

Hula hoop madness ... Hula hoops will be part of the fun at the Easter EGGstravaganza to be held on the courthouse lawn on Saturday, March 26. Pictured are some of the members of the Chamber's Easter EGGstravaganza Committee, ready to try to hula hoop - Juanell Jones, Amy Preston, Tilda Carrasco, and Marouita Scott. LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod

Hula hoops, cupcakes and Easter eggs ... oh my!

### Chamber to sponsor annual Easter Egg hunt next Saturday

All Lynn County children, as well as any children visiting the area, are invited to the Easter EGGstravaganza next Saturday, March 26, on the grounds of the Lynn County Courthouse at the downtown square in Tahoka. This year, in hopes of warmer weather, the event will be held in the afternoon, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Children should bring their own Easter baskets and join in the fun and games that will be provided, free of charge, by the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce.

Train rides around the square, a Cupcake Walk, games and egg relay races will be a part of the fun, and children are invited to have fun with hula hoops and participate in the sidewalk chalk art, drawing on the sidewalks around the courthouse with chalk.

Easter Egg hunts will be divided into three age groups, with toddler-3 years old having the first hunt at 1:15 p.m., 4-6 years old at 1:30 p.m., and 7-9 years old starting at 1:45 p.m. Separate hunting areas will

be roped off for each division, and specially marked items will be in the hunt for children to claim for extra prizes and a Grand Prize in each age group. The Easter Bunny will be here, and parents may bring their own cameras for photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny and an Easter cut-out background in which children may place their faces in the cutouts for a fun photo.

"The Chamber would like to thank Tahoka High School FCCLA teacher Whitney Wilson and her students who are filling nearly 3,000 Easter eggs for this event, and a special thanks to Leighton and Joan Knox, Starr and Todd Holland, for bringing the WTS&O Blue Weed Special train to the square for rides. Additionally, thanks to Lynn County Commissioners and County Judge Mike Braddock for allowing the use of the courthouse grounds for this annual event," said Juanell Jones, co-chairman of the event, along with Amy Preston.



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MARCH 20, 2016 IS  
*Palm Sunday*  
THE BEGINNING OF  
HOLY WEEK  
BEFORE EASTER.

### Turkey & Dressing Dinner Fundraiser

12:00-2:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 20th

at the

Lynn County Pioneers

Senior Citizens Center

(S. 3rd & Ave. K, Tahoka)

\$8.00 / plate

Come eat a great meal and support our local senior citizens center!

## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar 8	77	46	0.25"
Mar 9	74	47	0.14"
Mar 10	65	42	
Mar 11	68	39	
Mar 12	72	40	
Mar 13	72	49	
Mar 14	79	47	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	0.23"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.12"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.39"
Total Precip. for 2016:	0.74"

## WE'RE IN THE MONEY!

### City receives official TWDB confirmation of funds ready for waterline project

by JUANELL JONES

The check is in the mail ... or actually, the funds are on their way to city coffers for the city's waterline replacement project, and that means the actual construction phase is just around the corner - finally - for new water lines throughout the entire community. It's been several years in the making, but city officials are pleased that, at long last, the funding for replacing the original antiquated system that has been a maintenance nightmare for years will finally be available.

City Mayor John Baker received a letter on March 4 from the Texas Water Development Board confirming that funding is in the final process, with closing documents included for the \$4,443,000 grant commitment and a \$1,871,000 loan commitment from the Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP) for the City of Tahoka. The loan will be evidenced by TWDB's purchase of \$1,871,000 Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Proposed Series 2015.

"We anticipate the bonds will be sold by the first of April, and the bid process can begin after the bonds are sold," said Mayor John Baker. "The bid process should take four weeks, and it will probably be June or July before the construction begins."

He told *The News* that during the construction phase the new lines will be laid parallel to the current lines, and that new meters will replace current meters in the same locations they are currently situated.

"We are already starting the process of replacing water meters with the new smart meters," said Baker, noting that the meter project is funded from approximately \$600,000 of the \$1.8 million loan.

He warned citizens that when the actual construction begins, "then we will be tearing up and making messes all over the city" as the new waterlines are laid.

Baker said the new system is designed with four loops, fed from two

(See WATERLINE PROJECT, page 3)



Incoming ... Tahoka pitcher John Quinonez hurls one towards the plate, as the Bulldogs played Nazareth at the Slaton tournament last weekend. Catcher for the Bulldogs is Nick Arce, Britt Lockaby plays short (far left), and Tristen Tipton is the center in the outfield. The Dogs played well, but dropped the game 13-11. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

## ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG

### Volunteers sought for excavation project at Tahoka Lake Pasture campsite dig

Want to dig at an archeological site, right here in Lynn County? Volunteers are being sought to assist the Lubbock Lake Landmark Regional Research Team in the continuing excavation of a hunter-gatherer campsite overlooking Tahoka Lake. The week-long archeological project will be conducted May 9-13.

"Volunteers will help in all aspects of the excavation including digging with trowels, screening matrix, taking notes, mapping, etc.," explained Dr. Stance Hurst, Regional Field Manager for Lubbock Lake Landmark.

"Essentially they will be working

with us in doing the work at the site. We are working on a campsite that was recently uncovered. We expect to find such things as hearthstones, stone tools, and the remains of flaked stone from making and maintaining stone tools. We do not know yet the age of the site or

its main purpose, as this is exploratory at this point," added Dr. Hurst.

Volunteers must apply now through an application form, and if approved will be assigned to a work time that fits their schedules, from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. May 9-13. Volunteers must be 15 years or older and have an interest in archaeology. Anyone interested in helping with this work should contact Clyde May at Tahoka Lake Pasture at 806-327-5434 for a volunteer application form.

Applications can be mailed, faxed or emailed to Susan Rowe, Community Volunteer Coordinator, Lubbock Lake Landmark, Museum of Texas Tech University, Box 43191, Lubbock, TX 79409-3191, or email landmark.education@ttu.edu or call 806-742-1116. Please specify volunteering for Tahoka Lake.

For more information, questions may be emailed to Dr. Hurst at stance.hurst@ttu.edu, or call him at 806-742-1117.



