



A different kind of church service ... It was a sign of these unusual times, and a creative approach by First Baptist Church of Tahoka, who offered Sunday morning worship services at the Tahoka baseball field this week, inviting residents to remain safely in their vehicles for "Drive-in Church at the Ballpark." Worship in prayer and song, and a message of hope in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, was delivered from a trailer set up in the parking area of the ballpark, as worshipers responded by honking their horns at times. FBC is offering the worship services at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays, while canceling all other events and services that are usually held at the church building. "Our world has changed. Who would have thought that our way of life would change so drastically ... If you are anxious, or fearful, or worried - you are not alone, and God is with us," said Pastor Cliff Holdridge during his message. He urged everyone to have faith, pray for one another, and to reach out to each other with phone calls or other social media. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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Did you know?

- It's not just humans who are right or left-handed. Most female cats prefer using their right paw and males are more likely to be left-pawed.
- Mona Lisa was stolen from the Louvre in 1911, which drew more visitors to see the empty space than the actual painting.
- Webster's Dictionary accidentally had a word that didn't exist in it for five years - "Dord".
- There is an insurance policy issued against alien abduction. Around 50,000 policies have been sold, mainly to residents of the U.S. and England.

What's Outside
NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar 17	61	43	0.17"
Mar 18	72	50	
Mar 19	72	36	0.03"
Mar 20	51	34	
Mar 21	42	35	
Mar 22	69	42	0.06"
Mar 23	80	46	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 7 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	0.58"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.48"
Total Precip for Mar:	2.56"
Total Precip. for 2020:	3.62"

No COVID-19 cases confirmed here; LCHD CEO Melanie Richburg under self-isolation restrictions

by JUANELL JONES

As the Coronavirus pandemic continues in the United States, the global impact is now being felt locally, with precautionary measures taking affect, school closures, and businesses prohibiting public access in many locations.

As of Tuesday there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Lynn County. However, one person has taken the COVID-19 test, with test results at this point negative but awaiting confirmation from a state lab, according to Dr. Melanie Richburg, Chief Executive Officer of Lynn County Hospital District.

Dr. Richburg, herself, is currently self-isolated with flu-like symptoms.

In a video message posted Saturday to the LCHD facebook page, Dr. Richburg stated that she is currently self-isolating at home for 14 days, after experiencing symptoms

of the COVID-19 virus, although she did not qualify for COVID-19 testing.

"I am on day 5 of a self-isolation," Dr. Richburg stated in the video. "I was gone for four days beginning on March 12. I became ill with the symptoms of COVID-19 on March 17. I had a negative Strep test, and I had a negative flu test. Because I am healthy and had no known exposure with someone with COVID, I did not qualify for COVID testing, but my medical team advised me to self-isolate at home 14 days.

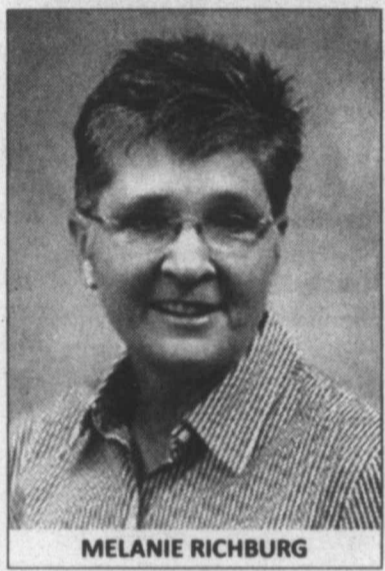
"I am already feeling much better, and I will come back just as soon as I can after my 14 days. Believe me, I wish I was there preparing and helping the LCHD team to prepare to take care of you. But please know they are doing an incredible job," she added.

"At this point I can tell you we

have had no confirmed cases of COVID 19 in Lynn County, but we have not had the need to test anyone but one person so far," Dr. Richburg told *The News* on Monday.

"This is how the testing works right now. There is a checklist of symptoms and exposure that has to have occurred - meaning a person has all the symptoms and has been in contact with someone that tested positive. We have had one person with symptoms and known exposure to someone with the virus. Right now the first screening test was negative. Then that test is sent to the state lab for confirmation, which will take another 2-7 days. So far, the screening was negative and we are waiting on the confirmation," she explained.

In last week's issue of *The News*, Lynn County Hospital District officials released a letter to citizens outlining how to seek



MELANIE RICHBURG

medical assistance if showing any symptoms of COVID-19, and providing an LCHD hotline number - 806-561-2076 - that is available 24-hours-a-day for anyone with questions or concerns about the disease. This number should be called first before seeking medical assistance if showing any symptoms, so that medical staff can pre-screen and direct the patient to the correct location to be treated by medical staff.

According to Dr. Richburg, the Dept. of State Health Services (See COVID-19 UPDATE, page 8)

MASK-MAKERS: Locals finding positive ways to impact their communities

by JUANELL JONES

The world-wide Coronavirus pandemic is alarming, and is causing anxiety and fear among many citizens, along with a feeling of helplessness that any efforts from a lone individual cannot make an impact. In Lynn County, however, there are some women who are making a difference - one mask at a time.

Mary Carpenter, Melba Childress, Donna Stone, Donna Forbis, Rebecca Dimak - and most likely others of whom *The News* is unaware - have been making fabric masks and donating them to local healthcare facilities or first responders, to help with the mask supply. And they are not doing it alone either - they each have a network of friends and community members who are gathering supplies for making the masks, or contributing in other ways, to help with this project.

While the fabric masks are not rated for COVID-19 use, these masks do help by offering additional masks that medical caregivers can use when not in the presence of COVID-19, and therefore saving

their N95 COVID-19 rated masks for that usage. Additionally, caregivers say the fabric masks can be worn over the N95 masks as an extra layer of protection or to prolong the usage of the N95 masks.

Tahoka Kindergarten teacher Rebecca Dimak says she got the idea from a friend who posted it on Facebook, and she found a website that showed how to make the masks.

