 5 city council, school board and hospital board elections in Lynn County continues through Feb. 16. Candidates may file at the respective administrative offices for these entities.

candidates filed for places on the Tahoka City Council ballot, with an incumbent and a challenger filing for the District 3 one-year unexpired term, and one incumbent filing for re-election in the At-Large District 5 seat. Three candidates, including one incumbent, filed during the past week for the Wilson ISD school board election.

Following is a complete list of terms expiring in the upcoming May 5 elections, with names listed in italics for those who have filed, according to information from the respective enti-

Lynn County Hospital District: Three directors. Terms expiring: Jannis Childress, Robbie Autry, Della Swartz. Filing: Robbie Autry.

City of Tahoka: Four Council

trict 2-Ronny Jolly: District 3-Casev McLelland and Shiloh

Braddock; District 5-Ray Box.

Tahoka ISD: Two trustees, both At-Large. Terms expiring: Clay Taylor, Lisa Hawthorne. Filing: Clay Taylor.

City of Wilson: Two council seats and Mayor. Terms expiring: Mayor Donald Klaus, council members Clyde Wilke and David Maldonado.

Wilson ISD: Two trustees. Terms expiring: Bobby Miller, Michael Villarreal. Filing: Keith Finke, Michael Villarreal, Craig Wilke.

City of New Home: One Council member. Terms expiring: Ross Fillingim.

City of O'Donnell: Three Council seats and Mayor. Terms. expiring: Mayor Scott Martinez, council members Kim Parker, Toby Mires, John David Velasquez. Filing: Kim Parker. for Mayor; Nympha Renteria for Council.

O'Donnell ISD: Two trustees. Terms expiring: Monty Hancock, Mandy Stidham.

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LCHD plans changes for better O'Donnell Clinic ...

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other types of classes to be offered.

"We have submitted everything to the LCHD Board, and must meet with the OISD Superintendent to see how that contract would play out - they own the building and we lease it for a very small amount. The plans that we have drawn up would bring it up to a rural health clinic,

instead of just 66 a clinic, and the money from reimbursement that we would get would double the revenue

We're there. seeing more and more patients over in O'Donnell. Currently,

the clinic is open two days a week, but if we get the space renovated and can staff it, we would open it five days a week. We are looking to hire another nurse practitioner over there, and then we would be open five days a week. I hope to get the O'Donnell clinic plan approved at the next board meeting, because I believe it will pay for itself," he added.

If the Board approves the O'Donnell Clinic plan, Lindauer says it should take 90 days to

Succession Plan for a new CEO

Lindauer has not resigned his position as CEO at Lynn County Hospital, but he has told the Board of Directors of his plans to leave in the future. That has led to what he calls a "succession plan" that will pave the way for a new person to take over the hospital's chief position in a manner that will benefit the hospital as well as the commu-

"I have decided to go into theology, and I told the board this back in October or Novem-

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ber of last year," said Lindauer. "I've been in health care going on 41 years and I think the good Lord has called me to become a pastor. I'm studying theology, but then I'm also looking at becoming a healthcare attorney as well. Healthcare is so diverse right now that I think we need some great healthcare attorneys within that field, especially in the rural healthcare market.

"So, the Board and I looked

at different things that could

take place, and I told the Board

that I've got two years before

I finish my theology studies. I

have not turned in my resigna-

tion. People think I have, but no,

I have not," he said with a smile.

"I'm going to leave it up to the

Board on when they would like

to see this happen. I'm not on a

succession plan together that

will not only benefit the hospi-

tal as to who succeeds me, but

also benefits the community

and the surrounding areas as

well - we need a people person

that can still think of quality of

care, but also of what's good for

the organization so that we can

stay alive and afloat in the ever-

changing healthcare world," he

on the details of this succession

plan, Lindauer told The News,

but they have voted to move

forward with the firm that was

hired to help with the succes-

sion plan - Coors Healthcare

"There is nothing set in

Solutions from Charlotte, NC.

The board has not yet voted

"We are trying to put a good

fast track to leave.

hospital as well as the community.

board members on a plan, and they will be here onsite again all day Friday to work with everybody and get us where we need to Lindauer has not resigned his position as CEO at Lynn County be to build Hospital, but he has told the Board of Directors of his plans to a good sucleave in the future. That has led to what he calls a "succession plan" that will pave the way for a new person to take over plan.

the hospital's chief position in a manner that will benefit the "Naming a new CEO is a board decision,

stone yet with the succession

plan. This Friday we do have

a succession leadership team/

board workshop, probably 8-12

hours total, with the outside

firm that the board has hired.