Archaeological researchers from the Lubbock Lake Landmark Regional Research Program have confirmed by analyzing layers of strata surrounding Tahoka Lake, the presence of soil types, animals and plants dating to before the last Ice Age 36,000 years before the present (BP). Volunteers are being sought to help with the next dig.



Now that's funny!

"If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments."

- FLIP WILSON



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Obituaries



**Alicia Moreno Gonzalez**

Rosary for Alicia Moreno Gonzalez, 80, of Lubbock, was held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 10 at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel in Lubbock. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 11, at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka with Monsignor Jim O'Connor officiating. Burial was at Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home and Chapel. She died on Wednesday March 9, 2016 at her residence.

She was born on April 16, 1935 in Mexico to Jesus and Anita Moreno. She married Juan Juarez Gonzalez, November 27, 1950 in Roby. She was a homemaker. She was faithful in the church as she served as a Guadalupe and in the Cursista.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Juan Juarez Gonzalez; one son, Antonio Gonzalez; a daughter Anita Gonzalez; five brothers Jose Moreno, Saragosa Moreno, Roberto Moreno, Rogelio Moreno and Jesus Moreno; four sisters, Anita Moreno, Tomasa Corella, Isabel Salas and Irene Delgado; three grandsons David Angelo Salas, Angel Arriaga and Andrew Arriaga.

She is survived by five sons, Ascensio Gonzales of Tahoka, Rafael Gonzalez of Lubbock, Jose Luis Gonzales of Kyle,

Ernesto Gonzales of Slaton, Carmelo Gonzales of New Braunfels; four daughters, Mary Helen Valdez of Tahoka, Maria Isabel Rodriguez of Lubbock, Elida Brewer of Kyle, Carolina Torres of Slaton; one brother, Jose Moreno of Mexico; two sisters, Maria Moreno of Kyle, Albessa Moreno of Mexico; 17 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.



**Madeline Cox Hegi**

On March 7 at the age of almost 105, Madeline Cox Hegi—a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, teacher and community leader—went to be with her Heavenly Father and to reunite with many friends and Pete, her beloved husband of 55 years. Throughout her life, she was a dedicated teacher who loved children of all ages. Known simply as "Madeline" by children and adults alike, she grew up on a farm near Goodrich in eastern Kansas. Madeline rode her horse, Flory, five miles to school each day. After graduating from high school, she attended college at West Texas State Teachers College. She then began a life of teaching that lasted in one form or another until she was 98 years old.

Her first teaching job was as a home demonstration agent in Dawson County, Texas where she taught rural women how to

become self-sufficient. Madeline then spent 29 years teaching in the Tahoka, Texas school system. In 1964, the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs named her the Teacher of the Year for the State of Texas. After her retirement in 1974 and in recognition of her commitment to young women, the Tahoka home economics chapter was renamed the Madeline Hegi FHA Chapter and the home economics building was named the Madeline Hegi Family and Consumer Science Building. In 1997, her family honored her by establishing the Madeline Hegi Scholarship Fund for graduating Tahoka seniors to provide college opportunities for deserving youth. Thus far, 71 students have benefited from receiving her four-year scholarships.

Although she retired from the Tahoka school system in 1974, Madeline remained actively teaching youth for 24 more years through Kids for Christ (KC's), where up to 70, fourth through sixth graders would eagerly meet at her home every other Wednesday for cinnamon rolls, punch, Bible studies and important life lessons. Over the years, she helped bring hundreds of kids to Christ at a pivotal point in their lives. For many years, she also was a counselor and camp grandmother (known as Grandmother Bear) at Ceta Canyon Methodist Youth Camp. She was also grandmother extraordinaire and "Hegi Camp leader" for her grandsons, whom she called "her four little boys."

Throughout her life, Madeline was a champion for healthy living. Decades before vitamins, juicing and exercise were in vogue, Madeline was an early adopter and evangelist. She believed the secret to healthy lifetime memory was to have strong blood flow to the brain—so every night until she was 88, she stood on her head to increase that flow. She was truly a living testament of 1 Corinthians

A look back at ...  
**Woodwork**

THE OLDER we get, the more time and money we spend trying to stay healthy, or to get well. This is a natural process, because the older we get, starting with the day we are born, the more things are going to make us unwell. Granted, many of these things are our own fault, because of our lifestyles, what we eat, who we run around with, how many crimes we try to commit and how often we try to beat the traffic light when it turns yellow.

Many of the MRIs, angiograms, hysterectomies, prostate operations and other things are not needed, but we do them anyway because we want the assurance that we are okay (and doctors order them because they want to be sure they won't get sued later on for not ordering the tests). But hey, like the old saying, "just because I'm paranoid doesn't mean they're not out to get me," we want to stay as healthy as we can.

During July, I had four appointments with three different doctors, too many for one month. One was a nice lady, one was a good guy and the third one possibly is an Arab terrorist, but only his name suggests he might be less than the pleasant fellow he appears to be.

Anyway, I'm thankful we have these experts to consult with, because I really want to know, even though seeing a doctor can be hazardous to your health.

And your wealth.

FROM my e-mail comes a list of alleged facts the sender thought I wouldn't know. She's right, for the most part, but I still can't vouch for the truth of all these things. Here are some of them:

- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our noses and ears never stop growing. (Some more than others).
- Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear. (So who cares?)
- A goldfish has a memory span of about three seconds. (As time passes, I understand this better).

6:19-20—treating your body as a temple.

Madeline was preceded in death in 1990 by her husband.

She is survived by her two sons, John and Fred, and their wives, Sharon and Jan, four grandsons (John, Peter, Tom, and Brian) and nine great-grandchildren as well as a brother, Lindley Cox. Many would believe she is also survived by thousands of students whose lives she influenced through her long teaching career.

The Hegi family thanks the wonderful staff and caregivers at Lynnwood for the extraordinary love and care given Madeline during the past six years.

Her family had a private burial on March 11. On March 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the First Methodist Church of Tahoka, there will be a celebration of Madeline's life. Her family hopes that all who were touched by her life can join in that celebration.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be given to the Madeline Hegi Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation of West Texas, Ceta Canyon Methodist Youth Camp or the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka - Endowment Fund.