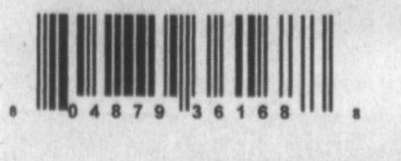
"So, I thought, hey I can do that!" Dimak told *The News*. "I started making them, and the project really has taken off, with so many wanting to help. I also have a few people who wanted them for personal use, for an elderly parent they needed to take to a doctor's

(See MASK MAKERS, page 8)



We love our new masks! ... These staff members at Lynn County Hospital are happy to have new masks given to them, donated by Rebecca Dimak, a Tahoka kindergarten teacher who has made more than 45 masks for hospital and clinic staff. Pictured here are Kendra Donaho (in front), and Pat Barrientez, Tina Marquez and Martha Deleon.

Words of Inspiration: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. -- Isaiah 41:10"



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Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

March 30- April 3

- Monday:** Baked chicken breasts, baked potato, peas, pineapple tidbits
- Tuesday:** Salisbury steak, diced potatoes, english peas, fruit salad
- Wednesday:** Homestyle Lasagna, brussel sprouts, pears
- Thursday:** Chicken fajitas, fajita veg., chuck wagon corn, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail
- Friday:** Baked fish Scandia, red potatoes, coleslaw w/ apple, peach shortcake

NOTICE: The Center is **CLOSED** for dine - in. For curbside pick up (east side) call in before 10 a.m. each day. 561-5264.

Obituaries



Lorena Wuensche

On the early morning of March 20, 2020, the Lord reached down his arms and gathered the soul of His dear child, Lorena Wuensche, to Himself in heaven having allowed her to live 96 years, 5 months, and 8 days on the earth.

Private graveside services were held Monday, March 23, 2020 at Green Memorial Park in Wilson under the direction of Englands Funeral Service. A Celebration of Life service will be at a later date.

Lorena was born October 12, 1923 in Pottsville to Fred and Sophia Kaatz. She spent her life at the side of her husband in every aspect of life whether it be on the farm or in the home. She was dedicated to her family even as it grew, numbering over a hundred with children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. She was also known for her great fried pies, donuts and cinnamon rolls.

Perhaps no aspect of her life was more admired than her faith and trust in her Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. A devoted member of the Lord's church, she was adamant in sharing the Good News of the Savior with everyone who came in contact with her life. She found no greater purpose in life than that others would

know and believe in the forgiveness and eternal life Jesus has won for all the world.

Pastor David Rohde from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wilson, Tx. officiated the service. Lorena was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran in Wilson. She had a close bond with Pastor Rohde. We want to thank Pastor for his faithful weekly visits to mama at Library of Legacies. She looked so forward his visits and the body and blood of Christ given and shed for her for the forgiveness of sins; so she might have life everlasting. Mother departed in peace. Amen.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wilbert; and three great-grandsons.

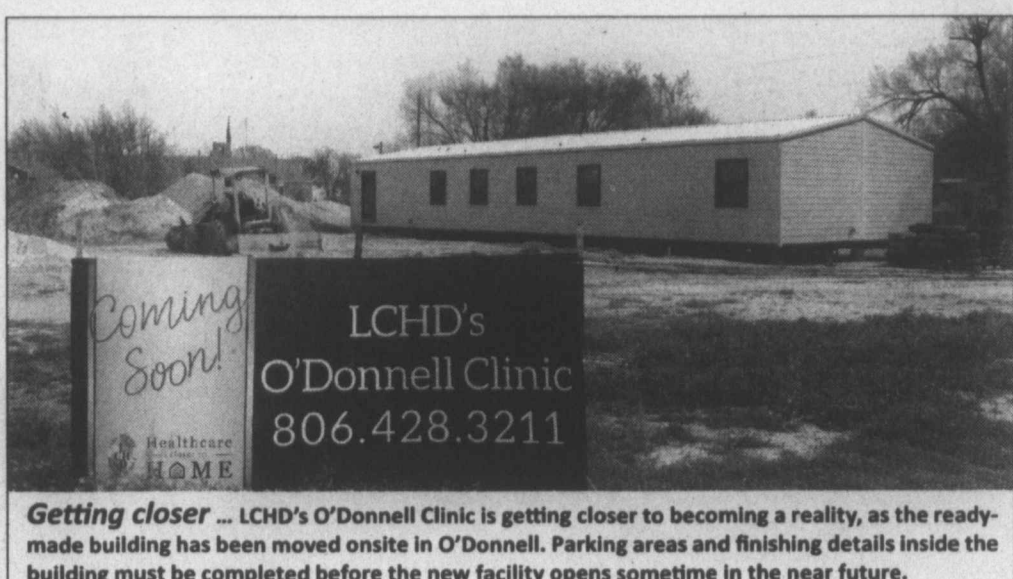
She is survived by a son, James [Janet] of Wilson; five daughters, Geneva Ehlers of Slaton, Barbara [Ray] Ehlers of Lubbock, Marilyn [Tom] Bowers of Austin, Elna Brieger of Lubbock, Karen [Oliver] Thompson of Lubbock; 17 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren, 18 great-great grandchildren; and a host of friends too numerous to count.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Green Memorial Park Cemetery in Wilson.

The family would also like to thank the staff at Library of Legacies and Texas Home Health Hospice for their care and support given to Lorena. (PAID)

LCHD Auction postponed here

The Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Auction benefitting the Lynn County Hospital District (LCHD) Foundation, scheduled for April 18 in Tahoka, has been postponed due to CDC recommendations regarding the COVID-19 precautions. The auction may be rescheduled for a later date.



Getting closer ... LCHD's O'Donnell Clinic is getting closer to becoming a reality, as the ready-made building has been moved onsite in O'Donnell. Parking areas and finishing details inside the building must be completed before the new facility opens sometime in the near future.

Many businesses here remain open, but public access is closed to visitors

by JUANELL JONES

As the Coronavirus pandemic continues in the United States, the global impact is now being felt locally, with many businesses no longer allowing in-person visits to their locations but rather asking patrons to do business by phone or emails if at all possible. As the situation seems to change daily, citizens are encouraged to call any business before visiting to see if there are any restrictions in place.

As with most other areas of the United States, local businesses are following CDC guidelines and recommendations by having employees work from home, restricting visitors to offices by locking front doors, providing curbside or carryout services, or taking other measures to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

By decree of Governor Greg Abbott, citizens should avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people.

Following is a list of businesses and organizations that have provided precautionary measures to *The News*.