They've been here probably

for a couple of months working

with leadership members and

and nothing has been voted on at this point," Lindauer stressed. When asked if Melanie Richburg, who heads the LCHD Family Wellness Clinic, was going to be named as the new CEO, Lindauer repeated that the Board has not yet voted on the succession plan details.

"I will say that Melanie Richburg has completed a lot of training, and she is getting ready to go to CEO boot camp in March at the American College of Healthcare Executives in Chicago. We have sent her to many, many trainings. I can say that Melanie is a part of the succession plan, and she has a lot of good education programs coming up. Have they [the Board] voted on anything yet besides hiring the firm to help with the plan? - No they haven't," he

The succession plan was originally designed to be a 9-month total succession plan, Lindauer says, adding that, "I'm not sure how that is going to play out come Friday's workshop and board meeting, but we are pretty well on track."

Lindauer says he has enjoyed his time here as CEO of



Powerlift ... Tahoka High School student Ruben Quinonez prepares to lift in the powerlifting meet held in Tahoka last week. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Lynn County Hospitals.

"This is one of the best organizations and small towns that I've ever worked with. I've been a part of some big organizations - the Mayo clinic, St Vincent health - and I can honestly say the people here are down to earth, professional, quality-ofcare driven, hard working, but also they believe so much in God and rely on Him for help. The people here are great."

Class of 78 40th reunion coming soon

Members of the Tahoka High School Class of 1978 are reminded that the 40th Class Reunion will be held this year, at a date to be determined later. Class members may contact Carlos Morales at (806) 577-9248 for more information.



Lady Bulldogs eye playoff run

Tahoka's Lady Bulldogs have a 4-5 district record as of Friday night, in a three-way tie for second place in district before this week's last game of the regular season. The girls had one final game to play in the regular season, traveling to Smyer on Tuesday night, Feb. 6.

"Going into Tuesday night's game, the Lady Bulldogs are in a three way tie for 2nd and the boys are sitting in 4th. We will know more about the girls after Tuesday and should have a better understanding boys wise after this week. But we should both make the playoffs," said AD Stephen Overstreet.

Last Tuesday, Jan. 30 the Tahoka Lady Bulldogs traveled to Sundown, and lost a close

one after coming from behind to close the gap to just 2 points: Sundown won 41-39. Leading scorer for Tahoka was Natalie Stice with 14, Aly Dotson had 6, Tamya Stroope 5, Elisa Calzoncit 4, and Kenzie Parks 2.

On Friday, Feb. 2, Tahoka hosted Seagraves in the last home game of the season. Seagraves took the win 48-37. Stice again led with 21 points, Nadalie Carrasco added 8, Stroope 5 and Dotson 3.

Tahoka Lady Bulldogs lost 52-44 to Seagraves Tuesday night, Jan. 16, on the road. Natalie Stice was high scorer with 25 points, Tamya Stroope had 6, Aly Dotson 3, Nadalie Carrasco. 3, Elisa Calzoncit 2, and Kenzie Parks 2.

Dogs get 66-48 win over Seagraves

Friday February 2nd the Tahoka Bulldogs hosted Seagraves, and claimed a 66-48 win over the Eagles. Leading scorer for the Bulldogs was sophomore #14 Aaron Olivan with 10 points.

This was senior night for the Bulldogs as it was the last home game of the season. Senior

Kevin White was recognized. The Bulldogs are 11-15 for

the season, 3-4 in district. They have three games left, all on the road, including Feb. 6 in Smyer, Feb. 9 in Plains, and Feb. 13 in

"Going into Tuesday night's game, the boys are sitting in 4th place in district. We should have a better understanding boyswise after this week, but we should make the playoffs," said AD Stephen Overstreet.

An alarming story ...

It seemed like a good idea at the time. A Pittsburgh doit-yourselfer was wall mounting his new flat-screen TV and so he lowered an alarm clock down the inside of the wall. He figured that it would tell him exactly where to drill a hole for the cables when the alarm went off, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. But the clock slipped and got itself walled-in.