Please celebrate the life of Madeline by visiting [www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com) (PATD)

The Lynn County  
**Tax Assessor-Collector**

office is located on the west side of the square across from the Courthouse at 1521 Ave. J in Tahoka.  
**561-4112**

The Lynn County  
**Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1**

office is located on U.S. 380 at 905 Lockwood in Tahoka.  
**561-4337**

**Green Memorial Park Cemetery**

Green Memorial Park Cemetery will have its annual **DONATION DRIVE** during the month of March.

Funds may be deposited directly in First Bank & Trust or mailed to Green Memorial Park Cemetery, P.O. Box 102, Wilson, Texas 79381.

The board of directors—Servando Benavidez, Oscar Follis, Lester Gickhorn, Carolyn Klaus and Dennis Moore—would like to thank each of you for your past contributions and ask for your support to help keep the cemetery neat and attractive.

For cemetery gravesite purchases or information, contact Dennis Moore at 252, 7465 or Servando Benavidez at 392-3724.

**God's Clothes Closet**

OPEN at 9:00 am every 1st & 3rd SATURDAY of the month for those needing clothing. (Please use West entrance.)

**TAHOKA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
2520 Lockwood  
(Donations accepted any time in the outside bins.)

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

**New Home Church of Christ**  
234 N. Main • Box 156 • New Home, Tx 79365 • (806) 924-7575  
MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON  
Bible Class - 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship Service - 10:45 am  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00 pm

**NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Corner of 4th & Smith • Pastor: Larry Maddox  
"Serving the Lord for 100 Years"  
SERVICES:  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11:00 am  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm  
Wed. Youth/Children's Activities ..... 7:00 pm

**New Home United Methodist Church**  
CURTIS SCHRADER, Pastor  
(575) 802-2947  
CurtisSchrader@live.com  
350 N. Main • New Home, Tx 79383  
(806) 924-7549  
Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

**Grassland Nazarene Church**  
2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5636, 327-5655  
PASTOR: Rev. James Miller  
Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am  
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm

**First Baptist Church**  
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373  
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbc.tahoka.org  
PASTOR: BILL FULLER  
Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am  
SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday  
Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule  
There's A Place For Me at FBC!

**Sweet Street Baptist Church**  
1390 AVENUE J • BOX 151 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-5310  
DAVID EARNEST, PASTOR • (806) 418-1155  
Sunday School - 9:45 am  
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)  
Morning Worship - 10:30 am  
(Singing Music - Message from God's Word)  
Wednesday Night - 7 pm  
Prayer & Bible Study Children & Youth Ministry  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**He is Risen!!!**  
"He is risen!" Mark 16:6  
"He is not here, for he is risen!" Matthew 28:6  
"He is not here, but is risen!" Luke 24:6  
The 27th of this month, March, we celebrate Easter, and it's more than bunnies and eggs! We celebrate the risen Christ! Jesus Christ is risen!!! We have three of the Gospels that make this amazing declaration to the world, that Jesus is risen! Jesus rose from the grave, the tomb ... three days after He was savagely tortured and crucified, and died on the cross! Just as He said He would! Jesus Christ is risen, and His Holy Spirit lives today for each of us! Does the Spirit live in you? Jesus Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

Do you need a church home? Please visit one of the churches listed on this page.  
May the peace and love of God, in Christ, be with you.  
Curtis Schrader, Pastor  
New Home United Methodist Church

**TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church**  
1025 S. Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373 • Office (806) 561-4438  
VISITING PASTOR: MOTHERSIGNED GERRY LEATHMAN  
DEACON: PETE PARRAGUAI, 463-4177  
Sunday Mass - 11:00 am • Mondays 6:00 pm • ACTS Conf Small Group • Rosary Tuesdays 6:00 pm  
Communion Service Wednesdays 6:00 pm  
CIC Wednesdays at 6:30 pm • RCIA Thursdays at 7:00 pm  
Fridays at 9:30 pm • Offices of the Catechists

**TAHOKA Church of Christ**  
2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373  
(806) 561-4050 • www.chc.tahoka.com  
PULPIT MINISTER: STEVEN BONNER  
Sunday School - 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship - 11 am  
Palmolive & Devotions - Wednesday 6:10 pm

**Wilson St. John Lutheran Church**  
13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573  
Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.  
TONDA FREITAG, PLM  
Sunday School - 9:30 am • Sunday Worship - 10:45 am

**Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381  
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com  
PASTOR: DAVID W. RODE  
Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am  
"Where Christ Serves People"

**Wilson First Baptist Church**  
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333  
PASTOR: BILLY PARMER  
Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm  
Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday  
6:30 pm Wednesdays  
Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages  
• Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth

**Draw First United Methodist Church**  
(established 1907)  
P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351  
Phone (806) 438-3157  
PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS  
Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

**Tahoka Trinity Church**  
1825 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317  
PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD  
Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am  
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm  
Youth - Sundays at 7 pm  
For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317

**First Methodist of Tahoka**  
1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4001  
Wily Events Pastor • email: fmc.tahoka@poka.com  
SUNDAYS: Sunday School - 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)  
"Like" our facebook page - facebook.com/17MoTahoka  
**Let the Children Come** • 7 am-6 pm, 561-4329

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# DO NOT CROSS THIS PASTURE

Unless You Can Do It In 9 Seconds, Because The Bull Can Do It In 10.

I take no pleasure in telling this sordid tale.



By JIMMIE CROUCH of the infamous Harmony Gang, c. 1950 (New Moore Literary Society)

In the early '50's, Panhandle communities were overrun by gangs of marauding, pillaging, screaming farm children. The Harmony community, down south by the county line, was no different, maybe worse. Mostly, the gangs were pre-war or post-war babies, the results of some happy returning soldier coming home from Europe or the Pacific. Some, though doubtful, were actually planned for, but they just kept coming...hordes of them. And as they grew up, as the countryside became more populated, they began forming roving gangs of barefooted, snout-nosed friends, throwing anything and everything they could get their hands on. A good throwing arm and two strong legs to get away were the most important weapons in the hood.