Lynn County Hospital: Signage displayed at all entry areas of clinics or hospital, with instructions for public access or services. Call LCHD's COVID-19 hotline at 806-561-2076 at any time if feeling any symptoms of the virus (cough, fever, tiredness or difficulty breathing), for screening or instructions by healthcare professionals as to how to proceed for medical treatment.

LCHD Fitness/Rehab: Gym is closed to public access. Physical Therapy services open but limited to one patient per hour, by appointment only.

Tahoka Drug: Beginning Tuesday, March 24, the pharmacy will be locked to public access but will remain open for business by offering curbside service and deliveries. To pick up prescriptions or other items, call the pharmacy at 806-561-4041 when you park out front, and your items will be brought to your vehicle. Deliveries are still available as normal. Please call in before noon for same-day delivery in Tahoka. O'Donnell deliveries are still offered on Tuesdays.

Lynn County Courthouse: Public access remains open for essential business only, and officials request business be taken care of by phone

or email if at all possible. Should a case of COVID-19 be confirmed in Lynn County, the Courthouse will be locked to public access.

Lynn County Jail: No outside visitors allowed, except attorneys or law enforcement officials. All visitors will be screened with questionnaires. No new out-of-county inmates being accepted.

Lynn County Pioneer Senior Citizens Center: Curbside or home deliveries only, dine-in closed. Call by 10:30 a.m. Mon-Fri for ordering curbside pickup.

First National Bank, Tahoka: Lobby closed to public access. Drive-up banking available 9-6 Mon-Fri. Customers needing other services may call for information, or use FNB's mobile app or online banking.

FirstBank & Trust, Tahoka: Lobbies at all locations closed to public access. Drive-thru banking remains open, as well as online and mobile banking. Call for other banking needs.

State National Bank, O'Donnell: Lobby closed to public access. Drive-up banking available as usual. Call for other banking needs.

Post Office, Tahoka: Lobby open, requesting people keep of minimum of 6 feet between others while in the lobby.

Poka Lambro Telephone: All three offices are closed to the public, access by phone. Customers can pay by drop box out front or online. Call for services.

Lynn County News: Public access allowed, but restricted to front desk. No copies or public fax services available at this time. Request all business be completed by phone if possible. Dropbox available by front door. Should a case of COVID-19 be confirmed in Lynn County, the News Office will be locked to public access.

Lynn County Appraisal District: No public access, business by phone or email only. Dropbox available by front door for payments. Call for services.

Lyntegar Electric Co-operative: Lobby access closed to public. Call for services.

Cash Saver Supermarket, Tahoka: Reduced hours,

now open 8 am-7 pm. Also, limiting purchases on some items.

First Baptist Church, Tahoka: All activities at the church building closed. "Drive-in Church at the Ballpark" offered at Tahoka little league field (South 8th Street) at 10:45 a.m. Sundays, broadcast over loudspeaker system as everyone is asked to remain inside their vehicles for safety. Also streaming a Sunday morning message through Facebook live. Church office closed to visitors.

St. Jude Catholic Church, Tahoka: Sunday morning services broadcast by loud speaker in the church parking lot, remain in vehicles.

First Methodist, Tahoka: Services cancelled this Sunday. Services may resume in church sanctuary next week, with attendees to separate to allow for social distancing.

Local restaurants: Dine-in services closed, but drive-up carryouts available as usual. Call restaurants for information.

Huffaker Law, Walker-Solomon Insurance, and Lynn County Abstract & Title: Lobby/offices open by appointment only. Call ahead for service.

Tahoka/O'Donnell/Wilson City Hall: Lobbies closed to public access. Payments accepted at dropbox, online or by phone. Call for other services.

Moore-Raines Insurance, O'Donnell: Public access available at this time.

City/County Library, Tahoka: Closed to public access. To get a book, please call the library and the book will be placed on a table outside the front entry for pick up. Book returns may be left in the drop box as usual. All programs have been suspended until further notice.

South Plains Implementation, Tahoka: Open to public, but coffee/lounge area closed.

Dollar General, Tahoka: Restricting shoppers to only 15 at a time inside store, locking doors to incoming customers until others leave. Closing at 9 pm instead of 10pm, and allowing senior citizens and those at-risk to have priority shopping the first open hour. Some products limited for purchasing.

An important announcement from
TAHOKA DRUG
Beginning Tuesday, March 24th, 2020
the pharmacy will be locked to public access, but
WE WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Until further notice, will continue serving our community by:

- 1 Curbside Service-** Call the pharmacy at 806-561-4041 when you get here and we will bring your prescription, OTC or gift shop items to you.
- 2 App: Rx2go or Online: www.tahokadrug.com**
Please use the mobile app or online, or automated phone system for refills and that will help lessen phone calls and reserve those for people whom are here to pick up.
- 3 Deliveries -** Deliveries are still available as normal. Please call in before noon for same day delivery in town. O'Donnell deliveries are still offered on Tuesday.

***If you experience any symptoms that you may think is related to the Coronavirus, please do NOT come to the pharmacy or the clinic, CALL the COVID Clinic at 806-561-2076.**

Thank you for understanding we are protecting your health and our employees!

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County's EMC Coordinator requests PPE supplies for first responders

Lynn County Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) Bill Schoemann this week informed *The News* that he has requested masks, gloves, goggles and any other protective gear for all first responders in Lynn County, through the Texas Department of Emergency Management. He is waiting for a response to the request, but says that he anticipates these supplies to be available soon, because of a recent directive by Texas Governor Greg Abbott.

"On March 22, the governor signed an Executive Order for hospitals to increase unused bed capacity without submitting an application or associated fees. This precautionary measure will help ensure Texas hospitals across the state have adequate care capacity for COVID-19 patients. The order allows for increased occupancy of hospital rooms to treat more than one patient in a room. The order also postpones all surgeries that are of non-life saving category or those who would use up personal protective equipment (PPE). The order also creates a Supply Chain Strike Force to ensure all health care facilities have the supplies and

resources they need. The task force will secure the needed personal protective equipment and food for medical personnel, first responders and those who contract COVID-19. This executive order takes effect immediately and remains in effect until April 21," Schoemann said.

Schoemann also sent a letter to the fire chiefs of all four volunteer fire departments in the county, as well as city mayors, with recommended protocols for fire department responders. These protocols relate to responding to grass fires, house fires, wrecks needing the Jaws of Life, limiting training activities, and decontamination/sanitizing procedures.