That was in 2004,13 years ago and for all that time the, alarm would go off, just like clockwork, at the same hour; each night at ten minutes to eight. You'd think the man would have gotten rid of the offending alarm clock once it was out, but instead he set it on his mantle after a local handy manretrieved it recently. And, it is still set to go off at 7:50 PM

- from www.amac.us

BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE DATED the 1st day of February, 2018, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 1st day of February, 2018, seized, levied upon, and will on the 6th day of March, 2018, at the County Courthouse, 1627 Avenue K, Tahoka, Texas, at 10:00 a.m. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

JOINT NOTICE OF SALE

All of the following properties being located in Lynn County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page reference (V__/P__) or document number of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

PROP#	CAUSE #	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #	
1	16-09-02761	Lynn County Appraisal District v Pablo Castillo et al	all of Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block 26, Original Townsite of the Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas, with a 17' x 76' Festival manufactured home, Label #RAD1109516, Serial #TXFLW12A32347FD12, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 314, Page 675, Deed Records), Account #2561000001	
2	17-05-02787	Lynn County Appraisal District v Johnny P. Antu, Jr. et al	all of Lots 1-2, the East 1/2 of Lot 3, Block 62, Original Townsite of the Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 382, Page 931, Official Public Records), Account #1472000001	
3	17-01-02783	Lynn County Appraisal District v Delbert Lee Byrd et al	3 acres, more or less, out of the Northeast 1/4, Section 3, Block M, EL & RR RR Co. Survey, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 443, Page 772, Official Public Records), Account #2379000001	
4	16-11-02774	Lynn County Appraisal District v Jose Elias Abbrego et al	Lot 3, Block 70, Original Townsite of the Town of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 390, Page 574, Official Public Records), Account #11693000001	
5	16-11-02774	Lynn County Appraisal District v Jose Elias Abbrego et al	the West 89' of Lot 6, Block 70, Original Townsite of the Town of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 398, Page 311, Official Public Records), Account #1146000001	
6	12-04-02589	Lynn County Appraisal District v Antonio Garza et al	Lots 5 and 6, Block 131, Original Townsite of the Town of Wilson, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 216, Page 483), Account #4701000001/000010300000131000500	
7	17-01-02780	Lynn County Appraisal District v T.C. White et al	Lots 15 and 16, Block 74, North Tahoka Addition, City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 196, Page 539, Deed Records), Account #12210000001	
8	16-09-02763	Lynn County Appraisal District v Billy H. Gilley et al	all of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 51, Original Townsite of the Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 211, Page 187, Deed Records), Account #4881000001	
9	15-08-02737	Lynn County Appraisal District v Jose A. De Leon	3.74 acres, more or less, out of the Southwest part of Section 484, Block 1, EL & RR Co. Survey, out of Abstract 559, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 437, Page 861, Official Public Records), Account #3438000001	
10	15-08-02737	Lynn County Appraisal District v Jose A. De Leon	1.04 acres, more or less, out of the Southwest part of Section 484, Block 1, EL & RR Co. Survey, out of Abstract 559, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 437, Page 855, Official Public Records), Account #4609000001	
11	15-03-02726	Lynn County Appraisal District v Lupe T. Guzman et al	Lots 6 and 7, Block 97, Original Townsite of the Town of Wilson, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 272, Page 642, Deed Records), Account #5192000001	

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 1st day of February, 2018, at Tahoka, Texas

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REALIGNMENT **UIL realignment puts Tahoka ISD,** New Home as football adversaries

by JUANELL JONES

he University Interscholastic League announced new Texas high school athletic districts and classifications for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 seasons last Thursday as part of its biennial realignment. In Lynn County, the new realignment puts New Home and Tahoka in 2A Division 2, District 4 football district, with the NH Leopards moving up from six-man football to 11-man for the 2018-20 football season.

With this year's realignment in place, New Home will play 11-man football for the first time since the mid-80's. The District 4 lineup includes New Home, Lockney, Ralls, Smyer, Crosbyton, and Tahoka.

"This is certainly an exciting time for our students and team, New Home ISD Superintendent Shane Fiedler told The News. "Our decision to opt into playing 11-man was made due to the large number of boys that we have in our football program. While there are certain elements of the 6-man game that will be missed, we believe this is the direction our school is heading and that it is in the best interest of our athletic program. We are excited to renew old rivalries and develop new ones, as that is an important part of competition.

"Along with our Board of Trustees and athletic director, Koby Abney, New Home ISD has been preparing for this day and our discussion began two years ago at the previous alignment. We have built a new weight-room/locker room, will open our new baseball field this season, and are currently adding new bleachers and a pressbox to the football field. I would certainly like to recognize our school board for the vision and backing that they have given in making sure our facilities our adequate for this next step. The final piece will culminate when we install the new goal posts in a few months."