On the farm, throwing things was at the center of life and entertainment. A high art form practiced by all. Like David and Goliath of an earlier time, weapons of choice were clods, rocks, sticks, corn stalks, boards, farm tools, tomatoes, eggs, even shoes if necessary. Then run like crazy, also known as "runnin' like the dickens". (No idea).

Anyway, all this begs the question of: Throwing at what? And why?

Well, bulls. Why? Because they were big.

Every farm and homestead had a few head of cattle, some for milk, some for beef, some for pets, some for kids' target practice. And the hoof stock knew it. They weren't the dumbest animals on the farm, although you could've fooled me. They felt like someone had painted a big round target on them, and they came to be very spooky of kids. Even mean. Let's face, bulls hated kids. And since the bulls were the biggest and baddest of the herd, the top kid hater, so became our logical number one target. It was a chicken and egg thing...that's another story, but I shan't digress.

But the bulls had one critical advantage. The pasture. Usually

big, wide Texas pastures. During the day the bulls ranged all across their realm, the pasture, on alert for trespassers. And kids or any other uninformed, dam-fool walking folk needed to know the exact boundaries of that pasture. Precisely. This was accomplished by little kids taking turns racing across the pasture when the bulls weren't there, thereby each establishing a timing record, some of which was near equivalent to Olympic speeds. There were short-sprinter pastures, quarter-miler pastures, miler-pastures, all kinds of timing for all kinds of pastures. And you needed to know each. Exactly.

Then the bulls would be timed on how fast they could race across the pasture, usually in pursuit of the dumbest or youngest kid in the gang who was picked to be the guinea pig racer to time the bulls. Like Pamplona in Spain, the 'running of the bulls', except by kids who learned that life often does flash before their eyes when fleeing imminent extinction in the form of a half ton of mad beef pounding the earth right behind you. Yep, the fact that we all survived is a testament to how much adrenalin can kick in when there's a great big bull closing in on you and that fence line. Texans can be fast when they need to.

This then, right here on the Plains, gave birth to the hilarious Internet joke roadsign you may have seen that says... "because the bull can do it in 10". This is early farm wisdom at it's most fundamental: Know your time. To us, it was life or death. It really never occurred to us that we were early pre-computer thought leaders cre-



A tough crowd... The infamous, marauding Harmony Gang of 1950's, was known for carnage and yelling throughout Dawson and Lynn Counties. Some are thought to still be hiding in the area, parading as respectable citizens. From front to back: (1st row) Bobby Joe Furlow, Unidentified (probably Bobby Mack Furlow?), Mickey Pearce, Danny "Smokin' Joe" Furlow; (2nd row) Jana Furlow, Jimmie Crouch; (3rd row) Ringleaders Judy Furlow, Melba Jo Furlow and Linda Crouch (they were always the last to get caught).

ating "dumb jokes and stuff to watch on Facebook", an onerous new technology now spreading like wildfire across the world and fooling people into thinking they actually have friends.

I still remember the speed trials. Mickey Pearce and Bobby Joe Furlow were both 90's. Melba Jo Furlow was always fastest at 8.5 secs. (She practiced a lot by chasing down little boys at recess and kissing them...the worst fate ever). Judy Furlow and I were cutting it close, 9.65 secs, had some close calls, sliding under the bob war fence like a baseball player stealing home. My older sister Linda somehow didn't require a time, since she was the one who picked the younger kids for the time trials. She would just sit back and suck on her lemon with a lick of salt, and see who survived.

**About the Author:** Jim Crouch grew up in the Harmony community south of O'Donnell and attended the O'Donnell School. He remembers the drought. He is nationally recognized as a successful leading partner in a prominent firm of advertising and marketing graphic design on the west coast. Jim is currently retired and lives close to the beach in Del Mar, California with his family.

The New Moore Literary Society Lynn County has produced more than its share of writers. The New Moore Literary Society recognizes those literary types from Lynn County who have published and are still living. From time to time one of these writers will submit an article to the Lynn County News.

## Waterline project ...

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different directions, that can be turned off by sections for maintenance as needed. Currently, the waterlines underneath city streets are all on one continuous line, which is why anytime a break occurs that the city water system is completely shut down, causing hardships to the citizens and businesses in town.

"It's been six long years working on getting the funds for this project," Baker told *The News*. "I am very pleased that, at long last, we can actually see that the funds are in place and the actual work can begin."

## Wilson Community Easter Egg Hunt set for March 26

Wilson area residents are invited to the Wilson City Park on Saturday, March 26 at 12 noon for a Community Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Dog Cookout.

The event will begin with a special performance by P.B. 'n' J., the puppet team from St. John Lutheran Church. The Egg Hunt will begin shortly after that for children who are walking through age 12. Hot dogs, drinks and sweets will be available following the egg hunt. Those attending are invited to bring lawn chairs to enjoy the festivities.

Come join the fun at this special event sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church.

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Learn more about fixing leaks, find a certified irrigation professional, or search for WaterSense labeled plumbing and irrigation products: [www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak).

## EPA needs leak detectives in Texas

Every year more than one trillion gallons of water are wasted by easy-to-fix household leaks. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is encouraging consumers to "Be a leak detective" during WaterSense's eighth annual Fix a Leak Week, March 14-20, 2016.

"Water conservation continues to be the most cost-effective and environmentally sound way to reduce our demand for water," said EPA regional administrator Ron Curry. "By making a few small changes to our daily routines, we can save a significant amount of water and help conserve valuable water supplies."

EPA Fix a Leak Week tips include:

- **Check for leaks:** Look for dripping faucets, showerheads, and fixture connections. Also check toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank at the back of the toilet and wait 10 minutes before flushing to see if color shows up in the bowl. If you saw color, you probably need a new toilet flapper, which is an easy repair to make. Check irrigation systems and spigots too.
- **Twist and tighten pipe connections:** If your showerhead is dripping, make sure there is a tight connection be-

tween the showerhead and the pipe stem. It may just need a twist to tighten or some pipe tape to secure it.