Additionally, since severe weather season is here, he asks that storm spotters respond only in small groups, and to avoid contact if at all possible with stranded motorists, unless in dire emergency. He also suggests protocols to protect firemen responding to assist EMS.

"Remember, family first," he said. "You want to take every safety precaution necessary so you do not take something back to your family."



Flying saucer ...Franklin Reed flings the discus in the Bulldog Relays hosted in Tahoka recently.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Tahoka Police investigate break-in at Cake Palace

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka Police are investigating a break-in reported at a local bakery, the Cake Palace, located at 1613 Ave. J that occurred last week. The report indicates that the owner called police shortly after 2 a.m. last Wednesday, March 18, reporting that someone had broken into the store. The cash register was reported missing, as well as several other items inside the store, and some damage was reported inside the store as well. This case continues under investigation.

Police also responded to a call reporting an unconscious man at a home in the 1800 block of South 2nd, at 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Upon arrival, police found that a man had apparently hung himself and was deceased. EMS and the Justice of the Peace responded, and John Leija was declared deceased at the scene. Police had no date of birth in the report, but described the man as probably in his late 30s or early 40s. An autopsy was ordered in this case.

Police answered calls for several welfare concerns and domestic disputes, and responded to a call reporting children in a go-kart driving on city roads. Parents were

notified that city ordinances prohibited go-karts from city roadways. Two calls of street racing were taken in the Ave. J area, and a downed powerline was reported in the 1600 block of South 5th last Thursday, which turned out to be a cable/phone line, which was removed from the roadway.

Animal Control was called for a report of a dog biting an adult in the 1700 block of Ave. L on Sunday, and the dog was taken to the shelter for quarantine.

Lynn County Sheriff's Deputies responded to numerous domestic dispute calls during the last week, none of which resulted in any arrests. Several motorists were assisted, and deputies responded to suspicious person/vehicle calls, welfare checks, and one report of a theft.

The theft was reported at 11:03 a.m. on Saturday, at a residence on FM 1054, where the caller said someone had broken into his house and stolen all of his fiancée's belongings and trashed his room.

Lynn County Jail held 34 inmates during the week, including 20 held for Ector County, 1 for Floyd, and 13 for Lynn County.

Driver License offices closing across the state

Governor Greg Abbott has announced that Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Driver License Offices across the state are closing immediately. This temporary closure will not apply to those seeking an initial Commercial Driver License (CDL). DPS offices that provide CDL testing will remain open solely for the purpose of providing initial CDLs. Visits will be by appointment only, and can be scheduled by emailing cdlappointments@dps.texas.gov. This exception will allow commercial drivers to continue to ship goods across the state of Texas.

This announcement follows the Governor's suspension of certain provisions of the Texas Transportation Code to delay the expiration date for driver licenses, commercial driver licenses, and other identification documents.

"Our commercial drivers

are essential to the consistent flow of goods throughout the state, and we will continue to ensure those seeking an initial CDL can do so," said Governor Abbott. "Closing driver license offices to those not seeking an initial CDL is another step the state is taking to encourage social distancing in our communities."

Though expiration dates have been temporarily suspended, individuals seeking to renew their driver license or personal identification certificate during this period should check the DPS website to see if they are eligible to renew online.



Up and over ... Tahoka's Molly Broun makes it up and over in the high jump, during the Bulldog Relays hosted in Tahoka in early March.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Area News

News items from area newspapers

Scurry County residents feel 3.0 earthquake

SNYDER — At 8:09 p.m. Friday, March 13, a 3.0-magnitude earthquake hit the Scurry County town some 9 miles north of Snyder.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the quake occurred 3/4 miles beneath the surface of the earth.

The Scurry County Law Enforcement Center did not receive any calls concerning the earthquake.

The last previous earthquake occurred in October of 2019.

The largest earthquake recorded in Scurry County was on Sept. 1, 2011 and measured 4.3 magnitude.

from the Snyder Daily News

Looking for some



GOOD NEWS

in our communities amid the Coronavirus Pandemic?

The Lynn County News wants to print it!

Let us know about ...

- A good deed you've seen or heard about someone here
- A kindness by your neighbor
- Fun activities you are doing (send us a picture!)
- A Bible verse or uplifting quote
- Students: Who knew I'd miss school! and why ...
- Recommend a good book to read
- What shows are you binge-watching?
- Why my outside space looks amazing now that I have to stay home and I'm looking for something to do!
- And any other tidbit you'd care to share...



Send us a sentence, or a short paragraph, and share the good news!

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Mandated: Gatherings limited to 10 people City, County officials declare local disaster for public health emergency

by **JUANELL JONES**
Both the City of Tahoka and Lynn County Commissioners have taken action to declare a Local State of Disaster due to Public Health Emergency, which will allow access to state and federal funds if available for emergency management and steps taken to ensure public health because of the global pandemic of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Tahoka City Council approved the city's declaration on March 20, signed by Mayor John Baker, and Lynn County Commissioners approved the county's declaration on March 23, signed by County Judge Mike Braddock.

The county declaration limits the size of gatherings to not more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings of more than 10 people until further notice, and allows for a fine of up to \$1,000 or confinement in jail for anyone who intentionally violates this declaration. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.

"The President has issued an emergency declaration, Governor Abbott has issued a declaration and Lynn County Commissioner's Court has issued an emergency health declaration that basically tells its citizens that it is in the best interest of the community to not gather in large groups or congregate in small areas with 10 or more all in efforts to reduce the risks to the people in Lynn County," said Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock

"We want everyone to know that the governing body of Lynn County takes the threat of the Coronavirus seriously and we would hope that everyone else does too. We don't want to tell churches or funeral homes how to operate, but given the guidelines published by the CDC, the President, the Governor, and now the Lynn Commissioners' Court, we would hope they implement the same safety measures to ensure the public safety and minimize risk to our citizens."

The declaration also allows the county authority to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and

occupied structures, regulating ingress and egress from the county or occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, and establishing quarantine stations or emergency hospitals if needed.

At this time, the county has not taken any additional steps affecting the general public, other than limiting the size of gatherings to 10 people or less. Neither the city nor county declaration issues any mandates at this time regarding business closures or enforced shelter-at-home mandates.