Supt. Fiedler went on to say that, "in two years from now we will join the 2-A ranks with all our programs."

The 2018-20 basketball realignment does not put New Home with Tahoka. Tahoka will be in 2A District 5 basketball with Plains, Seagraves, Smyer, and Sundown. New Home and Wilson remain in the same basketball district, with Crosbyton, Lorenzo, Petersburg and Southland, in District 6 1A basketball. O'Donnell is in District 7 1A basketball with Loop, Meadow,

VOTE FOR

Ropesville, Welch Dawson, and Wellman-Union.

O'Donnell will be in 1A Div. 1 6-man football District 6, with Ackerly Sands, Gail Borden, Lamesa Klondike, and Lenorah Grady. In basketball, O'Donnell is in District 7 1A basketball with Loop, Meadow, Ropesville, Welch Dawson and Wellman-Union.

Wilson ISD will be in 1A Div. 2 6-man football District 4, with Loop, Southland and Welch Dawson.

Tahoka ISD Athletic Director Stephen Overstreet is pleased with the new realignment. He told The News:

"I was very pleased with the District we have been placed in with the new UIL Realignment for the next two years. We picked up some teams to our district that we are very familiar with and some teams we haven't played in awhile. My thoughts going into Thursday had us going with Seagraves, Plains, New Home, Smyer, and Crosbyton. The addition of Lockney and Ralls wasn't on my radar at all as I didn't see us losing Seagraves and Plains.

"Smyer and Crosbyton are teams we have played every year I have been here and always give us a tough match-up as they are both very well coached. Ralls is a team that has had some recent tradition and struggles, but I know will be a tough test. We had them off the schedule the last two years but a team we had some very good games with in the previous years. Coach Sherrill is a great coach and I believe a guy that can get them going back in the right direction and be a very solid contender in this district. Lockney is a team that comes to us after being in the very tough northern district the last two years with Ralls, and Crosbyton. I know Coach Jackson does a great job with them and will be an opponent that we have already begun looking

"Obviously the unknown of the entire district will be the

2018-20 Official District Alignment - Football Conference 2A Div. 2 **DISTRICT 4**

Lockney Ralls Smyer Tahoka

Crosbyton

New Home

Conference 1A Div. 1 6-Man **DISTRICT 6** O'Donnell **Ackerly Sands** Gail Borden Lamesa Klondike

Conference 1A Div. 2 6-Man **DISTRICT 4** Loop

Southland Welch Dawson Wilson

Lenorah Grady

jump New Home is making from 6 man to 11 man. I know that people around here will be excited as this pits two Lynn County teams against each other for the first time in a long time. I know that those guys are growing like crazy and with this jump to 11 man will be a good thing for those kids. I know they have good numbers and with my previous experience with 6 man teams will come into the district with a very solid hand of athletes that are ready to compete," said Overstreet.

"Overall I believe this will be a district that each team is going to have to show up and play every Friday night. I don't see a clear favorite but I do see a very solid five game stretch that will make you better each week. With the toughness of the schedule and the opponents we would be facing in Bi-District I am looking to make a very challenging non-district schedule to prepare us for the road ahead. I have said many times, those first five games prepare you for the district schedule you have, and hopefully get you better as you look to advance into post season. August 6th can't get here fast enough as the off season is going great so far, and the outlook of the next two years is

very intriguing top to bottom. "Our basketball district stayed exactly the same, we just lost Morton. Morton is a team that is giving people fits this season so really a team we are glad we don't have to face going forward. The rest of the group has been pretty much the same for the last few years.

Again, both boys and girls side are very quality teams that you can't sleep on. I know that each Tuesday and Friday night you have to show up because anyone can be beat, and to be honest with you that's good for our kids. Each time we step onto the floor it's like a playoff atmosphere which prepares them for the post season. Very happy with both sides football and basketball and we are patiently awaiting the Spring districts (baseball, softball, track, golf, tennis) sometime here in early

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March," Overstreet added.

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World Records sites a 2010 pitch by Aroldis Chapman as the fastest, at

105.1 mph during a Reds' game against the San Diego Pedros.