WaterSense, a partnership program sponsored by EPA, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by offering people a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products, new homes, and services. Since the program's inception in 2006, WaterSense has helped consumers save 1.1 trillion gallons of water and \$21.7 billion in water and

### New Home School Menu

**March 21-25 Breakfast**  
**Monday:** Waffles, Sausage/Cereal, toast  
**Tuesday:** Biscuit, scrambled eggs/Strudel, cheese stick  
**Wednesday:** Cinnamon roll, bacon/ cereal, toast  
**Thursday:** Sausage, egg & cheese pretzel sandwich/PBJ  
**Friday:** N/A

**Lunch**  
**Monday:** Pizza/Burgers, oven fries  
**Tuesday:** Thai Chicken, egg roll, brown rice/ Ham & Cheese on pretzel bun  
**Wednesday:** Chicken Alfredo/ Meatball Sub/Tuna Salad  
**Thursday:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/Chicken bowl  
**Friday:** Fish Strips, Texas toast/ BBQ on bun/Santa Fe Salad  
**Fresh fruit & vegetable bar available daily**

### Tahoka School Menu

**March 21-25 Breakfast**  
**Monday:** Froot Loops  
**Tuesday:** Morning Sausage roll  
**Wednesday:** Mini bagels  
**Thursday:** Chocolate Chip Muffin  
**Friday:** Pancake on a stick

**Lunch**  
**Monday:** Chicken Nuggets/BBQ Sandwich/ Fish Patty Sandwich  
**Tuesday:** Pepperoni Pizza/Coney Dog/Cheeseburger  
**Wednesday:** Grilled Cheese w/ Tomato soup/Pasta Primavera/ Breaded Chicken sandwich  
**Thursday:** Hamburger/Cheese Pizza/Chicken Tacos  
**Friday:** Orange Chicken/Turkey & Cheese Sandwich/Cheesy Nacho  
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**Fridays: Texas Nachos**  
 Served with chili, cheese, jalapenos, onions, lettuce & tomatoes

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Call for directions: Pat Cates, 806-628-0180 or Nancy Walker, 806-632-3049

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**Easter Sunday, March 27**  
 6:00 am til 7:30: Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate & Donuts at the TLP Visitor's Center  
 7:30 am: **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** You are welcome to return to the Visitor's Center until 8:30 a.m.  
 9:45 am: **EASTER EGG HUNT** on the front lawn of the First Baptist Church, 1403 13th Street, Wilson  
 11:00 am: **EASTER MORNING WORSHIP** service with special puppet ministry during children's sermon  
 Call for directions: Clyde May, 806-327-5434; Pat Cates, 806-628-0180 or Nancy Walker, 806-632-3049

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**Bronze winners ...** The Tahoka Lady Bulldogs softball team won the Bronze Bracket at the Snyder Tournament over the weekend.

## Letters to the Editor

### Remembering Madeline Hegl

As you all probably know by now, our Madeline died last week. She was 104. She is survived by her two wonderful sons, and thousands of daughters, of which I am one. As our Home Economic's teacher, she taught us, "A place for everything and everything in its place." When I reminded her of that several years ago, she laughed and said, "Hope you'll always do as I say, not as I do."

She taught us to sew (I still have my pot-holder, which was our first creation), to make a bed with those new-fangled fitted sheets, to bathe a baby, to iron (collars first, then sleeves, etc.). One of her classes actually chose the name of my sister-in-law, Penny Rene Norman ... no kidding! She couldn't help it, she loved us so much she cried if we disappointed her, and believe me ... we tried very hard NOT to disappoint her. She was concerned that my father (mine didn't live in Tahoka) couldn't be there for the father-daughter dinner, so she made me the entertainment for the evening.

We learned to change a diaper, cook basic dishes, and stand up for what we knew as right. She even gave us her gentle version the birds & bees "talk". That sent us into gales of giggles after class, but as a result, most of us were better informed. She was responsible for several girls getting "full rides" to college, and not one of those girls let her down. I taught my daughter as many of the things she taught me that I could remember. I could go on and on and on.

As a "senior citizen" myself, it's hard to believe that the death of a woman who touched my life so very, very long ago can bring me to tears. Her practical and heart-felt legacies/lessons will be passed down through generations; thus they/she will live forever. Thank Heaven she was such an important part of our young lives. I am a better person because Madeline Hegl lived.

— MaryJane McCord

## Rollover, theft of tractor reported in Lynn County

Lynn County Sheriff's Office reported a one-vehicle rollover last Thursday morning, March 10, just south of Hwy. 380 on FM 3112 at 10:20 a.m. Driver of the white Nissan SUV was Mark Eaker, 29, of New Mexico. No injuries were reported.

Last Friday afternoon, J.E. Nance reported the theft of a Kubota tractor from a barn located three miles north of Tahoka. No value was reported on the tractor. An investigation continues in the case.

Tahoka Police Dept. was called in response to a burglary last Sunday, in the 1000 block of Ave. D, where an unknown suspect entered by pushing in the front door of a home where no one was living at the time. Reported missing were a box of 300 DVDs, a silver Pro Air air compressor, and five machetes.

On Monday night, police responded to a criminal mischief/assault complaint, when a man told officers that two other

men had assaulted him and also broken the driver's side window of his vehicle at a residence in the 2000 block of N. 4th Street. Both suspects were located and admitted to the assault, and one suspect admitted to the criminal mischief. The case has been referred to the County Attorney's office for warrants of arrest.

Lynn County Jail held 33 inmates this week, including 2 for Dawson County, 16 for Ector, and 15 for Lynn County. Local charges included one for driving while license suspended/invalid, and one for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

### Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

Phebe K Warner Club will meet March 22 at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka. Youth Writing contest winners will present the program. Their family and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Caprock District Spring Convention will meet April 2, at 9 a.m. at the City of Tahoka meeting room, (formerly the Lyntegar Reddy Room), 1807 Main Street, (enter through back door). Sandy Conway, Texas State President of Federated Women's Clubs, will present the program and install new officers for 2016-2018. All members of Federated Women's Clubs are urged to attend and visitors are welcome. Lunch will be provided.

### NEWS from the Library

**Preschool Story Time, Easter Egg Treasure Hunt**  
Don't miss our special Story Time Wednesday, March 23rd at 10:30 a.m.

