

LOCAL DOCTORS DONATE HELMETS TO BIKE SAFETY EVENT

The physicians of Ochiltree County urged local children to be active and help them stay healthy while participating in sports on wheels by giving away 61 free bicycle helmets Tuesday, July 16, at a Bike Safety Workshop hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension at the Ochiltree County Expo Center.

The Ochiltree County bicycle helmet giveaway was part of a statewide effort - Hard Hats for Little Heads - launched by the Texas Medical Association (TMA) in 1994. The program promotes fun exercise and teaches parents and children about the importance of wearing a helmet. The

event was sponsored by our local Family Practitioners – Drs. Mann, Childers, DeWitt, McGaughy and

Medical Association.

Texas physicians encourage wearing a helmet for all sports on wheels - biking,

skateboarding, inline skating, and riding a scooter. And doctors want you to wear the correct helmet for your sport and make sure it fits properly.

Cycling is the No. 1 cause of injury to children aged 14 and younger. Injuries resulting from bicycles, scooters, skateboards, and inline and roller skates account for more than 500,000 emergency department visit annually for children under age 14.

A helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85
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Perryton Fire Chief Paul Dutcher fits a child for a bike helmet at the Bike Safety event. A huge thank you to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Ochiltree Co. 4-H, Perryton EMS and all the other local entities who helped make this event a success.

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WELCOME, LISA BROWN FNP-C!

Ochiltree General Hospital is proud to announce Lisa Brown, FNP-C, is now seeing patients at Teare Memorial Clinic in Booker! Though Lisa has been working in nursing for over 16 years, she made the step to becoming a Nurse Practitioner earlier this spring after graduating from the University of Texas at Arlington with a Master's Degree in Nursing.

"About three years ago I decided I wanted to offer more to our community," Lisa says. "I love the relationships you build with people practicing medicine. I was at a point where I felt like I could offer more to serve our community through medicine."

As part of Lisa's program plan, she spent a great deal of time doing clinicals with local providers Deidre



Floyd, FNP-C; Alyce Morton, FNP-C; Jennifer McGaughy, DO; Rex L. Mann, MD; and Rick Siewert, DO.

"Though the program itself was incredible, nothing can replace shadowing providers who have such a wealth of knowledge," Lisa says. "I

cannot say thank you enough to each of them for taking the time to share their experience with me and to Manon E. Childers III, MD, for serving as my supervising physician."

Teare Memorial Clinic offers full service labs and a range of services including procedures, sick visits, well visits, school physicals and DOT physicals. Lisa would like to thank her husband, Toby, and her children for supporting her throughout the process of receiving her degree and clinicals. She would also like to thank her friends, coworkers, hospital administration and our local doctors for their investment in her while pursuing this goal. 🌾

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percent, yet fewer than half of cyclists wear one when they ride.

The Texas Academy of Family Physicians (TAFP) provided funding for this giveaway. TAFP's support helps family physicians encourage health and safety in more communities

across Texas through Hard Hats for Little Heads.

Since TMA's Hard Hats for Little Heads program began, TMA has given away more than 325,000 helmets to Texas children. Hard Hats for Little Heads is supported in 2019 with a TMA

Foundation grant thanks to its Legacy of Caring and General Endowments, and generous gifts from an anonymous physician and spouse and donors to TMAF's Make-A-Difference and Greatest Need appeals. 🌾

MAKING HEALTH CARE HERE AT HOME A REALITY

I experienced and learned the importance of hope and healing at home as a cancer patient 40 years ago. This started my health care career that has taken me from Harrington Cancer Center to Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, to the Amarillo Area Foundation and now a campaign consultant. That was also when I first met Joyce Courson as she had taken on the responsibility of raising funds in the northern Panhandle to build the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center. With the help of individuals in Ochiltree County, she raised over \$1,000,000.00 and was honored for her incredible effort. It is such a blessing that the new and expanded Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center - Joyce Courson Campus will soon become a reality for residents of the Texas Panhandle and beyond. We all realize that the most advanced treatments and trained

physicians for all health care situations should be available close to home for our families and friends. This is why this capital campaign should be a priority for everyone. The OGH Board of Directors has taken a giant step to move this process forward at this time with an incredible medical staff and expanding services with two physicians returning home with their families to serve their community. The OGH Healthcare Foundation has also been established to receive charitable gifts to maintain and expand medical services. I am also pleased to share that OGH staff members were the first group to make campaign pledges. The OGH Capital Campaign Committee – chaired by Brent Allen and Mary Betty – is moving forward with the Close to Home plan. We are almost to \$2,000,000.00 in cash and pledges with \$1,729,195.00 raised.

We have a pledge commitment to match funds and have plans to reach the \$5,000,000.00 mark with local and area grants. This will put OGH in a position to qualify for state and national healthcare grants to meet the campaign goal. We hope everyone in Ochiltree County will make a gift or pledge of any amount that meets their personal needs in 2019. Pledges may be paid over a 3-year period.

We look forward to working with families and corporations in sharing their gifts to create an incredible facility here at home. We will hold a community meeting in early Fall to update everyone on our progress in making our new hometown facility a reality. 🌾

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Would you like to contribute to the future of local health care?