I'm ready ... Juwan Hamilton is ready to lift in the powerlifting meet held in the Tahoka High School gym last week, at the Tahoka Invitational Powerlifting Meet. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



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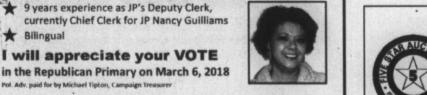
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We have only a few days before early voting begins! I have visited with several people in our county but I realize I have several more to visit with face to face. To the ones I have not, I ask for your understanding, and know that it is not because of my lack of

ERENDA DOTSON

LYNN COUNTY Pct. 1 Justice of Peace

TRYING, but my lack of time. I currently serve as CHIEF CLERK, for Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, for Nancy E. Guilliams. My desire to serve this County as JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, is a great one!! I have first hand knowledge of what it takes to run this office! With that being said, I do not and can \not make the decisions in this office as I am NOT the current J.P. October 15, 2017, Judge Guilliams was in an accident in which she has been out on medical leave until the

1ST week of January, 2018. During that time, myself and a part-time clerk ran the Justice of the Peace office, efficiently, effectively and accurately, to the best of our abilities, and were able to keep the office open with very minor setbacks. My experience and knowledge are the driving force behind my seeking the position of Justice of The Peace. I must attend school

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Texas Star Gin, Wilson *106,476 New Home Coop, Lakeview ... *78,629 Wells Coop Gin......64,025 Woolam Gin, O'Donnell*54,037 Farmers Coop, O'Donnell......40,500 Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka *38,496 Garlyn Gin*21,649 TOTAL BALES403,812 * Final Count

Did you know ...

- · Composer William J. Marsh of Fort Worth along with lyricist Gladys Yoakum Wright wrote "Texas, Our Texas". This patriotic song was adopted in 1929 as the official state song of Texas after being selected in a state-wide competition.
- · Akousticophobia is the fear of noises
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- · Every year the sun loses 360 million tons

State very dry, rain relief may be months away

By Keith Randall, Texas A&M **Marketing and Communications**

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 6. 2018 - Just a few months after Texas endured the most rainfall ever recorded in the United States, at least 67 percent of the state is in some form of drought. A Texas A&M University expert says dry conditions could linger for several more months.

John Nielsen-Gammon, professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M and Texas State Climatologist, notes that Texans are suffering through some of the driest periods ever - parts of the Texas Panhandle have not received any measureable rain in at least 100 days.

"It's extremely dry in the Panhandle, fire dangers are high and livestock such as cattle are beginning to feel stress," Nielsen-Gammon explains.

"The record rains from Hurricane Harvey flowed into the Gulf of Mexico within weeks and it only takes a few months for Texas to get dry again. That's where we are now."

Especially hard-hit areas include the areas around Amarillo, Lubbock and Wichita Falls, he says

Besides the 67 percent of Texas that is currently in moderate, severe or extreme drought, an additional 20 percent is abnormally dry, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Last August, Harvey dumped more than 60 inches of rain in some parts of the state, but not long after it left, many parts of Texas started going into drought status. While August was the wettest August in Texas in the past 124 years, every month since then has been abnormally dry. Outdoor burn bans are in effect for at least one-third of the state.

Nièlsen-Gammon says a La



Bringing in the crop ... This photo, on display in the Tahoka Pioneer Museum, shows the cotton brought in to Farmers Co-Op Assn #1 in years long past. Lynn County has long been a big producer of cotton, and in some years led the state in dryland production. This photo, and other historical pictures and items, are on display at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum, located at 1600 Lockwood, open 10:00 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Admission is free.

Niña - cooler than normal waters in the central Pacific Ocean that tend to impact weather patterns worldwide - has developed in recent months. These patterns are a partial culprit for the dry conditions, but models show that they are weakening and likely to continue weakening in upcoming months.

"But that may not be until May or June," Nielsen-Gammon adds.

"Most of the state needs rain. Our winter so far in Texas has been unusually dry and that trend will likely continue."

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Picture Day is Thursday, February 8th for staff and stu-

Here's a fun idea for a fundraiser: Valentine Grams! Orders are due Monday, Feb. 12, and will be delivered on Feb. 14. For \$1, your special note will include either Hershey's Kisses or a chocolate chip cookie.

I LOVE READING night will be on Thursday, February 15th from 6-8 PM in the elementary building. This is for PK to 5th grade aged students and homeschoolers. Students can bring their parents for an evening of reading and nachos for dinner. Come and go.