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The Preschoolers will learn about colors while hunting Easter eggs at our Easter Egg Treasure Hunt. After the egg hunt the kids will get to pet Cheetos the Easter Bunny, who will have something special for each preschooler who comes to Story Time.

**Book Sale Fundraiser**  
The Library's Spring Book Sale Fundraiser is scheduled for April 14-15. All funds raised at the book sale will be used for Library programs. If you have books, audio books, DVDs or VHS tapes, please think of donating them to the Library.

**Library Art Exhibit**  
The Library's Art Exhibit is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Our art students have been working hard to get ready for this special evening. The public is invited to come view the wonderful pieces of art that will be on display at the Art Exhibit.

**Teacher appreciation sponsored by Xcel Energy**  
We will be honoring our teachers in Lynn County again this year thanks to the generous donation from Xcel Energy. This year one teacher from New Home, O'Donnell, Tahoka and Wilson Elementary Schools will each win \$100 cash and one Junior High/High School teacher from each Lynn County school will also win \$100 cash.

Every student in Lynn County Schools gets a free vote for their favorite teacher. For every checkout at the Library additional votes can be made.

Every Lynn County teacher that books a field trip in the month of May will get additional votes for themselves. Voting and field trip booking will begin Monday, April 4th and will end Friday, April 22nd. Call the Library at 561-4050 to check dates and times available for field trips.

**March is Youth Art Month**  
Encourage creativity in our youth!

## County Agent Chris Green resigns; citizen concerned about water issue

by JUANELL JONES

Chris Green, Texas Agri-Life Extension Agent-Ag for Lynn County, has resigned his position here, according to information from Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock in Monday's meeting of the Lynn County Commissioners. Green submitted a letter of resignation on Feb. 29, effective March 1. He has been at the post for less than a year, starting June 1, 2015.

Commissioners took action Monday to approve an agreement that Lynn County would support the county's portion of funding another ag agent, when the position is filled. Lynn County normally has two agents. Currently, Extension Agent Wendy Scott continues to provide all Agri-Life services for Lynn County.

In other business at Monday's meeting, Lynn County citizen Jamie Holdren presented information regarding County Road EE, telling commissioners that an adjacent landowner had diverted the natural water flow in a manner that affected Holdren's property and also forced water across a county road, and asking commissioners if the county had any authority in the matter. Commissioners told Holdren that they have no authority over conditions on private property, but that Commissioner John Hawthorne, who was absent from the meeting, would look into the matter concerning the county road. County Attorney Rebekah Filley advised

Holdren that one option might be to discuss the water diversion issue with a private attorney as a civil matter, if he so chose.

Also addressing the court regarding county roads was Perry Haney, who told commissioners that County Roads FF and 22 were in poor condition and stating that "the road hasn't been re-calched in I don't know how long." He also accused Pet. 2 Commissioner Keith Wied of being unable to assess the condition of the road because "he no longer lives here." Wied responded that he maintains a residence in Wilson, and also stated that he believed the roads in question were in better condition than some of the other roads in the precinct.

Monthly bills were approved. Donna Willis, Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector, informed the court that she would be passing the postage costs back to car dealers for mailing new vehicle license tags, as postal fees for the tags have increased.

Juanell Jones, representing the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce, informed the court that the Chamber's annual Easter Egg Hunt on courthouse grounds would be held on Saturday afternoon, March 26, and thanking them for allowing the county-wide event on the premises. District Clerk Sandra Laws informed the court that a Historical Commission meeting would be held at 6 p.m. March 17. Justice of Peace Nancy Guiliams told the court that she had "invasion of privacy concerns" with the placement of one of the security cameras at her office.

The meeting lasted just under an hour, with County Judge Mike Braddock presiding and commissioners Larry Durham, Don Blair and Keith Wied present, as well as other county officials and visitors.

### Stice named MVP in District 5-2A

Now that all girls basketball teams in the district have completed the 2015-2016 season, the 5-2A All-District Team has been released. Tahoka's Natalie Stice was named the Offensive MVP of the District. Hannah Hammonds and Maci Dimak were 1st team all-district, and Miranda Deleon was all-defensive team. Clarissa Lopez was honorable mention.

Several players were also named to the 5-2A All-Academic Team as well, including Miranda Deleon, Maci Dimak, Andrea Garcez, and Clarissa Lopez.

### Senior Citizen's Menu

**March 21-25**  
**Monday:** Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, watermelon  
**Tuesday:** Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges  
**Wednesday:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, stewed okra, corn, pumpkin square  
**Thursday:** Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, sliced bananas  
**Friday:** Closed (Good Friday)  
**Mark your calendars...**  
• Our Fundraiser is this Sunday, March 20, with Turkey & Dressing and all the fixings for \$8. Call 561-5264 for delivery.