"If people will try to abide by the mandates in this declaration, I believe we will get through this difficult time," said Judge Braddock.

Wilson VFD dinner, auction postponed

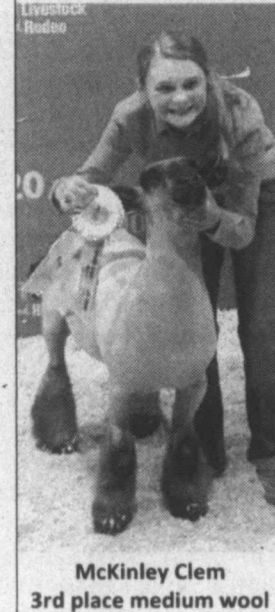
The annual dinner and auction benefiting the Wilson Volunteer Fire Department has been postponed until a later date, due to the recommendations of the CDC. An announcement will be made at a later date when it is rescheduled.

Did you know?

- Brain fibers lose 10% of their total length every decade. They can shrink even more so under acute stress.
- Chewing gum boosts mental proficiency and is considered a better test aid than caffeine – but nobody knows why.
- In Japan, Domino's started testing pizza delivery via reindeer in 2016.



Rayna Epley-9th place goat



McKinley Clem
3rd place medium wool



Kyle Gill
7th place
medium wool

New Home Happenings

by Denise Sherrrod

City Hall

During this time of the Great Social Distancing, New Home City Hall is closed for casual congregating but still doing business as usual. Water, sewer, and garbage services are moving swimmingly. With the toilet paper still as rare as gold coins, the sewer may be working better than ever.

Blessing Box

Who would have guessed, when the New Home Lady Leopards put a Blessing Box out, how necessary it might become? If you have extra, unexpired, non-perishables or paper goods, please put them in the box in front of City Hall. If they won't fit, knock on the door and run, and someone will cautiously step

outside and take care of them. Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Maybe not mine because my dog is really bored and barks right now, but be somebody's neighbor. Check on yours, especially if they are in vulnerable groups such as the elderly, ill, or immunocompromised. And if you are in one of those groups, PLEASE take care of yourself, and let us help you. Call City Hall or your pastor or email me at the address below, and someone will get in touch with you. Don't be a hero! We're a small town; we need all our citizens!

To submit items for New Home Happenings, email dsherrrod@gmail.com by 10:00 on Tuesday mornings.

Lynn County 4-H'ers compete in Houston before shut down

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has always been a great attraction for youth across Texas and volunteers from across the nation. The 2020 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo was cut short due to COVID 19. Lynn County 4-H entered youth in the Market and Breeding Livestock Shows, Pub-

lic Speaking and AgRobotics. However, the only Lynn County 4-Hers that were able to participate, due to the unfortunate issue of COVID19, were the Sheep and Goat Projects. Youth exhibiting from Lynn County 4-H were Chloe Clem, McKinley Clem, Rayna Epley, Bryce Gill, and Kyle Gill.

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- Cleaning: For the past few weeks, our Managers and Associates have increased their attention to our cleaning practices, and we continue to remain diligent in these areas. This includes, but is not limited to, more frequent cleaning of counters, equipment, restrooms, door handles and fuel pumps, as well as other high-touch areas throughout the store.

• Health and Hygiene: We are taking hand-washing and personal hygiene to the next level, making every effort to keep our stores as safe a haven as possible during this time. We are also further reinforcing our policy that employees stay home, and seek medical attention, if they become ill.

Lastly, we are doing our best to keep up inventory so that you can get what you need during this time. We ask that you also consider your neighbors and only buy supplies for what you need. After all, we are all in this together.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU, AND APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

TEDC web site launches online business and investment assistant tool

The Tahoka Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) is pleased to partner with award winning technology firm Localintel to launch an online interactive tool to help engage local business, attract new investment and drive economic development. The Business & Investment Assistant tool is focused on the City of Tahoka and combines location and market data, GIS technology, educational content and an advanced user experience in one fully integrated online solution.

"We expect the tool to serve as our online economic development assistant to ensure that the business community grows and thrives" said David Partlow, Director of the Tahoka Economic Development Corporation. "The tool provides access to valuable information that highlights the essential concepts required to analyze data correctly and ask

the right questions in order to make smarter and better business decisions."

"We encourage local businesses to go to our web site (www.Tahoka.org) and get familiar with what is available on-line, then contact us to help them with their efforts to start a business. The software is located at the bottom of the start page. To best familiarize yourself with the tool, click on the How To Box," he concluded.

Localintel is a tech start-up that was founded in 2015 to meet the economic development needs of municipalities and help support their businesses. Localintel's platform has received numerous awards and is currently being utilized by recognizable cities such as Seattle, Cleveland, New Orleans, Indianapolis and Fort Lauderdale among others. For more information, visit Localintel.co.

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Drilling new test well? Participate in Dockum Aquifer Partnership Program

Anyone interested in drilling a new test well into the Dockum Aquifer within the 16-county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) service area is encouraged to participate in the Dockum Aquifer Partnership Program.

"HPWD has the responsibility to conduct research and provide information on aquifers within the District boundaries. Partnering with constituents on new well projects is the best way to obtain aquifer information while lessening research costs," said HPWD General Manager Jason Coleman.

He added that several persons have already expressed interest in the partnership program following its adoption earlier this month.

"We had four persons attend the Feb.11 Board of Directors meeting to get more information about the program. Our field staff have also had questions from interested landowners," Coleman said.

HPWD will solicit applications for grant funding under the program. The total amount of funding for the program shall not exceed \$220,000 for fiscal year 2020, which ends Sept. 30.

Eligible expenses under the Dockum Aquifer Partnership Program include the cost of drilling, logging, and/or completing a water well. This may also include materials, labor, preparation, installation, or administration directly associated with implementing/

completing the project. Coleman said funding of projects is on an application by application basis. Each application will be reviewed and negotiated by the General Manager before it is submitted to the HPWD Board of Directors for consideration at one of their regular monthly meetings.

The Dockum Aquifer Partnership Program application form and grant funding contract is available at www.hpwd.org/dockum-partnership.

Additional information about the Dockum Aquifer Partnership Program is available by contacting Jason Coleman at (806) 762-0181 or by emailing jason.coleman@hpwd.org.