Here at Ochiltree General Hospital we are dedicated to providing outstanding ethical and professional service while offering the highest standard in health care. With the modernization and expansion of the surgical suite, ancillary services and rural health clinic, OGH will continue providing hope and healing at home, helping vitalize Perryton and surrounding communities for decades to come.

For more information, please visit www.ochiltreehospital.com/oghfoundation or contact Outreach Director Lynsey Mcanally at 806-648-7402.



OGH AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TOGETHER WITH NORTHWEST TEXAS HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

Ochiltree General Hospital recently provided scholarships to Taylor Herring, Callan Kinnard and Judith Valenzuela to be used to pursue studies toward a career in an allied health care profession. Leroy Schaffner presented the scholarship award, of which Ochiltree General Hospital provided \$500.00 in matching funds in addition to those provided by the Northwest Texas Hospital Association.

Judith Valenzuela is studying at Frank Phillips College



with plans to pursue a health care career in a rural area of Texas upon graduating with her Licensed Vocational Nursing certificate.

Callan Kinnard is pursuing her Associate Degree of Nursing at Amarillo College. Callan eventually plans to go on to a university to get her master's degree and become a nurse practitioner specializing in emergency medical services and trauma.

Taylor Herring is studying Surgical Technology to pursue a career in a rural area of Texas. She attends Seward County Community College.

The Northwest Texas Hospital Association established the scholarship program in order to assist smaller communities in the state in their efforts to recruit health care professionals to work in rural hospitals. The Association awarded a total of \$10,000.00 this year to students nominated by member hospitals. Each hospital provides the matching scholarship amount for a total of \$500.00 per student. The Northwest Texas Hospital Association is the oldest association of its kind in the state and is composed of hospitals, businesses and others interested in health care and continuing access to health care. The membership territory covers the area from the Panhandle in the North, to Dallas in the East, El Paso in the West and Kerrville in the South. 🌾

Employee Spotlight BIRTHDAYS

JULY

Brian Chavez - July 2
Leroy Schaffner - July 2
Itzel Olmos - July 5
Rhonda Daniels - July 13
Laci Rodriguez - July 15
Dr. Siewert - July 18
Gerardo Rosales Jr. - July 19
Maggie Vargas - July 22
Mary Martinez - July 24
Kelly Scroggs - July 26
Madeleim Zavala - July 26
Martha Castro - July 28
Justin Parish - July 30
Corina Ramirez - July 30

AUGUST

Evelyn Olvera - August 9
Maria Avalos - August 10
Elena Borunda - August 10
Victoria Yara - August 15
Jacey Irvin - August 19
Carrie Olivarez - August 24
Esmerelda Holguin - August 26
Lisa Brown - August 28
Kirk Courson - August 28
Nick Mancari - August 30
Rhonda Graham - August 31

OGH ANNIVERSARIES

Alexis Lugo Castellanos - 1 Year	Laci Rodriguez - 9 Years
Dr. DeWitt - 1 Year	Lucinda Herrera - 10 Years
Julie Diaz - 1 Year	Shayla King - 10 Years
Taylor Herring - 1 Year	Lyudmyla Battin - 11 Years
Itzel Olmos - 1 Year	Lisa Brown - 13 Years
Leroy Schaffner - 1 Year	Dr. McGaughy - 13 Years
Ashley Boyd - 2 Years	Steph Tarvin - 14 Years
Maria Gonzalez - 2 Years	David Smith - 18 Years
Jennifer Ocon - 2 Years	Jenny Barnes - 19 Years
Jesi Robison - 3 Years	Maggie Vargas - 19 Years
Brenda Armendariz - 4 Years	Carmen Bernal - 27 Years
Crystal Kiehl - 5 Years	Debbie Beck - 28 Years
Julia Buttry - 6 Years	Juanita Ortega - 29 Years
Candace Lizardo - 6 Years	Maria Martinez - 32 Years
Aida Medina - 6 Years	Dr. Childers - 33 Years
Ray Broadbent - 7 Years	Dr. Mann - 34 Years
Kelly Cowan - 8 Years	Pam McWhorter - 36 Years
Crystal Cenicerros - 9 Years	Dr. Siewert - 37 Years

OGH ROCKSTARS

Edna Carnero	Evelyn Olvera
Della Duarte	Tiffany Robicheaux
Adamari Garcia	Opal Romero
Esmerelda Holguin	Cara Stowers
Emily Marquez	Lyndsay Warnke
Laura Martinez	

Upcoming Events

For more information on events and activities at Ochiltree General, please visit our website at www.ochiltreehospital.com or contact Community Outreach Director Lynsey McAnally at 806-648-7402.

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EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Each month Ochiltree General Hospital recognizes one outstanding staff member for their dedicated service to providing quality healthcare in our community. Since June, two more well-deserving staff members have been honored by being named Employee of the Month. The Employee of the Month for June is Alejandra Villalba who has been a member of the Perryton Health Center team since June of 2015.

The Employee of the Month for July is Judy Valenzuela who has been a Quality Improvement team member at Ochiltree General since May of 2017.



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