Please join us for a baby shower honoring

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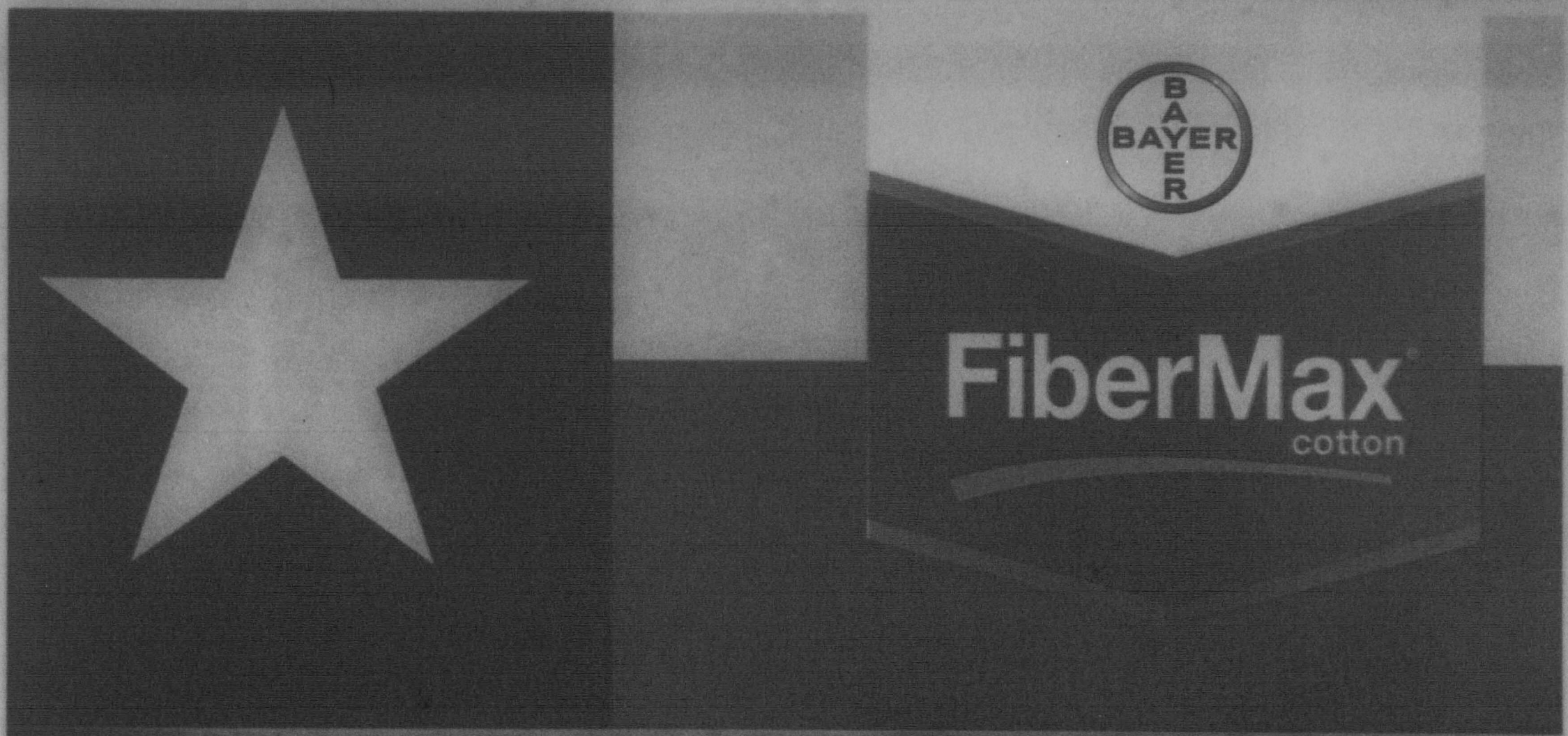
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**Scholarships available for area students**

The Community Foundation of West Texas is accepting applications for the more than 50 scholarships available to area individuals. Through the generosity of individuals and organizations that have set up endowments and scholarships, the Foundation has been awarding scholarships to students throughout the South Plains since 1985. Scholarship awards range from \$250 to \$20,000 and are granted based on specifications set forth by donors.

- Applications are being accepted for the following:
- Lubbock Art Association Scholarship. Deadline: March 21.
  - Advantage Medical Staffing Nursing Scholarship. Deadline: April 15.
  - Woman-to-Woman Scholarship - support for women who are 50 or older and in need of additional education or vocational training.



**Rounding third ...** Tahoka's John Quinonez rounds third base in action against Nazareth in the Slaton baseball tournament held last weekend. Coming up at second is Grant Tekell. Nazareth won the game 13-11.  
*(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)*

Deadline: May 30 & Nov. 15

- West Texas Paralegal Association Scholarship - for students pursuing a degree in a paralegal program. Deadline: July 1.
- Lubbock Manufacturers Scholarship - promotes the study and practice of industrial technologies and metal trades. Deadline: July 15.

Applications and instructions can be found at [www.communityfoundationofwesttexas.org/scholarships](http://www.communityfoundationofwesttexas.org/scholarships).

**Applications for conservation programs being accepted at local NRCS office**

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Matthew Dorsett announces applications for funding opportunities with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) are currently being accepted at the Lynn County NRCS offices, located at 1601 South 2nd Street in Tahoka.

NRCS in Texas has received its initial allocation of EQIP funding for 2016 and will begin ranking and obligating contracts after March 18, 2016. All agriculture producers interested in submitting a contract application for 2016 should do so before this ranking deadline.

EQIP — one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill — is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state and federal regulations.

"EQIP is a valuable tool to help Lynn County's agricultural producers implement conservation practices that provide environmental benefits to help sustain agricultural operations," says Dorsett.

EQIP is a continuous sign-up program that allows landowners or operators to apply for financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices, but the deadline for the first 2016 funding allocation is March 18. Contracts are offered periodically depending on budgetary allocations. Applications made after the deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle. Higher priority will be given to those applications that address national, state and local priorities and provide higher cost efficiency.

EQIP offers technical and financial help to install or implement structural, vegetative, and management practices that can benefit the soil, water, air, plants, livestock, and wildlife. Each county in the state is funded yearly to assist producers financially with these land management practices.

In addition to helping our

environment, Farm Bill conservation program funds support rural communities. In Texas, it is estimated that each dollar of NRCS and private matching expenditures on NRCS conservation programs generates an additional \$2.54 in sales of goods and services locally.

For more information, including eligibility requirements, call the USDA Service Center office in Tahoka at (806) 998-4501. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov).

**Did you know? About the Hula Hoop ...**

The hula hoop gained international popularity in the late 1950s, when a plastic version was successfully marketed by California's Wham-O toy company. In 1957, Richard Knerr and Arthur "Spud" Melin, starting with the idea of Australian bamboo "exercise hoops", manufactured 42-inch hoops with Marlex plastic. With giveaways and national marketing and retailing, a fad was started in July 1958, and 25 million plastic hoops were sold in less than four months, and in two years, sales reached more than 100 million units.

• Carlon Products Corporation was one of the first manufacturers of the hula hoop. During the 1950s, when the hula hoop craze swept the country, Carlon was producing more than 50,000 hula hoops per day. The hoop was inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame at The Strong in Rochester, New York, in 1999.

• The hula hoop craze swept the world, dying out again in the 1980s, but not in China and Russia, where hula hooping and hoop manipulation were adopted by traditional circuses and rhythmic gymnasts.

• The longest verified record holder is Aaron Hibbs from Columbus, Ohio who kept a hoop spinning for 74 hours and 54 minutes between October 22-25, 2009.