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PCG cancels Annual Meeting

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., has cancelled their 2020 Annual Meeting, originally scheduled for April 3, in order to, first and foremost, ensure the health and safety of all involved and also to comply with Centers for Disease Control and City of Lubbock measures enacted and/or expected to be put into place to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

"We have been monitoring news and information related to COVID-19, and while we're disappointed, we know that this is in everyone's best interest during these unprecedented times," PCG President Stacy Smith said. "The health and safety of our staff, volunteers, speakers, attendees, and all involved is of paramount concern and we believe that cancelling our meeting will help limit the risk and potential impact of the spread of COVID-19."

PCG has no plans to reschedule this year's meeting, and next year's meeting is set for April 2, 2021.

Property taxes can be lowered by keeping bees

Property taxes on small acreages can now be lowered by keeping bees on the property.

Texas law allows bees and bee hives to qualify for reducing property taxes on plots ranging from 5 to 20 acres similar to livestock or raising hay.

Dennis Herbert drafted the original legislation for the current bee law that allows small acreage land owners to receive their agricultural valuation if they wish to raise bees on their property. He shepherded this bill through the legislature in 2011 and it became law on January 1, 2012.

He has been a beekeeper in Bell County for 15 years.

Did you know?

- Dreamt is the only word that ends in mt
- Honey is the only natural food which never spoils
- The only continent with no active volcanoes is Australia
- Elephants are the only mammal that can't jump
- Hummingbirds are the only bird that can fly backwards
- The hyoid bone in your throat is the only bone in your body not attached to any other
- African elephants only have 4 teeth
- Bats are the only mammals that fly
- Flamingos can only eat when their heads are upside down

A look back at ...
Woodwork
(Reprinted from the past) Dalton Wood

IN SEPARATE mailings I received last week, I was told bananas and barbecue are healthy things to eat, providing nutrients needed for our bodies.

I question the validity of those claims, because I happen to like bananas and barbecue both, and I have learned over the years that nearly everything I like is bad for me, meaning, I am told, that my taste preferences are all screwed up.

Anyway, barbecue was reported to be good for you because antioxidants, which can boost the body's immune system, are present in the herbs and spices used for barbecue sauce.

Of course, the story didn't mention that barbecue is really fattening, which is good for you only if you are six feet tall and weigh 85 pounds.

Bananas, on the other hand, have been described by some nutritionists as the perfect food, filled with potassium and a whole bunch of other good stuff, and everybody ought to eat some bananas every day.

The e-mail I got was not the first time I have received information heralding the good qualities of bananas. But this latest one included new material claiming that a person should eat bananas (and any other fruit) on an empty stomach. I tried that, but it really is uncomfortable lying on your stomach and trying to eat a banana.

Okay, so what it meant was that you should eat your fruit first, even at mealtime, because it does your body more good that way. The e-mail explained, in mostly incomprehensible terms, why we should eat our fruit before eating anything else.

I wondered if a person could eat too many bananas, and maybe wind up swinging from the light fixture by one arm while scratching your ribs with the other, and making noises like, "Urka! Urka!"

So what's for lunch? How about barbecued bananas?
— from July 9, 2010



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Did you know?

• If you cut a starfish, it won't bleed — it doesn't have blood! Rather, they circulate nutrients by using seawater in their vascular system.

• "Tsundoku" is a Japanese word for the habit of buying too many books, letting them pile up in your

house, and never reading them.

- The Guinness World Record for the time longest spent searching for the Loch Ness Monster, is held by Steve Feltham who camped at Loch Ness for 25 years.
- Disappointment Island is an uninhabited island in New Zealand. Over 65,000 pairs of white-capped albatross live there. In 1868, a steel tanker

crashed on the island which killed 68 people, leaving the 15 survivors waiting 18 months to be rescued. In 1907, another ship ended up crashing there and 12 men drowned.

- During the entire run of Gilligan's Island, it was never revealed if "Gilligan" was his first or last name.

County schools finding ways to teach children at home

by JUANELL JONES

With public schools closed until April 3 (which could possibly be extended), schools districts in Lynn County are finding ways to deliver instructional materials to students to maintain coursework at home. The Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell school districts are not only getting creative in students' instructional needs, but also are making meals available to all students with meals-to-go.

At Tahoka ISD, parents have been instructed to come at different time schedules, depending on the grade levels of their students, to pick up prepared meals-to-go at a pickup point behind the school cafeteria, or for those students who need it, curbside delivery is also an option.

School officials are taking advantage of school websites and apps, email, phone calls, and social media, to get the word out to parents and students about how meals are being provided, as well as disseminating information regarding coursework.

Tahoka Elementary staff is contacting parents and will push out lessons through paper packets or via emails, providing parents with information on pick up times and locations.

In the Tahoka middle school and high school levels, online platforms are being accessed, including Google classrooms and other resources, for teachers and students to send and receive instructions and completed work.

"We're learning as we go, getting creative, and doing everything we can to meet the needs of students and teachers during this time," said Dick Van Hoose, Superintendent at Tahoka ISD.

"New Home ISD has been working with our staff during the extended spring break to ensure that we are prepared to educate students during the school closure," says Shane Fiedler, Superintendent at New Home ISD. "We will utilize Google classroom as the primary tool to provide instruction and follow-up with Zoom conferencing to allow a time for questions and to check for understanding.

"At this point in the year, the reality is that we had completed two-thirds of the instruction and our goal is to complete the remaining content, so that our students are ready for next year. We were already using Google classroom in many of our courses and I believe that this will be a seamless transition for many

of our students. Certainly, there will be some hiccups as we work through this, but I believe this is a time for us to grow and to push ourselves, so that when we return to the school building, we will be stronger students and teachers," he added.

At Wilson ISD, all grade level teachers are currently contacting parents and students to provide information on coursework, and meals.

"Students in grades 6-12 will be able to access Google Classrooms for assignments," says Jerry Burger, Superintendent for Wilson ISD. "PK-6 will be receiving some electronic work and paper packets. Meals will be ready at the back parking lot for a 'Drive-Thru' from 11:00-12:30 for all students."

Burger said that electronic devices are available to check out for students, and that hot spots for internet service is available in the Wilson school parking lot.