Looking ahead, there will be a half day of school on Friday, February 16, and student holiday February 19.

Upcoming events report by student of Megan Foster M.A, **English I-III Teacher:**

At Wilson ISD, we have a lot of upcoming and past activities that we would like to share with you. On Friday, February 2nd, the boys basketball team travelled to New Home. Sadly, the Mustangs were defeated by the New Home Leopards (15-78). The Lady Mustangs had to forfeit two games over the weekend due to illness. The first game being against New Home on Friday, February 2nd. The other being a rescheduled game against Wellman-Union.

Tuesday, February 6th, the high school boys' and girls' teams will stay at home and play the rivalry game against the Southland Eagles. This should be an exhilarating sight to see. Then on Friday, February 9th, the boys basketball team wraps up their season playing away against Meadow.

There are a flurry of activities to start up in the Spring, like track.

Those are your Mustang events for the week of February 5th, 2018.

Quail Management Symposium set for March 22 in Lubbock

To assist land managers with practical steps to manage quail on rangeland, the Second Annual Quail Management Symposium will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 22 at the National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC) at Texas Tech University in Lub-

"We want to emphasize practical things people can do to maintain their core quail population and also allow participants to interact with our speakers and ask specific questions," said Dr. Brad Dabbert, one of the symposium organizers and Burnett Foundation Endowed Professor of Quail Ecology at Texas Tech University. The symposium is sponsored by Park Cities Quail and presented by the NRHC and Quail-Tech Alliance, a non-profit research and demonstration project.

Other symposium speakers in addition to Dabbert will be Keith Blair, founder of a land stewardship company specializing in prescribed fire for wildlife habitat management, restoration and wildfire prevention; Matthew Coffman, grazing lands specialist for the Natural Resource Conservation Service; John McLaughlin, West Texas quail program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and Gabe Gaudern, wildlife manager for the Tongue River Ranch.

The program will include a bird dog training demonstration and a chuck wagon lunch. Registration cost is \$30 for Ranching Heritage Association members and \$35 for non-members. Limited seating is available and reservations must be made in advance. For more information or to register for the symposium, visit ranchingheritage. org/quail/ or call Helen DeVitt Jones Director of Education Julie Hodges at (806) 834-0083.

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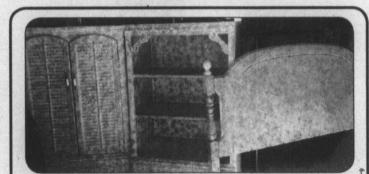
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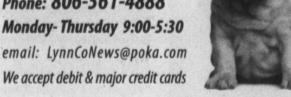
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Don't fall victim to the myths about Medicare

By Bob Moos, Southwest public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Navigating Medicare can be challenging under the best of circumstances. It becomes even more difficult when someone new to Medicare falls victim to the myths, or misconceptions, about the health care program.

Let's take a look at the most common myths in hopes that you'll avoid the confusion that could cost you time or money. Myth No. 1: Medicare is free.

Medicare's hospital insurance, known as Part A, has no premium if you've worked throughout your life. But the outpatient services coverage, or Part B, does have a monthly premium, as does the prescription drug insurance, or Part D.

In addition, there are deductibles and co-payments for certain services. Overall, the traditional Medicare program covers about 80 percent of your costs, which means you're responsible for the other 20 percent.

Many people buy a "Medigap" supplemental health insurance plan from a private company to help cover those out-of-pocket costs. Or they opt out of the traditional Medicare program and purchase a Medicare Advantage plan from a private insurer to receive their Medicare benefits.

Myth No. 2: Medicare covers everything.

Though traditional Medicare pays for many health care services, it doesn't cover all of them. For example, it doesn't pay for standard dental, vision or hearing care. If you're interested in any of those services, you may want to consider a Medicare Advantage plan that offers extra benefits.

Myth No. 3: You'll be automatically enrolled when it's time.

That's only partially true. If you're already receiving Social Security, you'll be automatically enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B when you turn 65. (You'll

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Board Secretary

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Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the fifth (5) day of May,

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still need to sign up for Part D.) If you're not on Social Security yet, you must enroll in Medicare yourself.

For most people, the best time to apply for Medicare is during the three months before your 65th birthday, the month you become 65 and the three months after you turn 65. So, let's say your birthday is Aug. 15. That means you can sign up from May 1 through Nov. 30. Myth No. 4: Everyone pays

the same for Medicare.