• The record for most hula hoops twirled at the same time is 160, by Marawa the Amazing.

**AREA CHILDREN: Come try out your Hula Hoop skills at the Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, Mar. 26 from 1:00-2:00 on the courthouse lawn!**

**From City Hall**

**Canadian River Municipal Water Authority Update:** We are currently getting more water from CRMWA. The repairs are going very well and appear to be ahead of schedule. We are still asking everyone to conserve water where possible.

**Flags:** We are still looking for volunteers for putting out American flags to display on holidays. The flags will be put out in the morning and taken up before dark on each of the holidays. If you have a group or an organization that would be willing to commit to this responsibility please let city hall know. I have started a list and will be glad to put your group or organization on it.

**City Wide Clean Up:** We have scheduled Saturday, April 30th for the next city wide clean up. We can use all the help we can get to make this as successful as the first one. We need pickups, trailers, and able bodied men and women. We will be publishing more information as it gets closer to the date.

**Well #15:** Repairs have been made and it is back on line. Questions? Contact Tahoka City Hall at 806-561-4211.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**GOLDEN SPREAD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE WITH THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF A JOINT PURPA IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Golden Spread") on behalf of itself and its member distribution cooperatives listed below (the "Participating Members") hereby gives this first amended notice of intent to file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") requesting approval of a proposed Joint PURPA Implementation Plan ("Joint Plan") to jointly implement their respective obligations under Section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. § 824a-3) ("PURPA") and under Part 292 of the FERC's Regulations.

The Joint Plan provides that (1) Golden Spread and each Participating Member will interconnect with and operate in parallel with any QF that adheres to applicable rules and regulations pertaining to generator interconnection, (2) on behalf of itself and each Participating Member, Golden Spread will purchase capacity and energy from QFs at a rate equal to Golden Spread's avoided costs, (3) each Participating Member will sell supplementary, back-up and maintenance power to a QF, upon request, on either a firm or interruptible basis, in accordance with the applicable law and the Participating Member's applicable rates, rules, and regulations governing retail service, and on the terms that are consistent with the ones offered to the Participating Member's other customers with similar load or other cost-related characteristics, and (4) no QF will be subject to duplicate charges for interconnection or wheeling solely as a result of selling to Golden Spread and buying from a Participating Member.

In the filing with FERC, Golden Spread, on behalf of itself and the Participating Members, plans to apply for waiver of certain obligations under Section 292.303 of FERC's Regulations which, if granted, would result in all purchases from QFs being made by Golden Spread and all sales to QFs interconnected with the Participating Member electric distribution systems being made by the Participating Members. With respect to South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc., however, Golden Spread will not assume the obligation to purchase power from QFs in the portion of South Plains service territory located in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, where the power is supplied by Brazos Electric Cooperative, Inc. And with respect to Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Golden Spread will not assume the obligation to purchase power from QFs in the portion of Tri-County's where power is supplied by Southwestern Public Service Company.

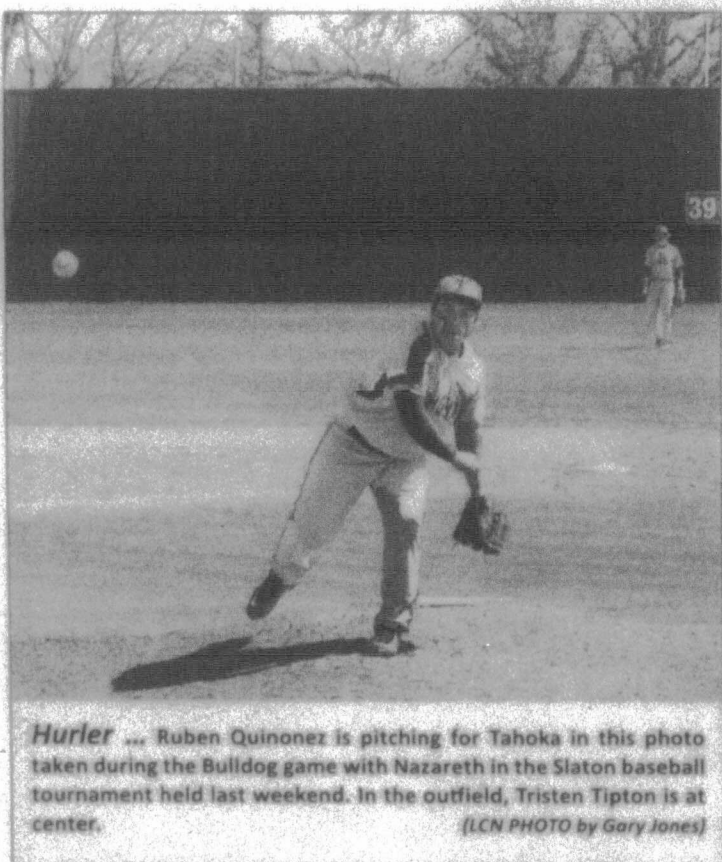
Copies of the proposed Joint Plan will be sent to interested parties upon request. Golden Spread will also accept written comments on the proposed Joint Plan. Golden Spread intends to file for approval of the Joint Plan with FERC on or after March 30, 2016. FERC will publish notice of Golden Spread's filing in the Federal Register following receipt of the filing. That notice will specify that any person desiring to be heard in this matter can make the appropriate filing with the FERC.

Inquiries concerning this matter should be addressed to:

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
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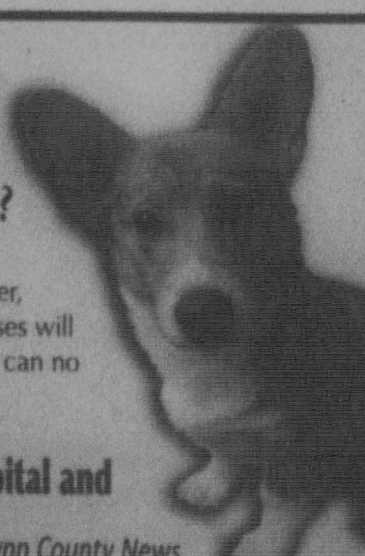
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