No information was provided by O'Donnell ISD to *The News*, but social media posts have indicated that O'Donnell ISD is following the same protocols, using every tool available to connect students and teachers for maintaining coursework.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty-eight (28) days after the issuance of this citation, a default judgment may be taken against you."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of twenty-eight (28) days from the date of the issuance of the citation, the same being Monday, March 16, 2020, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m., before the 109TH DISTRICT COURT of Andrews County, at the Courthouse in Andrews, Texas, located at 201 North Main, Andrews, Texas 79714.

Said Plaintiff's petition was filed in Cause Number 21,535 on April 24, 2019, on the docket of said court, and styled

LONESOME OIL, L.L.C., PLAINTIFF, V. SANDRA TRACEY, AS PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE ESTATE OF DENNIS M. ALWARD, DECEASED ET AL, DEFENDANTS.

A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows: This suit serves to quiet title in the following lands: Sections 18, 19 and 22, Block Abstract-37, Public School Lands Survey, Andrews County, Texas; Section 2, Block Abstract-51, Public School Lands Survey, Andrews County, Texas; Section 3, Block Abstract-53, Public School Lands Survey, Andrews County, Texas; Section 10, Block Abstract-13, Public School Lands Survey, Gaines County, Texas; Sections 22, 24 and 25, Block Abstract-25, Public School Lands Survey, Gaines County, Texas; Sections 2 and 4, Block Abstract-26, Public School Lands Survey, Gaines County, Texas; Sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 13, 14, 16, 17, 21 and 22, Block Abstract-27, Public School Lands Survey, Gaines County, Texas; Section 1, Block Abstract-30, Public School Lands Survey, Gaines County, Texas; Sections 14 and 15, Block Abstract X, Public School Lands Survey, Gaines County, Texas; and Section 1, Rusk Trans. Co. Sy., Lynn County, Texas.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to the requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court at office in Andrews, Texas, on this 14 day of February, 2020.

ATTEST: SHERRY DUSHANE
DISTRICT CLERK
ANDREWS COUNTY, TEXAS
109TH DISTRICT COURT

BY: /s/ Jackie Alaniz
DEPUTY

Meals to go ... Tahoka ISD is providing free breakfast/lunch meals to go for all students Monday through Friday while the school is closed during the pandemic. Parents may drive to the back of the cafeteria to a pickup point, where the meals are delivered to vehicles, or the school is offering curbside delivery if needed. The meals are offered according to a time schedule per grade level, which is posted on the school's website. Most other school districts are providing the same type of meal service at their facilities, and providing information online or through social media.



Area News News items from area newspapers

Doctor's license suspended after arrest at Medical Arts Hospital ER in Lamesa

LAMESA — An emergency room doctor who allegedly was intoxicated when he was arrested at Medical Arts Hospital (Lamesa) in January has had his medical license temporarily suspended by the Texas Medical Board (TMB).

The action against Rafael Fermin Garcia, M.D., was taken after a disciplinary panel determined that "...his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare," according to a TMB press release.

That release states the panel found that Dr. Garcia was arrested for public intoxication by the Lamesa Police Department in the Emergency Room at Medical Arts Hospital.

A news release by Lamesa Police Chief Dale E. Alwan Sr. states police were called to the hospital about 3 a.m. on Jan. 5 regarding an intoxicated individual causing a disturbance.

"Upon arrival, officers made contact with the subject who was identified as Rafael Garcia, who was serving as the on-duty Emergency Room Doctor," states Alwan's news release.

"Officers were advised by witnesses that Mr. Garcia was being belligerent and was walking around in the public area of the emergency room in only his underwear."

Letha Stokes, chief executive officer of the Dawson County Hospital District, disputed parts of that account, however.

Stokes told the *Lamesa Press-Reporter* after the incident that Dr. Garcia was not arrested in the hospital's emergency room and was not on call or on duty at the time of his arrest.

At the time of Dr. Garcia's arrest, Stokes said, the emergency room was being staffed by a doctor provided by a contracted medical provider.

"Dawson County Hospital District has a contract with an emergency room physician group that covers shifts with qualified, credentialed emergency room physicians," Stokes said.

In addition to being charged with public intoxication, Alwan's news release states, Dr. Garcia was booked into jail on an outstanding warrant from Ector County for criminal mischief, a Class B misdemeanor.

Dr. Garcia was released from the Dawson County jail the same day as his arrest, after posting bail of \$500 on the public intoxication charge and \$1,000 on the criminal mischief warrant.

Stokes said Dr. Garcia has not worked at the hospital since his arrest and was terminated from his position with the hospital district on Jan. 7.

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

O'Donnell's Feliciano Coach of the Year

LAMESA — After leading the O'Donnell Eagles to one of their school's most successful seasons on the high school hardwoods, Rocky Feliciano has been named as the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's Coach of the Year.

"I'm pretty speechless right now," Feliciano said shortly after learning of this honor.

"I know there's a lot of coaches out there who do a better job than what I do in this business. I'm grateful to the good Lord. He's had a hand in a lot of things for me. Right now, I'm just extremely grateful to the good Lord for giving me this job out here in the first place."

After coaching the 26-7 Eagle basketball boys to the District 7-1A championship, their first in nearly 20 years, and then their first regional tournament appearances in over 30 seasons, Feliciano's efforts didn't go unnoticed.

O'Donnell Athletic Director Blake Nichols is just as impressed of the job Feliciano's done in only two years' time with the Eagles.

"This is very well deserved. We basically came out of nowhere," Nichols said. "Coach Feliciano's got a love for kids and love for the game which is a pretty good combination to have in this game."

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

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Public Notice

Purchasing Cooperative of America will receive proposals until 11:00am CT on Tuesday, April 21, 2020. RFPs are located through the PCA Website Portal for the City of O'Donnell, 615 8th Street, O'Donnell, TX 79351, for the following national RFP contracts: (1) RFP OD-301-20 Third Party Admin & Ins Services, 125 Cafeteria Plans & Related Items; (2) RFP OD-302-20 Custodial Services, Bldg, Maint, Supplies & Cleaning Equip; (3) RFP OD-303-20 Disaster Recovery Svs & JOC Restoration; (4) RFP OD-304-20 Procurement Sourcing Software; (5) OD-305-20 Janitorial Products, Equipment, & Related Items; (6) OD-306-20 Safety, Security, Compliance, Verification Services. Go to: www.pcamerica.org/solicitations for more information. Call 844-722-6374 for issues not resolved in 24 hours. 13-2tc

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Masks for the "good guys"! ... These healthcare providers at Lynn County Hospital are masked and ready to go to work, thanks to the donations of home-made fabric masks by several area women. The hospital staff say they are thrilled with the extra supply of masks and express their appreciation to those filling this special need.