If your annual income is below \$85,000, or \$170,000 for a married couple, you pay the standard Part B and D premiums. But if it's more, you pay a surcharge. In 2018, the surcharge for Part B ranges from \$53.50 to \$294.60 per month, depending on your income. That's in addition to the standard \$134 premium.

Myth No. 5: Having poor health will disqualify you from coverage.

Medicare can't reject you, or charge you higher premiums, because of a health problem. It can't discriminate based on a pre-existing condition. In fact, about two-thirds of Medicare beneficiaries live with at least two chronic conditions.

Myth No. 6: Medicare covers long-term care.

Many people don't realize until it's too late that Medicare typically doesn't pay for long-term "custodial" care – the kind of personal care that helps you with such day-to-day tasks as getting in and out of bed, bathing, dressing and eating.

Medicare does cover some skilled nursing or rehabilitative care if a physician orders it after a hospital stay of at least three days. You pay nothing during the first 20 days of your care and then part of the cost for the next 80 days.

Myth No. 7: Medicare and Medicaid are the same thing.

The two programs are often confused. Medicare covers health care for people 65 and older and for people with certain disabilities. Medicaid helps cover health care for people with low incomes and few resources. Some people qualify for both.

Myth No. 8: A lot of doctors don't take Medicare.

The vast majority of doctors accept Medicare. The traditional Medicare fee-for-service program offers the broadest possible access to health care professionals. You can go to any provider who's taking new Medicare patients,

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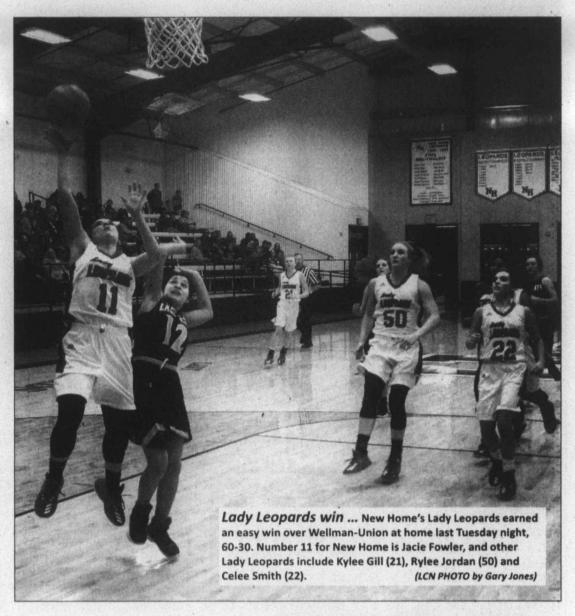
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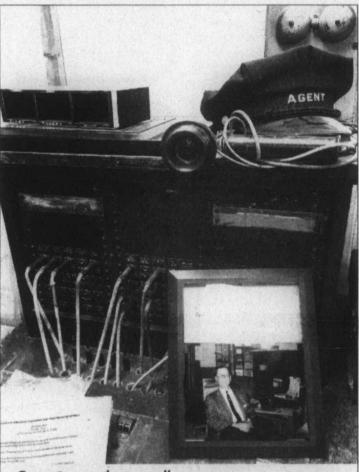
Even after 53 years, Medicare is still misunderstood. If you're in doubt about some aspect of the Medicare program, please visit www.medicare.gov or talk with a customer service representative toll-free at 1-800-633-4227.

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DPS ramping up enforcement of Move Over/Slow Down law

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"Our Highway Patrol Troopers and other officers risk their lives every day for the people of Texas, and their safety is particularly vulnerable while working on the side of the road, where the slightest mistake by a passing motorist can end in tragedy," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "While our officers are serving and protecting Texans, we're asking drivers to do their part by adhering to the law – simply move over or slow down."

Specifically, Texas law states that a driver must either;

• Vacate the lane closest to the applicable vehicles stopped on the side of the road (if the road has multiple lanes traveling in the same direction), or

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Drivers should only move over if they can do so safely and legally; otherwise, they should slow down.

"In light of the numerous vehicle crashes that occur in Texas and across the nation on a daily basis, and the unfortunate fact the many still violate the state law that has been in effect for nearly 15 years, we are increasing our enforcement and education efforts related to this law," said Director McCraw. "In addition to complying with the law to protect those who work on the side of the road, we encourage motorists to show the same courtesy to fellow drivers stopped along our roadways. Let's all get home safely."

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