Mask-Makers ...

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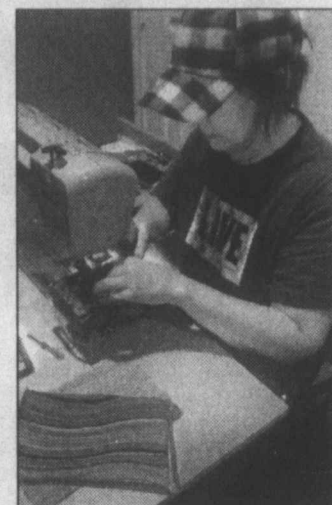
office, or those types of situations. I'm not selling them, I don't want to do that. This is a way for me to do something positive, and it's actually good therapy for me during this stressful time. My priority from the get-go was to help the medical people in my community."

Dimak has been a seamstress for years, and said she already had plenty of fabric on hand. She has discovered, however, that the difficulty has been in finding supplies of elastic (in 1/2 inch wide or smaller) that is used to secure a mask to the face, because apparently there are many others who are also doing these same projects throughout this and other areas as well. Local sewing stores and even online sources have had difficulty keeping them in supply.

Mrs. Dimak is asking that if anyone has elastic (in 1/2 inch wide or smaller) at home who would like to donate those, it would be helpful. Anyone who would like to donate elastic may put it in the dropbox at the front door of the Lynn County News office, and these supplies will be taken to her or any others making masks.

She has completed 45 masks and taken them to two night shifts and a day shift of nurses at Lynn County Hospital, and says she has 35 more cut out and ready to put together. She says she will continue to make them as she has the time and the supplies to do so.

"The nurses are thrilled to have these," says Kathy Grant, Marketing and Public Relations director at Lynn County Hospital District. "I believe Donna Stone is taking her masks to Lynnwood Assisted Living Center for the staff there. I know there are ladies in O'Donnell making the masks for the LCHD medi-



Making masks ... Rebecca Dimak, a Tahoka kindergarten teacher, is making masks for the local hospital medical staff. She, as well as several other area women, have been making fabric masks to help supply healthcare givers in Lynn County. It is a positive reaction to the many changes affecting our communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 update from Lynn County Hospital ...

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has said there is a community-wide spread of COVID-19.

"The first thing they are asking us to do is to socially isolate, and stay at home if possible," said Dr. Richburg.

"I think the message we need to send to people is that the COVID is here. If you feel like you may have it, call the clinic or the hotline we have set up (806-561-2076). Most people will be okay, but for the frail and elderly we will need to take some additional measures," she stated.

"If you become ill, please know that we are prepared to protect you from COVID-19. We have a telephone number set up that will be answered 24 hours a day by a provider. If you have concerns or ques-

tions, please call the COVID-19 hotline at LCHD-806-561-2076.

"If you have a medical emergency, please know that you can come to the LCHD emergency room and we are prepared to protect you from this illness," she added.

She stated that LCHD currently has adequate supplies on hand, including masks, and their stocks are adequate.

"As more supplies become available, we will get them, but please know that right now we are well-stocked. We will be able to protect you, and we will be able to protect our healthcare providers," said Dr. Richburg.

"We have a daily call with our selected COVID team to get the latest updates. We now

have more testing swabs if we need them, but we will still have to screen specific patients prior to testing. We are working on getting our own machine to be able to perform screening at LCHD.

"The hospital is screening all of the employees and people entering the building for fever, symptoms and exposure. We also have a designated/protected portion of the hospital prepared when we get patients that may have COVID," she added.

Did you know?

S.O.S. does not stand for anything. It was created as a universal distress signal because it is a simple, unmistakable message when sent via Morse Code.

Area News

No cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Dawson County

LAMESA - While cases of the COVID-19 coronavirus are now popping up around the South Plains and Permian Basin, no cases have yet been confirmed in Dawson County.

That was the word late this past week from local healthcare and government officials.

"At this time we have had no reported cases in Dawson County," Monte Blackburn, clinic director for the Dawson County Hospital District, said Thursday.

That was echoed Thursday afternoon by County Judge Foy O'Brien and on Friday by Letha Stokes, the district's chief executive officer.

"We have had some patients who met the criteria for testing, but that doesn't mean they have it," Blackburn said.

Explaining the testing procedure, Blackburn said COVID-19 testing is not yet readily available.

"The CDC and Texas DCHS have strict criteria for whether a patient may be tested," Blackburn said.

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Housing project moving forward

LAMESA - The developers of the planned Vista Park residential development in Lamesa announced recently they have signed agreements with all of the key team members for the project.

Those agreements move the Vista Park development project closer to an anticipated ground-breaking in June or July of 2020, pending approval by the City of Lamesa, ac-

ording to the announcement by developers Ron Smith and Myles Richards.

Construction of the nearly 360 residential rental units will be overseen by the Vista Park, LLC development offices in Austin in partnership with Myles Richards Construction, Inc., general contractor for the project.

Vista Park will be the largest modular construction project in Texas history, according to the announcement.

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

- Koalas and humans have remarkably similar fingerprints.
- People in Siberia often buy milk frozen on a stick.

cal staff as well. What they are doing is fantastic, and it's something positive in these difficult and unusual times."

Mrs. Dimak says that after the masks are made, she washes them with detergent and bleach in hot water, dries them, and then carefully washes and sanitizes her hands before handling them and placing the clean masks in ziploc baggies to take to Lynn County Hospital. After being worn, these fabric masks can be washed and sanitized and used again, which makes them very useful to medical staff.

"I'm not the only one making these masks, and I don't want any credit for it," said Mrs. Dimak. "I know there are others who are doing the same thing, and I am just glad to be a part of anything that is positive for my community."

Did you know?

• Tootsie Rolls were used as part of the rations for World War II soldiers.

• The French territory of Louisiana was purchased by the U.S. in 1803 for roughly four cents per acre.

There are approximately 50 Bibles sold each minute across the world.

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